

volume, even if small, is still worth the while. A useful section is appended, defining the terms of nautical astronomy concisely; also, a very few serviceable tables.

*Touring Alaska and the Yellowstone.* By Charles M. Taylor, jr. Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co. 1901. 8vo, pp. 338. 11s.

This book is the consequence of a journey over the Canadian Pacific Railway from Montreal to Puget Sound, thence over the usual Alaskan tourist steamer route, including a side trip to Lake Bennett over the Yukon and White Pass Railway, and eastward again over the Northern Pacific to the Yellowstone Park. It is neatly printed, with a number of "process" illustrations from photographs taken by the author, many of which repeat very familiar scenes common to numerous publications

on the region, while a minority, less hackneyed, are more interesting. The text contains not so much a description of the scenes visited, or an account of the details of the journey, as a record of the author's emotions, with streaks of platitudinous moralizing. This, doubtless, has an interest for the author's family and friends, but why it should have been offered to the public in so pretentious a form we cannot imagine. Such a record bears to a real work of travel or recital of experience by a writer of taste very much such a relation as the verses of Martin Farquhar Tupper do to those of a real poet. Yet we remember that Tupper attained a wide popularity, and doubtless for readers who like this sort of thing it is just the kind of thing that they will like. At any rate, it cannot properly be regarded as literature, as a contribution to geographic science, or even as a compilation of useful facts.

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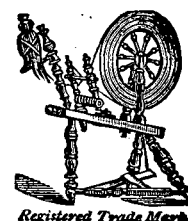
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