some German writer, but is here given with modifications, each chart consisting of one hundred squares representing the years of the century, while colored sections within the squares indicate the important events. The plan is certainly ingenious; but we must confess to having considerable doubt as to the efficacy of any such contrivances. It may be worth trying, however, and the book is meritorious even apart from the charts.

#### AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

In Lippincott's Magazine for June, Robert Kennaway Douglas has an article upon "The Origin of Chinese Culture and Civilization." Mr. Douglas maintains that the Chinese were not aboriginal in China, but were immigrants into that country from Babylonia.

-Messrs. John Wiley & Sons announce as in preparation "Least Squares," by Professor W. W. Johnson of the United States Naval Academy.

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-Columbia College, in its recent change of administration, has attracted to itself considerable public attention. The New England Magazine, in the coming June number, will contain an illustrated article on this subject by Professor Van Amringe.

- President Seth Low (ex-mayor of Brooklyn), in his article on "The Rights of the Citizen as a User of Public Conveyances," in the June Scribner, says, "The most valuable city franchises in the United States have been parted with, for the most part, for nothing. In Europe they have been largely retained as a source of revenue to the community. If we can find the reason for the facts as they exist here, much light may be thrown on the question of remedy."

-The Chautauquan for June opens with the second of a twopart article on "The Making of Italy," by Edward A. Freeman, the eminent English historian; James A. Harrison, LL.D., of Washington and Lee University, takes "The Archæological Club in Italy" to the end of its journey; Bella H. Stillman continues her studies of "Life in Modern Italy," this time giving a glimpse of the customs of the upper classes; Principal James Donaldson, LL.D., of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, closes his series of articles on "Roman Morals;" a characteristic article on "How to Travel in Italy" is contributed by J. P. Mahaffy, M.A.,

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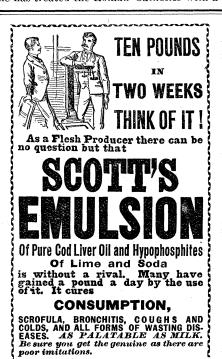
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