

a dear and enduring fellowship through their love for the characters made real by the ballads, folk and fairy tales of old," says Mrs. Perkins. Certainly to the children of the English speech the Robin Hood stories will always be a beloved inheritance, with their visions of the good green wood where merry men in Lincoln green try their strength, chase the deer, and harry the monopolists of their time, to despoil them of the unearned prizes of privilege, sometimes to distribute these again among the exploited poor folk.

The ballads given in this beautiful book are gathered from old authoritative sources, Mrs. Perkins tells us; but it must be admitted that, unlike many of the old English ballads, their form is not as rhythmical as their subjects are charming. Nevertheless it is certainly worth while for our children to make their acquaintance, and this is rendered all the easier by the delightful illustrations in color, full of life and charm and quaintness. Making pictures for children is an art. Simple surfaces, an absence of teasing details, and above all, intelligent movement—the doing of things—are called for if the pictures are to tell their story to children. A very little girl once made a scrapbook all by herself for the crippled children of a New England hospital. This scrapbook, obviously crude, was so especially beloved by the children that an aunt examined the little girl's work with great care to discover the secret of her success. All she found was that the pictures were simple, and in each one some one was performing some act that even little children could understand—folks were doing things. In Mrs. Perkins' lively, simple pictures, jolly people are doing things.

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### CO-OPERATIVE THEORIES.

**A Knight of the Toilers.** By Arthur Newell. Published by F. L. Marsh and Company, Philadelphia.

Economic teachings upon the new and insistent problems of the day are departing from ancient dry-as-dust treatises, and are frequently presented with the accessories of the stage, or of that great human document—the novel.

Mr. Newell's story enters the angle where disputes relating to conditions of employment arise between capital and labor, and culminate in strikes. He proposes a plan to enable the employes to endure the rigors of the struggle with the minimum of suffering and the maximum of assurance of success.

His key-note is—Pit capital against capital. Mass your earnings, he would advise the aggrieved toilers, with the profits accruing from secure investments, and control sufficient mother earth to ensure you against starvation throughout the strike.

His workmen hoard a large part of their earnings in the treasury of the union. They invest part of this fund in safe and lucrative enterprises, and another part in co-operative stores where the workers trade, instead of in the stores owned and exploited by employers. They buy a tract of land upon which one-half of the strikers produce food for the whole number. The remainder are meanwhile engaged

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We might have foreseen it, but we did not, and it has surprised us to find that Theodore Roosevelt is now at the head of the poll. Those who are voting for him express the idea that there is no man of great prominence today who stands more in real need of these classics of human rights. For our part, we wish everyone sending in votes to express their freest choice.

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Some votes are being cast for Wm. J. Bryan, and they are all counted; but we have heretofore announced that Mr. Bryan already has a set of these books.

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in ministering to the interests of labor in the zone of contention.

Undoubtedly co-operative stores could be utilized by labor with immense saving, which is virtually another name for earning. In England, their value to the workers has been demonstrated not only in money-saving, but in the humane and fraternizing spirit developed in their management. Opening a store with a capital of less than \$10, they now own stores, factories, mills, banks and cottages over Great Britain, and their operations have assumed such magnitude as to cause the exploiting class that feeling of "unrest." No reason is apparent why the same means should not produce the same results in this country.

Mr. Newell's suggestion that unionists sustain themselves directly from the land might be recommended to the people at large. Vacant lots at a trifling rent in the suburbs of all our cities, and cheap near-by farms are available for experiment. The land and its productivity underlie all economic values, and the stress of bread winning in congested

centers must shortly drive the mass of the people back to the neglected resources of the soil.

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**GOOD GOVERNMENT.**

Proceedings of The Atlantic City Conference for Good Government, and the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the National Municipal League. Edited by Clinton Rogers Woodruff. Published by the National Municipal League, Philadelphia.

At the Conference at Atlantic City last May of the Good Government Clubs, a large collection of papers on civic subjects was presented, and all these are now gathered into this volume of nearly 500 inviting pages, which Mr. Woodruff has edited with taste and care. Among the contributors are Charles J. Bonaparte, A. Julius Freiburg, Horace E. Deming, Richard H. Dana, Louis F. Post and Prof. L. S. Rowe. Mr. Woodruff himself, reporting the "practical progress" of the movement, makes a comprehensive review in which the election of Jerome, the

Hearst campaign, the Philadelphia upheaval, events in New Jersey, Tom L. Johnson's administration in Cleveland, Mayor Whitlock's in Toledo, and Mayor Dunne's in Chicago, come in for consideration. The field reviewed is wider still. Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other centers of civic agitation are all described with reference to municipal reform, reliably as to facts and intelligently as to their significance.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

—When Love Speaks. By Will Payne. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York and London. 1906. Price \$1.50.

—The King's Daughters' Year Book. By Margaret Bottome. Published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia. 1906. Price \$1.25.

—The Magic Wand. (Altemus' Magic Wand Series). By Tudor Jenks. Published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia. 1905. Price 50 cents.

—The Power to Regulate Corporations and Commerce. By Frank Hendrick. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. 1906. Price \$1.00.

—Senator Sorghum's Primer of Politics, or, Helpful Hints on the Science of Not Getting the Worst of It. By Philander Chase Johnson. Published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia. 1906.

## PERIODICALS

The November Arena contains two interesting sketches of true democrats—Richard Seddon, "Master-BUILDER of a Liberal Commonwealth," and N. O. Nelson, "Practical Co-operator," who has for thirty years successfully put into actual practice the business principle of profit-sharing. A. L.

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For its clearness, brevity, and evident truthfulness, Ida Husted Harper's article on "The Present Status of Woman Suffrage" in the December "World To-Day," is certainly to be recommended to the public—both pro and con. Other short papers which make this number thoroughly worth reading are "The Referendum at Work in Oregon," "San Francisco and the Japanese," "Reaction in Russia," and an illustrated article on the Canadian Northwest. A. L.

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To find in the Christmas number of a magazine such a blood-curdling narration of hideous horrors as "The Terrible Story of the Congo" in Everybody's, is a fair example of what is liable to happen to us poor, creeping mortals when we try once a year to stand erect and be happy. You can not blame the narrator, nor his editor. They are hoping to right a frightful wrong—or, more truthfully, to stay its ravages—and of course the larger and more impressionable an audience the better. The same reasoning brings the wretched beggars to your front door on Christmas morning. You can blame no one—no one; but your spell of lightheartedness is gone. You can only set your lips back into a smile for the

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