Scribner's Magazine is the result of extended observation, especially in the West and South-west, where Mr. Spears made a journey at the time of the Oklahoma boomer excitement. It is illustrated from photographs made by the auther of some very unique frontier dwellings. There has been a great deal of discussion during late years in regard to shortening college courses, and higher university work. Professor Josiah Royce of Harvard, in an article in the same number on "Present Ideals of American University Life," makes a plea for the raising rather than lowering of the university standard, and sets forth the past and present college methods, showing the lines on which he thinks the great American university of the future should work. In the same issue of the magazine Mr. James Ricalton, writing of the wonderful old ruins of monuments and shrines at Anuradhapura, the City of the Sacred Bo Tree in Ceylon, says : "From the days of the mound builders down to the Eiffel tower, man has shown himself to be a monument-erecting being; the Christians have their cathedrals, the Mohammedans have their mosques, and the Buddhists have their shrine-tombs, designated differently in different countries as pagoda, tope, and dagoba. The pagodas of China are entirely dissimilar to those of Burmah, and the dagobas of Ceylon are quite unlike those in either country; yet all serve the one purpose of relic sepulture. They are not altogether a thing of the past; they are still erected near the temples; but those of modern construction are small and unimportant when compared with those that have withstood biennial monsoons for two thousand years; even their half-buried ruins are stupendous."

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