BAB ON A GOOD NOYEL.

SHE CHATS AIRILY ON BOOKS WORTH READING.

cess of Romance as Popular Literaature-Woman's Aid in Making a Book Popular-Bah's Friends Be tween the Covers. St. Louis Republic.

In one corner of the plazza is a large In one corner of the plazza is a large table, and on it reposes the various work-backets attached to the establishment, for we are all very feminine, and either sew, or knit when we gossip about the literature which is approved of at the present time. When I say "approved of at the present time," I mean that which is being read just now. Annt Maria, the busy housekeeper is devoted to what she calls "a good novel"; she says she wants something that will make her forget what was cooked for dinner. The consequence is, she does not The consequence is, she does not choose for intellectual food either the problem novel, the analytical novel, or the historical novel, but she takes, in-stead, an out-and-out love story, and gloats over it. The fact that Aunt Maria is nearly 50 does not prevent her being interested in the pain suffered by the lovers separated, for the time, by harsh parents, or the wiles of vil-lians, but united at length in the perfume of orange blossoms, with white satin and black broadcloth, diamonds, and five bridesmaids, to make the Namp is having the one great joy of

Manny is having the one great joy of her life from an intellectual standpoint. She is reading for the first time the immortal works of the late Alexandre Dumas, pere. The consequence is that Nanny is transported to France, has forgotten entirely about everyday people, and only wakens up to the life around her when young Jim Johnson appears on the accrue; then she tries appears on the scene; then she tries her heat to think that she is Louise de her best to think that she is Louise de la Valliera, and he is Louis the Four-teenth. Certainly, the famous Louis was never abyer than is young Jim, and, after all, is there much differ-ence between a King and an ordinary country boy when it comes to the question of first love?

OLD BOOKS THE DEST.

As for me, I am reading old books over. There are no new ones worth anything. I am pessimist enough to think that no good is to be gained by bothering with tiresome books. I have thought much more of Mr. Gladstone since I heard that he advised people never to read anything that did not

nation to its being nasty in its de-

WOMEN MAKE BOOKS SUCCESSFUL. They are the great readers of the day, and they don't care to linger over descriptions of physical horrors, es-pecially when they are unnecessary. I don't care for my books to be too fine in their covers, but I must confess

that I like to see them as I do my friends, in a respectable dress. The paper bound book possesses no attraction for me; though, like all book lovers, I really love a book with pictures in it. I want to see what the people look like Then there people look like. Then they become real to us all. From my illustrated edition of Thackersy I know Becky Sharp. I know Heary Esmond, I know George Warrington and love him, and I know Philip; I know the doctor and hate him; I know Amelia Osborn and have the utmost contempt for her; I know George, and realize from his eppearance how necessary a good friend was to him; I know Raw-don Crawley, and feel sorzy for him, and I know all the wicked lawyers and doctors and gloat over them. I am just as well acquainted from the just as well acquainted from the pictures, with Lady Dedlock and the "boofer lady," with Joe and with Dora. I have laughed over Jip, and I have seen David sad his aunt driving away the donkeys. A good book well illustrated, is the finest thing in all

ACQUAINTED WITH AUTHORS.

Personally I am glad not to have known the people who wrote the books I love. I think I should care less for

I remember knowing a girl who had met George Ellot. She told me from that time on she even hated "Middlemarch." She may the great writer in the drawing-room of an intimate friend, and she said that she was the most tiresome old woman she had ever met. Somebody had to be closing a doer or opening a window: giving her a shawl or finding her a footstool; being certain that the thermometer at such a point, and equally certain that the water, of which she wanted a drink was pure. Altogether George Ellot was pictured to me as a tiresome around her. This young girl announced that the genius seemed unsatisfied unless she was bothering somebody about something. The same

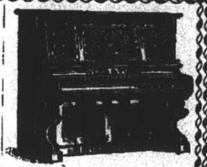
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took one out of one's self, and kept alive the natural feelings. They made people human. Why does not somebody write something where there is continual change, and where 40 pages are not given over to the feeling, thoroughly analyzed, of what the beroine thought of the hero's appreciation of music, five to her disapment when she found that it did not agree with her, and five more to their ment when she found that it did not agree with her, and five more to their last meeting wherein we are gently told how he held his bat, how she looked out from under hers, and how, bidding each other farewell, they walked off or out into the unknown world? By the time I have reached this point, I have grown to detest the hook to such a degree that I trust book to such a degree that I trust they stumble and break their necks, so

they stumble and break their neumon that a sequel becomes impossible. NONE LIKE THE OLD.

