

ly contested point in the Hepburn bill.

A bill has been passed in the German Reichstag extending reciprocal tariff rates until June 30, 1907. Chancellor von Buelow urged the adoption of the measure "so that we (the German government) may continue in peace with the United States."

The Armstrong insurance investigating committee has made its report to the New York legislature. The report covers 319 printed pages. Many changes in the insurance laws are recommended, the committee laying special stress on the importance of genuine mutualization.

WHEN MOTHER STRIKES

All is in a flutter;
Parlor isn't swept;
Live on bread and butter—
How the house is kept!
Breakfast: One stale waffle
That no one can like—
This is simply awful;
Mother's on a strike!

Baby's in the cradle
Yelling like a fiend;
Pot and pan and ladle
All wait to be cleaned;
Milk is in the bottle
Waiting till it sours—
Mother's quit the throttle,
Struck for shorter hours.

Everything is dusty;
All the fires are out;
Knives and forks are rusty;
Trash is all about;
Children all need dressing—
Where's the brush and comb?
Isn't this distressing?
No one runs the home.

Father's argumentive;
Mother won't reply—
Says there's no incentive;
She won't sweep and fry,
Wash and dress and hustle—
This was her remark—
Sacrificing muscle
From the dawn till dark.

Frowns on arbitration;
What are we to eat?
See our consternation!
Mother's smile is sweet;
She is bland and pleasant;
She is full of pluck.
Home is fierce at present—
Mother's gone and struck!

—W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune.

VOLUNTEER AT THE HEAD

One of the thorns in the flesh of General Miles when he was commander-in-chief of the army was the fact that he was not a West Pointer. He entered the army in the Civil war as a volunteer from Massachusetts and rose through all the ranks to that of senior major general, which gave him the command under the old system. But he never got on well with the administration, and when he retired as lieutenant general after the Spanish war, it was with a feeling that the West Pointers in the army had never given him very cordial support because he was not one of them.

But it is a curious fact that the first chief of staff under the new system, Adna R. Chaffee, was not a West Pointer either; and it is further worthy of note that three of General Chaffee's successors in office, Bates, Corbin and McArthur, are not West Pointers. Two of them, Corbin and McArthur, had difficulty in getting

into the army at all, and Bates owed his appointment directly to President Lincoln, who commissioned him a second lieutenant. The others enlisted as privates.

The army appears to have done well under the guidance of men who learned the art of war in the actual school of the battlefield and camp.

It is a tribute to the genius of the American people and our democratic institutions that so many men have risen by the sheer force of merit to the highest rank in the army and have there acquitted themselves with credit to their country. West Point may be necessary in the long run, but it must be evident that it is not indispensable.—Minneapolis Journal.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Menace of Privilege. A study of the dangers to the republic from the existence of a favored class. By Henry George, Jr. The Macmillan Company, New York and London. Price \$1.50 net.

The United States in the Twentieth Century. By Pierre Leroy-Beaulieu. Authorized Translation by H. Addington Bruce. Funk & Wagnalls, New York and London. 8vo, cloth, 400 pages, price \$2.

Running Water. Its Measurement and Service. How to measure running water. By David S. Gray. Published by the author. Dolores, Colo.

Twenty Years in the Press Gallery. A concise history of important legislation from the 48th to the 58th congress, the part played by the leading men of that period and the interesting and impressive incidents, impressions of official and political life in Washington. By O. O. Stealey, the Washington correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal. With an introduction by Henry Watterson. Also crisp and vivid character sketches of the men prominent in public life. Published by the author, Publishers Printing Company, Printers, New York.

The Cost of Competition. An effort at the understanding of familiar facts. By Sidney A. Reeve. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. \$2 net.

Dalmar, Daughter of the Mill. A Little romance in verse. By Charles W. Cuno. Bound in full linen cloth. Price \$1 postpaid. The Reed Publishing Co., Denver, Colo.

Walking for Exercise and Recreation; with rules and special exercises for overcoming common faults in walking. Illustrated by W. R. C. Latson, M. D., editor of Health Culture. Price 15 cents. The Health Culture Co., Publishers, 153 W. 23rd St., New York.

Boyville. A History of fifteen years' work among newsboys. By John E. Gunckel. Illustrated. Published by the Toledo Newsboys' Association, Toledo, Ohio. Address the Franklin Co., Toledo, O. Price 75 cents.

Words of the Wood. (Poems) by Ralcy Husted Bell. Published by Small, Maynard & Company, Boston, Mass.

Mental Healing. By Leander Edmund Whipple. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged with portrait of the author. The Metaphysical Publishing Co., New York, 500 Fifth Ave. Price \$1.50 net.

Cross Familiar Paths. A collection of notes, comments and suggestions, persons, places, things. Miscellaneous. By John E. Fellers, author of "Following the Pattern," "The Gulf Stream," "Israel's Helper," "Gethsemane," "Advancing Steps," etc. J. E. Fellers & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Forty Years an Advertising Agent. 1865-1905. By George Presbury Rowell, founder of the advertising agency of Geo. P. Rowell & Co., Printers' Ink Publishing Co., New York.

Letters and Addresses of Thomas Jefferson. Edited by William B. Parker, lecturer in English, Columbia university, and Jonas Viles, assistant professor of history, University of

Missouri. The Unit Book Publishing Co., New York, 70 Fifth Ave. Paper 26 cents, cloth 56 cents, leather 76 cents, postage 8 cents extra.

SHY SENATOR DEPEW

Newspaper men in Washington find it impossible to get within speaking distance of Senator Depew these days. Formerly he was the most approachable of men, but now he has instructed the doorkeepers not to bring him newspaper men's cards and it is impossible to get to see him at his house. One day last week the senator was hurrying into an elevator in the capitol when he saw that two correspondents were there. He at once drew back and hurriedly walked down a corridor out of sight. "Changed, isn't he?" said one of the newspaper men. "Yes," returned the other. "If any one wants to see Depew take a hurdle all he has to do is to hide in a bush as he goes by and make a noise like a newspaper man."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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