ranche; by perusing in the *Fortnightly* for April, Mr. John Baumann's very truthful and very graphic account of his adventures in that capacity, in which, as we happen to know from private testimony, the discomforts are rather under than overstated, and where as we also have reason to believe there are now seldom the big profits to be made which once consoled the adventurer for his hardships. And if the reader wants to know what the big ocean steamships really are on which Captain Samuels looks with all the contempt of an old tar he has only to turn to the article on the subject in *Scribner's* for May, entitled "The Development of the Steamship," by Commander Chadwick of our navy, one of the most beautifully illustrated papers we have ever seen in a magazine.

This and the previous number of *Scribner's* contain extremely interesting unpublished letters of Thackeray.

To those who take an interest in European politics may be recommended the paper on Austria-Hungary, in the *Fortnightly* for April, and the paper on England and Europe, by Professor Dicey, in the *Nineteenth Century*; while those who are fond of the study of mythology may read the paper entitled Demeter and the Pig, by that accomplished student of the subject, Andrew Lang.

The current number of the *Nation* has a notice of "Celebrities of the Century," just published by Cassell. We can corroborate the *Nation's* favorable notice. It is a capital book of reference, for information respecting all persons, whether living or dead, who have distinguished themselves during the nineteenth century, and about whom, especially if still living, information is sometimes so difficult to find. It is a better book than "Men of the Times," and is not, like that, confined to the living. w. P. A.

They call it the Interrupt State Commerce Bill in Chicago.

Rider Haggard, they say, has plagiarized,
And stolen descriptions and plots,
And made up his novels from other men's brains,
And stolen the best of their thoughts.
But the voice of his readers is heard everywhere
In loud and resistless encore:
"Please give us the plagiarized novel again,
Mr. Haggard; pray steal us some more." — Ex.

IN connection with the 'Cycling Club, the Athletic Club held a very successful meeting at Lynn, last Saturday. The track was heavy, and a cold east wind blew across the field, but, nevertheless, four of the Institute records were broken.

At 2.30 P. M. the first event, the two-mile bicycle race, was started. This race was run in heats. The entries were: J. P. Heywood, '90, C. H. Warner, '89, A. L. Davis, '89, and E. S. Hutchins, '89. Warner won in 6 min. 40$\frac{1}{2}$ sec., breaking the Tech. record made on the Union grounds by 1 min. 15 sec. Heywood was second, in 6 min. 56$\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and Hutchins third, in 7 min. 1 sec.

In the hundred-yards dash but two contestants appeared,—Fuller, '88, and Bulkley, '89. Fuller won in 11$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Next came the mile run. The entries were: Roper, '88, Ellis, '88, and Williams, '89. Ellis and Williams dropped out, and Roper won in 5 min. 7$\frac{1}{2}$ sec., breaking the former record of 5 min. 24 sec.

One-Mile Bicycle Race.—The entries were: Warner, '89, Williston, '89, Hadley, '89, Hutchins, '89, Heywood, '90. Williston led until the last lap, when Warner and Hutchins both passed him, Warner winning in 3 min. 16$\frac{2}{3}$ sec. Hutchins was a second behind, with Williston third.

Quarter-Mile Run.—Holmes, '87, and Dame, '89, were entered for this event. Dame led until close to the finish, when he fell, and Holmes passed him, winning in 1 min. 1$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Standing Broad Jump.—Wason, '90, was the only entry. He broke the old Institute record by 5 inches, jumping 9 feet 7 inches. This is the second Tech. record which Wason has broken this year.

Half-Mile Run.—Ellis, '88, and Smith, '90, were entered for this. Smith won in 2 min. 20$\frac{3}{5}$ sec., which is three seconds behind the record.

220-Yards Dash.—Entries were: Fuller, '88, and Pierce, '89. Pierce won in 24$\frac{4}{5}$ sec., breaking the old record of 26$\frac{3}{5}$. 