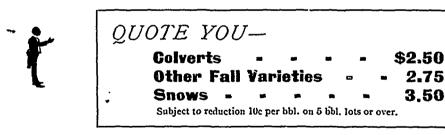


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Field Marshal Count Blumenthal, the distinguished chief of the late Em-peror Frederick's general staff during the Austrian and French wars, cele-brated his ninetieth birthday on July 29. He and the King of Saxony are the only officers of the German army of exaited rank still alive of those who took part in the Franco-German war.

A prize of 1,000 francs is offered, says the Electrician, by the French Industrial association against acci-dents to laborers, at Paris, for the most efficacious insulating glove for electrical workmen. The gloves must be strong enough to resist not only the electric current, but also accident-al perforation by copper wire, etc., and must, in addition, be eusy to wear by hands of any size and allow the workman's fingers sufficient freedom to execute their work. The competi-tion is international, and is open un-til Dec. 31, 1900.

Jean Baptiste Andre Dumas, the em-inent French physiologist and chem-ist, the hundredth anniversary of whose birth occurred on July 14, thus stated the problem of happiness in an oration delivered before an assem-blage of French naturalists at Cler-mont in 1S76: "If I seek in my mem-ory after the pleture of true happiness I find it not in the potentate who ex-ercises a great power over others, nor in the man of wealth, who controls all the luxuries and pleasures money con buy, but in the man of Science who devotes his life to discovering the sec-rets of nature and finding out new truths."

The German Crown Prince is to complete his education at Bonn, and his brothers will also study at the uni-versity there in due course.

It is reported that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (which now includes the American Bell Telephone Company), the Tele-phone, Telegraph and Cable Com-nany of America, the Western Inion Telegraph Company and the Postal-Telegraph Company will be consolidated into one big company to be known as the National Tele-phone and Telegraph Company. It is said the consolidation will take place before the end of the present year The old established and well known book publishing firm of D. Appleton & Co., New York, is to be re-organized with ample capital to carry on the business which has existed for sev-enty-five years.