

scarcely a day old can do easily a great deal that he himself, whatever his physical powers may be, could not possibly perform, however 'hot' he made himself. There is no question of using either a bow- or a spindle-drill, nor is there anything to lead us to suppose that Hermes held the *storeus* with his feet or in a vice. Of course, if the reading of Messrs. S. and A. which makes him hold it in hand be approved, the case is different. I dissented from that view, as, it is evident, does Mr. C.

Of my 'notions upon the process of producing fire by a fire-stick' he is not qualified to speak. They have never been stated for the simple reason that such a statement, like that made by Mr. C. himself, could be of no possible use for the purpose in view.

If he supposes that *σιδήρω* is a reading introduced by me or for which I have some responsibility, he is again in error. It comes, 'absurd' or not, from the tradition. I stated the only possible translation of *ἐνιάλλε* (or *ἐνύλλε*) *σιδήρω*, and went on to suggest that the word might be a later perversion, a needless metrical correc-

tion, of *σπορή*. Hermann feeling the same difficulty proposed *σιδέλω*.
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ANIMALS IN ROME.

MR. GEORGE JENNISON, F.Z.S., writes from the Zoological Gardens, Bellevue, Manchester, to ask whether any reader can quote a price, actual or comparative, made for a wild animal in or for Rome or the Roman Empire. The only reference he can find is in Apuleius, where a tip of ten aurei was given to the servants who brought the 'bear.'

THE PRICE OF FOREIGN BOOKS.

MR. F. T. RICKARDS writes from 25, Corfton Road, Ealing, W. 5, to ask whether readers can tell him how to obtain foreign books at prices corresponding to the rate of exchange. We have no doubt that many booksellers are now aware that the best policy is to allow readers the benefit of the abnormal exchanges, but we mention, *honoris causa*, the firm of Birrell and Garnett, Gerrard Street, W.C., in this matter.

SUMMARIES OF PERIODICALS

CLASSICAL WEEKLY (NEW YORK).

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HISTORY.—May 22. Marion E. Park, *The Plebs in Cicero's Day* (T. A. Miller). Highly praised, in contrast to the majority of doctorate theses, as a sound and readable treatise on the origin and employment of the lower classes.

LITERATURE.—Apr. 24. Eleanor S. Duckett, *Hellenistic Influence on the Aeneid* (Gertrude Hirst). The first of a series of Smith College classical studies. 'A useful assemblage of material.'—May 8. J. A. K. Thomson, *Greeks and Barbarians* (G. B. Gulick). Praised as fresh and stimulating.

METRIC.—May 15. U. von Wilamowitz-Moellendorff, *Griechische Verskunst* (L. H. Baker). 'The importance of the work cannot be overestimated; but it would have been better to begin all over again and build a new system of metrical science.' Reviewer distrusts mere metrical analysis, and pleads for a recognition of the emotional appeal of Greek lyrics.

The issues for April 17, May 1, and May 8 contain lists of articles (some of them important) on classical subjects in non-classical periodicals.

LE MUSÉE BELGE.

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ARCHAEOLOGY.—J. P. Walzing summarises F. Quilling's *Die Jupiter-Säule des Samus und Severus: das Denkmal in Mainz*. This is an account of the sculptured column discovered in fragments at Mainz in 1904, originally erected in the reign of Nero by the

canabarii of the camp there.—A letter from M. C. Ténékidès gives an account of excavations at sites in Ionia, chiefly Nysa and Clazomenae.

AUTHORS.—*Horace*: J. Hardy argues for 'pavidus futuri' in *Ars Poet.* 172.—*Minucius Felix*: J. P. Walzing discusses again the priority of Minucius and Tertullian, and argues that it is T. who has borrowed from M., as he borrowed from all the Greek Apologetic writers of the second century.—*Virgil*: J. Herbeaux argues that in *Eclogue* VIII. 17 and 50 ff. V. is indebted to Meleager.

CULTS.—J. Herbillon discusses the meaning of the title *Λαφρία* given to Artemis.—G. Dossin gives extracts from his dissertation on the cult of Trophonius at Lebadea.

STYLISTIC.—E. Merchie writes on the *Clausula* in Sidonius Apollinaris.

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AUTHORS.—*Arrian*. J. Meunier discusses the sources of the *Ἰνδική* of Arrian, and differs from Müller and from Schwartz in Pauly-Wiss.—*Homer*: A. Delatte analyses with approval E. Drerup's *Homerische Poetik*, 1 Band: *das Homerproblem in der Gegenwart: Prinzipien und Methoden der Homererklärung*.

INSCRIPTIONS.—J. P. Walzing continues his papers on *Latin Inscriptions in Roman Belgium*.

LEXICOGRAPHY.—J. H. Baxter, of Ballantrae, gives two pages of *Corrigenda et Addenda Thesauri Linguae Latinae*.