

....*Two Years in Oregon*, by Wallis Nash (D. Appleton & Co.), comes from the hand of an Englishman who has made his home in Oregon, in the rich valley of the Willamette, and writes of his life there with an admirable pen. He apparently belongs to a class of English settlers which, though already large, can never be too large. He came to this country several years ago, and on his return wrote a book about it, which he now follows up with this account of two years' residence and farming in the new country. The general spirit of the book and the humor of the author may be inferred from his witty observation, in the preface, that he finds himself in the position of one who, "having written poems in praise of his lady-love, should after two years as a husband give to the world his experience of the fireside charms and household virtues of his wife." He adds, in a somewhat unromantic strain, that perhaps the "latter might more faithfully picture her (in this case Oregon) than where she was seen through the glamour of a first love." The two years of his residence have been used to good purpose, if this volume is an indication. For the general reader, interested in the remote parts of the country and life there, it has the interest and the value which such books must always possess when well done. To intending emigrants it may be yet more highly commended. The author sees things well and describes them equally well. He writes with a good judgment, which guides him to the right things. He has a healthy spirit of his own, which is a very important element of success in the life of the frontier. He gives tables of statistics, as well as picturesque descriptions. He tells what work costs, and what it pays, and how to do it, what crops succeed best, how much rain falls, what the average temperatures are, how much land remains unclaimed, and where the best openings lie. His chapter on the history of Oregon is not the best; but, fortunately, it is not of much account in the book, anyway. The volume contains also a good review of the timber, the mines, and wool-growing in the state