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METHODS OF THE MEN WHO CREATED THE GREAT GERMAN EMPIRE ADOPTED IN DETAIL

JAPAN'S extraordinary success of the last decade is the result of a faithful imitation of another wonder fully successful nation.

Germany is Japan's model. Thirty-five years ago, when the Mikado's land began to feel the first thrill of the new life, the counselors of the ruler sought a model which could be followed in the effort for a new and progressive national exist-

Germany, at that time in full flush of the wonderful triumph over the French, a victory that gave the Fatherland on impetus that has carried it forward in leans and bounds, attracted

The German Empire had just been newly formed out of a haerogenous collection of states that hitherto had had little in common, and between whom only discord had reigned. Yet so perfect was the system evolved by the genius of Emperor William, Count von Moltke and Bismarck that the new nation had been able to overwhelm the French, the nation that produced Napoleon, greatest soldier of the century, and which only a few years before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war had emerged a victor in the struggle for the freedom of Italy.

Here was the country whose career Japan wished to emulate. The imitative Orientals made a study of the Fatherland, its government, its insti-tutions, its military and governmental

And so faithful has been the imita-tion that in a few years Japan has emerged from almost barbarity into one of the world's first half dozen

The story of how Japan elected to follow in the footsteps of Germany, was told recently by General Baron Nishi, inspector-General of Military Instruction in the Japanese Army, who has spent many years in Germany studying the military system of the War Lord's domain.

He drew many parallels to prove his Just as Germany had a war of prep-

aration to get ready for the main struggle that was to make or break the nation, so had Japan.
Germany, or that part of it then known

as Prussia, first tested the efficiency of its military system against Austria in 1868, and scored a speedy victory. In this conflict the best military minds of the nation were engaged in a close study of the art of warfare. The strength and weakness of the army was inspected with minutest care. This war meant nothing but preparation for the greater conflict soon to come. And when Germany met France, she was ready for that war because the equipment used against Austria four years before had been developed and prepared, improved and in-

So with Japan. The quarrel with China so with Japan. The quarrel with China afforded a convenient pretext for a struggle that would give data, would enable Oyama and other foremost military authorities to see just how formidable was the military and naval engine they had been building up.

The triumph was quick and complete.

What faults were discovered were remedied in time for the war with Russia. and in that struggle it is well known



FIELD MARSHAL COUNT HELMUTH VON MOLTKE, GERMANY'S GREAT TACTICIAN

of living up to the model, appropriated Corea for its meed of success struggle that resulted in the defeat of

Japan has its Bismarck, too, in the person of a great leader, the Marquis

Bismarck is given the credit of creating Bismarck is given the credit of creating modern Germany. He deserves it. He was both the soldier and the constructive statesman. When he was recalled from St. Petersburg in 1862 to deal with the crisis, he was appointed Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign affairs. His remarkable diplomacy, which successively drew Austria and France into war, made them both look to be in the wrong carned Germany the sympathy

wrong, earned Germany the sympathy of the nations, resulted in great victories of the nations, resulted in great victories and finally in the unity of the German Empire all represented his master system. When the German Empire was proclaimed at Versailles in 1871, the great work of Bismarck appeared to be ended, but he held the reins of power, building up and strengthening Germany at home and abroad till the quarrels with the stubborn William II sent him into retirement.

stand in that struggle it is well known that the giant of the north was caught mapping, and lost to the foe that had been alert.

Germany was ready. France was not. Bo anxious was Bismarck for war in 1850 that the famous forged telegram of Ems was made to afford a pretext for an instant declaration.

Taking a lesson from this subterfuge, the Japs similarly precipitated the struggle with Russia, by attracking the Russian ships at Port Arthur and Chemislpo beships at Port Arthur and Chemis

recognized as one of the foremost of modern statesmen. In 1886 he entered as Premier the re-organized Cabinet of the Mikado, and thereupon inaugurated many of the mod-

MARSHAL OYAMA

MOLTKE

JAPAN'S VON

ern movements whose fruits Nippon is He was the father of the constitution which was promulgated in 1889, and which it is frankly admitted follows closely on the lines of the principles of German

government.
Like Bismarck, Ito was not content to remain statesman purely and simply. When the war with China came in 1884, the Premier took command of a Japanese fleet, and conducted himself with bravery

country got all the better of the new agreement. He was Premier again in 1902, and his voice has been potent in



MARQUIS ITO THE BISMARCK OF JAPAN

was the man of action; von Moltke

the planner. Similarly Japan has a planner in the famous Field Marshal Oyama, under whose ideas were fought the struggle with Rus-sia. It is not denied that at every point of preparedness, provisioning its men and all the tactice that go to carry warfare to a successful struggle, Oyama had out-fought Kuropatkin and all the other faous leaders of the Czar's army.

