

following passage, for instance, in Mr. Harris's work, can hardly be called intelligible: "In the category of ground, or substrate, says Hegel, 'the simple identity of essence is in immediate unity with its absolute negativity.' That is to say: Reflection posits identity and non-identity by relating to itself; its return is a self-repulsion" (p. 333). If our readers can find a meaning in that, they will do better than we can.

As regards method and doctrine, the great blunder of Hegel, as of some other Germans, consists in mistaking mere abstractions of thought for concrete realities, and this blunder is the source of most of their peculiar doctrines. Moreover, the claim put forth by Hegel and his followers, that their philosophy is all deduced from pure thought, without any elements derived from experience, is not in accordance with the facts. The idea of thought itself is derived from experience, and so is that denoted by the word "pure." Then the ideas of being, quantity, quality, relation, and others, which are essential data in Hegel's system, are obviously got by experience; and thus the claim that his philosophy is independent of experience cannot be allowed. Happily, the Hegelian philosophy is already dead in the land of its birth, and is rapidly dying elsewhere; and the feeble attempts of certain Americans to galvanize it into life again are foredoomed to failure.

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

THE word "croup" carries such terror with it, and is applied to so many conditions in infancy, that Dr. W. L. Carr's exhaustive article on "Croup as a Symptom in Different Diseases," in the February number of *Babyhood*, will be read with interest by thousands of young mothers. A hardly less important topic is treated by Dr. William H. Flint in his article on "The Causes of Foul Breath in Childhood," which points out clearly the origin of that annoying condition, and will be found of practical value.

"A Short Talk about Ears," by Dr. W. K. Butler, is another leading medical article. In a lighter vein are contributions on such subjects as "Spoiling a Child," "Baby's Memory," "Nursery Methods in Vienna," etc.

"Across East African Glaciers" is the title Dr. Meyer has given to his account of the first ascent of Mount Kilima Njaro, one of the most important events of recent African exploration. It will be published immediately in this country by Longmans, Green, & Co.

— We have received from the Open Court Publishing Company of Chicago a pamphlet by Alfred Binet, "On Double Consciousness," consisting of articles reprinted from the *Open Court*. The introductory chapter is on the study of experimental psychology in France, in which the author points out that the school to which he himself belongs have devoted themselves in the main to pathological psychology, or the study of the mind in abnormal states. He then takes up the various phenomena observed of late years which appear to him to show that there may be in a given individual a double consciousness, or, as he sometimes expresses it, a double personality. In support of this view, he recounts a number of curious experiments; but the reasoning by which he deduces from them his theory of double personality seems to us very incautious and inconclusive. In particular, he constantly confounds personality with consciousness, — a mistake that could not be made by any person trained in philosophy. M. Binet's experiments will interest those engaged in similar researches, but his theories should be accepted with great caution.

— Mr. Charles F. Cox read a paper before the American Folk-Lore Society in November last on "Faith-Healing in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," which has now been issued as a pamphlet from the De Vinne Press, New York. The object of the paper is to delineate some of the older forms of what is now known as "Christian science," which were far more extravagant

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LANGLEY, E. M., and PHILLIPS, W. S. *The Harpur Euclid*. London, Rivingtons. 515 p. 12°. (New York, Longmans, Green, & Co. \$1.50.)
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U. S. MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE, Annual Report of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the, for the year 1890. Washington, Government. 387 p. 8°.
WHITING, H. *A Short Course of Experiments in Physical Measurement*. Part II. Cambridge, John Wilson & Son. 583 p. 8°.
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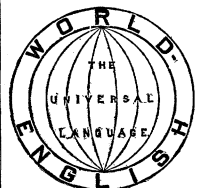
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— A very successful tableau entertainment was recently given in New York, the subjects being taken from illustrations in the current magazines. The idea is a simple one, and if the subjects are well chosen it can be made very interesting. The Century Company has prepared a list of suitable pictures with suggestions for any one who wishes to get up the entertainment. They will send it free on request.

— The course of four lectures on the electro-magnet, delivered before the Society of Arts, London, in February of 1890, by Silvanus P. Thompson, has been published in book form by the W. J. Johnston Company of this city. The volume is published with the direct sanction of the author, who has carefully revised the text; and it is the only authorized American edition. It will of necessity take its place as a standard work in the growing literature of electrical science, containing, as it does, in compact form,

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— Volumes II. and III. of "Open Sesame," edited by Mrs. B. W. Bellamy and Mrs. M. W. Goodwin, have been published by Ginn & Co., completing a useful and valuable series, the first volume of which was mentioned in these columns nearly a year ago. Volume II. is intended for boys and girls between the ages of ten and fourteen, and aims, like Volume I., to at once stimulate and feed the memory, the collection of prose and poetry being well calculated to make children "learn to love, and love to learn" good literature. The same remarks will apply with equal force to Volume III., though the selections in it are intended for children of older growth. The series may be considered a standard collection of poetry and prose for purposes of recitation or reference.

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