

— An important undertaking is promised by the Leonard Scott Publication Company, in the American edition of the *Nineteenth Century* for March, in the shape of an American supplement containing a series of papers by some of the foremost of our educators on the relation of examinations to education. This subject has attracted considerable attention in England of late, having been started by the "Signed Protest" in the November *Nineteenth Century*. The present papers, presenting the subject from an American standpoint, will be by ex-President McCosh of Princeton, Presidents Adams of Cornell, Angell of the University of Michigan, Carter of Williams, Eaton of Marietta, Gilman of Johns Hopkins, Magill of Swarthmore, Pepper of Colby, Rhoades of Bryn Mawr, and Sharpless of Haverford; Chancellors John Hall of the University of the City of New York, and Sims of Syracuse; Professors Cook of the University of California, Harper of Yale, Harris of Concord, Hunt of Princeton, Rogers of Haverford, and David Swing of Chicago; Rev. Dr. Crosby, Hamilton W. Mabie, Esq., and Barr Ferree, Esq., of New York. Dr. William H. Burnham will also contribute, and Professor Thompson of the University of Pennsylvania. The symposium promises to form a most important contribution to the discussion of a very difficult question of educational methods. The March number of the *Nineteenth Century*, in addition to the papers on education and examination in the American supplement, will contain an article by Mrs. Humphry Ward, the author of "Robert Elsmere," on the new reformation as viewed from her own standpoint. Professor Huxley writes on "The Value of a Witness to the Miraculous;" and the review contains criticisms on his paper on agnosticism in the February number, by the Rev. Dr. Wall, principal of King's College, and Dr. Hagee, bishop of Peterborough.

— The *Popular Science Monthly* for April will contain a scientific explanation of the power to ensnare the human mind possessed by the leading delusion of the present day. The article is by Professor Joseph Jastrow, and is entitled "The Psychology of Spiritualism." It contains accounts of the manifestations by the Fox sisters, Dr. Slade, Englington, and other mediums, all of which have been proved to be "gross intentional fraud throughout." Professor Huxley has written a racy reply to certain criticisms of agnosticism made at the Church Congress of 1888, and to a recent deliverance by Frederic Harrison, who attempts to prophesy on this subject. The article contains an account of how the name "agnostic" originated, and explains why agnosticism, as Professor

Huxley conceives it, cannot have a creed. It will also be published in the April *Popular Science Monthly*, as will an article on "The Chemical Elements," by Professor Josiah P. Cooke of Harvard, telling the story of the changing beliefs about what substances are made of, from the time when earth, water, air, and fire were thought to be the elements of all things, down to the present day, with its list of over seventy simple substances, and when the idea is gaining ground that perhaps there is only one kind of matter, after all.

— The paper in the *Political Science Quarterly* for March that will attract most attention is that by Mr. H. O. Arnold-Foster, on "Irish Secession." It gives what is probably the best presentation of the Unionist argument that has appeared in this country, and should be carefully read by every one desirous of understanding the question at issue. The author takes up the home-rule arguments one by one, and gives a conclusive answer to some, at least, of them; while at the same time he presents very forcible considerations to show that an Irish parliament is equally undesirable for England and for Ireland. Another article of interest is that by A. Gauvain, on "The Crisis in France." M. Gauvain is deeply impressed with the low character of French political life, with the feebleness of the senate and the fickleness of the Chamber of Deputies, and with the instability of the administration; and he evidently views the future with some alarm. He affirms, as other observers have done, that there is no statesman of ability in the country, and that the republicans are drifting towards radicalism. Meanwhile the monarchists are gathering strength, and, with the aid of the Boulangists, stand a good chance of carrying the coming elections. The *Quarterly* has still another article on foreign affairs, that by Professor Gustav Cohn, on "Income and Property Taxes in Switzerland." Injustice has often been done in all countries to the poorer classes by raising too large a portion of the national revenue by indirect taxation; and Professor Cohn here shows how the Swiss have endeavored to remedy this by laying a large share of the burden on property and income. Mr. H. L. Osgood has a paper on "Scientific Anarchism," in which he traces back the doctrine to Proudhon as its real originator, and then shows what changes it has undergone at the hands of the "Individualistic Anarchists" and the "Internationals," concluding with a brief but decisive argument against the whole scheme. Besides the various essays, the *Quarterly* has an extended review of Bryce's "American Commonwealth," by Professor Woodrow Wilson.

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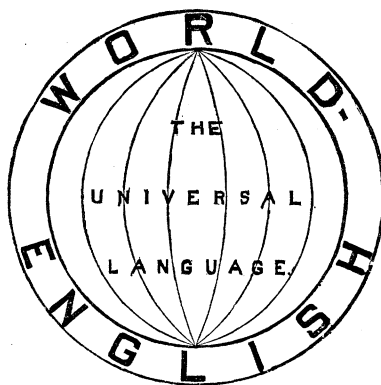
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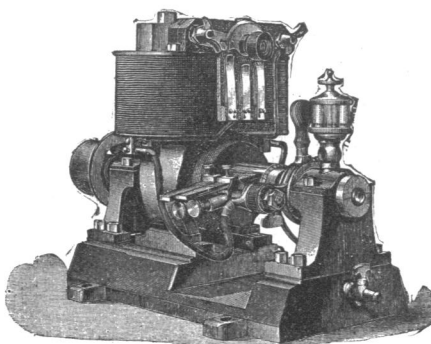
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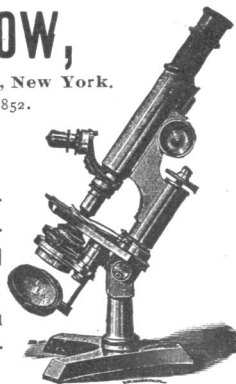
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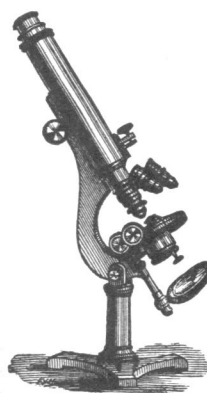
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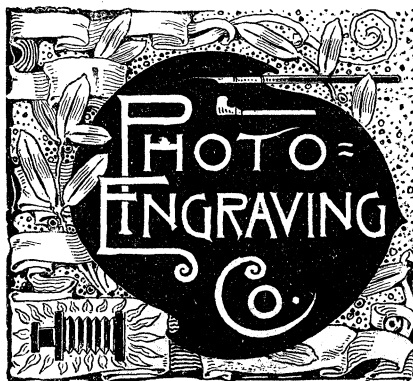
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