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A Glance at Europe.

involved in it.

1. THE EMPIRE OF AUSTRIA. archduchies, two duchies, three margra- be republics. vates-the ban of Austria. The kingprincipality of Transylvania; the arch- them, to furnish an army of five hundred duchies of Upper Austria and Lower Aus- and sixty thousand men; Austria and tria-the original foundation of the em- Prussia contributing, of course, in over-Carinthia, Bukovina, Upper and Lower follows: The portions of Austria belong-Istria and Servia; the territory of Trieste | Moravia, the Archduchy of Austria, Siand the ban of Thermes. Besides this, lesia, Saltzburg, Styria, Carinthia, Carninumerous so-called military stations. In ola, the Tyrol, Imili, Trieste (but not the istic in religion and race, and ever ready | cluded in the Confederation are Saxony,

when the second category was called into | Press. active service, increasing the army by 200,000 men. A second levy has been ordered, which has not exceeded 140,000 men. In time of war Austria can raise an army of seven or eight hundred thoua rank in the army. The Austrian sol- to a region desolated by fire. dier is distinguished for bravery and power of endurance, but is atterly lacking in | are generally termed by a large portion of brilliancy and daring. The finest corps is the people, are appearing in various parts paign in Lombardy, the artillery posses- out the popular theory, however, that either the letter W, portending war, or this?" sed only a few cannon. Now it has made there is an exact interim of seventeen the letter P, portending peace. Not "It could serve no purpose,' replied Scott begs your pardon. Go to your dugreat progress, though it is far from years between their appearance. We have content with the dreadful presence of this Captain Titlow; 'his orders are from ty, sir."

Europe; it has preserved all the historical | destroyers extended through a period of | present misery by prognosticating future | Mr. Davis, eagerly; 'there must be some traditions of its fame. Many a victory seven years, making their appearance at evils. The direction of their flight point- mistake. No such outrage as you threathas it helped to win for Austria, but Aus- the Glen Lynden Colony in 1824, disap- ed out the kingdom doomed to bow under en me with is on record in the history of tria has never testified its appreciation of pearing at the close of the year 1830, the divine wrath; while the color of the nations. Beg him to telegraph, and delay its importance. Austria has never possessed any celebrated generals. The Archduke Charles, the most famous among same section was again laid waste in 1839, quer. them, was on every occasion conquered by and again in 1850. The celebrated locust Napoleon I. To take the field again it of the East, (locusta migratoria of Linnæhas no other generals than those that were beaten at Magenta, Solferino, Palestro and San Martino. Austria cannot send into is about two and a half inches long, of a the field more than three hundred thou- greenish color obscurely spotted, with dred thousand men in the Quadrilateral, between Venice and the frontier of Lom- | female is provided with four short wedgebardy, where the army of Italy is en. shaped pieces, arranged in pairs, and camped. A hundred thousand men are in Dalmatia, in the territory of Trieste, and in the fortresses on the other side of ging the hole as they are opened and are in Hungary, where the condition of enough to receive the eggs. The males the country at all times threatens a revolution. The Austrian navy consists of one legs across the projecting veins of the told him he was the kind of man they hundred and twenty vessels of war, of wing covers, like playing upon a violin, which seventy only are steamers. In all, the sound being intensified by a sonorous officer of the squad went to report his one thousand one hundred cannon. The cavity in the first abdominal segment .-merchant vessels of Austria consist of The hind legs are very powerful, enabling about ten thousand ships. The govern- them to leap with great facility, while ment revenue is two hundred millions of the strong and narrow wings give them thousand five hundred million.

