GREAT ENGLISH SATIRISTS.

Lecture by Sir Archibald Strong.

There was a good attendance at the lecture given by Sir Archibald Strong on May 29, which was part of a course of extension lectures on "Satire" given in conjunction with the bachelor of arts degree. Sir Archibald Strong said some men were producing satire because they had a gift amounting to a terrible disease, for which no known weapon with force and cunning could be found. The satire was in the line of the overlearned, false thinking of the present day. The scholarly with their "ogres" were the cowards of the second. The Lecture, the direct man, was a real hero, who had done a great deal toward that end. The scholarly and the "ogre" were the people who would become one great whole. (Applause.)

BIRD-CATCHING TREE

Keen interest in the unique botanical phenomenon of the bird-catching tree was created by a referee in an artistic publication, who said, "May 29 to the bird-catching tree.

Dr. Pullinger has written for "The Daily Mirror" a following short description of this tree.

The Pisonia Bronniana or bird-catching tree is an oak of the tropical and subtropical forests.

It belongs to the same order as the bananaringa and the marble of Persia.

It is a plant of great interest, and evidently date back to the occupation of Sir William Morgan, who probably obtained them from New Zealand, where he had mining interests. As far as we know they are the large Pisonia trees in the State.

This tree does catch birds, although they are not allowed to do so in any part of the United States, but they are for ornamental purposes.

The flowers bloom in May, and are green, and soon the long, cylindrical seed pods turn brown and ripen in the sun haze the sapphire shell. There may be hundreds of these pods round the trunk of a single tree, each containing five or six seeds, and as such they are ornamental plants.

The seeds are collected in large bunches and sold in quantity in the United States and Canada, where they are used for making ornamental tree decorations.

Birds, by the way, are very fond of the flowers and are said to be attracted by their fragrance, which is much stronger than that of any other tree.