

The Silva of California, by Professor Willis Jepson. 19. The University Press, Berkeley, Cal.

Of unusual and important interest, the learned account of the trees of California is so complete and able that it is difficult to believe it is the work of one individual. The book is first-class in scope and presentation, and is creditable to Professor Jepson, and the University of California, under whose auspices it appears. The object of the author has been to bring together in one volume an account of the timber trees of California, "which shall as nearly as possible represent our present knowledge of the taxonomy and geographical distribution, and in this plan he has succeeded wonderfully. At the same time, he is modest in admitting: "Even at this time the census of our trees may be incomplete, since it is only within the last year that 'corvus giganteus', a well-known species of Arizona and Sonora, has been discovered within the limits of California." Material for the preparation of the volume is the result of field studies and collections made by Professor Jepson, in nearly all parts of California during the last 15 years. The illustrations are numerous and excellent. The line drawings are mainly the work of the late Miss M. H. Swift, and the photographic illustrations are largely by our author. The university photographer, R. P. White, is responsible for the fine prints. As for the title of the book, it may interest those of us not acquainted with scientific tree lore to know that the word "silva" means "the forest trees of a region or country, considered collectively." The printed matter covers 268 pages, while the illustrative plates number 35, the pictures being nearly as good as actual photographs.

In speaking of the madroña tree, our author says:

While commonly but 20 to 40 feet in height in the Bay region, some exceptional individuals are very large and locally famous for their great spread of crown and diameter of trunk. The "Big Madroña of Laguna" stands on the south shore of the east arm of Lake Laguna, in Marin County. The trunk, at the smallest part (three feet above the ground), is 7 feet, 4 inches in diameter, and the crown is a heavy, rounded, from tip to tip of buttresses, being 12 feet in diameter. The right-hand side of the crown trail from the keeper's cottage to the Bon Tompe ranch, where there are three large madroñas, one of which has a trunk diameter of 8 feet, 4 inches at 5 feet, 6 inches from the ground and a crown diameter of 10 feet. The main trunk is perfect outside, but hollow inside. The second tree has a trunk diameter of 8 feet, 3 inches at 2 feet, where it divides into three huge trunks. The trunk of the third has a diameter of 8 feet at 4 feet above ground, with a great fire-burned hollow on one side. All of these trees are heavily buttressed and heavily buttressed at the ground. The "Big Madroña" is on the hill east of the "warm springs" between the springs and Hodges hill. The road on the hill, the little canyon, the Buttrif's passes near the tree. It has a diameter of about 8 feet, 4 inches at the ground, 3 feet, 1 inch at 2 feet from the ground, and 6 feet, 8 inches at 4 feet. The diameter of the crown is 8 feet and it is fully 75 feet high.

At the summit of the Walker Valley, Willis's grade, is a tree 75 feet high, and 4 feet in diameter at the smallest part of the trunk (3 feet above the ground). Below the tree, on the ridge, are many large trees; one is 65 feet high and 4 feet, 5 inches in diameter at 4 feet above ground, and 5 feet, 3 inches in trunk diameter at 2 to 4 feet from the ground are found in Mendocino county. The tree is a fine specimen of the low, I recall many fine trees 100 feet high along New River in Trinity county. Fine specimens grace the Indian School grounds in Hupa Valley, but some are dying. On the Trinity summit trail is a tree 100 feet high, 4 feet in diameter at the base, and 6 inches in diameter at 5 feet above the ground, typical of the fine trees in the northern region. On the trail to Cold Spring from Poast, Santa Lucia Mountains, is a tree, standing near a gate, 75 feet high and 2 feet in diameter at 3 feet from the ground. Brewer records a tree on Cave Hill, Marshall's ranch, eastern side of Mt. Diablo, exposed ridge, the trunk 6 feet and 6 inches in diameter at smallest part and branched 7 or 8 feet high. The tree on the point of hill at Novato station is striking in its port and location.

The two most common associates of madroña are black oak and Douglas fir. It will, however, range into country too arid for the Douglas fir, as the Mount Diablo range and the Vaca Mountains, and it grows near the coast, as in the redwood belt, country thinned by the black oak.