This was merely another vindication of you Moltke, for the Japanese tactician had studied the war pians of the German down to the smallest policy and merely applied them in a new field.

So in the Colonial policy, Japan recognizes that its own area is too circumscribed for a world power such as it aspires to be "Paragram the characteristics".

be. Therefore, the absorption of And there will be further en-ents, the system in every case being based on the methods used by Ger-

Torn Trousers Graft.

Here is the story of a graft so simple and effective that some enterprising stranger to work should patent it. It was practiced by a New York genlus and had its tryout on the respectable more had its tryout on the respectable upper West Side of this city, says the New York

The originator set out dressed as a workman, his clothes rusty but neatly patched. Arriving in the neighborhood he had decided to work, he stepped into an areaway and, hauling out a knife, slit the right leg of his trousers from the him to knee.

Next he produced a newspaper, spread back." Theater's afire. Gimme my money

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S LETTER OF SURRENDER AT SEDAN FROM THE ORIGINAL PAINTING by ANTON VON

WERNER it out and held it over the siit in his frousers. Leaving the areaway, he hur-along the sidewalk, making apparently a great effort to hold the newspaper in

The wind was blowing and whosver cared to look noticed the man's predica-ment. At the steps of a big house in Seventy-second street he stopped and pre-tended to tle the paper about his leg. By a perhaps not a very strange chance, since the hour was 5:15 P. M., the owner

The grafter greeted the man briefly lifted the newspaper and remarked; "I just had an accident over on Columbus avenue. Truck shoved me against a stake and tore me pants awful. Wonder if you could lend me some safety pins?"

It was successful. From that house
the man carried away not only a readily salable pair of trousers, but a nat and coat as well. A quick trip to a corner saloon to deposit his bundle and the tale

of the torn trouser leg was carried to another house in the block.

An observer with more sheer curlosity than police instinct watched the collection of six bundles from six houses in Seventy-second street before he reluctantly left the window and went in to dinner.

### The Infallible Editor.

"Lafcadlo Hearn, the wonderful writer, worked on newspapers in his youth," said a publisher, "and the ruthless way his stories were changed, cut and butchered was a great woe to his heart.

"In after years Hearn took a malicious joy in collecting stories about editors—editors and their superior and omniscient way with manuscript.

"One of his stories was of an editor to

whom a subscriber said:

"I enjoyed that poem on the three ages of man in today's paper, Mr. Sheers; I enjoyed it immensely. Do you knew, though, I thought that it was originally written the seven ages of man?"

"So it was, sir; so it was, said Editor Sheers pompously. Yes, the extract was originally written the seven ages of man, but I had to cut it down for lack of space."

"Another story concerned a weather report. A reporter, discussing the whom a subscriber said:

report. A reporter, discussing the weather, wrote that Winter still lingered in the lap of Spring.

"The editor, as he read over the ar-ticle, called the reporter up to his desk and told him that he would cut out that sentence about Winter linger-ing in the Spring's lap. He said the idea was good enough and original and all that sort of thing; but it would not do to publish it because the high moral tone of the paper had to be maintained in a town full of high school girls."

## He Kept His Head.

As the Adriatic plowed her way through soft blue Summer seas, a group of tourists in the smoking-room talked of

in Concord. The villain in a Concord melodrama, as he lighted his eigarette,

# AMERICANS TAKING UP DIABOL

1ABOLO, the game which Paris has | pie and inexpensive, although there are | his right arm in the opposite direction to

sorts in America, and for a very good reason—it has been discovered that it is a of celluloid with rubber protectors. These wonderful beauty exercise and flesh reducer. It is not so violent as tennis, nor does it require a court, but it calls for skill, and excessively graceful postures are assumed when the intricacles of the

At the Summer resorts the game has been introduced by returning travelers, who exhibit the novelty on plazzas and entertain their friends with a display of their prowess. In the ballrooms the game is turned into a dance during the afternoons, plane music making an accompani-

will find that the knack of balancing and catching the dancing bobbin demands skill and dexterity. Celerity of movemetn and quickness of judgment are necessary to avoid blunders.

