THE EXPERTS IN WAR.

Billitary Training Above Set Calenlated to Develop Originality of Thought.

The truth is that military mon in England did not show themselves one · whit more competent to estimate the smilitary problems of the Boer war than civilians. They relied, like civil-Jane, on tradition, and laughed at the . Mos that any such changes had taken iplace in the art of war as were proedicted by theorists, who declared, is mong other things, that offensive warfare was much more difficult than formerly, says Jean de Bloch, in. Mational Review. The cause of military blindness is in no way obscure. Military training is itself antagonistic to original thought. It is no wonder, therefore, that nowadays when rifles mnd artillery are a hundred times amore powerful than before, when armies are five to ten times larger, and suchen railways have changed the whole art of war, that we find the mystem of instruction differing very little from that employed in the days of Napoleon, or, for the matter of that, in the days of Gustavus Adolphus. Yet even among military men themselves the more enlightened feel me many doubts as Marshal Saxe. That the methods to be adopted in the future wars are a matter of grave doubt has been declared by writers as eminent as von Rhone, Janson, Mulhar. Pellet-Narbonne and Skugarewsky. It is expressed excellently in Tathe words of Gen. Leseux: "Let the instructors first agree among themmelves." Nor can soldiers sewadays claim that experience has given them a right to dictate to civilians. Nine ent of ton "experienced" soldiers have at most shot or hunted savmges, and the majority have seen no Mghting at all.

AT A MEXICAN HOTEL.

of the Table Bellensies That Are ferred at the Several Meals.

The dining-reom is scrupulously The dining-room are in attendance in their spotters white blouses (which resemble our shirt waists, with the gathering string let out at the bottomi, the corners tied in a hard knot in front below the waist, says a writer in the International Magazine. The first meal of the day in called desayuno, and consists usually of different kinds of bread, some wery fancy and sweet, with coffee or chocolate, also rruit and eggs, if you desire them. After a very slow canter about the country on the back ed a burre, through banana groves, to sugar plantations, etc., you retern promptly at 12 o'clock, ready for your dinner (comids). This is a full course meat, beginning with soup and rice. All the dishes are novel and generally liked. So mre rather hot, but after a few meals you find that your taste for chile concarne has become cultivated, and you **enjoy the piquancy of the delicacies just before you. I have learned to be wery fond of the Mexican's favorites. such as chiles stuffed with cheese and proasted; very delicious combination of peas, pineapple and banana boiled together; meats dressed with chile; malad of the alligator pear (butter Mruit); onions, tomato and chile, and the standby of all Mexicans, tortillas (corn cakes) and frijoles (beans). These iast are always served after the meat courses. Then we have the Adulces (preserved fruits) and coffee. The cens (suppor) at seven is of the hame number of courses as the dinner

and very much like it. THE OLD-FASHIONED BOY.

An Inquiry About a Missing Type Made at a Dinner of Old-

At a little dinner of a few old-timers atha this city the other night, reports the New York Sun, one of the speakers

"What has become of the old-fashlioned boy? The one who tooked like his father when his father carried the ssort of pomposity which was like the divinity that hedged a king in the time when knighthood was in its break o' day. The boy who wore a hat which threatened to come down over his ears. The boy whose trausers were made over from his father's by his mother, or aunt, or grandmother. The boy whose hair had a cowlick in it, before, and was sheared off the same length. behind. The boy who walked with rboth hands in the pockets of his tronswers, and who expectorated between his teeth when his teeth were clamped together. The boy who were boots, run .down at the heels. The boy who never wore knickerbockers or a round-about scoat. The boy whose chirography was *shaped by the gymnastics of his tongue. The boy who believed his faather was the greatest man in the world. and that he could have been president if he wanted to be. The boy who was his mother's man when the man was away from home."

Timber on Paget Sound. Probably no place on earth will average acre for acre the timber that the Puget sound region can furnish. _It is fir, cedar, spruce, hemlock and mider, as well as maple and other woods. Its Douglas fir-the most common variety---bas been found su-"perior to yellow pine and other woods heretofore used for car building.

Canada's teaceast. "The eastern Canadian seacoust, from the Bay of Funday to the Straits of Belle fale, covers a distance of \$,000 miles, and British Columbia, with its multitude of bays and mountainous istands, has a sessent of 2,180 miles and a sait water nahore ... ores, not including minor indentaedions, of 1,500 square miles.

