Noticeable Articles.

The January number of the Nineteenth Century has an excellent notice by Frederic Harrison of Professor Bryce's "American Commonwealth,"—the most valuable account, one must conclude, not even excepting the famous work of De Tocqueville, that has ever been given of our institutions. It is a big book—two volumes, in the American edition, of seven hundred solid pages each; but I cannot imagine so valuable a bit of political study as the careful reading of the whole work from beginning to end. Mr. Harrison points out how much more it contains than any work that has preceded it. "He has drawn the portrait of a nation," he says, "by virtue of his being at once an accomplished jurist, an experienced politician, a learned historian, an acute man of the world, and an indefatigable traveler"; and he says well that "mere book knowledge of a constitution is as worthless as a mere paper constitution; and a bare abstract view of political institutions is as delusive as a mere paper constitution; and a bare abstract view of political institutions is as valuable as a bare abstract view of political institutions." The special strength of Mr. Bryce is this: that he has drawn the portrait of a nation, and so several days since, armed with a bit of paper from the secretary, the Lounger hunted up Janitor John, and was escorted forthwith to the little room now raised to the dignity of a sanctum sanctorum.

As you will probably hear much about the sanctum, and also as you will probably never see it, as it is in a queer little place, away up under the roof of Rogers, and the dark and tortuous way thereto is known only to Janitor John, the editors, and the printer's devil, it may be well, perhaps, to describe it to you. Not that one's powers of description are much taxed in picturing a little eight by ten hole, with only one diminutive and oval-shaped window in one corner, and a dingy, black steam-