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If you trust in God and yourself you can surmount every obstacle. Do not yield to restless anxiety. One must not always be asking what may happen to one in life, but one must advance fearlessly and bravely. -[PRINCE BISMARCK.

London, Tuesday, September 24.

WILL GREAT BRITAIN AND RUS-SIA BECOME ALLIES AND ABSORB CHINA?

Every now and again, for the last half-century, the relations between Great Britain and Russia have been strained. Both powers have big interests in the East, and each are constantly on the alert to prevent a competitor from getting ahead. Great Britain went to war in the Crimea to prevent Russia from absorbing Turkey, and thus make the Bosphorus and the Black Sea its southern boundary. Britain and her allies triumphed in that terrible struggle, and Russia was for a time beaten back. In later years the Russian armies were within seven miles of Constantinople when, at the demand of Great Britain, they stood the two great powers. But China. still, and consented to a treaty which domination of his land by the Czar.

While thus baffled on the Bosphorus, Russia has not been idle. The great vide. Yet a worse fate might happen nation finding it impossible to expand to John Chinaman. and to get a seaport in Turkey, directthe Crimean war, she has absorbed whole, nationalities, and has extended her rough civilization into many thousand miles of territory where for centuries anarchy and rascality have held sway. She has built her trans-Caspian railroad to bring her closer to the Indian frontler, and is building her trans-Siberian railroad, which is now opened from Vladivostock to Lake Baikal, 2,300 miles, while the remaining 3,700 miles will be finished in three years

But a few years since the Gladstone Government was almost hounded out of power by jingo opponents who prefessed the belief that Russia was about | see who wins. to seize British India. In following a British example, Russia absorbed every badly-governed territory in central and eastern Asia, in order that she might colonize them and increase Russian trade and prestige. This policy resulted in her absorption of Russian Tartary, and brought her armies to the in their early school days. western gates of Afghanistan, and as the British taxpayers susidize the Ameer to remain friendly to them the arrival of Russian troops, even in Mills to Rev. Dr. McKay's last letter. neutral territory contiguous to Afghastan, alarmed many people in Great Britain. Gladstone rightly did not agree with those who advocated war against a power that had infringed on no British possession, and had merely followed British example.

But Russia is not satisfied with what she has attained. She now aims to get control of Western China, and has managed to make the Chinese Government her debtor to a large amount which, if in default, she may collect in territory. There has been and is now antagonism between Russia and Great Britain at many points, and foreign markets. Farmers generally we are told that if they cannot agree to a policy of mutual forbearance, they must fight. This is the view promuljournal which enjoys the confidence of will be impossible to show that there must say: To give up this is more than | profitable market for soft-fed hogs. guage is in marked contrast with the ain when Gladstone was engaged in rectifying the Russo-Afghan boundary. But still more significant is the declaration of the Spectator that "the people of the United Kingdom have abandoned the idea of keeping Russia out of Constantinople, or an open port on the Mediterranean;" that while they "have carefully emptied their revolver, public sentiment is in favor of it. The they are still fitfully waving it in the mon prudence;" and that they should come to "a complete understanding with Russia," not merely "in regard to is warranted by the fact that, despite which prohibit the fortification of Seed before, and it has, at the same time fortified the commercial city of Batoum. Once on a time, this would have

tener than twice before they fight nowadays, and in this they exhibit wisdom. The remarkable proposition of the London Spectator is thus printed:

"Here, again, it is a case of Russia's desire for an open port. Russia wants a port or ports in the North Pacific, which shall not be closed by ice for several months in the year. It is a most ... 1 00 legitimate and most natural wish. Unfortunately it has been our short-sighted policy to oppose it, with the result that we have again earned the enmity of Russia from a most insufficient cause. Why we should desire to prevent Russia from having free access to the sea in the Pacific, it is exceedingly difficult to discover. As long as we maintain our naval strength-and if we do not do that we are altogether lost—the possession by Russia of open ADVERTISER PRINTING Co., ports is in no way an injury. Indeed, Russia with open ports is more vulnerable to the power which commands the sea, than Russia with ice-closed har-What, then, we should do to

ecure an understanding with Russia is roughly and broadly this: We should ay to her: We abandon frankly and finally all attempts to prevent your access to the Mediterranean, and we do the like in the case of the North Pacific, on the understanding that you give up the policy of threatening the Indian frontier and of working with France to injure our interests in Africa and elsewhere. Further, we are prepared to come to a detailed arrangement as to your and our expansion in Asia generally. For example, so long as our trade interests are saved from injury, we shall make no objection to your absorbing portions of nordisclaiming any desire for the part of the | dog in the manger," and pointing out the immense advantage Russia would reap and how little would be asked of her in return, the Spectator closes its remarkable disquisition with the possible to come to such an underhe does he will secure the gratitude free and strong, and not entangled in

has marked out for our friendship." This is nothing more nor less than an invitation to divide China between Japan, and the other European nagave the Turk another lease of life tions are yet to be heard from. War in Europe, and prevented the complete | may only be averted by such a division, but we are much afraid that war would result from the attempt to di-

onable enmity with a power that nature

Rev. Dr. Dann, the new assistant pastor of St. Paul's Church, city, very properly denounced the anonymous letter writers who bombarded him with opportunity to begin his work. The anonymous letter should be discountenanced by everyone. The "Advertiser" prints no anonymous letters.