PIND OF ANCIENT METEOR.

Laborers at Williamsburg, S. Y., Une earth What Appears to Be Old Heavenly Visitor.

What seemed to be fragments of a magnetic iron meteor, which may have descended to the earth centuries ago, was discovered the other day by some laborers who are excavating a cellar on Knickerbocker avenue, at Cornelia street, Williamsburg, N. Y. The discovery was made at a depth of 40 feet. it being necessary to remove a hill 30 feet high before the sidewalk level was

reached. Upon reaching a ten-foot depth in the cellar excavation the men upon the hard substance, and at first believed it nothing but solid rock. Its extraordinary weight, however, made them examine it more closely, and when they cut into a large piece of the matter they found the interior was a solld mass of iron ore beneath a surface several inches deep of hardened yellow clay.

The search was extended further, and the men came upon a perfectly formed ape's head and also a ram's head. All the matter was turned over to Frank N. Schell, the contractor, who will transfer the relics to some museum.

"It appears to me," said Mr. Scholl, "that when this meteor fell, perhaps centuries ago, it struck the earth like a shower of hallstones would. That the pieces are all ancient is evident from the hard yellow clay which surmounts each piece."

A NEW LIFE RAFT.

Life-Saving Device of Special Merit to Be Placed on Some of the Warships. راجي الدائد وفاق

The navy department is providing some of the warships with a new life raft, says a Washington special to the New York World. It consists of an elliptical copper tube somewhat flattened, with air-tight compariments, strengthened by fins. The tube is incased in cork, wound with canvas and made absolutely watertight. Attached to this float is a rope netting three feet deep, from which is suspended a wooden slatted bottom. The netting is suspended on the inner side of the float from rings which travel on lashings, o that the bottom rests in the proper position, no matter which side of the float falls upon the water when it is thrown overboard. It does not require to be righted, adjusted or turned about; it is ready for service the moment it strikes the water, Cars are attached to the sides of the float to propel it when it is occupied.

Enough persons cannot get on this eraft to sink it, and, unlike the lifeboat, it cannot capsize or founder, nor, like a raft, go to pieces against the sides of a ship.

The war department is considering the advisability of equipping army transports with the same sort of

NAUTICAL SCHOOL AT MANILA.

Naval Officials to Do Everything Possible to Increase Efficiency of the Institution.

Naval officials at Manila intend to do everything possible for the success of the nautical school at that place. This institution was inherited from the Spanish government. It has been in charge of Lieut. Richard H. Townley, United States navy, who was recently detached from that duty and ordered home for complicity in certain irregular business relations with army subsistence officers at Manila. Another officer has been placed in charge of the institution.

The school offers a free education to residents of the Philippine islands in such professional duties as will equip the cadets to perform the duties of masters and officers of merchant vessels. But, while the education is chiefly of a technical and a professional nature, the students also are given broad and liberal instruction in the general branches of mathematics, geography, grammar, English and history.

It is contemplated to provide the school with a practice ship to combine practical with theoretical instruction in navigation, seamanship, and the general requirements of the profession for which the students are to be prepared.

Wireless Telegraphy for Warships. Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, will point out in his annual report, says a New York Herald dispatch from Washington, the necessity of equipping American men of war with a system of wireless telegraphy. As soon as the appropriation is obtained he will recommend the system to be adopted for the naval service.

Believing that Commander Richardson Clover, naval attache in London, is deeply occupied with his current work, the rear admiral has recommended to Secretary Long that a wireless telegraph expert be sent to Enghand to represent the navy in the trials of the two new systems developed by Lloyd's agency.

Electricity on New York Control, "Electricity for the New York Central railroad, at least to equip its lines from the city's limits to the Grand Central station, is more than a possiblity of the near future. It is said that an electric engine, in many of its details unlike anything now in service, has been perfected, and that it will soon have a trial. If its sucress is as great as is promised, steam power may pass from the Grand Centrei station before January 1, 1903.

Value of Minnesoin Farm Land. Minnesota farm lands have advanced more than 100 per cent. in value during the past seven years.

ARE STILL POPULAR.

