

"Manual" will find a very large sale both in the United States and Europe.

— An American edition of the Rev. J. B. Lock's "Arithmetic for Schools," edited and arranged by Charlotte A. Scott of Bryn Mawr College, has been issued by Macmillan & Co. In this work Mr. Lock has aimed to avoid novelty in method or in arrangement, though it differs in some respects from other works on the same subject. Rules, for instance, are to a great extent entirely omitted, specimen examples fully worked out being given instead, the theory, concisely stated, being set forth in large type, and the illustrations and explanations in smaller type. The examples are numerous and well graded.

— The August *Magazine of American History* is a rich midsummer number. It opens with the first part of an article on "The Spartans of Paris," by General Meredith Read, illustrated with portraits of literary celebrities of France. A picture of the editor and author, M. Arsène Houssaye, forms the frontispiece to the number. "The Fifteenth State," by John L. Heaton, gives information in relation to the settlement of Kentucky, showing how the mountain barriers were passed, and that a race-course was established in 1775, so early that one man was shot by Indians while speeding his horse upon it. "The Beginnings of the City of St. Joseph," by Judge William A. Wood, is an account of the founding of that city less than half a century ago. It contains an amusing picture of the first post-office there, in 1841, which was

an old hat. The fourth paper of the number, entitled "The Right Reverend Samuel Provoost, first Bishop of New York," by Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, is a study, not only of the varied work of the subject, but of the exciting times in which he lived. "A Character Sketch of Mr. Gladstone," by Hon. J. L. M. Curry, will attract every reader. A paper follows on "Governor Meriwether Lewis," the explorer of the western part of the continent, contributed by General Marcus J. Wright of Washington. Other articles include "The Bewitched Children of Salem, 1692," by Caroline E. Upham; "The Royal Couple of Roumania;" "Archæology in Missouri," by O. W. Collett; and "The Four New York or Senior Regiments of Troops in 1775."

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