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The unique position which France holds in relation to "The Question of Wheat" is pointed out by Worthington C. Ford, chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, in his second article, which heads the table of contents in *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for May*. The "West Indian bridge between North and South America" is the title of an instructive geological study by J. W. Spencer, in which the probability is shown of such a land connection having existed between these continents in recent geological times. The article is given added value by a number of illustrations. "Witchcraft in Bavaria," by Prof. E. P. Evans, is full of interesting history, and among other things gives some rather startling information regarding the crude and ridiculous theological doctrines still taught in some of the German universities. The advances made in kite-flying during 1897, and the meteorological data obtained by the use of kites, are described by George J. Varney, in an illustrated article entitled "Kite-flying in 1897." "The Theory and Practice of the Income Tax" is the subject of Mr. Wells' eighteenth chapter. He takes the ground that it is impossible to enforce such a tax equitably. An extremely interesting and unique paper, entitled "A Study of Snow Crystals," is contributed by W. A. Bentley and G. H. Perkins. It gives an account of the various forms assumed by snow crystals, and shows that certain kinds of storms are almost invariably characterized by certain sorts of crystals. The most interesting feature of the article, however, is a series of photographs of the actual crystals, taken with the aid of a microscope. Prof. H. Carrington Bolton has an interesting study entitled "A Relic of Astrology." It gives the history of the naked figure of a man, surrounded by the signs of the zodiac, which has been the sign manual of the patent-medicine almanac from time immemorial. "A Study of Children's Ideals," by Estelle M. Darrah, will be found of interest and value by all persons having to do with the education of the young. "Man's Dependence on the Earth," by M. L. Gallouédec, is an interesting essay on the relations between man and his environ-