tion of what history is, by a narrative being little more than a brief account of the various viceroys, generals, presidents, and other administrators that Mexico has at different times had. He gives no information of any value about the condition of the people at any period; he tells us little or nothing about the civilization of the Aztecs, though he relates a good deal of their legendary history; he fails to describe the mode in which the Spanish governed the country, and he leaves us completely in the dark as to the history of legislation and the moral and material development of the Mexican nation. A good history of Mexico is still a desideratum.

—An important work by Dr. Daniel G. Brinton will be published in a few weeks by N. D. C. Hodges, 47 Lafayette Place, New York. The book, which will be entitled "Races and Peoples," will be a review of the whole domain of ethnography, with particular attention to the white or European race, the Aryan peoples, their origin and distribution. The latest opinions of the leading European scholars have been consulted, but the work is largely the result of independent research, and does not follow any especial school of ethnographers.

—G. P. Putnam’s Sons have in press for early publication "The Trees of Northeastern America," by Charles S. Newhall, with an introductory note by Professor N. L. Britton of Columbia College, which describes all the native trees of the northern United States east of the Mississippi, as well as mentions the more important naturalized species, with illustrations made from tracings of the leaves of the various trees; "Gustavus Adolphus and the Struggle of Protestantism for Existence," by C. R. L. Fisher, in the Heroes of the Nations Series; "The Jews under the Romans," by the Rev. M. Douglas Morrison, in the Story of the Nations Series; "Dust and its Dangers," by Dr. T. M. Prudden, written with the purpose of informing people, in simple language, what the real danger is of acquiring serious disease, especially consumption, by means of dust laden air, and how this danger may be avoided; "Among Moths and Butterflies," by Julia P. Ballard, a well-written book, on an interesting subject, for young people; and a new and popular edition of "Seven Thousand Words often Mispronounced," which has proved one of the most successful of Phye’s books. They have also under way "Tabular Views of Universal History."

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