Positively, for real romance, one as to return to the "Arabian Nighta," has to return to the "Arabian Rights," and for absolute truth to "Hobinson Crusoe." Far back in my memory there is stored the picture of three small children gazing with delight, at the representation of a defiant young man standing before his father, said futher balons the twiceal Hritish house. father being the typical British house holder, with muttenchop whiskers. and underneath the drawing is this

This gives the rhythm of the entire story as told in a posm and which we regarded as the finest that was ever regarded as the finest that was ever writen. Friday first seen in his Sunday get-up, was one of our special delights but afterwards when transformed by Robinson into a civilized being wearing a high hat and a dress sait, he became almost godilike to our childish eyes. The possession of these ciothers we explained in the same way that we did the sort of Mother Hubhard gown worn by Rve in a Bible picture book. We thought they grew on trees, and that very wise people knew where to find them. The youngest boy of this group had an expressed liking for Mr. Orusoe and a very indifferent feeling for Adam and Eve, and when discussion ran very high on the sunday would probably have kicked them, and the treatment would have liking for Mr. Orusos and a very in-different feeling for Adam and Eve, and when discussion ran very high on their respective merits, a threat to take the story book and lock it up for a couple of days would make him give outward reverence, at least, to our first parents though in his heart he considered them what his mammy called 'cour what his mammy considered them what his mammy called "pour white trash."

The stories written nowadays for children are not interesting. What would a child think of a story that

When Nanny was away last winter, she made her first visit at a literary house. This is what she said about it: bonse. This is what she said about it:

'The lady who kept the salon was tall and gaunt, and was living on vegetables because she was a Budhist. Her right-hand man (by-the-by, he was not and he talked her husband), was a poet and he talked all the time about the feelings of the Innermost heart; it was exactly as if

"Then there was a young woman who knew all about Shakespeare, another who thought that Bacon wrote Shakespeare and was helped by a young actor named William Shakespeure to attend to the stage business.
Then there was a lanky young woman Then there was a lanky young woman who seemed to be a succession of hollows, and she talked about the days of real love, hinted about things that were wrong, and wanted to give me the impression that, if she could tell me her beart's story. I would be very much shooked. Personally, I don't behieve she had any. Everybody asked you if you had read this or that, and if you said you had and liked it, they disagreed with you, and if you said. disagreed with you, and if you said you had not, then they thought you ought, and anyhow, no matter what you said, they decided at once that you were wrong. When religion was discussed, all sects were found fault with though you were religious to the said. discussed, all sects were found fault with, though one poet said that the Catholic Church was picturesque. He condescended so when he said this that I wondered if he were going to cable the Pope for his tianks! There were three men who had not read anything, and they looked frightened. When the others discovered that I had not written hook or green a feahier action.

bothering with tiresome books. I have thought much more of Mr. Gladstone since I heard that he advised people never to read anything that did not interest them. There used to be an idea that one should plow through certain buoks whether they were stupid or not, and force consent to ealloy them. That is all wrong. That which does not interest us will do us no good. Then, too, it is said that the Grand Old Man is given over to books of all kinds, novels, poetry and history. He keeps three kongs, and history. He keeps three kongs, and history. He keeps three kongs, and when the tires of one, takes refugn in the other.

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Japun Taking Our Cotton

It has been officially aunounced that Japan will buy the cotton she needs for her mills in New Orleans. American cotton is the best in the world for general manufacturing pur-poses, and as the Japanese are a shrewd people, it is to be expected that they would use it in the extensive cot-

ton wills they have recently built.

It is also natural that they abould buy their cotton in New Orleans as that is the center of the cutton trade

that is the center of the cutton trade in this country.

The Japanese mills already use between 75,000 and 100,000 hales of oction a year and this consumption is constantly increasing. The people of Japan buy immense quantities of cetton goods and the native manufacturers have an ambition to supply the home market. The government is offering inducements for the establishment of cotton mills in the court offering inducements for the establishment of cotton mills in the over-crowded islands belonging to Japan where there is not snough land to give employment in agriculture to all the population and where labor can be had very obeap. Several cotton mills which were located on the Pacific coast have been transferred to Japan on account of these attractions and in the belief that the demand for cetton goods will increase rapidly in the goods will increase rapidly in the Orient.

Japan is already a considerable pur-chaser of our cotton and it seems cer-tain that her demand for it will in-crease very largely.

The Biscovery Seved his Life.

Mr. G. Califoatte, Druggist, Beav-orsville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and tald I the feet of Carlyle. The ill-tempered Scotchman would probably have kicked them, and the treatment would have been proper. Some time ago there was a good classification made of well-known books, and this list was given. It was said that the best sensational novel was Wilkie Collius' "Woman in Whita"; the best historical novel, Scott's "Kenilworth"; the best dramatic novel, Charlotte Broote's "Jane Eyre"; the best marins novel Cooper's "Red Rover", the best novel, describbush with La Grappe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first does began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in sold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Curry & Kennedy's Drog store.

