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BY FRED WALKER SHILLER. The German Emperor and I. Within the self-same year were born, Beneath the self-same sky, Upon the self-same shore; A Kaiser he, of high estate, And I the usual chance of fate.

LOVE AND WAR.

BY WILLIAM WESTFALL. A summer night at Geneva, and a nautical fete on Geneva's historical lake. The narrow stretch of water between the two sides of the city thronged with boats, great and small, all aglow with Chinese lanterns; rockets shooting skywards in rapid succession, their course marked by trails of fiery rain; at intervals the boom of cannon and the shouts of excited spectators.

and Victor, in the morning, the morning was made giddy by the explosion of mortars. We had marched from Rheims and Chalons with MacMahon's army, and were attached to the Seventh Corps d'Armees, then commanded by General Douay. "Our first care was to establish a field hospital, which was soon filled with wounded soldiers, for though no general engagement had recently taken place there were continual affairs of outposts.

"I did know Professor Goering, and mentioned several facts which led my questioner to believe that the account I gave of myself was probably true, but he said that until I could furnish proofs of my identity and good faith it would be his duty to detain me as a prisoner on parole, which, I need hardly observe, I gave with great alacrity. "The officer who saved my life was Baron Hermann von Hohenstein. "Three days afterwards was fought the battle of Sedan, which gave the coup de grace to France and established the unity of Germany. On the morning of the fight, thanks to my new found friend, I was permitted to help the German surgeons in their arduous work, and my ability in this regard being accepted as proof of my good faith, I was set at liberty. Moreover, the chief of the medical staff offered me a position as supernumerary staff surgeon, an offer which I gladly accepted, and accompanied Baron von Hohenstein to Paris, there to take part in the siege.

The Chinese in San Francisco. A mirage of Turanian civilization, shadow of the past projected upon the present, a frontispiece out of the book of time—this, and more, is the Chinese quarter in San Francisco. These 30,000 souls, huddled together in spaces well nigh unbreathable, unhabitable, jostling each other along dark and crowded thoroughfares, silently and imperturbably pursuing their mysterious ways, so supremely indifferent to all that hems them in, men they seem not, but shades "all too palpable" from the dead Tartars of Time. Architecturally, however, Little China is at most but an influence, and it is doubtful whether a single structure in the entire colony owes its existence directly to Chinese capital. Indeed, the necessities of the case made no such demand upon the frugal and thrifty Mongol. Like Moliere, he took his house wherever he found it. The huge business block of San Francisco's early commercial period and the hastily constructed shanty of the sand hills alike became his property by right of conquest, and he found both orders of American architecture equally available. The shanty soon shone resplendent in vermal green and sacrificial red; and the hard uncomely lines of warehouse, dry-goods emporium, and office building were softened by many a jutting gable and projecting balcony, hung with lanterns and refreshed with jilias.—Harper's Magazine.

Reference the MATRICAL CONTENTS DISCUSSED. Brice, Carlisle, German and White will Meet Again To-day—President Cleveland at the Conference—He is believed to be Opposed to an Extra Session of Congress. New York, Dec. 10.—Senator J. G. Bristow of Kentucky, Senator A. F. Gorham of Maryland and Senator Calvin S. Brice of Ohio, the Committee of the Democratic Caucus in Washington who have been in conference with Democratic leaders here, will meet again to-day. The Senators did not call on Mr. Cleveland, but it is understood that the President called at Mr. Whitney's house to see them there. A Secretary Whitney last night commented on the fact that the only question referred to the Senate, the Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming and California. The extra session, tariff, silver question and Speaker's bill were deferred. Mr. Whitney said a vigorous effort will be made to prevent the Republicans from securing the Senate, as he expected. Senator Gorham made a similar statement. While the Senators were conferring with Mr. Whitney, Congressman Breckenridge had a talk with Mr. Cleveland. He said to a reporter last evening that he is opposed to an extra session and his colleagues are believed to be in accord with the use of the President-elect. Mr. Breckenridge thinks that the initiative in legislation should come from the President, whose suggestions and recommendations should be adopted, and, from what he said, the inference was drawn that Mr. Cleveland does not believe in an extra session. The Kentuckyian said no fight would be made against Crisp, but he believed a speaker should be elected whose views are in complete accord with those of the President. THE ALLEGATIONS DENIED. State Papers Not Being Dumped Into New York City. Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—Superintendent of Indoor Poor Wrightington has been at his office in the State House last evening and made acquainted with the substance of the allegations from New York that Massachusetts was dumping state papers into that State and city. The reporter showed Mr. Wrightington a dispatch from New York alleging that that city was getting more than her share of the pauper population of the Old Bay State, and also alleging that the officials of this State were aiding and abetting the dumping of the papers into the city of New York. "I do not care to talk to any extent," said Mr. Wrightington, "unless there have been special charges made, but I never know of any papers being sent to New York or anywhere else from this State that did not belong where they were sent. There is certainly no systematic dumping of the papers of this State into the city of New York."