2. The Kingdom of Prussia. millions and a half-all united by bonds | the crackling of burning stubble. of race, religion and language. The revenue, one hundred million thalers; national debt, two hundred and ten millions .- | feeding voraciously on plants. Their In time of peace the army consists of two numbers are semetimes so great that rivhundred thousand men. At the present ers have been blocked and many square moment it has four hundred and fifty | miles of land covered by them, the stench thousand men under arms, besides a re- of their decaying bodies infecting the air serve, well drilled and disciplined, called for bundreds of miles. Messrs. Kirby Landwehr. The Prussians have all milita- and Smith mention an army of locusts ry instincts-they are brave, sober and in. | which ravaged the Mahratta country, exdefatigable. The artillery is one of the tending in a column five hundred miles finest in Europe, with fine cannon and long, and so compact that it obscured the admirable and intelligent officers. The sun like an eclipse. Many are the allugenerals are formed in the school of Fred- | sions in the Old Testament to the flight erick the Great. One of them was of these insects. The prophet Joel (ch. Blucker, the conqueror of Napoleon at ii) gives a magnificent description of their Waterloo. Its navy, limited to eighty appearance: "Before their faces the peovessels of war, is in far better condition | ple shall be much pained: all faces shall than that of Austria, the four hundred gather blackness. They shall run like and ten cannon they carry being all of the | mighty men; they shall climb the wall latest modern models. The merchant like men of war, and they shall march vessels are about two thousand in number. every one on his ways, and they shall not Prussia boasts of its rights over the break their ranks. The earth shall quake Duchies of Holstein, Lanenburg and before them, the heavens shall tremble; Schleswig, Austria declining to cede them | the sun and the moon shall be dark, and without compensation since 1863.

3. THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK. This small kingdom possesses a popula-" Council-John Lloyd, Samuel Stiles, | tion of three millions; twenty millions of | and approach: thalers are its revenue; its national debt | "Onward they came, adark, continuous cloud sixty millions. In time of peace its army Of congregated myriads numberless, consists of twenty-five thousand men; in time of war it reaches fifty thousand. The Plunged from a mountain summit, or the roar navy of Deomark, though limited to one Of a wild ocean in the Autumn storm, hundred vessels of war, with only a thou- | Shattering its billows on a shore of rocks." sand cannon, is admirable. Its merchant As locusts are the greatest destroyers vessels number about six thousand The three duchies which belonged to Deamark have remained in the possession of the two powers which occupy them, Austria and Prusssia. These duchies form altogether a population of one million.

4. THE CONFEDERATION OF GERMANY. By the treaty of 1815, made by all the European Powers, the German Confederation consisted of forty States. It now contains only thirty-five. Each of these different States has an independent government of its own, but are all united in repelling invasion on any one of the Con-

rels with foreign Powers. The legislative | 1799 and in the spring of 1800, after the power of this Confederation is called a plague had almost depopulated Barbary, The probability of a war in Europe has Diet, and is held at Frankfort-on-the-Main, dishes of locusts were served up at the directed the attention of this country to a so-called free city. The States forming principal repasts. Their usual way of the resources by land and sea, of the the Germanic Confederation include thir- dressing them, was to boil the insects in Powers likely to originate the war and the teen millions of inhabitants belonging to water half an bour, then sprinkle them Powers which will unavoidably become Austria, fourteen millions to Prussia, and with salt and pepper and fry them, adding eighteen millions included in four king- a little vinegar. For their stimulating doms, one electorate, seven grand duchies, qualities, the Moors prefer them to pi-This Power of central Europe consists eight duchies, eight principalities, one geons. A person may eat a plateful of of six kingdoms, three principalities, two landgravate, and four cities, professing to them, containing two or three hundred,

The total population of the Confederadoms are Hungary, Boliemia, besides Ve- tion of Germany consists of forty-five milnice, Dalmatia, Crotia and Sclavonia; the lions, obliged, by the treaty which binds pire; the duchies of Salzburg, Styria, whelming numbers. The details are as Silesia. The margravates are Moravia, ing to the Confederation are Bohemia, all, thirty-five millions of inhabitants, Venetian States,) about thirteen millious speaking a variety of languages, antagon- of people. The Prussian possessions in-Silesia, Westphalia, Brandenberg, Pom-The army on foot consisted of 360,000 erania and the Renish provinces, over soldiers until within the last few months, fourteen millions of people.—Philad.

#### The Locusts.

The name locust is derived from Latin, locus place, and ustus, burned, from the evening, excepting the first week in sand men. Almost all the nobility have resemblance of districts ravaged by them

> The "seventeen-year locusts," as they us,) which includes one of the fifteen American species described by Dr. Harris, sand men, being obliged to have two hun- pale brown wing covers marked with black. The extremity of the body in the moving up and down like double nippers; these are forced into the ground, enlar-Venice. Another hundred thousand men | withdrawn, until it is deep and large make a loud noise by rubbing their hind thalers, but its national debt is over one | the power of rapid and long continued flight, accompanied with a loud and whizzing noise, compared to the rushing of a The population of Prussia is eighteen | whirlwind, the rattling of chariots, and

It is destructive in all its forms, in the larval, nymph, and perfect conditions, the stars shall withdraw their shining.'

