perambulator idea was not original with Colles, and similar devices had been used long before his time."

Again (page 37) appears the following: "Through the years Colles' nimble mind conceived and devised a number of interesting and useful inventions. One such was the 'solar microscope' . . . . The instrument was actually designed some twenty-five years before this date, however." Such conflicting and contradictory factual information force the reception of this book, as historical reference, with extreme caution.

The picture here depicted is that of a life of dismal failure and frustration, accompanied by so few known facts that Colles appears like a shadowy figure. Far from his being an impractical dreamer, Colles was so practical as to be far ahead of his times, as exemplified by his envisionment of the Erie Canal years ahead of its accomplishment. Western expansion evolved by pioneering and settlement first taking place, was then followed by roads and canals in order to nurture growth and commerce. It remained for the great real estate developers of a much later era to utilize Colles' idea of building roads and canals to induce settlement.

The sparkle, caught by the artist, in the eye of the 70-year-old Colles (frontispiece) controverts the impression here given that he was beaten by his misfortunes. This remarkable man deserves a better biography, and enough positive information exists to accomplish it.

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In his Preface to Volume I, Part IV, Mr. Dornbusch states that the Checklist was planned as a "revision of and supplement to the section on 'Military Organizations' in the third edition of the Bibliography of State Participation in the Civil War." This bibliography, published in 1913 by the Library of the War Department, Washington, D. C., as their "Subject Catalogue No. 6," has been a useful work, but it has been out of print for some time, although it is available now in a reprint edition.
The entire Checklist will cover seventeen Northern states, arranged in parts as follows: I Illinois; II New York; III New England States; IV New Jersey and Pennsylvania; V Indiana and Ohio; and VI Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The seventh section will contain an author index and a title index, where such indexing would be useful. To us in Western Pennsylvania, Part IV, batteries and regiments of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, will be, perhaps, of greater interest.

The Checklist for Pennsylvania and New Jersey should prove a useful tool for historians and scholars in this area. Mr. Dornbusch has followed the arrangement of the 1913 Bibliography, arranging each military unit numerically under the arm of service — Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry. But although the 1913 work listed only these units of service for which publications were known, the present Checklist has recorded all units which were organized, thus increasing its usefulness as a reference work. In addition, the compiler has transferred rosters and compilations from the section named "State Publications" in the earlier work and recorded them under the military unit to which they apply. This factor also makes the Checklist a more usable tool.

Some aspects of the arrangement of units and of entries under units make the Checklist easier to use than the earlier bibliography. Under each unit is given not only the date of organization, but also the date the unit was mustered out and the reference works in which information about the unit can be found. This was not always the case in the 1913 work; for example, none of this information is given for the Third Artillery (Heavy) (152nd Volunteers) in the Bibliography.

There is, of course, information in the Bibliography which is beyond the scope of the Checklist — Regimental Publications & Personal Narratives of the Civil War. But the additional information included, the convenience of arrangement, and the fact that Mr. Dornbusch has located and examined personally every work included in the Checklist, make this revision and supplement a valuable tool for scholars and historians of the American Civil War.

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