

after F. Gerard, one from a bust by Michelet, and one from an engraving by Napier. They have also ready "The Leaf-Collector's Hand-Book," by Charles P. Newhall, which is intended as an aid for students in classifying the leaves described in the author's former volume on "The Trees of North-eastern America," published last fall. A third volume on "The Shrubs of North-eastern America," is in preparation.

—The Century Company will publish George Kennan's "Siberia and the Exile System" this autumn. The book will appear simultaneously in England, France, Germany, and Holland. Unauthorized editions have already been published in Russia, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria, and many of the magazine articles have been reprinted in Italian and Swedish. Five unauthorized German editions have been issued.

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book he says that "the organism and the brain as its highest representation constitute the real personality" (p. 156). Elsewhere he speaks of the "dissolution of personality," and of the "transformation of the ego;" and again, in speaking of a man who is sometimes drunk and sometimes sober, he asks: "Have we not here, as it were, two incomplete and contrary individuals welded together in one common trunk?" Such notions indicate a strange aberration of judgment; and it is certainly not by theories of that sort that mental derangements can be explained.

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