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Notes on the New Books.

Information for Readers on Late ations, if not to themselves. Publications.

form the most charming portions of ent. the parrative. The author has fortified herself with careful examination of contemporary documents and gives by Beatrice Harraden, entitled Hilda us an interesting picture of the life Stafford, in a beautiful little volume and times in which her heroine lived and moved. The companion volume is a portrait of Miss Harraden reproon Merey Otis Warren is from the duced from a photograph taken in pen of Alice Brown, a writer who has also delved deeply and faithfully and successfully at the roots of the tree of land, but hopes to be able very soon to knowledge of our distinguished return to California. She is much national ancestry. She has ransacked the annals of old Plymouth and the writing of her long novel, which Dedham and the result is a most was expected to appear last autumn. readable panoramic review of the revolutionary period. Mercy Warren was a woman of some literary and poetical talents and her writings are laziness or want of something to say. full of admirably drawn sketches of As a matter of fact, I never had more the public men of her generation. to say in my life than now, but every These books are indispensible to a effort I make to finish that novel puts well-selected family or public library. They give us in photographic detail pictures of the times, manners and little strength of body and brain. It morals of the founders of this nation. Dolly Madison, Margret Winthrop down over it." These who have seen and Martha Washington are the rest the chapters already written speak of of the series.

"America and the Americans, from a French Point of View" is the most readable book of its kind of the year. It is written from the standpoint of a French gentleman, who has a position in his own country and hence has no temptation to seek his fortune here as an immigrant or to flatter the American people in the interest of royalties | Choir Invisible, and it is now in press on sales of his book. He has letters of It is the most rapid piece of writing introduction to public men and en- that Mr. Allen has done, being more trance to the best private families than twice as long as any of his other and the highest social circles. He books and written from beginning to takes time to visit out cities and to end in some six months. The prestay in the country and visit our in- mature announcements of the dates has only been persuaded to publish on the first edition, which will be pubcondition that his name be not lished in a few days, will consist of known. He has thus given us as frank ten thousand copies. and readable a picturing in print as any people would like to see of them-selves. The volume is an excellent goods will not fade.

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articles on life in rural New England was working. The concussion ignirush of the population to great cities. denly, almost filling the room with remote village which has not been gasoline got on his clothes, and he esreached by modern methods of life. caped other injury than his eyebrows, The native characteristics, which whiskers and hair were pretty well were not very long ago shared by a singed. During the next to or three large part of the rural population of minutes great activity was required New England, now seem so remote as to subdue the flames and prevent desalmost to be regarded as curiosities. tructive conflagration. This sympathetic sketch shows the life of the village in all its phases. The other study is of a farming town which has indeed kept somewhat apace with modern progress, but still retains the features of the old rural life. Its accurate and faithful pictures of these country towns now seem almost like descriptions of another civilization, so far removed are they from the characteristic modern bustle of city life. All the important problems which have risen in the recent shifting of population and changes of industry are illustrated in these sketches,—the drifting away from the old religious faiths, the loss of leadership to a certain extent, the deciine of local patriotism from its old fervor. Yet there are many attractive features of this life—the leisure that the people have, their good nature, the companionship and the old-fashioned neighborly qualities which they retain.

The recent growth and increase of societies in which eligibility to membership depends upon the deeds of ancestors, has resulted in a great revival of the study of genealogy in this country. We have the Sons and the Daughters of the Revolution, the Society of Colonel Wars, Society of the War 1812, Colonial Dames, Society of the Mayflower Decendants, Holland Society and others, organized and organizing. To become a member of any of these, a record of the family history is required.

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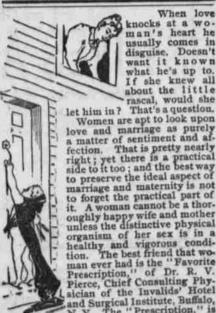
promotes patriotism, good effizen ship and love of country. Therefore, the movement is one to be commended, and theusands are now making a study of their family history. In fact, every person should compile and preserve such a family record, for it m iy be of great value to future gaper-

Fo e nost among j uma's to aid n extending this intere ting study is The N. Y. Mail and Express, which Two of the most important books maintains a weekly department deissued the past year by Charles voted to queries for family records Scribner's Sons, New York, are Eliza and replies thereto. The department Pinckney and Mercy Warren, in their is open to any one who wishes to series of "Women of the Colonial and make use of it. In this connection Revolutionary Times." The first that paper is printing a long series of named is by Harriott Horry Ravenil, articles devoted to the history of the whose father's sister preserved from families and descendants of the Sign the flames a collection of the original ers of the Mayflower Compact, which letters of Mrs. Pinckney, and these are particularly timely just at pres-

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