

—Robert Clarke & Co. announce the following important publications: "Fort Ancient," an account of the great prehistoric earth-work of Warren County, O., by Warren K. Moorehead of the Smithsonian Institution; "A History of the Girty's," the curious record of certain "renegades" of the American revolution, by Willshire Butterfield; and "Monographs of the Kentucky Geological Survey," by John R. Procter, director.

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—Francis Galton, F.R.S., contributes an article entitled "Why do we measure Mankind?" to the February number of *Lippincott's Magazine*. Mr. Galton shows the importance of being measured, weighed, and otherwise tested, according to the modern method, by a competent examiner, and especially the importance of applying this system of measurements to young people, in order to determine their capacity and fitness for special pursuits. Another timely article, "The Salon Idea in New York," is contributed by C. H. Crandall. The author thoroughly believes in the *salon* idea, and holds that the *salon* ought to, and perhaps will, become a great power in our social and political life. The former power and influence of the French *salons* are touched upon, and pictures are given of many charming literary drawing-rooms in New York City.

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—From Providence, R.I., comes a new monthly, the *Board of Trade Journal*, which will publish from month to month the record of the meetings of the Board of Trade, its reports, business statistics of various kinds, and other matter pertaining to the business interests of Providence and vicinity. The numbers that have already appeared are well gotten up, and full of interesting matter.

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