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Before I left Venice I had made my sketches into a book which I sent on to Messrs. Trubner & Co., in London. They had consented to look at it to oblige my friend Conway, who during his sojourn with us in Venice, before his settlement in London, had been forced to listen to some of it. They answered me in due time that they would publish an addition of a thousand, at half profits, if I could get some American house to take 500 copies. When I stopped in London I had so little hope of being able to do this that I asked the Trubners if I might, without losing their offer get some other London house to publish my book. They said yes, almost joyously; and I began to take my manuscript about. At most places they would not look at me or it, and they nowhere consented to read it. The house promptest in refusing to consider it afterward pirated one of my novels, and with some expressions of good intention in this direction, never paid anything for it; though, I believed, the English still think that this sort of behavior was peculiar to the American publisher in the old buccaneering times. I was glad to go back to the Trubners with my book, and on my way across the Atlantic I met a publisher who finally agreed to take those 500 copies. This was Mr. M. M. Hurd, of Hurd & Houghton, a house then newly established in New York and Cambridge. We played ring-toss and shuffleboard together, and became of a friendship which lasts to this day. But it was not till some months later, when I saw him in New York, that he consented to publish my book. I remembered how he said, with an air of vague misgiving, and an effect of trying to justify himself in an imprudence, that it was not a great matter anyway. I perceived that he had no faith in it, and to tell the truth I had not much myself. But the book had an instant success, and it has gone on from edition to edition ever since. There was just then a great interest of a not widely general surprise at American things among the English. Our success in putting down the great Confederate rebellion had caught the fancy of our cousins, and I think it was to this mood of theirs that I owed largely the kindness they showed my book. There were long and cordial reviews in all the great London journals, which I used to carry around with me like love-letters; and when I tried to show them to other people, I could not understand their coldness concerning them.—*Harper's Magazine* for August.



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The Cook In Politics.

The spoils to the victors system has good in France in a small way, the not to the extent it rules in the republic. Louis Tabernat, the late lieutenant Carnot's cook, is to be replaced by Fierent, the chef of M. Casimir-Périer. The new head of the kitchen at Elysée is one of the most celebrated cooks of the age and draws the salary of a cabinet minister. France is famous for its cooks, but its supply of cabinet ministers has been far greater of years than its supply of cooks.—*London Globe.*

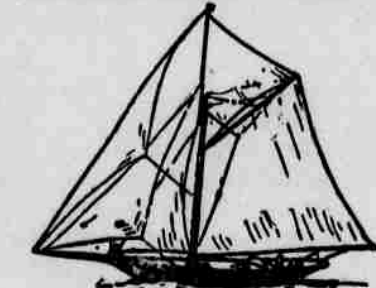
The June reports of the twelve general commissioners appointed by the act of the last congress to ascertain the character of the public lands in Idaho and Idaho are being received by the interior department. The commissioners are divided into four parties. Three parties are in Montana and one in Idaho. They have only been a few days in the field and will not have an examination and report on about 300,000 acres out of a total of some ten million acres submitted for their adjudication. Commissioner Lameroux computes that it would take five years to merely examine over this immense territory if he made no stop for the examination of the land. The appropriation for the work is limited to \$200,000 and monthly expenses are about \$40,000. So far about one fifth of the land examined has been certified to be of cultural value.

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