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LITERARY STATISTICS. BOOK COLLECTIONS IN BUROPE.

Some interesting figures have been published by the Italian Statistical Bureau in regard to the relative wealth in book collections of different European States. The results are shown in the following statement:-

	Number of	Vols. 1
	Volumes,	Inhab
Bayaria	1.268.500	
Italy	4,149,281	
France	4.389,000	
Prussia	2,040,450	
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Austria	2,408,000	
Great Britain	1,771,493	
Russia	882,090	

The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon this, says:-

"According to these figures, Great Britain has, in proportion to her population, the smallest collection of books in her public libraries of any European State, with the exception of Russia. It ought, however, first to be ascertained whether any fixed principle as to what may or may not be considered a volume has been adopted in recording the literary wealth of the several countries. At the Statistical Congress held in London in 1860, when this subject was under discussion, it was stated that in many public libraries it was the custom to bind up every pamphlet separately, and to enter it as a separate volume in the catalogue, whereas in the Bri-tish Museum we bind our pamphlets in volumes of two or three inches in thickness; se that in an enumeration of volumes we should be at a disadvantage by a mere com-parison of numbers. At St. Petersburg, for instance, there are about thirty thousand specifications of English patents, all separately bound and reckoned as thirty thousand volumes, whereas in the British Museum the same specifications are contained in one thousand volumes. It is manifest, therefore, that in default of an approximate uniformity in the practice of counting and classifying volumes in different countries, very little reliance can be placed on these comparative statistics.

"Our public libraries may be counted on one's fingers, and, with the solitary exception of the national collection at the British Museum, the few that we have are entirely unsupported by the State. In Italy a recent enumeration shows that there are 210 libraries, of which 164 are open to the public, and 33 of these are maintained by the Government. Of 143 libraries the total revenue in 1863 was £30,000, of which £20,000 was derived as subventions from the Government and £7000 from the provincial and communal authorities. In England we rest satisfied with maintaining in the capital a literary collection of unrivalled richness and variety, leaving our provincial cities and towns to provide for their own intellectual requirements. In Italy the State libraries are scattered throughout almost every province. Tuscany has 9 of them, Lombardy 4, Emilia 4, Cam-pagna 4, Piedmont 3, and 2 each in Liguria and Sardinia and Sicily. The provincial and communal libraries number 100, of which 17 are in Emilia, 15 in the Marches, 16 in Sicily, 10 in Lombardy, and 9 each in Piedmont and Tuscany. Seventy-one libraries belong to scientific institutions and religious corporations. Piedmont has the largest number of libraries to which the public are not ad-mitted—of a total of 24 only 13 are open to the public.

'The 210 Italian libraries comprise 171 general and 39 special collections; of the latter 25 are ecclesiastical, 11 scientific and literary, and 3 are devoted to fine arts. Piedmont has 3, Sicily 3, the Campagna 4, and the Marches 7 ecclesiastical libraries; 6 of the scientific collections are in Piedmont, 2 in Tuscany, and 2 in Emilia; Lombardy has 1 fine arts library; and Tuscany the remaining 2. All the libraries together contain 4,149,281 volumes, of

The Last Wager of Battle in England. An English paper says:-"There has died in Birmingham a poor old man, one event of whose history forms an important mark in the progress of civilization in England, espe-cially as relating to the old barbarous mode of settling disputes, and trying causes by the 'wager of battel.' The deceased, William Ashford, was the last person who was chal-lenged in an English court to meet, in single combat, a man whom he had accused as the murderer of his sister. On the 26th of May, 1810, a beautiful young woman named Mary Ashford, in her twentieth year, went to a dance at Erdington, without proper protection. She left the festive scene at a late hour, accompa-11.7 nied by a young man named Abraham Thornton, a farmer's son in the neighborhood. They were last seen talking together at a stile near the place, but next morning she was found dead in a pit of water; and there were evidences that she had been murdered. General suspicion pointing to Thornton, he was arrested and tried for murder at Warwick assizes, in August; but, though strong circumstantial evidence was against him, the defense, which was an alibi, obtained a verdict of 'not guilty. "The feeling of surprise and indignation at his acquittal was so intense that a new trial was called for, and an appeal was entered against the verdict by William Ashford, the brother, and next of kin to the murdered girl. Thornton was again apprehended, and sent to London in November, to be tried before Lord Ellenborough and the full Court of Queen's Bench. Instead of regular defense by arguments, evidences, and witnesses, Thornton boldly defied all present modes of jurisdiction, and claimed his right, according to ancient custom, to challenge his accuser to fight him, and decide his innocence or guilt by the 'wager of battel.' His answer to the Court wager of batten. This answer to the court was, 'Not guilty, and I am ready to defend the same by my body.' He accompanied these words by the old act of taking of his glove and throwing it down upon the floor of the court. "At this stage of the proceedings William Ashford, who was in court, actually came for-

ward, and was about to accept the challenge by picking up the glove, when he was kept back by those about him. With what wonder did the assembly, and indeed the nation, ask, Can a prisoner insist on so obsolete a mode of trial, in such a time of light as the nineteenth century ?' But with greater wonder and regret was the judgment of the Court was received; for, after several adjournments, it decided, in April, 1818, that the law of England was in favor of the 'wager of battel;' that the old laws sanctioning it had never been repealed; and that, though this mode of trial had become obsolete, it must be allowed. Thornton was therefore discharged, and, being set at liberty, left England for America, where he died in obscurity."