Criticism on Moody and Sankey Songs Arouses Their Friends.

President of Indiana Music Teachers' Association Declares Them to Be Hot - Builgious Workers Desiare Them Full of Pewer.

Moody and Sankey songs-songs that have electrified great audiences and which are still being sold by the hundreds of thousands of copies, received a blow at the convention of the. Indiana music teachers which believers in their efficacy and beauty take as an affront to those who use them. The resolutions adopted at that convention are branded as nonsense by teachers and students at the Chicage Moody institute.

"I hope that all the rot of the Moody and Sankey style of music may be destroyed for use in Protestant churches," said President Pierce, of the Indiana organization.

"He makes a mistake," declared Charles McCrea, of the North Side school. "In the first place, songs of the Moody and Sankey type have done more to create real enthusiasm and bring out real conversions than all of the old staid and classical church selections."

"We must recognize the elevating influence of such music as the Church of Rome uses," continued President Pierce.

"Yes, it is elevating," answered one of the ministers, "but who can want a piece more inspiring and better for its purpose than 'Ninety and 'Nine.' The strength and beauty of some of the Moody and Sankey hymns, such as 'My Ain Countree,' is undeniable. The ringing power of 'Christian Soldiers' even this Indians professor cannot dispute. Perhaps our hymns are not classical, but we like them and will continue to use them, not because they are Moody and Sankey hymna, but because they meet our needs.'

MARRIAGE DUE TO A PIG.

Suit Over a Little Porker Ends in a Wedding of the Rival Claimants.

A little squealing pig brought a longstanding romance to a conclusion the other day and united the lives and fortunes of Miss Mathilds Parkinson and Hiram Johnson. They own adjoining farms near Hudson, Pa., and both are well over the half-century mark. For a score of years they have been neighbors, and their love affairs antedate that time. But for the little porker, that innocently began the weaving of a plos to bring them together, their lives might never have been crowned

with marriage. Mies Parkinson saw the little pig in Hiram remonstrated gently but firmly. Miss Parkinson grew more assertive, and finally both lost their tem-

"I'll get that pig yet," announced Miss Parkinson.

"You touch that pig and you'll see what will happen," threatened Hiram. Miss Parkinson wasted no further time in argument, but appeared before Alderman Conohan, of this city, and had a warrant issued. The 'squire, after hearing the story, ordered the pig subpoensed, and it was brought into court by Johnson. Some of the neighbors testified that they believed the pig belonged to Johnson, and others said Miss Parkinson owned it. The 'squire found the pig was partial to both, running to either when a hand was held toward it. So conflicting was the testimony that he finally decided that the pig should be killed and divided equally. Miss Parkinson and Johnson protested, but neither would yield the ownership to the other.

"There is only one other way." said the 'squire; "get married and keep the pig in the family." After some quiet words the pair concluded they would. The 'squire performed the ceremony.

American Goods in Germany. Numerous articles are appearing in the German press violently appealing to that government to take immediate steps to deal with the coming invasion of industrial America. "American goods are coming into this country in ever increasing volume in the shape of small machinery, typewriters, bicycles, cash registers, furniture, counting house fittings, boots and shoes, leather goods in great variety, and material for men's and women's clothing. Two years ago Germany imported about 120 tons of small machinery from America. Last year it was nearly 1,000 tons." The Kreuz Zeitung, which represents the agrarian class, calls for fresh custom duties.

The trial of the pyx, or the testing of the money of the United Kingdom, which took place in London at Goldsmith's hall, says the New York Tribune's correspondent, is a very ancient ceremony. The first known trial for which a writ was issued took place in 1281. Edward III., in 1345, formally established the ceremony which down to 1870 took place at uncertain inter-

vals. An act was passed in 1870, how-

ever, stipulating that the trial of the

pyz, which is a box or chest in which

are deposited specimen coins, shall be

held at least once in every year in which coins have been issued. High-School Graduates. In 1899 the public high schools of the United States graudated 20,344 boys and 36,124 girls. The boys are taken from school earlier than the

The Awakening of Sleepy Mellow. To Sleepy Hollow by trolley may sound sacrilegious, but, says the Boston Transcript, it is beautiful after you get over the first shock.

girls and put to work.