The whole body is admirably exercised oulders are thrown back and forward, the body is bent and turned constantly, the throat is exercised as the eyes follow the spool, and the legs and arms are continually in motion.

Beyond that the sport for some reason or other produces postures far more graceful than tennis. It is the poise of the body rather than jumping or rushing to meet the ball that brings success.

Americans playing on board ship during a trip recently, from Havre report that in six days they managed to reduce their weight, without intending to do so, by from 10 to a dozen pounds, through daily practice with diabolo. This has advertised the sport as a beauty exercise, for the Summer resort woman learns that the restful plasma life tends to add to her flesh to an alarming extent after a week

Like all new games, diabolo is really a very ancient game—"the devil on two sticks." It was revived by two French-men, Rene and Marcel Philippart, who have given exhibitions of their skill at French resorts during the past two sea-

The paraphernalia required is very sim-

players. These are made with bamboo rods and sliken strings, the bobbins being sets cost \$5 or \$6 and will probably stand the wear and tear of continual playing better than the lighter implements.

Each bobbin consists of two celluloid cones finished with protectors at the base and joined in the center, forming a perfectly balanced spool, through the interior of which a spring runs. The two rods or sticks are light in weight and less than two feet in length, united by a slender cord about two yards

The player's object is to balance the spool on the string to set it rapidly, to throw it up into the air and to catch it again, without touching the spool with the hands. Then it is sent up into the air again and the more skilful the player the more frequently will he be able to repeat the performance and the higher

will it sail into the atmosphere.

It can also be played by from two to four persons on a tennis court over a net two yards high. But before a player reaches this stage he must learn to manipulate the bobbin alone. Two beginners can practise together, throwing the spool from one to another

and increasing the distance as they gain skill. Experts can play in this way over a space of 100 feet.

Athletes using the game as a form of training acquire wonderful back strokes and left handed plays. The left handed

player matched against an equally expert right-hand player makes a particularly graceful game. The first movement of the player is to maintain the speel on the spring, causing it to rotate rapidly. When this is accomplished the bobbin is lifted and projected suddenly into the air by sharply separating the wands, thus pulling the string

To catch it as it comes down the player aims at it with the extremity of the right hand stick. The rotation of the spool, which must be rapid in order to preserve

revived in the last couple of years, elaborate sets for the use of grown up its inclination. It must not be sent into is being taken up at the Summer re-

Experts and athletes wear tennis clothes and canvas shoes when playing, but the sport really requires no special uniform. Women can play it in evening dress, and as an after-dinner diversion it promises to be more popular than pingpong or pool at country houses and hotels.

FIG. L

it is excellent. And as a remedy for that practiced in the West Indies. It consists which must be rapid in order to preserve its equilibrium, is obtained by raising and lowering the right arm, the left remaining almost motionless at hip level.

The player must move so that the sticks remain always parallel with the axis of the diabolo. If it inclines to one side the player makes it horizontal by extending

Former Naked Divers Replaced by Men in Armor Who Stay Under Water for Hours.

and a graceful carriage in walking re-As the practice of the game renders the Modern progress equips the pearler with player particularly attractive, which is not the rule with most reduction exercises, it is hardly to be wondered at that diabolo a suit of india rubber, copper breastplate, with leaden weights back and front; hel- is absolutely speculative. One diver met, glass panelled and with telephonic may gather ton after ton of shells has met with favor with women players. attachments; air pipes, life lines and a without securing anything of greater submarine searchlight. Thus equipped the pearl diver may spend six or eight Chicago Record-Herald,
A curious mode of catching turtles is hours at the bottom of the sea, where- gathering. as in olden times three minutes made

PRINCE BISMARCK THE RON CHANCELLOR OF THE

FATHERLAND

rendered firm after a week or two at the

The skilled diabolo player is to be dis tinguished by a clean cut chin, clear, quick eyes and beautiful hands. The waist also grows supple and the hips small, while the ankles and feet are particularly bene-

fited. Large calf development disappears

Although pearls are found in nearly all

Australian hahotis, a kind of barnacie, true pearls are produced only by the pearl oyster or mother of pearl shell. The latter is really the diver's bread and butter. The shells are as big as dinner plates and weigh two pounds when cleaned. They fetch from \$500 to \$750 a ton.