The poet Southey has strikingly described the noise produced by their flight

The rushing of whose wings was as the sound Of a broad river headlong in its course

of food, so, as some recompense, they furnish a considerable supply of it to numerous nations-as they cause, they are frequently the means of preventing, famines. In the curious account given by Alexis of a poor Athenian family's provisions, mention of the locust is found :

"For us the best and daintiest cheer, Through the bright half of the year, Is but acorns, onions, peas, Ochros, lupines, radishes, Netches, wild pears, nine and ten, With a locust now and then "

The Arabs, of Morocco, esteem locusts federation, and bound to assist in all quar- a great delicacy. During the summer of

without any ill effect, whatever.

· Pringle, in his song of the Wild Bushman, has the following:

"Yea, even the wasting locust swarm, Which mighty nations dread, To me, nor terror brings, nor harm;

I make of them my bread.' ties which human nature has suffered - laboring chest : famine, pestilence, death. In all ages, by reason of these associations, almost all to iron me?' people have looked upon their recurring . "Such are my orders, sir,' replied the full height, and raising his cane, with a visitations with superstitious horror. The officer, beckoning the blacksmith to ap- sudden sweep of the arm-I think he had wings of some locusts being spotted, are proach, who stepped forward, unlocking a cane-he exclaimed, in a weighty voice: thought by many to be leaves from the the padlock, and preparing the fetters to "Clear out, sir-clear out!" The astonbook of fate, in which letters announcing do their office. These fetters were of ished orderly sprang away, and the Genthe destiny of nations were to be read. - heavy iron, probably five eights of an inch eral passed to his carriage and was driven Paul Jetzote, Professor of Greek literature in thickness, and connected together by a off. The carriage was driven no more at the Gymnasium of Stettin, wrote a work | chain of like weight. I believe they are | than twenty or thirty rods before it turnon the meaning of three of these letters, now in the possession of Major General ed about, and the driver called to the unwhich, according to him, were to be seen Miles, and will form an interesting relic fortunate orderly. He of course met it on the wings of the locusts which visited [Oh, doctor, what an anti-climax.] Silesia, in 1712. These letters were B. | "This is too monstrous,' grouned the

taking rank amongst the best in Europe. an account given in the history of South plague, the inhabitants of most countries Washington, as mine are from him. The Hungarian cavalry is the finest in Africa, when the ravages of these fell took that opportunity of adding to their after almost entirely destroying everything | insect designated the national uniform of | until he answers.' green on the face of the earth. The such armies as were to go forth and con-

#### Congressmen in Straits.

Some of the Confederate Congressmen. says the Richmond Enquirer, from the Southwest, met with many incidents, some of them quite amusing, in their efforts to reach home after the fall of the Confederacy. In Columbus, Texas, Mr. Herbert, of Texas, anxious to escape a party of Federals that were said to be approaching, hurried to a livery stable to procure a horse, but was refused. In order to etrengthen his application, he then stated that he was a member of Congress; whereupon some Yankee soldiers who were in hearing, but had not been noticed by him, wanted, and took him in custody; and the capture. At this time an acquaintance of Mr. Herbert's coming up, Mr. II. told him as a rich joke, laughing heartily the while, that he had been passing himself off as a member of Congress from Texas, and that these men thought they had somebody! The friend catching the hint, entered into the joke, and repeated it with much merriment to the next arrival, who also seemed greatly amused that their old townsman had suddenly become a member of Congress from Texas! Thinking they had been "sold," the soldiers told Mr. Herbert to go, which he lest no time in

Several of the members passed themselves as paroled soldiers, and were transported as such, without detection, on government steamers to points near their homes. Of these were Mr. Perkins and Mr. Wigfall. The latter, in a disguise that precluded all suspicion, entered freely into a conversation with the soldiers of the guard, and in the course of the conversation asked what they would do with old Wigfall if they were to eatch him .-"Oh, we would hang him, certain," was the reply. "And you would serve him right," replied Wigfall. "If I should be with you, I have no doubt I should be pulling at the end of the rope myself!" The double entendre was not suspected, and its wit was therefore lost, but is worth producing now.

