

— Miss May Ker, a Welsh poetess whose semi-humorous, semi-pathetic fantasies, originally contributed to *Longmans' Magazine* and *Punch*, were recently gathered into a volume called "Dreams to Sell," has now written her first novel, "Such is Life." It will be published shortly by Longmans, Green, & Co., both in London and New York.

— Messrs. Macmillan & Co. are publishing a series of "English Classics," consisting of selections from the leading writers in prose and verse, and supplied with numerous and quite elaborate notes. They are edited by various teachers in the colleges of India, and are more particularly intended for Indian students. We some time ago noticed one of the volumes of the series, — the two opening books of "Paradise Lost;" and we have now received another, — "Essays written in the Intervals of Business," by Arthur Helps, edited by Professors F. J. Rowe and W. T. Webb of Calcutta. The essays are of the easy and somewhat commonplace kind which their author was accustomed to write; but they contain many apt remarks, and to certain minds will doubtless be useful. They treat of every-day matters, such as "Practical Wisdom," "Self-Discipline," "Advice," "The Education of a Man of Business," etc., and are written in a smooth and pleasant style. The editors' notes are very full, consisting of analyses and explanations, and supplying all the information that any reader of the essays can possibly require.

— J. B. Lippincott Company announce the early publication of a midsummer novel called "Three Days," by Samuel Williams Cooper. The book will be beautifully gotten up, and fully illustrated by Hal Hurst and C. C. Cooper, jun., the well-known artists.

— Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. have just ready, in the series of American Statesmen, "George Washington," by Henry Cabot, in two volumes. Mr. Cabot has made a thorough study of the civil career and influence of Washington, and his work cannot fail to shed much light on the interior discussions and vexed questions which filled the years preceding, during, and following the Revolution. They have also just ready Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward," translated into German by Rabbi Solomon Schindler; the

eighth part of the third series of W. H. Edwards's handsome work on "The Butterflies of North America;" and two more volumes in their Library Edition of Thackeray's works, — "Memoirs of Yellowplush" and "Burlesques, etc."

— Cassell & Co. will publish next month, from their London house, "The Year-Book of Commerce." This work, prepared especially for business-men, will form an annual statistical volume of reference, showing the movement of the foreign trade and general economic position of the leading countries of the world. It has been compiled under the authority of the London Chamber of Commerce, and is edited by Mr. Kenric B. Murray. Among the contributors will be Lord Brassey, Dr. R. Giffen, H. C. Burdett (secretary to the Stock Exchange), Mr. J. S. Jeans (secretary to the Iron Trade Association), Major Craigie (secretary to the Central Chamber of Agriculture), Mr. George Martineau, Mr. John Corbett, Mr. E. D. Milliet (of Berne, Switzerland), Mr. Boverton Redwood, Signor Luigi Bodeo (Rome), Dr. Becher (Berlin), M. E. Fournier de Flaux (Paris), etc.

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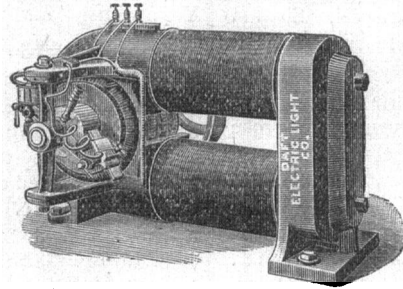
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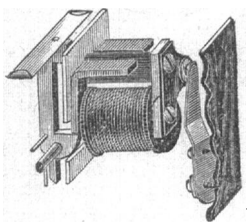
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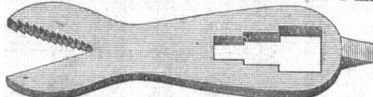
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