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That's the way this end of the world wags. Li Hung Chang is well known and very rich and all this big island truckles to him.

Beyon vs. McKinley.

Witnesboro Chronicle.

There is some difference in the manner of the campaign of Bryan and Mc-Kinley. McKinley aits back at home in his velvet cushioned "protected" chair and says if the people want to see him they must come to him, and occasionally Hanna sends him a car load of fellows who ride on passes, given them by the ratirond corporations, and other combines, whose candidate McKinley is. Bryan is a plain citison who makes his bread by hard work, and he pays his own way and goes to see the people—and he is not too "biggity" to mingle among them. Bryan is of the people said for the people. McKinley is the candidate of the cembined trusts and corporations and bond holders. Choose ye between them.

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There is a lamestable usage of the

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And he kept on with his argu-But the way I read it in the goldbug papers the republicans are not as jubilant as they were. They are somewhat alarmed even about the state of New York. I see in yesterday's papers that the rich women of New York city have erganized female. McKinley clube in every ward, and they have perceled out the work and are to visit the tenement houses and canvass among the tollers. I read McKinley's letter to these women bidding them godspeed and saying he was glad to see the noble women of the country taking an inherest in polules. This is no fake. It is published in the republican papers, and to my mind it is the first had break Mr. McKinley has made. The idea of escouraging women to go canvasing in the alume of great cities for votes looks like alarm to say the least of it. Mr. Bryan has made no break. Every untersince along his travels has been in good taste and entirely proper. He has not boasted of himself, nor abased his adversaries, and we are gled to see that the people, the common people, heard him gledly and treated him with the greatest respect. The other day a fake appeared that for a while astounded me adversaries, and we are glad to see that the people, the common people, heard him gladly and treated him with the greatest respect. The other day a fake appeared that for a while astounded me. The idea that fee a Tillman had visited Tom Watson to get him to come down and take a cabinet position was monstrous, for Mr. Bryan chooses his own cabinet. He will not buy them, and if he did Ben Tillman would not be his broker. The average politician seems incapable of measuring Mr. Bryan. He can't conceive of a standard that is far above mercenary or ambitious metives. Mether will Mr. Bryan for a moment encourage any attempt to get Sewall down. It would be dishonorable, and he knows it. What is the matter with Sewall, anyhow? Mohody, not even the republican press, has said a word against him, except that his son is a republican. Well, that is hard on the boy, but nothing against the old man save a suspection that he didn't whip him enough und make him stay in at hight and keep not of had commany. These populists pretend they don't like Sewall because he has stock in a mational bank. That's all hypocrisy. Every one of them would have it, from Tom Watson down, if they could get it. Whenever I hear a pop or anybody also demouncing rich wen and banks and bankers I know that he is a hypocrite in his heart, and there is a strenk of envy and meanness and original sin running down his backbone as hig as a fonce rail. He has nearly reached a condition of total depraytty—and that's the law.



fight the Culans, since 1870, has now more than forty etamers, which can take to Cuba 50,000 to 60,000 man. The Culaus knew this when the war began, and therefore are not easily to be sistened own should the company buy or charter a few more yeared.

We knew that a great many of the 40,000 man are now on their way is

the Spanish can hardly improve their present situation on the island mersly by the arrival of the new expedition; and although I believe that there will be, the their since from the their portance that there has been the Orban army will be stronger than ever when the rainy season comes in May. This is enough for Cuba, because not to be conquered, now that Spain har sociated all her power in the island, means eventual triumph. Once the winter is over Spain will have to think very asriously of her future course. By that thee, whatever money she may get now—admitting that ste gets any—will have been wasted at the rate of \$10,000,000 or \$11,000,000 per mouth. The faint protests which are now being made in several cities rate of \$10,000,000 or \$11,000,000 per mouth. The faint protests which are now being made in several cities against the nontinuation of the war will take on a more violent form, and the result of it all will be that the incretable conflict between Spain and the United States will at hest burst forth. Its immediate consequence will be the independence of Cuba.

"I do not believe that any European nation will place itself between the two contending powers. Mo matter what their wilden may be, they realize in an American question, and that none but the United States has the right to intervene between Cuba and Spain.

"I am very optimistic in reference to Cuba's future deathers. Cuba has a great advantage over the Santish. American countries. While these were educated by Spain, whose persisting spirit and ideas of common season anyon the whole Cuba was prought up by the United States, whose setterprining spirit and ideas of common season anyon the whole Cuba population. Besides, Outs has mean of great ability, who will soon put her on the read to propagate are regarded even a exposed to the reint of the whole Cuba population will full to answer to the appaal when the mounted comes.

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