

the Urim and Thummim he saw the characters that were on the plates, and underneath them their meaning in the English language, and that when reading them to the scribe who wrote for him, the line would not disappear and another take its place unless it was copied correctly.

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The history of the Prophet Joseph Smith, prepared from his diary, does not afford that information, nor do we know of anything authentic as coming from him which gives a description or explanation of the manner of transla- ous theories that have been suggested tion of the Nephite record. One thing to explain the acquisition of virulence however, is very clear to us, and that by these organisms, and concludes that is, that whether in prophecy or preach- it is owing to passage through the ing or translating the man inspired of God is not simply a talking machine, but one who is divinely impressed and enlightened and whose understanding is quickened and enlarged, but who still possesses all his faculties and the free agency which God has given to all mankind. If all that was necessary for the Seer was to look into the instrument given March, the seasonal distribution of to him as an aid in the work of translation, there would have been no real necessity for his possession of the plates, which he had to guard with such care. And if every word in English was supplied to him in the way supposed, it is not likely that any errors either in grammar or composition would be seen. We have not the slightest doubt that with the aid of those stones and by the gift and power of God, Joseph was able to read the characters on the plates and understand their full signification, and that he expressed that in the ordinary language to which he was accustomed and according to his knowledge in the use of it, just as a person who translates anything from an ancient or modern language, the understanding of which he obtains by the ordinary means, and who would give it in English, according to the usual phraseology to which he was accustomed. The prophets of old who spoke and wrote "as moved upon by the Holy Ghost," though inspired by the same spirit, expressed that which was given to them in their own way and with those distinctive peculiarities they each possessed. They were not acted upon against their own will or as automatons. As Paul has it, "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." Any one who has enjoyed the spirit of revelation, either in prophecy, In testimony, in preaching, in interpretation of tongues, or in other spiritual gifts, knows what it is to receive light and truth by the power of God, which he speaks forth in his own language and in his own manner and style. He | Chinese. In Germany they are teachwho has not been thus inspired, may | ing the Chinese the art of war, and so not be able to understand how the diligent are the students, and so apt meaning of the characters on the plates | the scholars, that they have planned was made clear to the translator so the formation of a Chinese army, that he could express it in his own 1.250,000 strong. General Yin Tchang language. But the Important fact in this important matter is, that Joseph Smith really received those ancient records, he was sent to study the art of war in containing much of the history of this continent and an account of the dealings of God with the early inhabitants thereof; that he translated them into Kaiser's service and returned to China the English language; and that accord. ing to the testimony of the three witnesses, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris, the voice of the Lord declared that they were translated "by the gift and power of abroad, and they are aided by Japan-God." and therefore they were translated correctly. As to the exact modus operand!, there is nothing on record that we know of as coming from the Prophet himself. The great truth remains that we have the Book of Mormon, written in simpla language, and that such imperfections as may be found in it are, as it declares itself, "the mistakes of men,"

been found in the mouths of all a Cincinnatus, healthy individuals examined, but the microbes which were found in healthy A reward is offered in a local paper individuals or in those suffering from for a lost buildog, "one white eye and pneumonia were not virulent enough black spot on tail." That dog must be to cause such a disease when injected looking backward. into animals like the rat, which are not very susceptible to them. On the Grief killed a Mexican in Los Another hand, these microbes acquired a geles the other day. The only other great virulence when they passed through a susceptible animal, like the house mouse. The writer reviews varidies of house

It is believed that if Attorney-General Hadley can get Mr. John D. Rockefeller on the witness stand he will give him such a wigging that it will make

case of the kind on record is that where kindness once killed a cat. s nair stand on ends. James J. Hill has sounded another note of warning. He has sounded more such notes, probably, than any man living. He can give Jacob Schiff points all along the line. A man was arrested at the White House the other day for insisting on snowing President Roosevelt the model of an iceboat which he declared would enable him to reach the North Pole, He quietly accompanied the policeman to the government hospital for the insane. He should have insisted on showing his invention to a reporter and probably he would have got notoriety and some attention. In the last twenty-three years the United States has spent over a billion and forty millio dollars on its navy. In 1883 the appropriation for the naval establishment was \$14,819,976.80. In 1905 it was \$115.420,997.75. The year 1898 was the record year for appropriation, it reaching the immense sum of \$125,301,-975.78. No one can complain that the country has not expanded along the lines of naval establishment appropriation.