The ancient fisheries were chiefly in the Indian Ocean and Persian Guif. but nowadays the best pearls come from Ceylon and from Australian waters, especially Torres Straits. Pearl fishing in Ceylon is a Government monopoly. In March the fleet starts for the pearling grounds, each vessel with 20 or 30 divers and their assistants. But you will find their headquarters of pearling in the desolate country extending from Exmouth Guif to King

and piracy when a large haul was made

these and similar conditions have passed away, giving place to fleets of luggers paid an annual \$5 license to engage in the trade and the took many thousands of tons of pearl shell; while as to the pearls themselves, the in the person of the master pearlers. How the Last Man Will Live.

Metropolitan Magazine.

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A good day's work is anything more than 200 pairs of shells. The business value than a few seed pearls, while another may take a fortune of a day's

The most famous pearl discovered in Australia of late years is known as the Southern Cross. It consists of a molluses and even in univalves, like the cluster of nine pearls in the shape of Australian hahotis, a kind of barnacle, a cross. This freak of nature was a cross. This freak of nature was picked up at low water on the Lacipede Island by a beachcomber named Clark, who, after burying it for some time

After a day's take of shell has been conveyed ashore the shell opener gets at work at once. The pay of the men strip extending from Exmouth Gulf to King Sound, in Western Australia.

Chinese and Malays as well as tribes of native black fellows are there today, but the old nude divers, the reign of terror and piracy when a large haul was made these and similar conditions have negative.

THE era of naked divers exposed to pearler to work in comfort a hundred set of pearls may be they are invaria-peril from sharks has passed away. fathoms down.

A Good Retort.

"The late Robert Pinkerton, of the great detective agency," said a Chicago detec-tive, "was a religious man, and he liked nothing better than to listen to a good, liberal, intelligent sermon,

"He was once talking to me about the change for the better that has come over American sermons in the past ten os twenty years. He said sermons were gentler than they used to be. They no longer rocked of fire and brimstone. "Once," he said, he heard a famous

evangelist preach in San Francisco. The evangelist shocked his congregation a good deal. He told them that his grandmother had been a good and moral wom-an, but she had never professed religion, and therefore he was confident that at that moment the aged lady was suffering eternal torment.
"A young man rose at this, and with a

look of disgust started for the door. The evangelist pointed an accusing finger at

"There is a young man,' he cried, 'who s also on the downward path.'
"The young man turned. His face was red. But he smiled pleasantly, and in a loud, pleasant voice: "'Is there any message I can take to your grandmother, sir?'"

## How the Last Man Will Live.

while as to the pearls themselves, the in the pearls of the master pearlest. While as to the pearls themselves, the control of the master pearlest. Some exceeded \$500 a month.

The treasury authorities of Western gether perforce and flercely against they receive at the cold that grips them tighter and the cold that grips them tighter. For the world is cooling tighter. For the world is cooling-slowly and inevitably it grows colder There are some thousands of Japanese. Manilamen, Malays and men of other races acting chiefly as crews for the vessels. The vessels are schooner-rigged and from seven to fourteen tons burden. Each carries a master diverand a crew of four, one of whom is the diver's assistant and works the air pumps.

The shells are found on ledges about 30 feet down in the sea, but they are far more plentiful at greater depths. Fortune awaits the inventor of a diving apparatus which will enable the more of matter to matter they are depths. Moreover, no matter how valuable a month passes without the discovery of "teardrops of as the years roll by. "We must imagine these creatures," easys the professor, "in galleries and laboratories deep down in the bowels of the earth. The whole world will be snow covered and piled with ice; all animals, all vegetation vanished, except this last beyond the delicate work of drilling a valuable specimen is invariably done by an oid-fashioned hand apparatus. Moreover, no matter how valuable a make way for the air they need."