

The Bermuda Islands. By ANGELO HEILPRIN. Philadelphia, The Author. 8°.

PROFESSOR ANGELO HEILPRIN, in the summer of 1888, made an excursion to the Bermuda Islands, in order to study certain points in the structure and physiognomy of coral reefs, for the study of which the Bermudas offer special advantages. The present volume is the result of his observations on this journey. His observations regarding the formation of the island are fully in ac-

cord with those of Darwin, but, as the author points out, do not prove the correctness of the Darwinian hypothesis. Elevations and subsidences are both shown to have marked the region in its development. The author devotes an elaborate chapter of his book to a discussion of the various theories of formation of coral reefs, and expresses himself rather in favor of the old theory of Darwin. Where the author's results regarding the theory of formation of coral reefs are mainly of a negative character, his zoögeographic

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— Mr. Edwin Lasseter Bynner opens the December number of the *Atlantic Monthly* with an article of interest to the antiquarian, and especially to the student of Old Boston. This paper is devoted to "The Old Bunch of Grapes" Tavern, one of the most famous New England hostleries of the last century, and Mr. Bynner gives an amusing account of the various events which took place within its hospitable walls. Mr. Henry Van Brunt's paper on "Architecture in the West" tells about the difficulties which Western architects have to struggle against, and the new school of architecture which is gradually arising to solve the problem of making art keep step with progress without losing the finer and more delicate artistic sense. It will be studied by all Western men and all architects with a great deal of interest. Professor N. S. Shaler of Harvard College contributes a paper on "School Vacations;" and Mr. William Cranston Lawton, whose articles on the Greek drama have been among the best literary papers the *Atlantic* has lately had, writes about "Delphi: The Locality and its Legends;" and "Latin and Saxon America" (the relations of this country with South American countries) forms the subject of a paper by Mr. Albert G. Browne.

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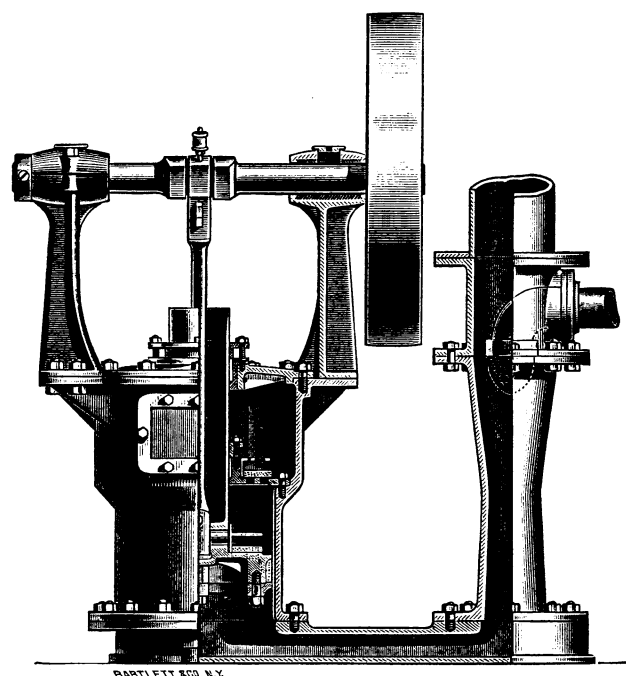
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