Well-Disciplined Ducks.

Blackwood has a good account of a fourney of 1,200 miles up the Yangses-Kiang full of description and leaving on the mind the impression that China, besides being one of the most original of civilized countries, must be one of the most beautiful. The following passage may raise in some fowl-breeders a new appreciation of Chinese skill in disciplining their feathered flocks:

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F "During our stay at Hankow we visited a duck farm. The process of keeping the ducks is simple. A large wooden shed stands near the edge of the river, where the owner of the farm or an employe spends the night with his feathered friends. There must have been several thousand of ducks in the farm we visited. Before sunrise the door of the shed is opened, and out run the ducks, scrambling, one over the other into the river, where they spend the day feeding. As soon as sunset approaches, from all parts of the river they come, for they wander far among the rushes and islands during the day, and there is still more hurry and scurry to get into the shed than there was to get out at dawn. The reason is simple. Immovable by the door sits the Chinaman, a long cane in his hand, and wee betide the last duck to enter, for down on its back comes the long bamboo with a lapan-inflicting thud. In this way punctuality is insured among ducks."



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At a recent meeting of the Anthropological Institute Mr. Francis Galton, F. R. S., exhibited a large number of impressions of the bulbs of the thumb and fingers of human hands, showing the curves of the capillary ridges on the skin. These impressions are an unfailing mark of the identity of a person, since they do not vary from youth to age, and are different in different individuals. There is a statement that the Chinese—who seems to be credited with every new discovery—had used thumb impressions as proofs of identity for a long time, but Mr. Galton pronounced it to be an eggregious error. Impressions of the thumb formed, in deed, a kind of oath or signature among the Chinese, but nothing more. Sir W. J. Herschell, however, when in the Civil Service of India, introduced the practice of im-

printing finger marks as a check on personation. Mr. Galton's impressions were taken from over two thousand persons by spreading a thin film of printers' ink on a plate of glass, then pressing the thumb or finger carefully on the plate to ink the capillary ridges, and afterwards printing the latter on a sheet of white paper. Typical forms can be discerned and traced, of which the individual forms are mere varieties. Wide departures from the typical forms are very rare.

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beneath which Lord Nelson, who had long kept it nailed to the mast of the Victory, received his death wound at Trafalgar.—Century.

Mhere the Got the Information.

A friend of Sir Lubbock's who was traveling around the world sent him specimens of marine animals, which he studied carefully and of which he published a description. One of these was new to the naturalist, and, to his disappointment, his friend said nothing in his notes of its habitat. He wished very much to add this information to his account. At last he thought that he had found the important statement, for the label on the bottle in which the animal had been preserved and sent home read, "18.5 ½ W." Evidently," thought Sir John Lubbock, "this means that the animal was captured in a spot half a degree west longitude and halt a degree south lattude."

He published this conclusion, and rested content until his friend came home and demanded, "My dear fellow, what on earth made you say that I found that animal in the latitude and longitude you mentioned? I was never within 500 miles of the place."

Sir John produced the bottle, and pointed to the label. "I took the introduced to the label." It took the introduced the bottle in the label with the sudden death from heart disease of the pilot to a ferryboat on the North River many years ago led to the adoption of a new rule on all such boats. The vice rate was alone in the pilot-house when the tragedy occurred, and the boat and passengers arrowly escaped disaster in consequence of the sudden withdrawal, uncurred, and passengers arrowly escaped disaster in consequence of the sudden death from heart disease of the pilot to a ferryboat on the North River many years ago led to the adoption of a hear vice on all such boats. The vice to the stroke was alone in the pilot-house when the tragedy occurred, and the boat and passengers arrowly escaped disaster in consequence of the sudden withdrawal, uncurred, and the boat and passengers arrowly escaped disaster in consequence of the sudden death from heart disease never within 500 miles of the place."

Sir John produced the bottle, and pointed to the label. "I took the information from this," he said. "What else can '\$\frac{1}{2}\s. \frac{1}{2}\s. \text{The means}\$ in lands was the result. The train had just left a station when the engineer observed that the fireman was acting very queerly. The queermeans that the animal is preserved in a mixture half spirits and half water!"

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OUR UNPROTECTED LAKES.

to Believe the Treaty of 1817 I If the treaty of 1817 is still in full force, provisions that are unquestion-ably in favor of Great Britain restrict

ably in favor of Great Britain restrict the naval power of the United States on the great lakes to a single warship of somewhat obsolete design on Lake Ontarlo, and to two vessels on the up-per lakes, neither to be better than the one which protects American in terests on Lake Ontarlo. A few facts will demonstrate the unfair-ness of the treaty so far as this coun-try is concerned.

the one which protects American in terests on Lake Ontario. A few facts will demonstrate the unfairness of the treaty so far as this country is concerned.

Under the provisions of this international agreement, Great Britain, by means of the St. Lawrence River and the canals, could place a formidable feet of gunboats on the lakes at any time. The prosperous cities that line the lakes would be at their mercy, for the United States would be unable to protect them with a single warship worthy of the name. That the relation between this country and England should lead to war is not probable, but it is not impossible, and under the circumstances it is not wise for a great nation to leave an extensive portion of its richest and most prosperous frontier exposed in an absolutely defenseless condition.

