

sympathetic and eager eyes, and its mediæval legends, curious manufactures, castles and cathedrals receive proper attention. At the same time, we are kept informed as to contemporary politics, dangers and prospective changes. Many a nugget of wisdom is slipped in with a paragraph of description, and the information comes to us as naturally as if from a diner-out at a dinner table. The things most worth seeing in Scandinavia and Denmark are of course pointed out, and since the affluent pictorial resources of the Harpers are freely drawn upon, we have picture and text in equal profusion; and, what is better, with apparent accuracy. The illustrations form a great improvement on the average of those used in the first volumes issued in this series. The author is also careful to point out the fact, whenever the things seen or events recalled do in any manner connect themselves with American history.

Books for the Young

"The Boy Travellers in Northern Europe" *

NO SIGN of weariness to the author seems visible in the latest one of a round dozen of volumes which form the library of the Boy Travellers. It bubbles over with fun, fact and fiction, like its brothers in the same family. The tens of thousands of young readers who, every winter for the past decade or more, have travelled under the guidance of their genial cicerone, will be glad to look upon his face as frontispiece. Col. Thomas W. Knox, the author, is now a hale and hearty New Yorker, who would cheerfully confess to having reached middle age. By this time, also, the 'Dr. Bronson' of the earlier books begins to take a less prominent part in travel, owing to business engagements at the Lotos Club—or should we have said in London? Frank and Fred are now such experienced travellers, however, that they cannot only travel by themselves without the Doctor, but are even able to answer the questions of the ladies of the party, Mrs. Bassett and Mary. This time the route chosen is through northern Europe, and the countries visited are Holland, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the island of Heligoland. Over one-third of the work is devoted to Holland, and the quaint, curious and admirable things in that semi-subterranean country are described with insight and appreciation. The ladies seem to ask the right kind of questions and the answers appear to be prompted more by an intelligent and cosmopolitan New Yorker than a New England Yankee or a Western critic. Germany is entered with

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