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ART. I.—1. *Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and the United States of America providing for a Provisional Boundary between the Dominion of Canada and the Territory of Alaska near the Head of Lynn Canal, October 20, 1899.* Treaty Series, No. 19, 1899. Presented to Parliament November 1899.

2. *The Alaskan Boundary.* By the Hon. JOHN W. FOSTER, Ex-Secretary of State of the United States. 'The National Geographic Magazine' for November 1899. Washington.

3. *Alaska and the Klondike.* By ANGELO HEILPRIN, F.R.G.S., F.G.S.A., Professor of Geology at the Academy of Sciences at Philadelphia. London: 1899.

THE questions at issue between Great Britain and the United States in respect of the Alaska boundary are not new, though for many years the remoteness of the region, and the general ignorance which prevailed in regard to the character and resources of the disputed territory, prevented the subject from attracting attention outside a narrow circle. Nor even now can there be said to be much knowledge of it gone abroad, especially in the United States, whose press, for the most part, betrays a lack of acquaintance with the facts material to the controversy, quite incompatible with its intelligent discussion. It may be useful, therefore, if we, in regard to a somewhat intricate matter, give, in a necessarily condensed form, an account of what is commonly known as the Alaska boundary question.

The territory in dispute is a strip of land, so far as at present known of small inherent value, bordering the north-west coast of America, between latitude 55° and 60°. No con-

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