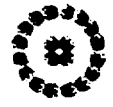


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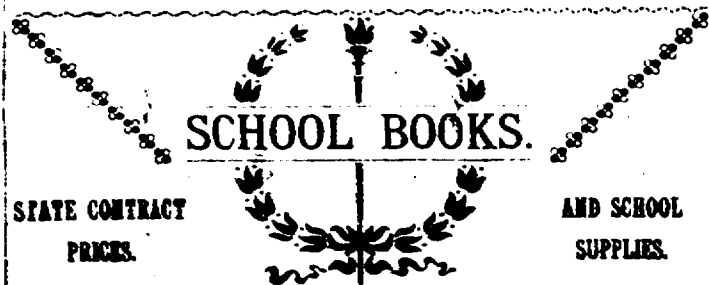
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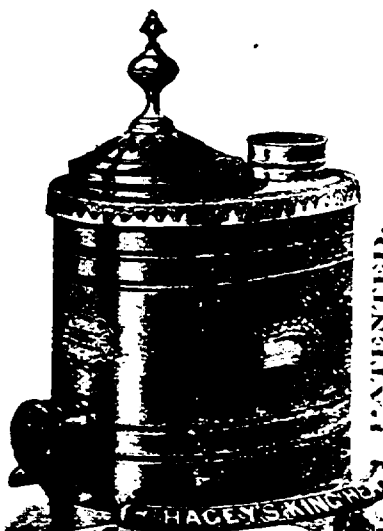
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Her kiddy-wink, her piggle-wig, her bonnie baby girl.
Her idol and her sugar-lump, her precious little pearl.
Her jewel, and her treasure love, her life and her sun.
Her star, her beauty, and her prize, her ownest little one.
Her joy, her pride, her golden-head, her rose, her blue-eyed doll.
Her sweetheart and her mocking-bird, her lamb, her parrot-poll.
Her girlish pearl, her dove, her honey, piggy-pig.
Her music-box, her sweet bon-bon, her pretty shiny eye.
Her mother, daughter, friend, her very own.

and narrowness that has not equaled in the United States since Longfellow's "Launching of the Ship" was turned down by a school committee in Brooklyn. We have the authority of the Philadelphia North American for the surprising—and we may as well say disgusting—announcement that the so-called educators "who have looked over the list of books selected by the faculty of the Girl's High School for the French course, have pounced down on 'Les Miserables' as 'improper' and 'perfectly shocking.'"

What will come next? Shall we have Shakespeare eliminated from the list of authors whose works are to be studied by students of English literature? The man or woman who would exclude Hugo's masterpiece and yet admit Shakespeare on moral grounds—on grounds of decency and propriety—would exhibit infantile capacity as a censor. "Les Miserables" ranks second to no prose fiction ever written. It is an immense storehouse of vast and varied knowledge. The best resources of one of the greatest minds of his own or any past time were drawn upon for a work that has no rival. No other work of fiction is so enriched by facts. It contains many chapters, each of which is an incomparable classic. There is more of education in the description of the sewers than can be found in a hundred of the popular novels of the day; and the young person who fails to read the account of Waterloo misses one of the grandest literary feasts ever prepared.

We wonder if Washington Irving has been tabooed by these Philadelphia prudes. Have they waded through his works with expanded nostrils ready to detect bad odors? If so, they must have encountered sentences more objectionable than anything in "Les Miserables." And yet no man ever wrote, and no more wholesome books were ever written. All the masters, with only few and far apart exceptions, must be turned down if prudery and mock modesty are to decide what books the school girls are to read.
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The "Grub street tradition" was knocked in the head long ago, but the Pall Mall Gazette has completely demolished it by showing that writers are among the best paid workers. Indeed the "literary aristocracy" is becoming a sort of plutocracy, whose members, instead of lurking through the side lanes in fear of creditors or "standing behind the screen" at the publisher's house, are in high consideration at the banks.

Tennyson received \$30,000 for "The Holy Grail." During the last few years of his life Macmillan & Co. paid him \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year. For "The Revenge" alone the Nineteenth Century gave him \$1,600. Dickens left \$500,000; Lord Lytton, \$400,000; Mrs. Henry Wood, \$180,000; Mrs. Dinah Craik, \$85,000. Victor Hugo left property in England alone valued at \$451,000.

But the novelists of the present day enjoy golden harvest unknown to their predecessors. For example, Mrs. Humphry Ward, who has been writing for only ten years, has produced very few books but has earned \$300,000. She recently \$80,000 for "Marcella" and George du Maurier received \$40,000 for "The Martian." On two "The Boony Brier Bush" and "Auld Lang Syne"—Ian Maclaren has ever known, was a Frenchman by nativity. Stephen Girard, who gave for education three millions of

