

San and Rain. A young wife stood at a lattice pane. In a study sad and brown. Watching the dreary, ceaseless rain, Steadily pouring down—

LITERARY GOSSIP. The Scientific American predicts that, in less than twenty years illustrations will be as common a feature of daily papers as market reports are now.

The acts of the Ecumenical Council are to be commemorated in a history, which is to be published in six magnificent folio volumes, in a most luxurious style.

An elaborate poem by George Eliot is to appear in the April number of Macmillan's Magazine. It will be looked for with interest—but it is a great pity she does not keep to her novels.

There is some talk in London of starting a great international financial paper. The capital is fixed at £250,000, half of which is said to have been already subscribed.

The best thing in the first number of the new comic paper, Punchinello, is this: "Let Stone of the Journal of Commerce, Wood of the News, Marble of the World and Brick of the Democrat put their heads together and make a new conglomerate pavement."

All of John Stuart Mill's writings have been translated and published in Russia, except his essays on "Liberty" and on "Utilitarianism," and we learn that governmental permission has at last been granted for the publication of these.

Nearly one-third of the books published in England go through two or more editions. The remaining two-thirds are largely composed of purely ephemeral literature, such as pamphlets, sermons, nursery-tales and the like—works that either enjoy a very limited sale or none at all.

Speaking of The Holy Grail, the London Examiner says: "Mr. Tennyson is distinctive in the poet of sadness; and his present poem is the very saddest thing he has ever written. The Holy Grail might have been called the History of an Enthusiasm by a sympathetic unbeliever."

On the first appearance of "Paradise Lost," now considered a gem of the purest water, Waller wrote concerning it: "The old blind schoolmaster, John Milton, hath published a tedious poem on the fall of man; if its length be not considered a merit, it has no other."

The number of Every Saturday for April, to be published next week, will contain the opening chapters of Dickens's new story, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," the first long work from his pen since 1864. It is to be printed here from advance sheets, simultaneous with the publication in London, and will be accompanied by all the original illustrations from the designs by Mr. S. L. Fildes.

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