In all, 25 species are described, of which 19 are typically Californian and 18 trees peculiar to that state.

Ellen H. Richards, by Caroline L. Hunt. 12. Illustrated. \$1.50. Whitcomb & Barrows, Boston, Mass.

This is emphatically a woman's age of work and recognition, and the life of Dr. Ellen H. Richards, just to hand, is quite notable from the important place Mrs. Richards occupied in the educational and public life of this country, and from the marked ability Miss Hunt has displayed in presenting the message of such a distinguished woman. The book is a masterpiece, and with the biographies of Mary Lyon, Julia Ward Howe and Alice Freeman Palmer, it is a beacon light and inspiration to the woman of the future. Who was Mrs. Richards? Born December 3, 1842, on a farm near Dunstable, Mass. She was essentially a woman of work, and working in a grocery store and postoffice, she saved up enough money to pay for a fine education. She was a graduate of Vassar college, later a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and for years one of its instructors, fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, Public Health Association, Association of Collegiate Alumnae, National Geographic Society, American Chemical Society, American Chemical Society, Society of Arts, American Economic Association, non-resident member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and first president of the American Home Economics Association.

Mrs. Richards was certainly a generalist, and she was a pioneer in scientific expert and educationalist. She may be described as a cosmopolitan in college work. Such educated workers as she was for the advancement of science and the public good, are common in this golden age of woman's work, but not in the days of a half a century ago when an educated woman in college education was a rarity. A delicate girl, she was not allowed by her mother, while working on her father's farm, to milk cows, for fear that her hands would grow large and unbecomingly. How widespread was the curiosity to see her, in the year 1876, when she was graduated from Vassar college, that she was the first woman student admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, afterward, to be the first woman to enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and so far as it is known, the only woman to do it by herself, alone, unaided, to be welcomed most cordially—is this not honor enough for the first six months of post-collegiate life?

As she expressed it in a letter, January 6—Did not go to meeting; tired. January 11, tired, indifferent. January 20, January 27, tired, indifferent. February 2, almost sick. February 9, miserable. January 15, an extra all day. February 15, felt wretched all day. February 15, felt wretched all day.

"I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and sheathed, that never sallies out and seeks his adversary, but slinks out of the race where that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat."—Milton



Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, A Pioneer in College Education for Women

lay down, sick, February 19, Oct. 30, tired. February 28, so tired. March 20, tired. March 24, tired. April 11, terribly tired. June 4, 1875, Miss Swallow married. Professor Robert Hallowell Richards, head of the department of mining engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Richards became known as a lecturer and as an authority in "ethnology," the science of "controllable environment." She was an important figure in home economics after the country. In 1876, she and her husband visited Europe. Hurrying back to America, Mrs. Richards plunged into literary work, and was

recognized as a competent authority in the analysis of drinking water.

What a busy, useful, brave life! Mrs. Richards passed on March 30, 1911.

The Lovers of Santa, by Mary Stewart Cutler. 11. Illustrated. McBride, Nast & Co., New York City.

Mrs. Cutler is favorably known to novel readers for her exquisitely fashioned word pictures of suburban life, notably in "The Wayfarers," "The Little Stories of Married Life," "The Suburban Whirl," "Little Stories of Courtship" and others.

"The Lovers of Santa" is a charming

love story built on alluring and unexpected lines. Julian Cartwright and Miss Susanna Corbin are chance passengers in a railroad car. She is engaged to marry Howard Corbin, a demure accordingly. Cartwright is a civil engineer and had been for several years engaged in South America. The train files through the snow, and is stopped at Dawson's, where Cartwright and Susanna are the only passengers at the depot. They become acquainted, and they are both young fellow guests at the Throops' home, two miles further. On through the snow they trudge, and on hearing screams for help, Cartwright goes with Miss Santa into a strange house, tenanted by Mrs. Bainbury and her family, and soothes a cook overcomes with hysterics. When Miss Santa meets Cloud, her accepted lover, she is conscious for the first time that she is not so agreeable to her as Cartwright. Mrs. Bainbury pursues and arrests Miss Santa and Cartwright for the alleged larceny of her silver teapot, but the latter is discovered in time, and the legal proceedings are dropped. Miss Santa and Cartwright go skating together, and they remain on the ice so long that when she reaches her brother's house, she finds it locked up. She goes to a hotel for the night, and a complication occurs, in which Cloud attempts, in his jealous rage, to attack her good name. Santa is beautiful, with a warm, glowing, velvety beauty that made itself felt at once. Wherever she went, men's heads turned instinctively as she passed by.