GAY AND FESTIVE SEAL.

New York Sattery Aquarium Mas mai That Treats Spectatore to Shower Baths,

In the Battery squarium at New York a sudden shower bath can always be had. Unless you have been there before you don't know anything about the bath until you get it. In order to make it possible to avoid a ducking. the following instructions will have to be carefully remembered:

The West Indian seal, which occupies a huge tank on the ground floor, is what you want to steer clear of if you want to keep dry. He has been at the aquarium so long that he feels perfectly at home. He will swim about his tank lazily for hours, sometimes without paying the slightest attention to the sightseers, and them when a group is gathered about his tank he will suck in about five buckets of water and let it fly. The result is a general stampede and numerous complaints to the authorities. Of course,

the complaining does no good. The next most interesting member of the aquarium family living in a huge tank at the aquarium is a nine-foot sturgeon has been at the aquarium only about five weeks, and apparently is homesick, for he has not eaten a

morsel since his advent. "If he doesn't recover his spirits soon we'll lose him," said one of the attendants the other day. According to the officials, however, the sturgeon can keep on living for two months without eating. They have had fish down there, they say, that have gone without food for six months, and then made up for their long fast by eating until they developed the gout.

OUTDOOR GAME FOR LADIES.

New London Pastime Which is a Cross Between Lawn Tennis and Cricket.

Ladies of London have admittedly never shown at cricket. Now they have an opportunity to distinguish themselves at a game which is a compromise between lawn tennis and the stermer play.

The new pastime is generally indulged in at Queen's club, West Kensington. On Wednesday several games were played by members interested in its development. The participants were the marquis of Londonderry, earl and countess of Chesterfield, Earl Howe, Prince Zulinad, of the German emabssy, Viscountess Cantlelufe, Miss Chaplin, Miss Wilson, C. C. Reseltine and one or two club profes-

sionals. The chief feature of the game is that a racket is used instead of a bat, and that a small net three feet nine inches in height, with side wings, takes the place of wickets. Catches as well as service are not by hand, but with the racket. The positions of the fielders are necessarily somewhat indefinite. As a rule the teams are of six on each side, to make the best game, but there is an opportunity for additional players

In the two matches Earl Howe's side was beaten by a team captained by the earl of Chesterfield.

KISSES AT A NICKEL BACH.

Men Looking for the "Real Thing" Get Only the Candy Article-Gonulue Article Comes High.

A row of maidens, dressed saucily and pretty as an artist's ideal, stood before a tent at the "boulevard carnival," given by the Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church at Findlay, O., the other night. In great, large letters, posted over their heads, appeared this legend:

"Kissing booth, a kiss for five cents." Woung and old men spent nickels like drunken sailors, but when they got inside each was handed a candy

A general kick was made, and in a few minutes another sign went up. It read: "The real thing \$1."

Not a man was willing to put up this Pan-American price for the osculatory exercise and the treasury was not hugmented. Now the conservative element of the church is mad. Conventional members said that it was madness to display the "real thing" sign and the pretty girls who could not realize one dollar for a juicy smack have a poor idea of the young men of

Hygienie Railway Reform, M. Baudin, minister of public works of France, has entered actively into railway reform, from a hygienic standpoint. He has begun with an order excluding from compartments regularly used by the public all persons visibly affected with contagious maladies. Moreover he strongly recommends that all carpets be replaced by linoleum, the prevention of dry sweeping of cars and waitingrooms, and the adoption of washable covers for chairs and cushions, so that many of the present nuisances are likely to disappear.

Lord Saljubury's Soldier Son.

Lord Cecil, Lord Salisbury's soldier son, having obtained his brevet majority in May 1898, for his services in the Dongola expedition, and the D. S. O. for the expedition to Khartoom, has been promoted to a brevet lieutenant colonelcy-while still a captain in the Grenadier guards as a reward for his good work at Mafeking, where he was Maj. Gen. Baden-Powell's right-hand man throughout the investment. Lord Edward is not yet 34.

No Draft.

Boston is to have a new naval magasine, but, says the Boston Globe, as it is not of the kind that accepts and pays for manuscript authors have no good reason to feel encour-

WASPS, THE INVINCIBLES.

Where These Tessible Insects Swarm It is impossible to Resist Them.

