Mrs. Brown is a native of Camden. C., and has spent many seasons western North Carolina, in fact a et of the book was written in Hene last summer, "A Broken introduces many characters nd proves the author a close student human nature, by the manner in hich she handles them.

Marion Cameron, the heroine of story, resides with her father in storic Lafayette Hall, just outside of Camden, S. C. At the opening of story, Herman Fletcher, her her's guest, declares his love for er and when she refuses him, he hreatens to make public a terrible ecret which will involve her father ruin and bring disgrace on her-if. To save her father, she prom-s to marry the vigain of the story. To her, her father avows his in-ocease, but has no means of prov-g it. Marion declares her faith in and offers herself a sacrifice or his honor and name.

reader is introleed to Mulerry, the Camden home of the

After the painful scene in which larion attempts to break her ennent with Arnold Page, but candeny that she still loves him is stricken with brain fever, and taken by her father to a Char-lotte hospital, to an eminent physician who is also an old friend. Arn-old Page follows here there, and when he arrives she is thought to be dying. Because he wished it so and because the physician ed that there was no hope for her, her father consented for the marriage ceremony to be read. Arnknew that this was but a token of spiritual union, and not a legal marriage according to North Caro-

Marion recovered of course. there would have been no more of After they returned Camden and Arnold Page, unable to stay in the face of the situation had sone sway to New York, the father and daughter decided to go away secretly and lose their identity some large city. They finally decided upon Chicago.

Fletcher's legal wife, is introduced, first in Mobile, where Fletcher appears and takes her away to Saluda, North Carolina. He establishes her there with her baby and negro mamy. whose dialect, by the way, is very good. He represents thimself to be her brother and assures her it is all for the best, promising to return Stortly and take her away. Late one night, he goes to the church where they were married and als the record, after which he writes her that they were never legally married and that he has cast her off.

There is a mysterious character, Julia Lesport, who has suffered greatly at Fletcher's hands and seeks re venge on him. There is also Fletcher's mysterious valet, who like an avenging spirit is constantly turning up in time to witness Fletcher's crimes. He witnesses the attempt to destroy the marriage record and He titnesses Fletcher's burning of the Cameron's home in Chicago, and the abduction rion Cameron from the flames, fter it is thought Charles Cameron

burned to death. chloroforming Fletcher takes her to a place outside Chicago, where he also keeps young girl whom his treatment has mazed. Marion's jailer is a stern old and she is kept closely imisoned until the day before Pletchis going to make her wed him. en dia emysterious valet appears brough a sliding panel in the wall. ind promises to rescue her that night the aid o fthe old woman, who urns out to be an unfortunate whom farion a father had befriended years ote. She makes her escape, and he impression is left that she committed suicide in a neighboring Marion is next introduced under

an assumed name, as governess to e very haufhty woman in Richmond. The son falls in love with Marlon and is imploring her to marry him. when his mother appears and Marion ordered from the house. While wandering about the street,

she comes face to face with her father, and while she is exclaiming over the joy of their reunion and hegging him to take her and flee Mexico, Herman Fletcher appears. He refuses to trust them further threatens to call a police and have Charles Cameron arrested; but mists upo otheir promise to feturn at once to LaFayette hall and prepare for the wedding on September 1 never been home. Marion is very atter toward Herman Fletcher but has grown indifferent to her fate. The day and hour of the ceremony arrive. Just as they are being arried there is great confusion outside, a crowd arrives, Fletcher is anded over to an officer, an old gray man, Charles Cameron's oldmaired man, Charles Cameron's old-time business partner, introduces himself, the had long been thought dead, and Charles Cameron was his supposed 'murderer' Pletcher's wife and child are present also, and Julia Lesport, who is identical with the mysterious valet, produces the proof of Pletcher's many crimes. Asnold, who is also in the party is substituted as bridgeroom and the ceremony con-

ho is also in and the ceremony con-Everybody is perfectly happy when he story ends—the villain baving ommitted suicide in prison—and we are left to conclude that they all ived happy ever after.

