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BOOK REVIEWS.

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STORY OF ULYSSES.

This book consists of a series of stories of the fortunes and misfortunes that befell Ulysses in his wanderings for ten years after the capture of Troy. The stories are arranged in a different order from that in the *Odyssey*, and form a most delightful narrative. The author, Agnes Spafford Cook, is an excellent Greek scholar, and has been very successful in making the deeper meanings of this great poem shine through these stories of the trials of the wisest of Greek heroes in his struggle against the efforts of the gods to prevent him from returning to his native land.

The book is well illustrated and attractively bound in cloth. Price, 50 cents.

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"Pierre and His Poodle," by Elizabeth W. Champney, is a prettily illustrated, bright little story of a little French boy and his master's poodle. Pierre, in his attempts to find Popotte, the runaway poodle, has many adventures, strange and fascinating. He finally recovers the dog, and the story winds up with happy futures in prospect for the hero and heroine and their friends. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

LETTERS FROM OUR YOUNG FRIENDS.

Editor of "Great Round World."

Dear sir:—Being advised that *the great round world* was a very interesting and useful paper for use in the schoolroom, I have for several weeks been a subscriber for your magazine. It is needless to say that my pupils as well as myself have found the articles contained therein very interesting.

In your issue of November 4th I notice that there were printed several letters from a school in Foxboro, Mass.

As my pupils are interested in letter-writing, I think it would be a great incentive toward the accomplishment of good work in that direction if they may be allowed to write a batch of letters to the editor of *the great round world*, with the hope that one or two of the best of them will be printed in your paper. Hoping that you will give the letters, which I herewith enclose, your gracious attention, I am

Very truly yours,
Harriet B. Raymond.
Westport, Conn., November 11th, 1897.

DEAR MADAM:

We are only too happy to comply with your very pleasant request. It is our desire to be of service to our readers, and if the fact of writing to us will help them in their studies we shall be only too delighted to have them write to us as often as they feel inclined.

Pray tell them that we will take pleasure in answering every good letter that we receive.
Editor.

We take pleasure in publishing the two following letters from our little friends in Poplar Plains.



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All the letters were interesting, and showed that the young readers had studied *the great round world* very carefully. We would have been delighted to publish them all, but space forbade. *Editor.*

Dear editor:

Your paper is so very interesting that the teacher reads to us some of the stories, one of which I liked very much. It was about the forest fires, and we were very anxious to have the next paper come. Some of the other scholars of my school are going to write and tell you what they think is the best story. Good-by,

Your friend,

Edna R.C.

Westport, Conn., November 12th, 1897.

Dear editor:

My teacher has been reading some very interesting articles from your paper, *the great round world*. I think the most interesting articles were about the forest fires, the Klondike regions, and about the large and useful bicycles, and about the great wars that are going on now. I think you are very kind in sending your paper to the people.

Your friend,

Ida B.K.

Westport, Conn., November 12th, 1897.

Dear editor:

I am very much interested about Cuba and all the wars that are going on, also about Klondike.

I wish you would write something about the mines in Mexico, because my father has gone down there to some mines.

Yours truly,

W.E.W.

Ogdensburg, November 14th, 1897.

DEAR YOUNG FRIEND:

Many thanks for your kind letter.

We will be glad to chat with you about the mines in Mexico as soon as we can find space.

The great round world is a newspaper. We try to tell you week by week of the important events that have been happening in the world. We have therefore but little room in our pages for any stories that are not closely connected with some recent event.

To give you pleasure we will endeavor to make room in the earliest number possible.

In the mean while, will you not send us an account of the mine to which your father has gone? He has probably written home to you and told you some interesting things which we should all like to know. Won't you write us another letter, giving us your father's account of the mine he has gone to?

Editor.

INVENTION AND DISCOVERY.

Pocket-knife.—Here is an excellent thing in pocket-knives.

Attached to the handle is a revolving plate which, when the knife is opened, turns round and catches the blade firmly, making it impossible for it to close and holding it absolutely rigid.

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So many accidents have occurred through the slipping of the pocket-knife that it seems strange such a simple device as this should not have been thought of before.

[Illustration: Pocket-knife]

We are aware that there have been several knives made with springs to hold the blade firmly when open, but these have all been large and clumsy knives, whereas the one illustrated is really what it pretends to be—a pocket-knife.

G.H.R.