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mice. He has discovered the bacilli in the bodies of mice that have been found dead and belleves that the virulent germs from the feces or decomposing bodies of these animals serve as the source of the discase in man. As mice are most common in houses during the months of December, January, February and

pneumonia is also accounted for by this theory.

CHINA'S ARMY.

The affairs of China are attracting considerable attention. Bishop J. W. Bashford, in a letter from Shanghai that has found its way into print, urges the necessity of the United States modifying its exclusion laws; not because the Chinese object to laws that force their laboring men to stay at home, but because they resent being discriminated against. They point out that the headmen of Borneo are not excluded, while Chinese laborers are. They deem it unjust to place the Chinese below the Malay races. A representative Chinese official is quoted as follows:

"We have not the slightest objection, nor has the Chinese government the slightest objection to the exclusion of Chinese laborers. Indeed, the Chinese government does not want Chinese la-borers, brought up in this empire, to go to America, but rather to stay here and now their taxes for the and pay their taxes for the support of the Chinese government. But we want you to exclude them in some other way than by mentioning us by name."

This sentiment of the Chinese must be respected. It is supposed that the trade of China will increase enormously during the next five or ten years. and it stands to reason that, unless the people are treated with due consideration, the largest part of our share of that trade will go to other countries. Germany is pursuing a correct course, cultivating the friendship of the has charge of the work, and he will model this immense fighting machine on the German plan. As a young man the school of Moltke and Von Clausewitz. He was brought up as a German officer, spent seven years in the in 1893, just in time to take an active

part in his country's struggle against the Japanese a year later. Associated with him are many Chinese young officers who have studied ese experis. Next spring China will have a carefully drilled army of 400,000 men. They are carefully chosen and each will serve three years as a regular and six years as a reserve. At present the principal weakness of the "linese forces lies in the rifles with which they are equipped, these being chiefly old-style Mausers and Martinis, but in the course of a few months from A NEW JUDICIAL INDUSTRY.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Louisville Courier-Journal. State Senator Anderson of North Car-olina has brought suit for \$20,000 against the chairman of the Republi-can committee, who is also the collec-tor of internal revenue at Asheville, for failure to deliver a federal office in compliance with a written contract. If the bargain, sale and delivery of public offices are to be taken into the courts we may as well provide the courts with a larger increased stock of courts. of courts.

CURING SNAKE BITES.

Hartford Times. The use of potassium permanganate as a remedy for snake bites has been alluded to more than once recently and has now found its way into a conand has now found its way into a con-sular report from India, based on a record of experiments, printed in the Indian Medical Gazette. In ten out of twelve cases it was successful, and in the two where it failed the remedy was not applied until within several hours after the patient was bitten. The treatment prescribed is morely making treatment prescribed is merely making an open cut over the bite and rubbing in the permanganate, a ligature hav-ing previously been applied above the

CHINA'S FUTURE ARMY. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Berlin letter telling something of the remarkable progress made by the young Chinamen studying the art of war in the kaiser's army recalls that young men of the same nationality are now students at West Point and Tokio and are thying a cauality mod account and are giving an equally good account of themselves, Clearly China will not be wholly without trained leaders for the modern army which is being evolved in that country.

> THE MONROE DOCTRINE. New Orleans Picayune.

That there is a strong opinion in fa-vor of the abrogation of the Monroe doctrine is not to be questioned, and just how far it is going to influence the present Congress remains to be