THE GARDEN SPOT OF AMERICA. heard the love of home oddly illustrated in Oregon one night in a country barroom. Some well dressed men, in a state of strong drink, were boasting of their respective places of nativity.

"I," said one, "was born in Mississippi, where the sun eyer shines, and the magnolias bloom all the happy year round." "And I," said another, was born in Kentucky, the home of impassioned oratory; the home of Clay; the State of splen-

did women, of gallant men. "And I," said another, "was born in Virginia, the home of Washington; the birth deeds and noble hospitality.

"Where is that?" they asked.

"Skeouhegan, Maine," he replied.

#### The Arch Rebel in Irons.

In the "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," the new book just published by Dr. Cras irascible temper in these latter years, no one ven, for seven months medical attendant knew better than himself. That he was at Fortress Monroe, the following account as ready to recall as to utter an unjust reis given of the celebrated ironing scene in | buke is not, perhaps, as well known to the which the great rebel chieftain played so public as it should be. On one occasion, prominent a part :--

for which he had come, attended by a with, as it appeared afterward, a letter smith, Mr. Davis, springing up from his from one of the Bureaus of the War Debed, gasping for breath, clutching his partment, which he had been directed to throat with the fingers of his right hand deliver to General Scott at once-of course and then recovering himself slowly, while to his adjutant general or chief of staff .his wasted figure followed up to its full The willing but not well learned volunheight-now appearing to swell with in- teer interpreted his order literally, howdignation and then to shrink with terror ever; and carelessly giving the salute. So far, the history of the locust has as he glanced from the captain's face to began: "Oh, General, here's a paper I been but a series of the greatest calami- the shackles-he said, slowly and with a want you to look at before you-

E. S., and formed the initials of the prisoner, glaring hurriedly around the Latin words, "Bella, Erunt, Saeva," or room, as if for some weapon or means of "Babel, Est, Solitudo;" also the German self-destruction. 'I demand, captain, that diately afterward: He gave both, and the words, "Bedeutet Erschreckliche, Schlac- you let me see the commanding officer .-- General answered, "Well, sir, report to Can he pretend that such shackles are re- your Colonel that you were guilty of gross A quiet, common belief in our country quired to secure the safe custody of a weak disrespect to General Scott as an officer, that of the staff. In 1859, in the cam- of the country. History does not bear is, that every locust's wing is marked with old man, so guarded and in such a fort as and that General Scott was guilty of gross

"'But he can telegraph,' interposed

"'My orders are peremptory,' said the own sake, let me advise you to submit then a farmer of Westmoreland county, with patience. As a soldier, Mr. Davis, you know I must execute orders.'

"These are not orders for a soldier, shouted the prisones losing floontrol of himself. They are orders for silorfor a hangman, which no soldier wearing a sword should accept! I tell you the world will ring with this disgrace. The war is over; the South is conquered; I have no longer any country but America, and it is for the honor of America, as for my own honor and life, that I plead against this degradation. Kill me! kill rather than inflict on me, and on my people, through me, this insult worse than

"'Do your duty, blacksmith,' said the officer, walking towards the embrasure as

to protract this interview.' "At these words, the blacksmith ad-

vanced with the shackles, and seeing that the prisoner had one foot upon the chair pear his bedside, his right hand resting on the back of it, the brawny mechanic made an attempt to slip one of the shackles over the ankle so raised; but, as if with the vehemence and strength which frenzy can impart, even to the weakest invalid, Mr. Davis suddenly seized his assailant and hurled him half-way across the room.

"On this, Captain Titlow turned, and seeing that Davis had backed against the wall for further resistance, began to remonstrate, pointing out in brief, clear to the necessity of your being ironed?'

shall not be done.

