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## GERMANY'S MILITARY SYSTEM.

Berlin is the center of the military system of Germany, and consequently it has the general flavor of a camp. You see military everywhere. You enter a cafe for your breakfast, an officer sits opposite you. You go into a beer hall at night, the place is blue, yellow and scarlet with uniforms. They meet you on the street, they make the theaters lurid, you are awakened in the morning by the everlasting drums of a regiment marching somewhere, to do something; you see them guarding almost everything, and, in short, wherever you go it is military.

The military power of Germany may be understood from the following figures: In twenty-four hours, the Kaiser can put 500,000 men into the field, perfectly equipped; in ten days, 750,000; in twenty days, 1,000,000; in thirty-five days, 1,350,000, and after that the entire male population of the Empire between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

Every able-bodied male child has to do service in the regular army for three years, unless his grade at the public schools shortens his term. A certain proficiency at the schools shortens it so that if a boy is sufficiently advanced at graduation, he may escape with one year's service, except going into camp once a year. However, he is regularly enrolled, all the same, and in case of war may be called into service, where he takes his place in whatever rank he went out in. Every male German, rich and poor, is a soldier, and with a perfect knowledge of the latest approved methods of butchering other men. It is a nation of soldiers.

The taking of everybody into the army is what makes the severe draft upon the people possible. The rich and well-to-do submit for the sake of the protection it gives their property, and the stability it guarantees, while the poor see their children go into the army with some degree of satisfaction, for there is no class-favoritism in the matter. The rich man's boy and the poor man's boy stand shoulder to shoulder in the ranks, and the only preference there is determined by proficiency and merit. The rich man cannot buy a substitute for his son. As every body has to serve there are no substitutes to be had. The army is the only approach to Democracy there is in Germany. The only advantage the rich have over the poor in this particular is, the wealthy may give their sons better educational advantages and thus start them on a higher plane. As things are arranged in this frightfully imperfect world, this militarism is probably necessary. All Europe is a camp, and all European nations want all the others.

Germany has England, the bully of nations, on one side, Russia on another, and France, her hereditary antagonist, on the other, to say nothing of Austria, who owes Prussia a debt of hatred which she would pay were she strong enough. Then European politics are so complicated and Germany's geographical position is such that she must keep in a constant state of preparation for what may happen. Of course, if all the nations would disarm, and settle down to a peace footing, Germany could do likewise. But as it is, she has got to keep up a navy, go on building fortifications which are impregnable till guns are invented which can batter them down, and cast these guns and rebuild fortifications to resist them, and so on, and her whole population must

waste, each, three years of the best part of their lives in learning the art of wholesale murder, and the people must pay for it.—Berlin Letter.

## The Valley of Death.

A valley surpassing in reality of horrors the fabled region of the upas tree, has been discovered in the Island of Java. The island is volcanic, and in one spot the emanations from the interior of the earth are so deadly that the place is called the Valley of Death. As the traveler approaches he is attacked with nausea and giddiness. He also notices a suffocating smell. As he advances these symptoms disappear, so that after passing through the belt of fetid air which guards the valley, the visitor is able to examine with less risk the spectacle before him. A recent traveler describes the valley as being an oval, about one mile in circumference, and about 30 to 40 feet below the surrounding land. The floor of the valley is flat, dry, without any vegetation; and scattered all over it are the skeletons of men, tigers, wild boars, birds and stags, lying among large blocks of stone. No steam or smoke is to be seen, nor any crevice to be seen in the earth, which appears to be hard as rock. The hills which hem in this valley of desolation are clothed from base to summit with healthy trees and bushes. The traveler whom we have already quoted descended the side of one hill with the aid of a bamboo stick, to about eighteen feet from the bottom, and he compelled a dog to go down to the plain. In five minutes the dog fell on its side motionless, although it continued to breathe for eighteen minutes. Another dog died in ten minutes; and a fowl only resisted the deadly air for a minute and a half. It is believed the human skeletons are those who have sought refuge here, ignorant of the fatal air they came to breathe. The neighboring mountains are volcanic, but they neither emit sulphurous odors nor do they present any indications of recent eruption.

In the woods in the vicinity of Mount Zion, about three miles west of this city, there are a large number of wild hogs which have been foraging on the meadows and fields of farmers, especially after night, for a long time. On Sunday the farmers organized a hunt for the purpose of clearing the bushes of the pestiferous beasts and several hogs were shot, but none captured. With every crack of a rifle would come a squeal indicating that the shot had taken effect.—Portland Standard.

Chinese women are being landed at Victoria, B. C.; then sold to their countrymen, and afterwards brought into the United States, disguised as Indian women. Out of a lot of forty taken to that place by steamer a few days ago, thirty-two came across the line. It is predicted that this traffic in human flesh will be carried on in that port on a large scale next year.

It is estimated that the sales of agricultural implements in Walla Walla during the past year aggregated over \$300,000, while at other points in Eastern Oregon and Washington the amount of sales would swell the figures to a million dollars or more.

The Kansas City Times reports that its book-keeper suffered very severely, and for a long time, with rheumatism. He tried St. Jacobs Oil and was cured by one bottle of it.

## Mexican Gastronomical Habits.

A tourist in Mexico says that, in the house of a wealthy native, everybody is astir before sunrise. A servant comes to your room to ask you if you will have coffee or chocolate there, or will go to the dining room for it. You must not be offended if the host is off to his business without seeing you, for at 10 o'clock he will return and greet you ceremoniously enough. The breakfast, which is the chief meal of the day, is then served in courses. Fruit is eaten first, soup often follows, then meat, after that eggs, and finally frijoles, the national dish. This last is a dark red bean, cooked with lard, seasoned highly with red pepper, and is served in a soup plate and foreigners generally become as fond of it as the natives. Wine is always on the table and everybody concludes by smoking a cigarette, the ladies not excepted. Coffee and chocolate are served again in the afternoon, and at 11 p. m. there is a light supper, consisting principally of tomatoes, which is corn meal mush mixed with a force-meat of chicken or beef, highly seasoned with red pepper and onions, all nicely rolled in a clean corn shuck, tied and put in a pot and boiled until done, and served in the shuck hot.

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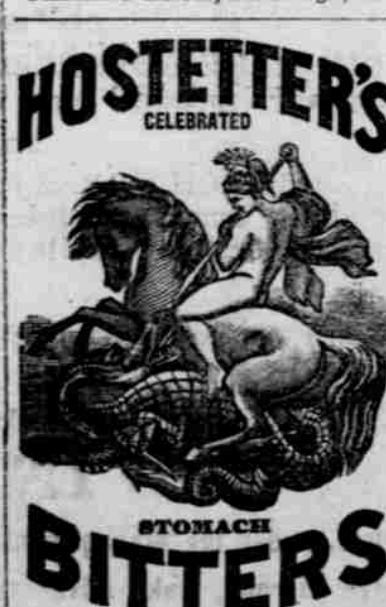
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**SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.**  
The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flushes of a circumscribed spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an acute semicircle runs along the lower eyelid; the nose is irritated, swells, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with humming or throbbing of the ears; an unusual secretion of saliva; slimy or furrowed tongue; breath very foul, particularly in the morning; appetite variable, sometimes voracious, with a gnawing sensation in the stomach; occasional nausea and vomiting; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular, at times constive; stools slimy, not unfrequently tinged with blood; belly swollen and hard; urine turbid; respiration occasionally difficult and accompanied by hiccup; cough sometimes dry and convulsive; uneasy and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist,  
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