

Favorite Books.

(Canadian Magazine.)
When a man is asked to name his favourite authors two courses are open to him—he can either refuse or comply. If he has just dined, is smoking and talking about books at the time, he will probably comply without any especial sense of responsibility for his answer. My favorite authors are those who have written the books that I prize most—the books that I keep in my own house to read again if I choose, to store up

until I can partake of them again with zest—in the meanwhile looking upon them from time to time as the farmer on a Sabbath morning lounges in his barnyard and looks upon his fattening steers. My favorite books as they stand in the shelves are as good to look upon as is my favorite picture which I can contemplate gratefully whenever I enter its presence, and their authors—living or dead—own them no more for they are mine. There may be higher art than my picture contains; there may be books lying exposed for sale around the nearest corner that are not only

superior to those I have and prize most, but they might even suit me better, if I knew them well. Yet I do not know them, and of all the millions of books in existence certain ones are my favourites.

Bubonic Plague at Rio Janeiro.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 5.—The bubonic plague has broken out in the city and neighborhood of Sao Paulo.

Health the Mainspring.

The chief essential of success for a young man is what the vast majority of young men think about the least—that is, good health and a sound constitution. That is the first thing: nothing precedes it. In the battle for success that should be a young man's first thought: not his abilities, nor his work, but his health. That is the basis: the cornerstone of all. Abilities cannot bring health, but health may, and generally does, develop ability.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Queenly Gratitude.

A little girl named Moore, whose father is a waterman at Datchet, Windsor, has just received a pleasing Christmas gift from Her Majesty. Going home from school one day last week she picked up a handkerchief near the Queen's carriage entrance to the castle in Datcher Road, marked V. R. Her father sent the handkerchief with a letter to the castle, stating the circumstances under which it was found, and yesterday he received from Si

Fleetwood Edwards a cheque for £100 with a letter expressing the Queen's wish that the same might be handed to the child as a Christmas present from her Majesty.—London Leader.

Editor Goes to Jail.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Sigmund Meißner, editor of the comic paper Ull, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for offending the Catholic Church in a poem entitled "The Cowardly Act of Reues."

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