PRINCE AND A CHIEFTAIN

Perhaps as much in love as in ad-direction they called Allen G. Thur-as "the old Roman." The appellaon woud better fit Roger Q. Mills. hurman was dominated by his un-le "Old Bill" Allen, who forced him

COMMON COLDS WIST BE TAKEN

Nancy Keen Brown. Rozborough & money." It probable accepted. money." It probably cost him the presidency, for had it not been for his speech of 1875 tolerating green. back repudiation it is not unlikely that "the old Roman" would have been President despite the Paynes. John R. McLean, the tariff ring and Standard Oil. In forensic debate in the Senate Allen G. Thurman never met his equal in the opposing ranks,

> A falcon towering in her pride of place. Was by a mousing owl hawk'd at and kill'd.

Mills was made of sterner stuff. They called Roscoe Conkling the American Coriolanus, Milis was equally lofty, and for principle's sake he would have welcomed the ostracism-exultingly surrendered place and power and wealth and fame. The great Texan was a disciple of

Thomas Jefferson. He saturated him-self with the philosophies of the Sage of Monticello as Thackeray did with the history, the traditions, the letters and the manners of the golden age of Queen Anne's time. Turn him to any cause or policy treated of by our profoundest political thinker and Milis could elucidate the spirit of it "familiar as his garter!" He put that test to every political creed and plan, was inexorable in the ap-plication of it and merciless in the solution of it. There was no compromise in him. He was a good hater, proud as Lucifer, brave as Hector, and stood four square to every

He entered public life at this Capital, December 1, 1873, as a member of the Fosty third Congress and simultaneously with the re-entry upon that theater of Alexander H. Stevens, Lucius Q. C. Lamar and John Young Brown. Ben Hill, Dave Culberson and Joe Blackburn appeared two years later, and John C. Carlisle, Thomas B. Reed and William McKinley came four years later. At that time the G. O. P. marched under the bloody shirt and loyalty purged from all legislative corruption, cleansed from all political sin. It was the era of Credit-Mobiller, Sanborn Contracts, Leet and Stocking, General Average, Freedman's Bureau, and all and singular other knaveries that plagued the body politic and were on constant expedition for an appropriation.

Mills had been not only a stout soldier but brilliant in the field and was where valiant men were found. both in the Army of Northern Virginia led by Lee and in the Army of the Tennessee led by Johnston and Hood. A native of Kentucky, he went to Texas when he was yet a youth and was a capable and successful lawyer when the call to arms came. An exceptionally handsome man, he was as eloquent as he was brave and as dashing in the forum as he was splendid in battle.

And now Mills was an actor on a theater for which he was bounteously endowed by nature and formidably equipped by study. With a powerful understanding he combined a deep and fierce sense of justice, a vigilant and a fanatic honesty, a coplous and a dramatic eloquence, and courage that was at once defying

reform if the dispute over the presi- VIII," and the notable actors dential succession and the death of have played the little part. Speaker Kerr had not displaced the tractive article appears, seconding Proctor Knott in oppost- nan and Alden Pierson. tion to the eight to seven electoral Francis E. Clark, founder of constitutional lawyer in the land than the American National Society He saw the situation clearly the World's Christian and said: "Why throw away a vic- Union," has written an article tory you have already won? The the spirit, work, and growth of elected. The Republican Senate will the October Century. proclaim Hayes elected. That mounts to no election, and Article valls, the election is thrown into the ing. House, and the Democratic will choose Tilden." Had the Republicans held the Democratic cards roadway Shine." by they would not have lost a trick; but the Democrats followed Randall and Howitt instead of Knott and There never was a more dramatic

scene in a legislative body than that when Mills took the floor to oppose the electoral commission. With clarion voice, magnificent attitude and flashing eye he began: effect was electrical. but the flat had gone forth. The Democrats were bewildered and walked right in-

to the trap set for them. Randall was thrice elected Specker after the death of Kerr, and packed the ways and means committee so as to make it impossible to tinker with When Randall was the caucus nominee for Speaker the last time Mills bolted, and that same day Speaker of the Forty-sixth Congress, against him in the darkness. Randall was too much of a protecmuch of a free trader for Kelley.

