

mark, 60 ; Servia, 20. Grand total, \$27,155,000,000. Of the above sixty per cent. are for war, and forty per cent. for improvements. Of debts contracted since 1848, however, fifty-five per cent. was for peace, forty-five for war. He concludes by predicting that in order to compete with America, Europe would be compelled to disband her armies and pay her debts. Let us hope so.

"FETICHISM. A Contribution to Anthropology and the History of Religion." By Fritz Schultze, Ph.D. Translated from the German by J. Fitzgerald. J. Fitzgerald, Publisher, 393 Pearl Street, New York. "A most interesting work, and a highly valuable research into the origin of religious ideas. The form of religion investigated by the author is Fetichism, which is the religion of savages everywhere. How the savage comes to suppose that stocks and stones and all manner of 'unconsidered trifles' exert a controlling influence on his fate, and that they must be propitiated by religious service, is most entertainingly and at the same time most learnedly set forth in this volume. The reader will here find a logical and entirely satisfactory account of the origin of most of the superstitious ideas and practices which still survive among civilized peoples."

La Nature, in a late number, contained an interesting account of some scientific experiments undertaken at the physiological station at Paris to determine the nature of walking, running, marching, together with the best methods of improvement. One conclusion arrived at is stated as follows:—"The shape of the boot has considerable effect upon the quickness of the march. In order to determine the best form of marching-boots, buskins have been made with heels which can be regulated, by revolving plates, so as to be of any height from half a centimetre to six centimetres—(N.B., centimetre equals about two-fifths of an English inch.) From the experiments it is seen that the quickness of the step increases in proportion to decrease in height of heel. This result tends to an increase in the length of the step, and it is also noticed that the step increases in