

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

James Lane Allan Writes of Life in Kentucky Hemp Fields. ROMANCE OF THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD

Another Volume of World's Best Orations at Hand-Set Now Nearly Complete—Lowa Man Writes of Life in Swiss Republic.

An advance copy of "The Reign of Law, A Story of the Kentucky Hemp Fields," by James Lane Allan, is at hand. Both the hero and the heroine of Mr. Allan's latest tale are the products of a revolution.

J. A. Altschuler, whose novels of the Revolution and the war of 1812 have gained so large an audience here and in England, has been engaged for a long time upon a romance of the civil war, which has just been published, under the title of "Circling Camps."

Fergus Hume, the author of "Hislop Pendle," which is fresh from the hands of the publishers, is known as a writer of stirring, ingenious plot that first mingles and then surprises the reader and of vigorous, picturesque English.

The eighth volume of "The World's Best Orations," edited by David J. Brewer, is at hand, leaving only two more volumes to complete the set.

"Familiar Fish and How to Catch Them" is by Eugene McCarthy, with an introduction by Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford University.

"The Heart's Highway: A Romance of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century," by Mary E. Wilkins. Doubleday, Page & Co., Price, \$1.50.

"The Heart's Highway" gathered by Eveline Weston. Doubleday, Page & Co., Price, \$1.50.

The fourth edition of "Vengeance Is Mine," by Andrew Lang, is at hand, being printed by the New Amsterdam Book company.

CHINA'S MILITARY POWER

Two Armies Inadequately Equipped and Under Widely Different Control. HUNDRED LESSONS OF RECENT WARS

Great Armories Where Useless War Material is Made at Great Expense—Lack of Organized and Armed Protection.

The war news from China has created much interest in the Chinese army and the reports to the effect that the Boxer mobs cannot be suppressed have caused many readers to wonder how and of what material the Chinese regular army is composed.

The national army is called Ying Ping. This body is known also as the "Green Flags" and the "Five Camps," it being divided into five parts.

The "mercenary troops" play an important part in the Chinese military system. They are raised in emergencies. There are the Mongolian cavalry and other irregular cavalry, numbering about 20,000, which have been described by foreign observers as "of no military value."

The arsenal at Shanghai seems to be out of place in connection with the antique and slipshod Chinese army. This large place is under the provincial government of the viceroy of Nanking and is full of modern tools and machinery.

The director of the plant—a Chinese mandarin—expressed a wish to be privileged to become of China in the future, and favored relations with England which would give China the benefit of British protection.

At the Nanking arsenal there are no European employees, and although the machinery is modern it is used in the manufacture of useless war material.

The writer of "Who's Who and What's What" in Cassell's Little Books is Charles Knight Tompkins, G. P. Putnam's Sons, Price, \$1.50.

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THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1900.

Manufacture of costly but absolutely useless war material. The arsenal at Hankow turns out about 8,000 Mauser rifles a year.

When Lord Charles Berosford visited China two years ago as the representative of the English chambers of commerce he said: "Great Britain has 64 per cent of the whole foreign trade of China, and is naturally informed by its admiralty and navy, and being on very friendly terms with the Chinese, it might be possible that the British government would allow an officer to help the Chinese to put their army in order."

He also advised the officers of the Tsung-li-Yamen that it might be well to invite other nations having large trading interests in China to lend a few officers and non-commissioned officers to work with the British in the reorganization of the army.

The plan suggested at that time is similar to the one which is credited to the emperor of China in his alleged appeal to the powers, which was published recently.

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A More Notable Figure in Africa Than Oon Paul Kruger. Since El Wahib, in the latter half of the eighteenth century, established in Arabia the power of reforming sect of Wahabites and their disciples, there have been, in the Mohammedan world, that faith has produced no great personality able to rouse his co-religionists to deeds of fanatical devotion and to throw themselves fervently into a great effort to re-establish a great and glorious empire.

Those who imagine that the crushing of the khalifa destroyed all chance of a revival of militant Mohammedanism in the dark continent will probably have a rough awakening in the near future. The fact is that the Mohammedans have an infinitely greater mahdi in reserve.

Unnecessary Loss of Time. Mr. W. S. Whedon, cashier of the First National Bank of Winterport, Iowa, in a recent letter gives some experience with a carpenter in his employ, that will be of value to other employers.

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