

THE WILDERNESS CURE. By Marc Cook. New York: William Wood & Co.

The curative value of out-door life in the Adirondacks in incipient consumption of the lungs was demonstrated in the writer's case twenty-five years before Mr. Cook set up "Camp Lou." Taken soon enough by one who thoroughly enjoys wood ranging, the wilderness cure is very likely to be a sure cure. But to the vast majority of consumptives the wilderness is the worst possible resort. All the advantages attending tent life in the wilderness—and they are many—can usually be secured within an hour's ride of home, often within a stone's throw, with none of the risks or discomforts entailed by banishment from home and civilization.

SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES EXPLAINED. By Alexander Watts. Edinburgh and London: W. & A. K. Johnston. 12mo, pp. 203. 2s. 6d.

It is hard to estimate the utility of a book like this. The descriptions given of the more important applications of science to manufactures are correct, and clear enough to such as are fairly well versed in chemistry. But they are too brief to satisfy such readers, while to the unscientific the style is too technical on the whole to be easily intelligible. Still it may prove a handy reference book to those of liberal education, so-called, whose studies have not embraced much of industrial chemistry and whose library is small.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. By Francis Campin, C.E. London: Crosby, Lockwood & Co. 2s. 6d.

No. 223 of Weale's Rudimentary Series; substantially an abridgment of Mr. Campin's large treatise on practical engineering, with some additions and substitutions of recent matter.

THE GAS AND WATER COMPANIES' DIRECTORY, 1881. Edited by Charles W. Hastings, London.

This, the fifth issue of the directory, shows a great improvement in form, and the editor thinks also in fullness and accuracy. It furnishes classified lists of the gas companies of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, and the more important companies of Europe, Asia, and Australia, with statements of capital, officers, etc., etc. The water companies of Great Britain are similarly represented.

GAS WORKS STATISTICS, 1881. London: Charles W. Hastings.

The third annual issue of Mr. Hastings' useful compendium of British gas works statistics. Returns are given from 726 towns, showing tons of coal carbonized, make of gas, illuminating power of gas, price per thousand feet, price paid for public lamps, dividends, etc.

PAPERS READ BEFORE THE PI ETA SOCIETY, RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, N. Y. Vol. II. No. 2. 1881.

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PAPERS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA American Series, II. By A. F. Bandelier. Boston: A. Williams & Co. 8vo, pp. 133.

The initial publication of the American series embraces two papers: 1. Historical introduction to studies among the sedentary Indians of New Mexico; 2. Report on the ruins of the Pueblo of Pecos. In the first paper Mr. Bandelier gives a critical review of the historical references to the seven cities, caves, or ravines, and their inhabitants; and in the second he recounts his observations among the aboriginal ruins in the valley of the Pecos. He does not attach to the Montezuma tale any historical importance whatever—not even a traditional value.

HAND BOOK OF PRACTICAL LANDSCAPE GARDENING. By F. R. Elliott. Rochester: D. M. Dewey. 8vo, cloth, pp. 96.

A second and improved edition of Mr. Elliott's practical hand book. A brief chapter on the principles of landscape gardening and the treatment of ornamental plants is followed by condensed descriptions of the principal trees and shrubs available for decorative purposes, shade, hedges, screens, etc. Then are given a dozen or more designs for lots and grounds, from a city lot in size to a 40 acre plot, each plan being drawn to scale, with specific directions for the planting of each tree and shrub. Several colored illustrations of trees and flowers serve to embellish the book, which can hardly fail to be useful to householders of moderate means who wish to make the most of their opportunities.

MODERN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS AND DETAILS. In ten parts. New York: William T. Comstock. \$1 a part.

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