

of the trade of the Roman Empire during the period of its greatest influence. On the Congo, between Matadi and Leopolds Valley in digging the foundation for a warehouse, a Roman coin was found embedded in the earth fully three feet below the surface. The coin bore the picture of the Emperor Trojan.

....*The Dial*, under the title "Deaths of a Month," notes the chief literary works of Henry Morley, who died May 14th in the seventy-second year of his age; John George Romanes, scientist, who died May 23d, aged forty-six; Edmund Yates, whose death was announced May 21st, aged sixty-three; Madame Renan, a daughter of Ary Scheffer, who also died on the 23d, and Leopold Sacher-Masoch, novelist and professor of history, who died on the 6th of May, in his fifty-ninth year.

....German Social Democracy has two central organs, the daily *Vorwärts*, and the weekly *Sozialdemokrat*. Its scientific and technical central exponent is the review called *Die Neue Welt*. In addition to these Germany publishes thirty-six daily papers in various parts of the empire in the interests of Social Democracy, as also thirty tri-weeklies, seven semi-weeklies, eleven weeklies, two comic periodicals, and one illustrated popular journal. The press of the various trades, closely allied in sentiment with the Social Democratic organs, numbers one tri-weekly, twenty-eight weeklies, two tri-monthlies, eighteen semi-monthlies and five monthly publications. There has been no increase in the number of these journals during the past twelve months.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE Fleming H. Revell Company publishes this month a new book by the Rev. Washington Gladden, D.D., entitled "The Church and the Kingdom."

....Macmillan & Co., will soon publish a collection of "Children's Singing Games," edited by Alice B. Gomme, and pictured in black and white by Winifred Smith.

....Twelve thousand copies of the first volume of Miss Emily Dickenson's poems have been issued and seven thousand of the second volume. A collection of her letters will soon appear, edited by her friend, Mrs. David P. Todd, of Amherst.

....C. C. Shelley, New York City, is about to issue "Electrical Boats and Navigation," by Mr. Thomas Commerford Martin, editor of *The Electrical Engineer*, with some chapters by Mr. Joseph Sachs on the operation of canal boats by electricity.

....Harper & Brothers publish this month "An Interloper," a story of French provincial life, by Miss Frances Mary Peard; "Three Weeks in Politics," by John Kendrick Bangs; and "Our Home Pets: How to Keep them Well and Happy," by Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller.

...."Modern View of Mysticism" is the title of an article in *Book Reviews* for June, in which the novelist, Mr. F. Marion Crawford, while stating that he is not and never has been either a theosophist or a spiritist, gives what is the result of his long intercourse with persons engaged in the practice of mysticism in various parts of the world.

....The Lothrop Publishing Company announces that it has purchased the plant, stock, etc., of the D. Lothrop Company; D. Lothrop & Company and the Interstate Publishing Company. The Company is established at 114-120 Purchase Street, Boston, Mass. Edmund H. Pennell, President; Frank M. Hoyt, Vice President; Harry E. Worrell, Treasurer.

....The Scribners have in press for early publication a metrical translation of the Odes of Horace by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone; "Tales of the Maine Coast," by Noah Brooks, and a novel of life at Monte Carlo, by Mr. William Henry Bishop. They also, through *The Book Buyer* for June, announce a competition in book cover designs, open until August 1st.

...."Creatures of Other Days" is the title of a new book upon the animals of the past, by the Rev. H. N. Hutchinson, published this month by D. Appleton & Co. "The United States of America," an important work under the editorship of Prof. N. S. Shaler, is on the eve of publication by the same firm. The work is to be in two large volumes, illustrated, and sold by subscription.

....The French journal *Mouvement Géographique* recently brought the intelligence of a singular find showing the vast extent