Randall fo. Speaker in the Democratic caucus, yet Randall was powdefeated the Morrison bill of the it was not his watch. means of the Fiftieth Congress. He brought in a bill providing for free raw materials and tariff for revenue only on the finished product ready for the ultimate consumer and passnearly two-score Democrats in oppo-

and took the floor to discuss it Methe Republican side would allow the le," which appears in the October chairman of the ways and means number of Hampton Columban, poscommittee to make his speech with-out interruption. "I invite interrup-charm characteristic of the author, roared the Rupert from Texas and he always did. When Harrison Another article which will appear was elected President McKinley supplanted Mills as chairman of the Fight," by Tom L. Johnson. ways and means and brought in a bill revising the tariff up, an inveter-

solid Democratic delegations to Congress. Only one Republican came from Connecticut, and the Massachusetts delegation contained a majority of two to one of Democrats. Thus for the first time in the his-

In that Congress, the Fifty-second, the Democrate had the higgest majority any party ever had in that body, and Mills was the logical candidate for Speaker, and Speaker he would have been if he had allowed them to elect him. He was a candidate and his whole heart was in it, not for one presents wantly hut he date and his whole heart was in it, not for any personal vanity, but because he believed he incarnated a great issue. When the caucus was in session, the first evening, Carlisle, a Senator, and Morrison, an exmember, were in Mills' room. Mills was prostrate on a lounge and they thought him asleep. Sam Donelson rushed in and said that a certain member, P——, would vote for Mills rushed in and said that a certain member, P—, would vote for Mills if he got a place on rivers and harbors. "All right!" exclaimed Carlisle and Morrison, "tell him he shall have it." "What's that?" yelled Mills. "Tell him no such thing. I absorbed. was magnificent, but it wasn't poli-tics. It was Roger Q. Mills from

Crisp was chosen Speaker, and ex-cept that Mills was the exponent of a great idea Crisp was the much more capable man for the place Springer was made chairman of ways and means and brought in numer ous bills providing free raw materials, the first wool, for which Mr. Balley of Texas voted, as he voted for all others?

crown to heel, from skin to mar-

On the issue of Millsism Cleveland was elected President. The Wilson bill was Millsism incarnated; but it was plastered over with party per fidy and party dishonor in the Sen ate by Gorman of Maryland, Smith of New Jersey and Murphy of New York and Cleveland allowed it to become a law without his signature. Then the silver question came on to cy, just as the disputed presidential

succession had in 1877. Mills was elected Senator, in which body he served until 1899. He entered public life poor, and he retired from it poor, and never statesman had cleaner hands or clearer con-science than his. He might have been a millionaire had he not scorned dirty money. But he died wealthy man, wealth legitimately acquired by the fortunate development of some landed property he owned in Texas. He was a very great man, and his like is not in public life to-

And the King said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this

AINSLEE'S .- The complete novel, always a feature of an allstory magasine, is entitled, "The Sunshine Widow." by Izola Forrester. There are also eleven short stories and a novel-"Passing the Love of Woman," by H. F. Prevost Battersby.

THE WIDE WORLD .- Among the contests of this magazine for the coming month is an article which describes the experiences of a man who was buried alive in a mining disaster, "Eight Days in a Burning Mine." The article is a relation of fact.

CENTURY-Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert's article, "Martin Luther and After the most famous and grand- His Work," will continue in the Ocly fought fillibuster the House ever tober issue with an account of thatknew had defeated Ben Butler's in- important step in human progrets, majority faction led by Morrison in liam Winter contributes his fifth arthe Forty-fourth Congress, which ticle on 'Shakespeare on the Stage.' would have given the country tariff This paper deals with "King Henry tariff as the paramount. In that in Town," written by Frances Dun-contest Mills played a brilliant part, van and illustrated by Alfred Brencommission. There was no greater Christian Endeavor and president of Democratic House will declare Tilden society which will be published in

VOUNGS.—The October number of XII of the constitution then pre- this magazine is decidedly entertainnto the ing. The contents include among House other things a novelette, "Calla," by Inez G. Thompson, a story "The in which a generous chorus girl exyouth, who has just arrived in New Mills and they did not take a trick. York with five hundred dollars and an intense desire to do the stunts ugliness of the Broadway i.fe undernes h its dazzing appearance of gayety. She opens his eyes to things as they are and sends back home before he has time to trin himself by going the pace.