More than seventy years have elapsed since the treaty of 1817 was entered into, and with them have come changes which call for the abrogation of that agreement, if it is not already abrogated. Vessels of two or three times the tonnage contemplated when the treaty was entered into can now make the passage from lake to lake, and the St. Lawrence Canal improvements will open the way to the sea. The significance of this appears in the fact that the route to tide water is almost wholly controlled by Great Britain. In the vent of war her vessels only could force a passage to the lakes. England now has in her navy 188 war vessels, with a total tonnage of 161, 247, and carrying 875 heavy guns besides 1,000 of small caliber, rapid fining and machine guns, which could rass through the Welland Canal and eater the great lakes. Almost any dozen of them could control the entire chain of lakes, for they are new. enter the great lakes. Almost any dozen of them could control the entire chain of lakes, for they are new, fast and have the latest improve-

dozen of them could control the entire chain of lakes, for they are new, fast and have the latest improvements, three-quarters of them having been built since 1885. With their powerful long-range guns, a very few of these modern warships could inflict great damage or exact a corresponding indemnity. Some of them are always on the St. Lawrence, at Quebec or Montreal, while others are at Halifax and within easy call. If war threatened others could be placed at these or adiacent points, and at the first sound for the onset could be rushed through before it would be rushed through before and the first sound for the onset could be rushed through before and the first sound for the onset could be rushed through before it would be states is no longer bound to refrain from the establishment of a navy on the lakes. An esteemed correspondent of the Free Press, writing some weeks since from Chicago, called attention to the fact that a notice was given by the President in May, 1884, that the clause referred to should be terminated, and that Congress subsequently ratified his action. A reference to the public documents and proceedings of Congress bears out this statement. In his message to Congress on the 6th of December, 1864, President Lincoln said:

In view of the insecurity of life and property in the regions adjacent to the Canadian border, by reason of recent assaults and depredations committed by inimical and desperate persons who are harbored there, it has been thought proper to give notice that at the expiration of six months, the period conditionally stipulated in the existing arrangements with Great Britain, the United States must hold themselves at liberty to increase their naval armament on the lakes if they sha

the Government of Great Britain and Ireland to terminate the treaty of 1817 regulating the naval force on the lakes, is hereby adopted and ratified as if the same had been authorized by Congress."

It would seem, therefore, that there is no obstacle to proceeding at once to the better protection of our immense interests lying along the borders of the lakes by the construction here of a suitable naval armament. If there was any flaw in the proceedings by which it was sought to terminate the treaty, the necessary steps should be taken over again, and at once, so that there may be no delay. War with England, as already stated, seems improbable; yet within the past few years public opinion has run high on several questions in dispute, and in the President's message there are matters referred to as in dispute, any one of which might lead to opon conflict. In any event this Government has no right to leave the western frontier exposed as it is.—Detroit Free Press.

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A Friend in Need.

The following story, told of Thaddeus Stevens, illustrates his kind heart. Soon after his removal to Lancaster he heard of an old lawyer friend at York who, under pressing need and hope of replacing it, appropriated \$300 of a client's money temporarily to his own use, and, like so many before and since his time, found it impossible to replace it when the time came. Ruin and disgrace approached him. Stevens hunted up and paid the client with his own money, and with his receipt made directly to his friend's office. The old man sat before his desk bowed down with grief when Stevens entered. "Hello, old friend," he said, "you must wake up. Don't be so downhearted. Say, don't you think it possible you have paid that note and then forgotten about it? Let me look." After a short pretense of looking through the receipts, Stevens gave a cry of triumph and held up the receipt had just been given. The old friend was saved, and, with his spirits, also recovered his fortune. But, though he pretended at the time to be deceived by Steven's ruse, he did not forget to repay his friend as soon as able.—Great Divide

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room with the Grippe. The Treasurer of the "Commercial Advertiser" recommend-ed that I should try a bottle of "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral." as it had cured him of th same complaint. I sent for a bottle, and in two days I was able to resume my business,

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and the sweet bedtime song at night.

Hark! "Bye O Baby, Bye O Darling." Ah, yes, that same old song sung to us, I ween, and to our parents before us. Then in the little white house just across the way the words, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," came so soft and low I bent my ear to catch the words. I fell into a reverie. How strong and loving and hopeful the voices sounded, and yet I knew some heart must have its burden. But burdens must not be laid upon the little hearts, to sap the sunshine and happiness there. So whatever trouble the mother knows, the trusting eyes only see a patient, loving face bending over them. It is ever so. The papers say, "Meet your husband with a smile," and our own hearts say, "Meet your children with a smile;" so we must go on smiling and smiling, letting the agony at our hearts down, down, smothered perhaps by and by, by the very smiles that were so hard to give.

Ah, what does the world owe to the mothers, the patient, loving, song-singing mothers? Who can tell? How many lives have been turned, changed completely, by the encouraging smile of the mother, or the song, coming full of love and gradness to win her child back to the path of righteousness.

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