

from a comparatively small district around Paris to its full development. Coming down to later times, the author exhibits pretty clearly the growth of arbitrary power and of the unjust privileges of the nobles, and repeatedly dwells on the misery which these produced among the masses of the people. Thus he prepares the way for an understanding of the Revolution, which of course occupies a considerable share of attention. In this part of his work, however, it seems to us that he dwells rather too much on the horrors that were then enacted, and too little on the benefits that the Revolution ultimately brought. Napoleon is treated with justifiable severity, while at the same time his good deeds are duly acknowledged, and certain incidental benefits of his conquests are pointed out. The present condition of France is regarded as hopeful, and her prosperity as well grounded. Mr. Montgomery's work will be useful not only to students, but also to private readers who wish for a general sketch of French history unencumbered by useless details.

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THE two articles on agnosticism, in *The Popular Science Monthly* for April and May, will be followed by two more in the June number. One of these is by Professor Huxley, in rejoinder to Dr. Wace and the Bishop of Peterborough; the other, by Mr. W. H. Mallock, is entitled "Cowardly Agnosticism," and criticises Professor Huxley's objections to the above phrase, expressed in his first article. "The Production of Beet-Sugar," including the method of growing the plant, and the processes employed in ex-

tracting the sugar, will be described by Mr. A. H. Almy. This account, together with the paper in the May *Monthly*, gives a complete view of an industry which has yielded large profits to the farmers of Germany, and promises to become equally important in this country. Widespread interest has been manifested in the article on "Christian Science," in the April *Popular Science Monthly*, and nowhere more than among the healers themselves. Of the several replies offered by members of this fraternity, the *Monthly* will publish one in the June issue, by Mr. J. F. Bailey, editor of the *Christian Science Journal*, under the title "Is Christian Science a Craze?" An editorial in the same number will clearly state the position of the magazine on this subject. "Glaciers on the Pacific Coast," is the title of an illustrated descriptive article, by Professor G. Frederick Wright, to appear in June.

— The articles on "The Practical Applications of Electricity," which begin in the June *Scribner*, will, it is announced, be as complete a picture of the present position of electricity in the industrial world as the Railway Series is of the great subject of transportation. The men who have been secured to write these articles are acknowledged authorities in the subjects of lighting, telegraphy, medical electricity, etc., including among their number President Morton of Stevens Institute; C. L. Buckingham of the Western Union; A. E. Kennelly, Mr. Edison's chief electrician; Dr. M. Allen Starr; and Professor Brackett of the Princeton Scientific School. W. A. Linn, of the New York *Evening Post*, has written for the number a complete popular account of the origin, growth, and present management of that form of co-operation known as

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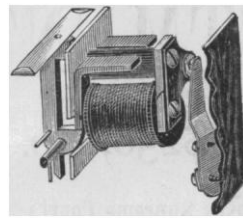
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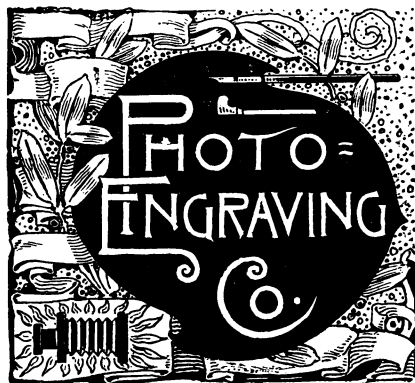
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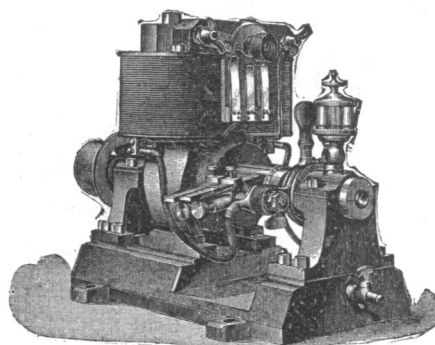
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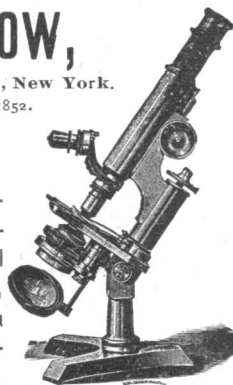
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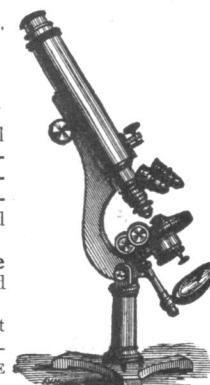
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