

### New Dictionary.

The G. & C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass., have just issued Webster's New International Dictionary, based on the International of 1890 and 1900. The revision has been so radical and complete as to constitute a new book. The work has been in active preparation for many years, by a large staff of experts, assisted by the contributions of eminent specialists, under the general supervision of Dr. W. T. Harris, recent U. S. Commissioner of Education. The number of words and phrases defined has been greatly increased, mainly from the fresh coinage of recent years both in popular speech and in the various arts and sciences. The revival of early English studies is recognized by such an inclusion of obsolete words as to give a key to English literature from its earliest period. The title-words in the vocabulary are more than doubled in comparison with the old International, now exceeding 400,000. The number of illustrations is increased to over 6000. The book contains more than 2700 pages. But the publishers desire to emphasize the quality rather than the quantity of the work, calling attention especially to the thorough scholarship in all departments and the fullness of information under important titles. By ingenious methods of typography and arrangement, the increased amount of matter is contained within a single volume, not perceptibly larger than its predecessor, and no less convenient for the hand and eye.

### Old Familiar Things.

Only the other day the papers told the story of a man who travelled all the way from Indiana to Massachusetts to trace and buy back an old family horse that he had sold a few months before. Ever since the horse had been gone, the man's wife had grieved. Her condition had finally become such that her husband gladly paid a larger price than he had received, and cheerfully bore the cost of an expensive trip besides, to get the horse back.

In the same week New England newspapers recorded the tragic death of an old man who was living comfortably with a married daughter in a town near Boston. The cause ascribed was his longing for the farm where he had spent most of his days, and

which he had left for a presumably easier existence.

There also appeared lately in one of the magazines, a description of the pathetic last act which marks the final abandonment of an old farm—the auction by which the homely household utensils that have borne so intimate a relation to the home are distributed among neighbors to whom they have no special significance.

Similar things are constantly occurring. To any one with insight, they disclose the depth of sentiment which lies hidden even in the most unemotional of lives.

For young people, especially, they are full of significance. Nothing is more natural than that a son should say: "Father is getting too old to live alone any longer. The land is all run out, anyway. We might as well sell the old place and bring him down here with us, where he can be more comfortable."

It is the beginning of tragedy. No land is ever so run out that it does not produce a harvest of memories more precious than the best crop of corn it ever raised. You can make the old man comfortable, but you can rarely make him happy.

The roots of an old tree go deep, and the real sustenance they draw comes not through such obvious tap-roots as food and shelter and clothing, but by little threadlike fibers hidden from sight, twined about every stone and penetrating every clod. It is ill transplanting such a tree.—*The Youth's Companion.*

### Oregon Apples will be Seen at National Show at Spokane.

"Oregon apples will be well represented at the Second National Apple Show at Spokane, November 15-20," said Ren. H. Rice, manager of the apple show, who was in Portland during the past week. "While the crop is generally much smaller than last year, the quality is of the very best and growers in all parts of the state are showing the keenest interest in the various contests. While the first apple show was an unexpected success, we have assurances that the second exposition will be even more so, as the growers want a chance to exhibit their choice apples in comparison with fruit from other states and the prize list gives an opportunity for every apple raiser to compete. The contests include carloads, ten boxes, five boxes, single boxes, barrels, jars and plates with cash premiums ranging from \$1000 sweepstakes in the carload classes down to \$3 for a single plate of five apples.

"All the railroads have united in giving a rate of one-and-one-third fare for the round trip to Spokane during apple show week and also allow visitors to go by one line and return via another.

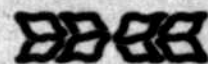
"The National Apple Show dates give growers an opportunity to exhibit at local county fairs and apple shows such as those at Albany and Hood River and then have plenty of time to ship to Spokane and win additional honors and premiums.

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