there was not any Norman architecture at Glastonbury in 845, nor do we think that the habit of a Benedictine nun in those days was white.

At War with Pontiac. By KIRK MUNROE.—This is a capital story of Indian warfare in America. The hero passes successfully through some thrilling adventures, being protected by a tattoo mark of the Bear Totem. He finally marries the daughter of Pontiac, the great chief, she being an eighteenth-century Pocahontas, but, luckier than her prototype, she lives happily with the man whose life she saved.

The Tiger of Mysore. By G. A. HENTY.—Any book about India ought to be interesting to English boys, and doubly so when written by such a good story-teller as Mr. Henty. "The Tiger of Mysore" is a tale of the times of Tippoo Saib; the adventures of Dick Holland in the attempt to rescue his father—an enthralling scene with the Tiger in the harem—and the escape from the hill fort being two episodes which stand out among a number of others.

Mr. T. Fisher Unwin sends us:

Dog Stories from the "Spectator." With an Introduction by J. ST. LOE STRACHEY.—This volume consists of selections from the correspondence columns of the *Spectator* descriptive of the intelligence, reasoning power, and sympathy of dogs. The selections are both good and interesting. All of us are fond of animals, boys and girls especially so, we are glad to say, for there is nothing more natural, wholesome, or beneficial than the cultivation of the humane and sympathetic sides of our natures. All who have read the letters that have appeared from time to time in our contemporary will be glad to renew their acquaintance with them in a collected form, and those who have not done so will peruse this volume with a fresh and lively interest.

Among the Gnomes. By FRANCIS HARTMANN, M.D.—The book is a far-off following of Peacock's satires, and though well done in places is, on the whole, heavy.

The Chain of Gold, by STANDISH O'GRADY, is an admirable tale of the adventures of two boys on the wild west coast of Ireland. The shifts to which the castaways are put and their ingenuity in overcoming them are vividly told, and the slight admixture of the supernatural in the story is quite in keeping with the Celtic spirit.

Stories for Ten-Year-Olds. By FRANCIS WILCE SAUNDERS. Series I. London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co. 1895, 2s. 6d.—We think these little sketches and stories are better suited to those who are over than under ten years of age. Many of them are no doubt clever and suggestive, but to be fully appreciated they seem to us to require a sense of humour and a power of reading between the lines which boys and girls often do not possess, and the style and language are not sufficiently clear, simple, and direct.

DECEMBER JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES.

The Medical Chronicle.—Dr. D. J. Leech contributes his paper on "Our Forefathers" which was read at the opening session of the Yorkshire Medical College on Oct. 1st, 1895, and an abstract of which was printed in our issue of Oct. 5th. Dr. Kelynack publishes an interesting series of cases showing the Connexion between Alcoholic Neuritis and Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Mr. E. H. Howlett contributes Notes of a Case of Tetanus following a Gunshot Wound successfully treated with Tetanus Antitoxin.

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences.—Among the many good papers in this periodical are Dr. William Osler's dealing with the Visceral Complications of Exudative Erythema, and Dr. R. T. Hall's upon Craniotomy for

Epilepsy. Dr. Louis Starr gives a series of cases of Scurvy occurring in children fed upon sterilised milk.

The Practitioner.—Dr. R. T. Hewlett has an admirable paper upon Antitoxin Treatment.

New Inventions.

A BASIN ENEMA CLIP.

MESSRS. REYNOLDS AND BRANSON, 13, Briggate, Leeds, have sent us an ingenious and useful little appliance, one which will be a real convenience to medical men and nurses. The clip will hold the tail of any enema syringe firmly at the bottom of the basin, beneath the liquid, making the entrance of air impossible. It also has another very great

advantage in acting as a rest for the bone rectal (or vaginal) pipe after the enema has been used, and so avoiding the wetting of bed linen or making a mess on the floor or table. The illustration shows the clip at one-third its size. The price is 6d. (post-free 7d.), or 5s. per dozen.

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Messrs. Krohne and Co., of Duke-street, Manchester-square, for the great trouble they have taken in working out the idea.

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