

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

LOVERS of the camera will read with interest Ellerslie's Wallace's article on "Orthochromatic Films and Plates," in *Outing* for November.

— Some time ago we noticed the first volume of a work entitled "Hermetic Philosophy," and the second volume has now appeared from the press of Lippincott. It purports to be written by "Styx, of the H. B. of L.," and in style and character is a fit companion of its predecessor. It is impossible to give an intelligible idea of the book, for the simple reason that the book itself is not intelligible; but an extract from it will perhaps give our readers some notion of its general character. Speaking of life, the writer says: "A germ of life enters the matrix of its conception as a secondary point in a line of projection, and this line is projected from a paternal fountain of both intelligence and life; and the germ, in order to attain to the freedom of a point, must be stripped of its affiliations with special measurements. When thus liberated, it has simply cast off the physical and resumed its normal psychical habitude. Then in its freedom it may affiliate with the energies which flow in a line, even in those which follow the lunar rays of light; we say in the lunar, because such an entity is yet of a psychical consistency" (p. 86). Elsewhere we read that "we have in us earth, water, air, and fire, which yet are neither earth, water, air, nor fire, nor anything truly" (p. 56);

and in our humble opinion this so-called "hermetic philosophy" is neither philosophy, science, nor religion, nor "anything truly."

—"Higher Education in Indiana" is the title of a monograph by Professor James Albert Woodburn of the Indiana University, published by the government Bureau of Education as Circular of Information No. 1, 1891. It contains an outline of the free common school system of Indiana; a brief account of that State's educational history in the development of its common schools; and a historical account of the origin, growth, and development of Indiana's various institutions for higher education, together with a glance at their present condition. The monograph makes a volume of two hundred pages.

— The October number of the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, which has been delayed for a week or two after its usual date of publication, has made its appearance, with a varied table of contents. Noteworthy among the articles are a paper by Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University of America, on the relation of the Catholic Church to the social questions of the day; another by Professor William Carey Jones of California on the Kaweah Co-operative Colony in that State; and one by Professor Bemis of Vanderbilt University on the action of trades-unions with respect to apprentices. Several writers continue the discus-

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