SMART SET .- "The Gtth," a complete novel by Yyndham Martyn is a charming story. Norton Campbell contributes a unique and most amus-ingly written tale, "A Suppressed ingly written tale, Story." in which Smith, a peaceful law abiding citizen, while walking home through Central Park at a rath-Pig Iron Kelley boited Garfield, the er late hour was passed by a sus-Republican caucus nominee for pictous looking person who brushed once Smith felt for his waich, tionist for Mills and Garfield was too was gone. Instantly he started after the other man, who fled before him-But when the Forty-eighth Con-gress was organized Carlisle boat him, easily overpowered him and wrenched from his creached fir what he had expected, a watch. On reacherful enough to beat the Morrison ing home he nulled it out of his bill of that Congress and he also pocket and found to his dismay that Forty-ninth Congress. Morrison was ly deposited in his wife's jewel case. defeated for re-election in 1886 and The poems and other shirt stories are Mills became chairman of ways and well written and quite .ntertnings. "Smart Set" is what it claims to be,

"A magazine of clevernces." HAMPTON COLUMBIAN .- "The Heathen Invasion," by Mabel Porter Randall mustered Daggett, gives much startling and alarming information cha growth of heathen religions in America. Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman writes about New England villages Kinley was recognized and hoped that as nobody else ever has. "The Steep-

bill revising the tariff up, an inveterate Republican habit.

The country repudiated the Mc-bird repudiated the Payne tariff in 1916.

Mills made a tour of New England, pleading for free raw materials and tariff for revenue only on the finished products, with the result that New Hampshire and Rhode Island sent solid Democratic delegations to Congress. Only one Republican came from Connecticut, and the Massachusetts delegation contained a ms. ST. NICHOLAS.-Five serial stories

MASONS AT GASTONIA. Representatives of Twenty-Lodges in Twenty-Third Distri-pocial to The Observer. Gastonia, Sept. 23

Gastonia, Sept. 23.—One of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings of any kind ever held in Gastonia was the first annual gathering of representatives of the twenty-one Masonic lodges in this, the twenty third district, embracing Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston counties. Gastonia Wednesday and Thursday. There were 150 or more visiting Masons, and the local entertainmen committee spared no pains to make their stay here pleasant. Thursday morning all the visiting Masons were taken on an auto ride to Spencer mountain, citizens of the town furnishing machines. The ride was a delightful one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went Thursday afternoon from 3 to o'clock the Masons, their wive daughters, sisters and lady friend were entertained by Gastonia Lodge No. 369 with a most excellent program, at the conclusion of which delicious refreshments were served. The exercises were held in the Pythian hall and Mr. J. H. Separk was master of ceremonies. When he called the house to order a few minutes past 3 o'clock every seat was taken and some were standing.

There were more than 300 persons present at the afternoon exercises. Thursday night the third degree was conferred upon Mr. George Wil-lis of Gastonia by the degree team of the conferring of the degree a smoker was enjoyed lasting till midnight. At this session there were present 150 visiting Masons and 190 or more local Masons. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, as was also meeting Wednesday night, when the first and second degrees were con-

DOINGS AT DUNN,

New Opera House Leased-Barn Destroyed by Fire—Chicora Club Receives Its Charter. Special to The Observer.

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Roads, had the misfortune to lose his large barn and stables by fire Thursday night. He had no insurance. The officers of Chicora Club have received the charter and will organise as soon as proper quarters can be secured. The following officers are named in the charter and will hold office until their successors are elected: President, G. M. Tilghman; vice president, J. C. Clifford; secretary and treasurer, C. S. Hicks; gov erning committee, Clarence J. Smith. W. H. Newberry, Ellis Goldstein and H. L. Godwin. The present indications are that practically all the business men of the town are going to

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