From early ages to the present time the "fiery durts of the waspa" have furnished illustrations of invincible attack. In the Bible the Lord uses the hornet to help clear a way for the chosen people: "And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites." Not only have armies been dispersed, but cities have been abandoned because of the onset of hornets. In "Wasps and Their Ways" many interesting examples are oited.

In "Cruden's Concordance," in the introduction to the subject of hornets, we read that a "Christian city, being besieged by Sapores, king of Persia, was delivered by horners; for the elephants and beasts, being stung by them, waxed unruly, and so the whole army fled."

Moffet says: "If we will credit Aelianus, the Phasilites, in times past, were constrained to forsake their city, for all their defense, munition and armor, all through the multitude and cruel fierceness of the wasps wherewith they were annoyed."

A more modern incident is this: "Eight miles from Grandle the muleteers suddenly called out: 'Marambundas! Marambundas!' which indicated the approach of wasps. In a moment all the animals, whether loaded or otherwise, lay down on their backs, kicking violently, while the blacks and others ran in different directions, all being careful to avoid by a wide sweep the swamms of tormentors that came forward like a cioud.

"I never witnessed a panic so sudden and complete. The alarm was not without good reason, for so severe is the torture inflicted by these pygmy assailants that the bravest travelers are not ashamed to fly the instant they perceive the host approaching, which is of common occurrence in the Campos."

THAT WHICH IS OUOTED.

of All Lauguages Latin Has Been the Most Cited, Says This Authority.

Quotation is a matter of memory. and when literature relied on memory literature mainly consisted of verse. It seems pretty clear that fixed rhythm was at least as much a practical expedient as an artistic device. And the poets most quotable and most quoted are those whose words have the most direct bearing on the common business of life, says a writer in the Saturday Review. The old theory of the poet's function was very different from the modern one. Now, he is taken to be a creature singing to himself. following out his own dreams, remote in a sense that Horace or Horace's Greek models never contemplated, from common life. He does, in reality hate the profanum vulgus; he shuts it off by a barrier of unintelligibility which the crowd shows no desire to break down. But the poet was formerly held to be one different indeed from his fellows, endowed with a special insight, but apeaking to men of men's affairs in words that they could catch up and apply to many passages in life-that is, in words that naturally lent themselves to quotation. Too great insistence upon either aspect of the case naturally leads to error. Of all literatures Latin has been incomparably the most cited, partly because Latin is still familiar to every educated man, but largely also because of the practical bent of Latin genius. Horace is more quoted not only than Virgil but than any poet in the world, yet no one assigns to him a rank corresponding to this fact. The weakness of Horace lies just in the universal applicability of his sentimenta; his counsels are so far-reaching in their wisdom that they approach to platitudes. As Mr. Austin Dobson

No man can say that life is short With mien so little fretful. In phrases less regretful.

College Graduates Increasing.

The graduating lists of the American colleges this year show an increase of 25 per cent. It seems probable that all the institutions of learning will have more than their usual quota of students next fall, says Success. As celchrated college presidents have shown in the columns of Success from time to time, the demand for college men in all branches of business, as well as in the professions, is gradually increasing. Our colleges graduate men and women with practical as well ca artistic ideals. A notion prevails that girls who have been so fortunate as to complete a course in a college do not make good wives. This notion is devoid of common sense. The more brain a man or woman can put into his or her work the better that work will be. This rule holds as surely in the responsible work of housekeeping, in social relations and in domes tic economy as in agriculture, the arts, mechanism, law, medicine or theology.

Censor Destroys Rhyme and Reason. A Constantinople correspondent says that the Turkish government has prohibited the performance of Rostand's play, "Cyrano de Bergerao," declaring it to be of a revolutionary character. The Turkish censor is very particular that no royalty is presanted on the stage, and in all pieces the king is replaced by a prince or a duke. The comic effect of replacing a monosyllable by a longer word in Italian opera, which alone is performed in Constantinopie, may readily be imagined. Most certainly no imputation of encouraging high treason can be brought against the Turkish censor.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Yes," he said, "when I was young -I was eagerly sought after." "What reward was offered?" asked the sweet young girl.-London Tit-Bits.