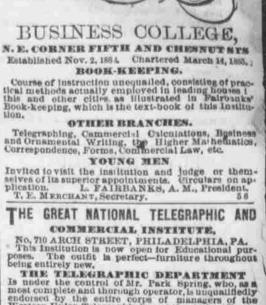
A MODERN KNIGHT-ERRANT.

The Pall Mall Gazette says:-

"A month ago there died at Stockholm a man who had been for half his life a knight-errant of iree dom. For thirty years of the last half cen-tury Major Myhrberg was to be found fighting wherever the cause of liberty appealed to the sword. The old martial spirit of the Vasas and the 'madmen of the north,' which brought such glory and loss to Sweden, seemed to find a mocern embodiment in him. A mere strip-ling, he abandoned the peaceful career for which he had been prepared by his education at Upsala. He sailed for Portagal, passed into Spain, and fought bravely against the French invaders, by whom he was captured and carried to Marsellies. Such a bird could not be caged. We find him free again, and eurolling himself in a body of French volunteers, wno, under the command of General Fabvier strug-gled desperately for Greece. In this war Myhr-berg performed extraordinary feats of valor as a cavairy officer. He maintained himself and men for six monthes in 1827 in Chilos, arguingt "A month ago there died at Stockholm a man a cavairy officer. He maintained himself and men for six months in 1827, in Chios, against the Turks, and, at last outnumbered, brought

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Double-width All wool Delaines, 68, worth cents, Spring Balmorais, \$1.25, Table Linens, Napking, Towels, etc. Apron Hird-eye, Nursery Diaper, etc. MIXTURES FOR SUITS. borgiar to make. As a Proof of his success, the fol-lowing certificate is now offered from the Novelty Works, New York:-OFFICE NOVELTY IRON WORKS, New YORK, 18th December, 1866. Measure. Levis Lidlie & Son-GENTIEMEN:-We have subjected the sample of Child Iron yon furnished us to the most severe tests (as regards dilling through it) that we could bring to bear upon it, and without success. It is our opinion that it can only be penetrated by the use of a large number of drills, and the expendi-ture of much power, with days of time. And we think it impossible for a burgiar, with his time and power, to penetrate it at all. Yours truly. IEAAC V. HOLMES, Superintendent, LYMAN U. HALL, Foreman. 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Plain Window Hol-land, 50c, White Matting, 37c, to 50c, Red Matting, 40c, to 50c, Woollen Druggets, §1 to \$190, Stair O Cloths, 25c, Spring Chinizes, 12c, to 20c, De Laines 25c, Muslins, 11c, to 25c, CHEAP STORE, [2196m] N. E. Corner FLEVENTH and MARKET Streets. E. M. NEEDLES & CO., DEPOTS: AT THEIR S. W. CORNER TWELFTH AND WILLOW STREETS, [5115mw2m NEW STORE, FACT VII.—It is true that the Sheet-Iron or common Sale, as now made, under ordinary circumstances (and when not crushed by the fall of walls or timbers) usually saves the written matter, but if the fire is ae-vere it has to be copied, for the ink will soon fade out; besides, the safe is twisted up and useless. AND MASTER STREET.

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which 1,123,889 are in Emilia, 794,567 in Lombardy, 667,913 in Tuscany.

"So far as the nature of the works most frequently in demand at the libraries furnishes a clew to the intellectual tendencies of the age, the following statistics are interesting:-Of 988,510 works read in 1863, 183,528 related to mathematics and the natural sciences, 122, 496 history and philology, 70, 537, morals and philosophy, 193,972 jurisprudence and law, 261,689 were works of general literature, 101,797 encyclopædias, and the remaining 54,491 sacred and theological works. M. Loua, a well-known French statistical writer, remarks thereon:-'C'est une nouvelle démonstration que l'esprit du siècle abandonne de plus en plus les études purement scolastiques pour les sciences positives.

"The people of the Campagna supply the largest number of readers in propertion to the volumes contained in the libraries of the prowince; in Tuscany and Emilia the readers are relatively fewest. In the Campagna, Lombardy, Piedmont and Tuscany, the readers chose principally works relating to the positive sciences, literature and fine arts; while in the southern provinces theological works were more in demand, 'probablement,' says M. Loua, 'par suite de l'organization encore presque exclusivement cléricale de l'éducation dans ces pays.'

"The Italian libraries do not appear to be in a very flourishing condition ; the expenses of administration absorb two-thirds of their income, and what remains is insufficient for the renewal of old and the purchase of new works."

The Last Days of Pompadour.

Of feeble healtn-her visage was pale and thin, and she had expectoration of blood in her youth-the charms of person which had at first youth-the unarms of person which had at hirst enslaved the King vanished in the course of three or four years, and she speedily became a mistress of mere form and ceremony. A succes-sion of younger beauties gratified the passions of the monarch, while Madame Pompadour had to rely for the maintenance of her ascendancy on the power of habit, which was all-engrossing over so feeble a nature, and to the mexhausti-ble devices which intrigue and her accomplishments in the arts of pleasure and amusement afforded her. To sustain herself on the slip-pery summit she had need of daily and hourly anxiety and care. The secret pangs and fears of such a life were incalculable. She was obliged to be on the watch for every change of the King's humor, to keep constant watch on all actions, to divine all his thoughts and wisnes, and to be ever on her guard against both male and female conspirators and their jealous contri vances. Envied by all the light women of the court, despised and set at naught by the minishainburgh Review. Actions



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