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ons of the Occident (Engates and Germany); and if , we find that Japan's purin 1907 amounted to ninelions sterling, against nine in 1897, while from Amerithe same years were eight ons and one and two-third If, then, Japan is exly. If, then, Japan ally, she is, at the same to the exher full share to the exn nations. On the other denied that, finding herhed into a struggle with ex--equipped competitors, she ly tempted to employ def doubtful economic value, her critics. Tariffs, and s, being commonly resorted do not justify condemnanks, owing to their connecsury, have been enabled to of Japanese merchants at ates of interest. This pracn Japan's currency needs. go, when she was comdifficult problem of amassfor the redemption of nts, her only available reexporters' bills with bankto receive payment in cash object the treasury placed disposal of the two principractice continued after its y had disappeared. It orters," and put a weapon apan's critics. But, for the solid grounds to bring and it is matter for surniliation to read the hyserisome newspaper corres-Nothing could beists. imidity or less of the jusant spirit which Englishuided by. Japan must play at it is worth, but she does or ask for anything beyond she is in turn entirely will-

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labor during the past few se men had been working ent, or had been taken up ations of the country, This pportunities for extra work id a number have been in idleness for long periods at

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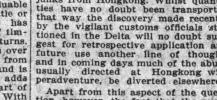
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Gleanings From the Exchange Table

Revolutionaries are Constantly Active In That Kingdom. HE information published by us recently concerning the capture of a steamer flying the Japanese flag landing arms for the revolution-aries near Macao will come with a deal of pleasure to those who have for long maintained that Hongkong

GUN RUNNING IN CHINA.



ent, until a normal condied in manufacturing. The uilding trades will-soon enthat class of work who oloyment more largely this past years, but for which ed by larger wages than are

ulty with the employment ccupation for the unskilled workmen who have come numbers, and who, under ons, would be unable to obmost temporary employgration has been pouring particularly into the indusdly as it has within recent ondered at that there has stress due to the difficulty on. Besides the indigent there are a number who s in the Old Country not a, for whom there is the obtaining ready and con-

hat there will be twenty per der cultivation in the west ch will take up that pro-The steady flow of age United States into the greater degree of prosper anada, as they are skilled rm development, and more ers than a much larger borers. Owing to the larger nigration coming from the eat Britain there has been he cities and towns, which mented by the greater ates than in the country disised a glut of labor which in factory work owing to could not be used in geno physical unfitness and charge on the charitable arly every locality. For there does not seem to be ork except in the highest s this class that is the most and for occupation. ndustrial employment, the brighter than they did a the situation in the money omewhat relieved, and alnot been expanding, there he apparent in nearly every and a general expectancy ing up of outdoor occupaal condition will once more mes G. Merrick, in Indus-