"How did Alice happen to accept young Golfsley?" "He asked her if she would link her fate to his, and she thought he was so clover she took

him."--Indianapolis News. Papa, what is a king?" "A king, my child, is a person whose authority is practically unlimited, whose word is law, and whom everybody must obey." "Papa, is mamma a king?"-

Pittaburgh Bulletin. Nell-"You surely don't think Jonkins' wife prefty." Belle-"Certainly not," "But you told May Sowers she was just lovely." "That was because May was an old flame of Jenkins."-Philadelphia Record.

Comedian-Why did the supernumerary leave the company?" Sue Brette-"Because she couldn't obtain a speaking part." Comedian-"Has she got one now?" Sue Brette -"I presume so. She married the manager."-Norristown Herald.

Buckner-"A doctor's life is a hard one; I think you'd hate it awfully." Dr. Floyd-"Oh, I don't know. It has its compensations. A doctor being out at all hours, he doesn't have to strain his brain inventing fairy stories, you know."-Boston Transcript.

"Here's a correspondent who asks: "Is it proper for a woman to pick her teeth in public?" "It's proper conugh," replied the snake editor, "but when the average woman has to select a set she usually prefers to do so very privately." -- Philadelphia

ALL ARE YANKEE NOTIONS.

Meltona Mavo American Products of All Kinds Thrust Upon Thom Everywhere,

American products have forced their way into every avenue of trade im England and a London newspaper mourns the fact in this fashion:

"The average man rises in the morning from his New England folding bed, shaves with American sosp and a Yankee safety razor, pulls on his Boston boots over his socks from North Carolina, fastens his Connectiout braces, slips his Waltham or Waterbury watch in his pocket and site down to breakfast. There he congratulates his wife on the way her Illinois straight-front corset sets off her Massachusetts blouse and he tackles his breakfast, where he este bread made from prairie flour, timued oysters from the Pacific coast and a slice of Kansas City bacon, while his wife plays with a slice of Chicago ox tongue. The children are given American oats. At the same time bereads his morning paper printed by American machines a

American paper. "He rushes out," estehes an electric tram (New York) to Shepherd's bush, where he gets in a Yankee elevator to take him on to the American-fitted electric railway to the city. At lunch time he hastily swallows some cold roast beef that comes from a cow in Iown, and flavors it with the latest New England pickles, follows with a few Florida tinned peaches and then soothes his mind with a couple of Virginia cigarettes.

"To follow his course all day would be wearisome. But when evening comes he seeks relaxation at the latest American musical comedy and finishes up with a couple of liver pills' made in America."

CLUBS MADE UP OF FREAKS.

There Are Queer Associations of Queer Individuals in Some Parts of Europe:

There have been associations of all sorts of individuals formed in this country, but none of them would bear comparison for freakishness with some of Europe's clubs, says a London exchange. At Boogstraelen, a small Belgian town, a haldheaded club, to secure admission to which a calvous area of 21 square centimeters, or 81/4 square inches, is imperative, has lately been founded. Its antithesis exists in the Long-Haired club of Ghent, whose members must wear either a beard of 30 centimeters (one foot) or hair of 20 centimeters (eight inches) in length. "Les 100 Kilos," a Parisian club for which no one weighing less than 100 kilos (232 pounds) is eligible, is in striking contrast with "Les Fifty Kilos" of Marseilles, to which entrance is alone permitted to such as are over 170 centimeters (five feet seven inches) in height and under 50 kilos (118 pounds) in weight.

For several years the president of this club was a Mr. Be---, who, though nearly six feet, weighed less than 98 pounds. Two years ago, however, he took unto himself a wife, under whose solicitous care he an rapidly gained flesh that in less than 12 months he was compelled to resign his membership. Berlin boasts of a Big Mouth club. In the clubwoom is kept a wooden ball as large as a medium-sized orange, which every candidate for admission is required to insert in his mouth before his name can go for ballot. In the same city. too, there is a One-Handed club, composed only of such as have suffered the loss of a hand.

New Jersey's Constitution.

The present constitution of the state of New Jersey, adopted in 1844, has remained unchanged for 30 years and remains practically the same as when first adopted. The term of the governor of New Jersey, which expires in December, is three years, and New Jersey is now the only state in the country which adheres to a three-years' term-

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS