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"Almost all the wars fought during the past one hundred years, in the four quarters of the earth, have been for a balance of trade which does not exist; and whence comes the importance attributed to that pretended balance of trade?"

SALMON SEASON LONG ENOUGH.

How ardently the Astoria fishing interests are consumed with a desire to see the salmon get up to the headwaters and spawn during the unusually heavy run. Traps were packed so full that the fish staid entwined in the water, with their tails sticking out. Gillnets almost burst under their burdens and horses could hardly haul the seines, so full were they of fish.

THE AGE OF RETIREMENT.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier insists that the statutory retiring age of 64 is entirely too early; that nine-tenths of the Army officers at that age are still, mentally and physically, as capable of efficient service as they were at their lifetime.

"BALANCE OF TRADE."

One would think that enlightened men were done, had long since been done, with the medieval philosophy of "balance of trade." This term has been commonly used to express the difference between the value of exports from and imports into a country.

OPULENT INVALIDS.

The news it has been disseminated from day to day for some time indicates that the great capitals of finance are, as the Kansas City Journal expresses it, "hardly as well as usual."

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eth, that shall be also reap," calculated to soothe his perturbed spirit or cause him to take his legitimate crop of aches and ails philosophically.

MINISTERS' SONS.

The Pacific Churchman quotes a number of names of men of literary distinction who were "ministers' well-trained sons, adding witnesses that ministers' sons are better than fathers.

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THREE STAGE THEMES. My purpose is to add to the recognized number of the fine arts one other, the art of acting—that art which Voltaire spoke of as the most beautiful, the most difficult, the most rare.

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IS MATTER ONLY MOTION? Scientific men seem to think that they are trembling on the verge of a great discovery. This is connected with the ultimate form of matter, and seems to be involving a host of discoveries in relation to vibratory rays, made through the Roentgen ray experiments and the revelations of the properties of the new metal radium.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.—The face of Paris clears or clouds as quickly as April's.

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PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHS.—"My pa's got so much money he don't know how to spend it." "That's nothing. My pa's got so much money that ma can't spend it."

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