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T. Nelson & Sons publish a strange, semi-scientific...

"Julius Mielelet. It is a well-executed translation from the French...

"We see, after the storm, a small blue spot in the heavens—a happy and serene region which has remained in peace...

"It is the little eagle, first and chief of the winged...

"While his body is scarcely larger than that of the domestic cock, his prodigious pinions are fit to span...

"But when he closes to our way he seriously, all distance vanishes. He breakfasts at the Senegal, he dines in America."

This runs on the strange prose-poetry of the book, which is for the most part written as if the bird alone existed...

But of books, that inexhaustible subject, I must not speak further to-day.

Christmas was celebrated with more than usual interest in the city. It seems, indeed, to be gradually becoming a more valued holiday with us than ever before.

The Christmas services at many of the churches were very imposing. At St. Stephen's, where the best sacred music in New York is to be heard, Mr. Wm. Borge conducted a choir of sixty voices...

Of home literature there is a widely varied supply this year. Scribner & Co. have issued numerous editions of the American Tupper, the irrefragable Timothy Titcomb.

"Kathrina" appears upon large paper, tinted and sumptuously bound; and this latest utterance of the oracle of Springfield is illustrated with seventy cuts "in the highest style of art."

To counterbalance the quality of T. Titcomb's works, the Scribner issue such books as Max Miller's "Chips from a German Workshop," and the reprint of Froese's "Short Studies on Great Subjects."

Another of the "Chefs d'œuvre des Grands Maitres," reproduced in colors by a new process, are presented in a handsome volume at the price of \$110.

Yesterday was the fifth stormy New Year's day in succession. Five times have New Year's callers had to contend, not with ordinary winter weather, but with storms of peculiar atrocity.

Last year it was a tempest of mingled rain and snow, and streets filled with impassable rivers of mud.

Yesterday a bitter and furious storm of hail raged through all but the last two hours of the day, assailing the panes, piling itself up into great drifts in the streets, and borne upon fierce blasts of wind that almost carried the pedestrian off from his feet.

Successive New Year's storms, however, do not break down the popularity of the day. The welcome given by the fair hostesses of yesterday was doubly cordial, as given to friends who had braved a tempest for their sakes.

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SCHOOL BOOKS, JUST RECEIVED BY H. M. WHITELEY.

Mr. Sumner's Speech.

The following are the closing paragraphs of Senator Sumner's speech on the Alabama question, delivered in the Senate April 13.

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