Even a baseball umpire has rights. One of them has gone into court to establish his character as a fair-minded man. It is umpire vs. crank. We shall

A Boston boy killed himself because he was dull at school. Foolish fellow! If he had inquired a little, he would have found that a good many of the successful men in the world were dull

Tomorrow the "Advertiser" will contain a trenchant reply by Hon. David

keting too many "thick fat" hogs, and Kent dealers have been notified that their hogs will not be acceptable in ment. It is alleged that the farmers have been feeding beans to their pigs, and that with such feed it is next to impossible to produce the "long lean" description of hogs which the packers should heed the advice of the packers. command the highest prices, and avoid disappointment. It is well to be-

The hot wave has undoubtedly caught

ment reform in New York city, says that though a prohibitionist in prindoctor is amenable to reason.

Much has been written about th success of the Western Fair, but there Constantinople and India, but also as said, though he deserved the greatest the far East." This language of praise-Mr. Thomas A. Browne, the famous city as it has never been arm- through so much labor, much of it routine, but all essential to the success of the show, with so little friction. Mr. been deemed equivalent to a declara- Browne is indeed a model secretarywar, but the powers think of- a better word would be "manager."

LIGHTNING AND BARNS.

In view of the large number of barns struck by lightning during the last few days, a correspondent asks us if there is greater danger of barns being burned by lightning when they are filled with produce than when they are empty. Mr. McAdie, a United

States Government official, after exhaustive inquiry, submits these facts: Last year, prior to Aug. 1, 223 persons were reported as killed by flightning in this country; after that date, 113; dwellings struck, before Aug. 1, 173; after, 87; churches, before, 10; after, 15; barns, before, 130; after, 138. It thus appears that while much more than half the year's damage done by lightning in other directions occurred prior to the date mentioned, a trifle more than half the injury to barns from that cause came afterward. Mr. McAdie mentions three possible reasons for this increased peril after harvesting the crops: 1. The stalks of grass and growing grain serve as tiny lightning rods, and relieve the electric strain between sky and earth, but when they have been out down only the buildings and trees are left to serve that purpose. 2. A full barn is warmer, and hence more readily ignited than an empty one. 3. The vapor in the warm air, rising from a barn filled with new hay, attracts the electric current and invites a discharge

These figures show the necessity for barns being insured, or for possible lesses being provided for otherwise. London township farmer tells us that he does not insure his buildings or stock, taking his chances, by the saving of insurance premiums, to come out ahead in the long run. Is he prudent? The qestion is one worthy of earnest discussion.

We would like to hear from our farmer readers.

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Mr. Percy Lindley, 30 Fleet street, has compiled for the Great Eastern Railway Company a valuable illus-It will have a big circulation.

"Peter Steele, the Cricketer," is the latest volume of the Colonial Library. issued by Macmillan & Co., London and New York, and published in Canada by the Copp, Clark Company, Torento. It is a lively story, illustrative of English sporting life, and will, no doubt, have many readers in the Do-

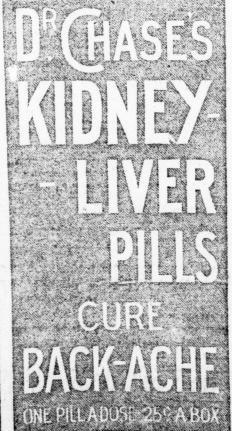
A very convenient pocket size are the new novels now issued by T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Row, London, England. His last issue is that lively story, "The Spectre of Strathannan," told in W. E. Norris' most attractive style. Price, 1s 6d.

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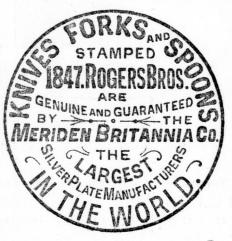
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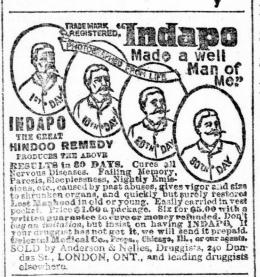
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