

the present century the Catholic Church held to the notion that the earth does not move, and shows that certain Protestant sects displayed much less wisdom by clinging to the antiquated delusion even longer. "Rapid Transit" is the subject of the sixth of Carroll D. Wright's Lessons from the Census. It contains much information concerning operating expenses, relative economy of motive powers, growth of mileage, etc. An interesting study of "Involuntary Movements," by Professor Joseph Jastrow, will appear. Experiments have been made in the psychological laboratory of the University of Wisconsin which show the reality and nature of the motions on which "muscle-reading" depends. Professor Jastrow's article is illustrated with tracings of such movements, and with a figure of the simple apparatus employed in taking them. "The Great Earthquake of Port Royal," which took place in 1692, will be described by Colonel A. B. Ellis. This account corrects certain erroneous notions of the occurrence that have long prevailed, and shows that the arrangement of the present town invites a repetition of the catastrophe. The article is illustrated. The last of the articles on musical instruments in the series on the Development of American Industries will be published in the April number. It is by Daniel Spillane, and traces the evolution of the manufacture of "Orchestral Musical Instruments" in America. The article is fully illustrated.

— Charles Scribner's Sons will publish at once Edward Whymper's long-expected book, "Travels Amongst the Great Andes of

the Equator," which was announced last fall, but which they were unable to issue at that time. They have in press a new "Handbook of Great Archæology" (profusely illustrated), dealing with vases, bronzes, gems, painting, sculpture, and architecture, by A. S. Murray, keeper of Greek and Roman antiquities, British Museum. After a long delay Baedeker's "Upper Egypt" has at last been published in English, and is imported by Charles Scribner's Sons. It will be welcomed by all interested in that subject, whether travellers or students.

— Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. have published a book by the theosophist, Mr. A. P. Sinnett, on "The Rationale of Mesmerism." Mr. Sinnett is the author of "Esoteric Buddhism" and other works on theosophy, and in the present volume he professes to account for the phenomena of mesmerism, or hypnotism, on the principles of so-called occultism. He begins by rebuking the physicians and other scientific men for their refusal until very lately to study the phenomena in question or even to admit their existence; and it must be admitted that the rebuke is well deserved. The theories he advances to explain the phenomena are, however, of a very unscientific character. He asserts the existence of a magnetic fluid and also of a third principle in the nature of man, intermediate between the soul and the body, which he calls the "astral" principle; and it is by these imaginary agencies that he attempts to account for mesmerism. He tells us that there is an astral body, which "is quite visible when detached

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March 5.—Fred V. Coville, Conditions affecting the Distribution of Plants in North America; Charles Hallock, The Physiology of a Pocoson; Vernon Bailey, The Homes of Our Mammals; Theo. Holm, The Flora of Nova Zembla.

Entomological Society, Washington.

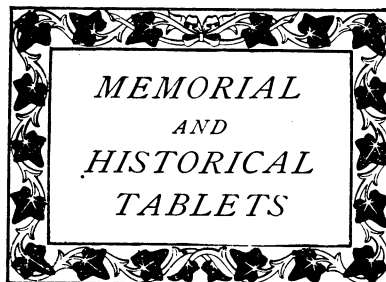
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Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston.

March 9.—Isaac Y. Chubbuck, Up North Tripyramid on Snow Shoes; Percival Lowell, An Ascent of Fuji.

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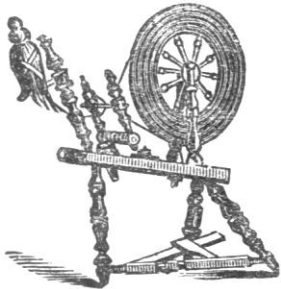
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