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ransacked Madagascar in search of specimens, tells one story of his adventures which would be amusing if it were not for the tragedy lurking behind it all. One of his companions, a near relative of the native King, was pounced upon and killed by a wild animal. This accident was dispressing enough in itself; but, unfortunately, it also placed M. Hamelin in a terrible predicament, for—as he was leader of the expedition and thus held responsible for the death of the King's relative—he was bound, according to the native law, to do one of two things—to be burnt alive or to marry the widow of the deceased "M. Hamelin, who has pretty well

and be a father to his family.

"If the orchid-hunter had merely to face the dangers of fever and wild animals his business would be risky enough; but to these is added the fanaticism of fierce tribes to whom the orchid is often an object of ven-

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Lead never sped half the souls that have been sped by steel. The ancient broadsword and the pike were far more powerful implements of depopulation than the firearms which took their place. At the battle of Cannae, 40,000 out of 80,000 Romans were killed—i.e., 50 per cent. In the battle of Hastings the victorious Normans lost 10,000 out of 60,000 men; at Creey, 30,000 out of 160,000 Frenchmen suffered in the horrible confusion when rank after rank of knights and men-at-arms fell rank of knights and men-at-arms fell rank of knights and men-at-arms fell over each other and died under the mere weight of their comrades. At Bannockburn 38,000 out of 135,000 were butchered, mostly in the re-

In proportion to the number of shots fired the losses in the Crimea were small. It is calculated that the were small. It is calculated that the British fired altogether 15,000,000 shots, but only 21,000 Russians were hit; therefore, only every seven hundredth shot proved deadly. The 29,500,000 shots discharged by the French in the same war killed 53,000 Russians, every five-hundredth shot taking effect. The Russians, on the other hand, killed 48,000 allied troops with 45,000,000 cartridges. Thus only the nine hundredth and tenth bullet found its billet—a proportion to be expected from such illportion to be expected from such ill-prepared peasant troops. In the Italian campaign of 1859 both sides employed modern guns, and the num-ber which fell at Solierino and Magenta amounted to 99 per thou-Magenta amounted to 35 per tensor sand combatants. In the German war with France in 1870-71, breechloaders came into general operation for the first time, and here was again demonstrated the truth of the military axiom—the better the weapons the less the fatalities.

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In South Africa in 1899 the losses In South Africa in 1899 the losses per 1,000 British soldiers were 64, while in Egypt in 1885 the number was only a trifle over 1 per thousand. During 12 years' smaller wars out of 92,650 soldiers taking part in them, 1,896 were killed—i.e., little more than 2 per cent.

In the Franco-German war the proportion of those who fell during

proportion of those who fell during seven months was 50 per thousand. According to official statistics 116,-812 soldiers were wounded, of whom 99,566 recovered, while 11,023 died in hospital. Thus gunpowder in the course of time has reduced the percentage of dead from one-third to one-fourth of one-fifth, and the adoption of the breech-loader reduced this percentage still further to one

ninth.

Modern weapons are therefore not so harmful after all, it is well to remember. The old saw that every bullet has its billet will not bear bullet has its billet will not bear examination, since it takes, most probably, a good ton of lead to kill a man in battle to-day, and a careful military critic has come to the conclusion that, all things considered, financially a soldier's life costs the enemy the substantial sum of \$7,000

The keen, small modern bullet such as the Japanese are using disables, but in the majority of cases does not but in the majority of cases does not kill. It is this which, in spite of appearances, tends to make war a less and less dangerous pastime. The heavy spherical ball from the old musket was infinitely more deadly, and spear and broadsword, strange as it may seem, most deadly of all. It was in the horrible press of the arright meles when armies fought ancient melee, when armies fought breast to breast for hours; in the bloody retreats, when no quarter was asked or given, and on the de-serted battlefields, where there were none to see the last men die, that war made its greatest harvests.

Far-Seeing.

A blind man possessed a hundred sovereigns, and fearing that some-body might stez! them, he buried his treasure in a corner of his garden. A neighbor saw him at his work, and in the night stole his money. The blind man on discovermoney. The blind man on discovering his loss, and suspecting his neighbor, went to him, and said: "My infirmity renders me diffident, and few are the persons whom I can trust. are the persons whom I can trust. You are one of those few, and I have You are one of those few, and I have come to tell you a sccret, and to ask your advice. I am the possessor of a hundred pounds in gold; I have hidden half of it in a place which I believe to be secure. Do you think I would do well to put the other half in the same place?" "Yes, by all means," replied his neighbor. "Were I in your place I would do the same; there is no knowing what may happen if you keep money in your house." Having given his advice, the thief, hoping to get the rest of the blind man's money, hastened to replace the half he had stolen, and thus the astute blind man recovered his property. his property.

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