

**The Armies of Europe.**

In his article on the "debts and taxes of nations," in the last number of the *Century Magazine*, Mr. Edward Atkinson says of the armies of Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Italy and Belgium that these six European countries have 2,200,431 men under arms, at an annual cost of \$493,503,620, or at the rate of \$223 per man. Our cost is seven times as much per soldier, but the total cost is relatively insignificant. The armed force of Europe in actual service is 4,123,374 men, including armies and navies, besides 10,398,163 reserves at call, making an aggregate of 14,521,537. This is substantially one in five of all men of the arms-bearing age. The proportion, excluding the reserves, is one in sixteen for all Europe, while in the United States it is one in 322. Even in Great Britain, which is about the least harassed in this way, it is one in 26. Taking not the arms-bearing, but the entire population, the ratio of the European armies and navies is as 1 to 81, or even 1 to 24, including reserves, while that of the United States is as 1 to 1,610. —*Ex.*

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