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Flowers and Ferns and Their Haunts. By Mabel Osgood Wright, with illustrations from photographs by the author and J. Horace McFarland. The MacMillan Co.

THIS is a veritable treasure house of the wild flowers and ferns. From the coming of spring when the fern first breaks the sod, through all the season when the wild flowers parti-color nature's palette, and onward to the aftermath of seed pods and sienna-colored stalks, it illustrates in landscape photography the wild flowers and ferns; and gives the details of them by artistic redrawings. From introduction to indices it is a sterling publication worthy the highest commendation.

The Book of Sport. Edited by William Paten, with twenty-three contributors and upwards of three hundred illustrations. Edition limited. J. F. Taylor & Co.

MECHANICALLY this is a very handsome book—the most ornate to have been published, with wide margins, clear large type and a profusion of very attractive and well chosen illustrations, many of them especially taken. The volume touches upon golf for men and women; court tennis, racquets, fives and squash tennis; polo; fox and drag hunting; coaching; automobiling; lawn-tennis and yachting. The feature of the book is its illustrations, but next to that in importance is the editor's choice of a practical player as the author of every chapter. But unfortunately the authors have worked on individual lines with no apparent regard for the volume as a completed whole; thus some of them touch upon the game's history, others are critical, and others again deal almost entirely with personalities. So it is that because of such haphazard untutored compilation, the book becomes largely a volume of personalities and opinionated papers, which, however interesting to the few concerned, interrupt its taking place with the literature of sport. It is a genuine regret that the permanent value of so handsome a book should have been lessened by incompleteness and the local and more or less ephemeral character of its articles.

There are some papers in the book which are both important and good reading, notably that on Polo in America, by John E. Cowdin; Automobiles and Automobiling, by Albert C. Bostwick; The Theory of Play in Modern Lawn-Tennis, by Malcolm D. Whitman; Coaching, by Oliver H. P. Belmont. Miss Underhill, one time champion, has a lengthy history of the American woman's golf, but a strange omission from the book is anything

concerning women in lawn-tennis at which they have done very much more worth writing about.

As a portrait gallery of the wealthy patrons and the prominent players of the games included in the book, the volume is the completest and best looking thing yet to have been published.

The Home Life of Wild Birds. A new method of the study and photography of birds. By Francis Hobart Herrick, with 141 original photographs from nature by the author. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

MR. HERRICK has gone to nature, the fountain head, for his home life of birds. Availing himself of the well-known maternal instinct which impels the parent birds to follow a removed nest, he has taken the latter to an open space where, concealed inside his photographic tent, he has recorded on the photographic film every detail from hour to hour and day to day of the nest life of the family. The result is such a pictorial record as bird lovers have never before had. The observations were made mainly in central New Hampshire, but the principle is capable of indefinite extension.

The Lovers of the Woods. By William H. Boardman. McClure, Philips & Co.

THERE is much woodcraft of a good class, given in this story of an invalid entrusted to an Adirondack guide; and the charm of the book is the unpretentiousness of the author, who gives of his knowledge in a very informal way. It is entertaining as well as instructive.

Everyday Birds. Elementary Studies. By Bradford Torrey, with twelve illustrations in colors after Audubon, and two from photographs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

THROUGH the woods with spy-glass and note-book Mr. Torrey has wandered from boyhood, and he tells other boys, young and old, where to find and how to recognize everyday birds. The text is materially supplemented by colored plates after Audubon.

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Tenth Island. An account of Newfoundland. By Beckles Wilson.

M. F. Mansfield & Co., N. Y.

The Joys of Sport. By W. Y. Stevenson. Illustrated by G. R. Brill.

Henry Altemus Co., Phila.

The Cruise of the Petrel. A story of 1812. By T. Jenkins Hams.

McClure, Phillips & Co., N.Y.

A stirring story of sea adventure, told in a breezy way, and sure to interest boys.