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this is not the case with all; the pictures of a "corn shocker" (p. 292), a "corn husker and shredder" (p. 295), a "basting machine" (p. 364), and others convey practically nothing to readers who have not seen the actual machines. On the other hand, the picture of a "combined harvester and thrasher" (p. 287) condenses in half a page all and more than could be written in a chapter. Wheat fields stretch to the horizon, and across them twenty-four horses drag a bulk of complex machinery which dwarfs the figures of the men who guide it.

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L'Industrie Américaine. By ACHILLE VIALATE. (Paris : Alcan. Pp. 492. 10 frs.)

M. VIALATE has written a lucid and well-informed summary of industrial tendencies in the United States. The book is based largely on works which are familiar already to English students, but the general reader will be well advised to borrow from France this excellent condensation. The author has spent some time in the United States, and can check and illustrate his authorities by personal knowledge and observation.

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Essays in Municipal Administration. By J. A. FAIRLIE. (New York : The Macmillan Company, 1908. Pp. 374.)

THE value of Prof. Fairlie's work and writings on the subject of administration in general, and municipal administration in particular, is so well known that a perusal of the present volume is likely to leave the reader with a sense of disappointment. It consists of a collection of nineteen essays, written at intervals during the last ten years, and of very different degrees of value. Some are of a purely general character, such as the opening paper on "Some Phases of Municipal Government" and the brief essay on "Instruction in Municipal Government"; others are elaborately detailed accounts of special problems in particular American cities, such as the lengthy paper on "The Street Railway Question in Chicago," which does not appear to have reached a solution at the time the paper was prepared for publication in the present volume, and the shorter article on "Municipal Electric Lighting in Detroit."

A group of essays are stated to present "some observations on municipal government in Europe made during a visit in the