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That Dropped Stitch. [From St. Nicholas.] A little old woman With silver-rimmed spectacles, Quite daintily dressed In the cleanest of checks, Was sitting alone in a tower so high That it seemed like a needle piercing the sky.

LITERARY GOSSIP. MRS. MARY BAYARD CLARKE, EDITOR. [All books received during the week will be mentioned by name in the next succeeding issue, and, if worthy of it, receive a longer and more careful notice.]

BOOKS RECEIVED. ALFRED WILLIAMS & CO., RALEIGH, N. C. A MEMOIR OF S. S. PRENTISS. Edited by Mrs. M. B. Clark. Charles Scribner's Sons, Publishers.

the whole twenty-fifth Congress. It was in this contest that Mr. Prentiss won his national reputation as an orator. His argument lasted into the third day, and before he had concluded it the galleries, lobbies and every vacant spot on the floor were thronged by Senators, ex-Members of Congress, officers of the army and navy, and eminent jurists and judges, as well as Foreign Ministers and distinguished private citizens.

MEMOIR OF S. S. PRENTISS. Edited by Mrs. M. B. Clark. Charles Scribner's Sons, Publishers. This edition of the Memoir of S. S. Prentiss is a republication of that issued shortly after his death twenty-five years ago, and it is greatly to be regretted that the editor has not put out a new and condensed volume, as there are many pages of it, interesting at the time of its first publication, which could have been, in this second issue, omitted with advantage.

THE CONQUEST OF PLASSANS. By Emile Zola. Translated by Henry Greville. A Revision Story. By Henry Greville. Translated by Mary Nell Sherwood. Peterson & Brothers, Publishers. This edition of the Memoir of S. S. Prentiss is a republication of that issued shortly after his death twenty-five years ago, and it is greatly to be regretted that the editor has not put out a new and condensed volume, as there are many pages of it, interesting at the time of its first publication, which could have been, in this second issue, omitted with advantage.

nothing in favor of the author's part executed both in "Dashi," a pretty love story descriptive of life in Russia. Both these translations are good and printed in large clear type on thick tinted paper, nicely gotten up in square form and gilt paper cover.

THE DEVIL AND TOM WALKER. [From the New York Times.] Somebody is inquiring about "The Devil and Tom Walker." It is a proverb not much in vogue now-a-days, though still frequently heard in New England, and of native origin.

NEWS AND NOT NEWS.—A negro woman known as "Old Aunt Hagar," died at North Adams, Mass., last week, at the age of 115 years. Governor Cobb has filled the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Senator Houston, by appointing Luke Pryor, of Athens, Mr. Pryor has never been an office-holder, always declining, but is an able man and a lawyer of fine ability.

MAJ. WILSON'S ENGINEERING WORK. WHAT COL. CAMERON SAW UP WEST. [From the Durham Recorder.] Passing on the narrow valley of Mill Creek, the route soon displayed its labyrinthine character. Much as has been said about the wonders of this second nature, but actual observation can realize it.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.—New Hampshire has 2,535 public schools with an average daily attendance of 43,710 pupils. Private schools instruct 3,066 pupils, while 3,988 children between five and fifteen years attend no school at all.

WATERS.—The Chinaman had a good grip of the idea when he spoke of the cucumber as "a bolly good." "No! Algernon, dear, I say that my boy shall not be brought up on the cucumber. Look at its grandness!"

ALL MEN BLIND. Mrs. Major Wheelock, wife of that old pioneer and eminently respected citizen of that name, leaned over the banister the other morning and answered him. "The shears? Why, they are right down there somewhere. I was using them not five minutes ago."

THE ASYLUM AT MORGANTON. [From the Durham Recorder.] This stupendous building is constructed under the act of 1876-77, under the imperative demand for additional provision for the unfortunate lunatics of the State.

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FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. THE VALUE OF FERTILIZERS. The Connecticut Experiment Station sends out the following information relative to the value of commercial fertilizers. Nitrogen is commercially the most valuable fertilizing element. It occurs in various forms of states. Organic nitrogen matters generally, existing in the albumen and fibrin of meat and blood, in the uric acid of urine and in a number of other substances.

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EVERYWHERE THE SAME. [From the Detroit Free Press.] Aunt Anark dropped in the other morning before breakfast. "Was on my way down town an' jus' thought I'd come by an' see how you all gettin' long," she said; "den I had a fine sign I should see you, but you was more or less in a quilt—hair—a hair—a hair—all but five."

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