

Chat About Books and Authors

A. S. Barnes and Company show their literary enterprise by the announcement of a number of attractive books for the fall trade, including "Recollections, Personal and Literary," by Richard Henry Stoddard, edited by Ripley Hitchcock, with an introduction by Edmund Clarence Stedman, illustrated; "The Boss, and How He Came to Rule New York," a story of city politics by Alfred Henry Lewis, illustrated; "His Little World," a novel by Samuel Merwin, illustrated by Alonzo Kimball; "Within the Pale," the true history of a great race question in Russia, by Michael Davitt; "Life in the Early Colonies," by George Cary Eggleston, the first volume in a new popular historical series entitled "Life in America;" "The Home Library," edited by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, presenting books by Miss Mary A. Jordan, Dean of Smith College; Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, president of the International Sunshine Society; Mrs. Margaret H. Welch, Dr. Emma E. Walker, and others; "The Circle in the Square," the story of a new battle on old grounds, by Baldwin Sears; "Tennessee Todd," a novel of the Great River, by G. W. Ogden, with frontispiece by W. Herbert Dunton; "New Fortunes," by Mabel Earle, illustrated by F. Lowenheim, the first book in the East and West series for young readers; "The New Scientific Series," in four volumes, edited by Professor R. K. Duncan; and "Cap'n Erl," a novel of Cape Cod, by Joseph C. E. Lincoln, illustrated.

The thousands of boys and girls who have long been accustomed to look forward each autumn to the announcements of Mr. Henty's new books, and who read of his death last winter with real grief, will be glad to hear that two new complete stories, one dealing with the recent march of the allies to Peking and the other taking its hero through British campaigns in India and Africa, were found after his death. They are among the most thrilling tales of his long and extraordinary successful career as a writer of historical fiction for young people, and should prove to be the most popular of them all. They are both well illustrated and are uniform, in all respects, with the familiar edition of his works. Their titles are: "With the Allies to Peking: A Tale of the Relief of the Legations," and "Through Three Campaigns; A Story of Chitral, Tirah and Ashanti." Charles Scribner's Sons are publishing the books.

There is nothing "historical" about Mr. Scollard's new novel, "Count Falcon of the Eyrie." It is a romance pure and simple, a stirring tale of Italy in the days of passion and feud. The story opens in Venice, in the heyday of her splendor the scene shifting, after a few chapters, to Rome—the mediæval Rome of treachery and intrigue—and thence to an imaginary Dukedom in the mountainous region northeast of the Campagna. The mystery which, from the outset, enfolds the life of the hero, piques the reader's curiosity more and more as the incidents of the story thicken and the plot develops. While the atmosphere of the book is essentially romantic, a faithful picture is presented of many phases of Italian life in the Middle Ages. This volume will be published by James Pott and Co. in the fall.

Professor William H. Pickering's atlas of "The Moon" will be issued by Doubleday, Page and Co. The atlas is an important contribution to the study of astronomy, and the most complete atlas of the moon ever published. The work will contain nearly 100 illustrations taken at Jamaica when Prof. Pickering went there in charge of a party from Harvard University. The contents include chapters on the origin of the moon, rotation, atmosphere, and water; origin of the lunar formations, active craters and vegetation, snow on the moon, the lunar canals, superstitions and fancies, history of lunar research, explanation of scientific terms and the lunar atlas. Much of the material in the volume has been rearranged owing to new discoveries made by the author.

"Nature's Miracles" in three volumes, by Elisha Gray, a series of popular books on the phenomena of nature such as electricity, magnetism, force, light, heat, etc., will be re-issued by The Baker and Taylor Co. this fall. They were originally published by Fords, Howard and Hulbert. The books are calculated to furnish the average reader with a knowledge of natural science. They are written in an interesting and attractive way with descriptions of practical experiments which will give the reader a grasp upon the explanations of nature's miracles in so far as they are known to man and interesting data as to the possibilities of these forces.