Fate throws Santa and Cartwright more and more together, and she practically proposes to him.

Of the Valley and the Sea, by Fanny Purdy Palmer. 62 cents. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., London, England.

It is not often that we have the pleasure of receiving for the purposes of review a book from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. This is a little book of 62 high-class poems, useful, dignified, but not to be viewed through a glass darkly. There is no apparent humor in the verses, possibly because the subjects chosen for working out are serious and also because the author's mind is inclined that way. The verses are essentially English in mood and treatment, quite different from American. The book of poems has five divisions—of the valley and the sea; of poets; moods; of the shadow of the dream, and of the past. The quality of the verse suggests what we designate as magazine verse in this country. The author's love of almost Byronic gloom is well expressed in the poem, "A Desert Monk," in which a monk in his desert dwelling place for 12 years watched caravans pass the waste of sand. One day a vagrant wanderer speaks his name, his old name, but the monk answered not, as he slunk back to his narrow cave. Why? Because he knew "the sorrow of communion with his kind."

Here is one of our author's best poems, "Where the Sea Breaks the Silence":

"Where the sea breaks the silence let me hear Again the music of its monotone. That I the less may seem to be alone. I know, old sea, there's naught thou holdest dear. And those who love thee, though they love, must fear. Thy calm is as the calm of ancient crone Whose watch is with the dead; and at thy shrill, shrill winds awake, with hoarse and hoarse. Yet like the weight of honor thy constraint lies on the tides and curls each measure phrase. And countless are the scars thou canst efface Within the velvet of thy soft embrace. And vain of thy wild ways to make complaint— For all thy tracks were set in countless days."

Bedtime stories, by Jeanie Gwynne Kernahan and Constance Kernahan. 10 cents. The Platt & Peck Co., New York City.

Nineteen short, well-told, safe stories for children, say about 6 years old and upwards. The stories will be found suitable for reading aloud in a family circle of small folk.

JOSEPH M. QUENTIN.

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ported she never wears the same clothes or hats twice. Miss Andrews has been reported to be engaged to marry Vincent Astor.

The wife of the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, Thomas R. Marshall, was Miss Lois J. Kinney, of Angora, Ind., and married the Governor on October 2, 1895. Mrs. Marshall has been of great assistance to her husband in his work as Governor of Indiana.

Mrs. Rachel Vulle is the first widow in the world to be admitted to the bar. She is 33 years old, and was left a widow some years ago. On the loss of her only child she undertook the study of law to help her get her misfortune, and was so successful that she passed the examinations within three years, which is the shortest possible time the course could be completed. She has taken up this work principally with the idea of helping women, especially in personal cases. She will take cases for men, but believes that a woman lawyer can defend a woman prisoner better than a man. She is a native of Switzerland, and was admitted to the bar at Geneva.

The betrothal of Crown Prince Boris and Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Prince Ferdinand, their apparent to the throne of Roumania, will be announced officially soon. The betrothal is the more romantic because Prince Boris fell in love with the Princess before they met. He saw a photograph of her and immediately became deeply interested in the young Princess.

proven himself, the college frequently calls him back to fill positions on the faculty.

All these are but isolated cases, when compared with the great number of graduates who have gone out from the college to engage in agricultural pursuits, in making the state famous as the home of some of the finest fruit some of the largest crops, the best wool and mohair grown on the continent. There are a vast majority, too, of the young women graduates who have gone straight from their domestic science classes at college to homes of their own where they are doing much to raise the standard of household economy.

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