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MR. LO ON THE WAR-PATH. WITH the departure of winter and the approach of the warm weather appear the usual indications of hostile activity among the Indians, and the prospects are that the coming season will be marked by the usual amount of bloodshed and outrage. A despatch from Arizona, which we published yesterday, represented that the Indian depredations in that Territory are increasing with frightful rapidity, and gave a list of murders, robberies, and assaults committed by the savages during the month just past. It is apparent that the Indians of Arizona propose to carry on a bloody warfare during the coming summer, and it is not improbable that throughout the entire Indian region hostilities will be resumed, and the peaceful solution of the difficulties between the white and red men be rendered harder than ever to accomplish. It is not pleasant to think of the extermination of the aborigiual races of this continent as the only solution of the difficulties which now exist upon our Western plains, and which impede the march of civilization; but certainly at present there does not appear to be any other practical solution, unless there is a total and radical change in our whole Indian policy. The Government ought to make a more decided effort than it has ever yet done to induce the Indians to give up their nomadic life and to settle down as cultivators of the ground. Some of them have been persuaded to do this, and with such success that there is reason to hope others will follow their example, if the proper pressure is brought to bear upon them. So long as the Indian tribes are treated with as if they were independent nations, and are bribed with gifts and money to keep the peace, so long will Indian agents have opportunities to plunder, and the usual outrages will continue season after season until the red race is finally swept from the face of the earth. But if the savages are encouraged to become citizens. and are carefully protected in their rights as such, there may be some hope for them, and some expectation that Indian warfare upon the Western plains will, ere a great many years, be heard of no more. All that has yet been done toward civilizing the savages has been done by private enterprise; but now that private individuals have demonstrated that some of the Indians, at least, are both willing and anxious to be civilized, it is time that the public at large, and the Government as the representative of the people, should make a really earnest attempt to put an end to a condition of affairs upon the plains which is not creditable to the nation.

A HIGH-TONED JENKINS.

WE published, a few days ago, an extract from an article in a late number of Scribner's Monthly, describing a visit to the famous novelist Dumas, which was written by Mr. Bigelow, formerly United States Consul and, for some time, United States Minister at Paris, as well as ex-editor of the New York Evening Post and of the New York Times. The article itself is piquant and entertaining; but, in view of the nature of its disclosures, it will afford a new illustration of the risks which every public man encounters when he ventures to invite a New York or New England journalist or writer to partake of his domestic hospitalities. Bigelow has occupied high official as well as high editorial positions, and he ought to know how far the boundaries of private life can properly be invaded by professional writers, more especially when such invasions involve a breach of official confidence. The Arabs have a way of respecting the life and property of any stranger guest who has eaten salt with them in their tents, but Mr. Bigelow, late American Minister at Paris, appears to be incapable of comprehending that a guest can be under any obligations to refrain from telling the world all that he sees or hears at a private breakfast-table, to which he was invited under the impression that he possessed some of the instincts of a gentleman. Like N. P. Willis and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Bigelow regards details of private life which he ascertained in a confidential or semi-confidential way as literary property, to be freely disposed of to the highest bidder. He does not seem to understand that there is any impropriety in laying bare the secret motives and wishes of his host, and the peculiarities of his habits and demeanor, or that he is under any greater restrictions than a local reporter, interviewer, or Jenkins.

European writers of acknowledged reputation who wished to discuss with equal freedom their contemporaries (and especially those writers who had gained their information while they occupied official positions), have usually provided by will that such comments should appear as posthumous publications at some remote period after the death of the writer, and the death of those whose secrets or infirmities were disclosed. The feeling that this is the proper course is so strong in Europe, that strong objections have been made to the introduction in fiction, under fictitious names, of sufficiently accurate descriptions of living men and women to enable their portraits to be recognized in private circles. But no such feeling restrains Bigelow; and in view of what he tells of the hopes and habits of Dumas, there is no reason why he should not disclose all family secrets of any Parisian who was unfortunate enough to make his acquaintance while he was acting as American Minister. We believe, however, that in spite of such notable exceptions as Willis, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Bigelow, there are plenty of good American writers gifted with a sense of the proprieties of life and of the necessity of avoiding some of the innumerable topics brought to their notice.

WHEN Russia announced her determination to be no longer bound by the treaty of 1856, which excluded her navy from the Black Sea, there was a furious burst of rage and indignation in England; and, to judge from all the external signs another great war was imminent. Russia, however, knew that her opportunity had arrived, and was determined to have her own way by fair means or by force. The British lion was soothed by means of pacific diplomatic notes, and the upshot of the whole affair was that a conference was held and Russia obtained all she asked for. A great war was avoided, to the intense gratification of all Englishmen who knew how unprepared they were to go into a contest, and to the intense disgust of those who are obliged to witness the downfall of British power and influence in Europe without being able to do snything to prevent it. Considering all the circumstances of the case, it is painful to find a man of the influence of Sir Charles Dilke getting up in the House of Commons and denouncing the action of Russia, and blaming Earl Granville for consenting to reopen the Black Sea question in the London Conference. Denunciation of Russia will not help matters a bit, but will make Gortschakoff smile, as General Butler must have miled at Disraeli's remarks about the discourteous treatment of England by the American House of Representatives general and B. F. Butler in particular. The British Foreign Minister did the best he could to settle the Black Sea question in a manner not absolutely disgraceful to the Government and nation he represented, and having done his part, he deserves credit rather than censure. All the blatant orators of the House of Commons together could have done nothing to alter the results of the conference, but they might easily have complicated matters, and made the British position much worse than it really was. Sir Charles Dilke said, according to the cable despatch, that the result of the conference was inevitable, owing to collusion between Russia and Prussia. This is very probable; but so long as the English Government could not help itself, it would seem to be the part of wisdom for English orators to endeavor to conceal their mortifi-

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Chief Clerk Treasury Department.

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