

"What the World owes to the Arts of Persia," by S. G. W. Benjamin; "The Written Examination and Good Literature," by Mary E. Burt; "Woman as Scholar," by Katharine Lee Bates; "How to make a Wild Garden," by Mary Treat; "Woman's World in London," by Elizabeth Robbins Pennell; and "How Marriage affects a Woman's Wages or Business," by Lelia Robinson Sawtelle.

—In the first of the steamship articles in the April *Scribner*, John H. Gould says, "From the records kept in the Barge Office in New York City, it appears that ocean travel varies according to the business situation in this country. Following is an exhibit of the number of cabin passengers that arrived at this port during the years between 1881 and 1890, inclusive: 1881, 51,229; 1882, 57,947; 1883, 58,596; 1884, 59,503; 1885, 55,160; 1886, 68,742; 1887, 78,792; 1888, 86,302; 1889, 96,636; 1890, 99,189. From one point of view, at least, these figures are very striking. In 1889 there was a great show in Paris that attracted world-wide attention and interest. In the spring of that year every steamship agent announced to prospective passengers that all vessels would be crowded, and that the volume of passenger traffic between the continents would swamp the capacity of every line. But the figures speak for themselves. Viewing the increase of oceanic travel, it appears that the financial depression of 1884 kept many people at home who otherwise might have crossed the ocean. After that distressing season had passed, travel resumed its nor-

mal condition, and an increase may be noted with each year." Birge Harrison (the American artist, now in Australia) describes a kangaroo-hunt in the same issue. This curious animal has been practically exterminated in the older parts of Australia. The author says, "In some parts of Victoria they formerly outnumbered the sheep as two to one; and old shepherds have told me that it was not an uncommon thing to see the sheep and the kangaroos feeding together upon the plains, as many as two or three thousand kangaroos frequently accompanying a flock of a thousand sheep. Thus it will be seen that a 'station' which, in 1850, could barely graze five thousand sheep, can now be made to carry forty thousand without any danger of overstocking." Professor Thomas Dwight of the Harvard Medical School discusses "What is Right-handedness?" Rev. Willard Parsons, manager of the *Tribune* Fresh-Air Fund, tells the story of its growth and work for fourteen years. From the diaries of Capt. Stockton, United States Navy, and from conversations with him, Robert Gordon Butler tells the story of the remarkable Arctic cruise of the United States steamer "Thetis" in 1889, when she was sent to relieve any vessels of the North Pacific whaling-fleet in distress, to rescue shipwrecked sailors, and to erect a house of refuge at Point Barrow, the northernmost point of Alaska.

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