"Hereupon Captain Titlow called in a the prisoner. Immediately, Mr. Davis with his stick, and those who are upset tempted to wrench it from his grasp.

one issue. This was a short, passionate rowed to a duel between the two most scuffle. In a moment Davis was flung skillful of the rival knights. It is difficult upon his bed, and before his four power- to imagine anything more ludierous than ful assailants removed their hands from the spectacle presented by twenty or him, the blacksmith and his assistant had thirty of these combatants all equally done their work-one securing the rivet united in laying about them with their on one ankle, while the other turned the sticks, and in avoiding or parrying the key in the padlock on the left."

place of statesmen; the State of chevalier | Utica, N. Y., last week, for treatment in | flounder into the most ridiculous attitudes the asylum. He was formerly a soldier, in their vain attempt to get themselves "And I," said a yellow haired and sal- a member of the Forty-first regiment, N. again into a sitting posture. low-faced man, who was not of this party Y. V. His name is George W. Bassett. at all, and who had been quietly smoking. He was one of the Andersonville prisa short black pipe by the fire during oners, and the terrible privations which sulted her lawyer on the question whether their magnificent conversation, "and he then suffered, so shattered his consti- having married her husband for his mon-I was born in the garden spot of America." tution that he never fully recovered, and ey, and that money being all spent, is

#### An Anecdote of General Scott.

That General Scott was of hasty and while coming out of his headquarters at "When the officer intimated the purpose | Washington city, an orderly stepped up

The haughty veteran of fourscore "'My God! You cannot have been sent seemed dumbfounded for just one or two seconds, and then straightening to his with hat in hand and fear in every quivering muscle. He was beekoned to the door, and the General asked his name and regiment-as he told two or three immelisrespect to you as a man. General

#### A Reminiscence.

In the month of February, 1861, when the mutterings of the coming civil strife were borne to the North upon every Southern breeze, and two months before the bursting of the war cloud at Sumter, officer, and admit of no delay. For your the writer of this met John W. Geary, at Ebensburg, and had the pleasure of spending an evening in his room. In the course of a long conversation, the approaching war was mentioned. We shall never forget the carnestness with which Col. Geary, then a Douglas Democrat. spoke of that most anxious and exciting subject. He said that Abraham Lincoln had been fairly elected to the highest office in the gift of the people; that the South had no cause for attempting to dissolve the Union; and that, if al! efforts at conciliation should fail, he would take me!' he cried, passionately, throwing his his boy and enter the military service of arms wide open and exposing his breast, his country, in defense of the Union, the Constitution and the Laws. How well he kept his word all his countrymen know. His brave boy fell in the Southwest, pierced by a rebel bullet, and John W. Geary himself bears upon his person toif not caring to witness the performance, day the scars of a severe wound received it only gives increased pain on all sides on one of the hardest fought battle-fields of Virginia. How much his example aided in rallying the Democratic party of 1861 around the old flag needs not to be told. The country can never honor too much those prominent leaders of the old Democratic party-the Butlers, the Logans, the Gearys-who, in the darkest hour of our country's history, threw the weight of their example and their influence into the scale in behalf of the noblest cause that ever enlisted the hearts and valor of men .- Johnstown Trib.

## A New Game.

A new game, called "Le tornoise burlanguage, that this course was madness, lesque," has just been introduced into and that orders must be enforced at any evening parties in London and Paris, and cost. 'Why compel me,' he said, 'to add is rapidly coming into vogue as an infallithe further indignity of personal violence ble mirth-provoker. The jousters in this novel style of tournament (always gentle-" I am a prisoner of war, fiercely re men) seat themselves on the ground, with torted Davis; 'I have been a soldier in their knees drawn up, their shins crossed, the armies of America, and know how to their hands clasped around the latter. A die. Only kill me, and my last breath stick nearly a yard long is then placed shall be a blessing on your head. But under the knees of each player, and tied while I have life and strength to resist, firmly in place with handkerchief, in such for myself and for my people, this thing a way as the knees, stick, and hands, are securely fastened together.

The players divide into two squads, drag sergeant and file of soldiers from the next | themselves about the floor, each endeavroom, and the sergeant advanced to seize oring to upset the other by poking at him flew on him, seized his musket, and at- or only touched are at once put out of the game. The ranks of combatants are soon "Of course such a scene could have but | thinned, and the fight is presently narthrusts of their adversaries; especially when perhaps half a dozen of the heaviest A raving maniac, was taken to have the ill luck to lose their balance and

An English married lady has conwas finally reduced to his present pitiable she not at liberty to many again. Decision reserved.