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THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD
THEIR STRENGTH, ORGANIZATION,
AND EQUIPMENT.

A valuable summary of the military establishments of various nations—Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, and other arms—of the various nations. This is a treasure of condensed information in the "Notes on Organization, Armament, and Military Progress" just issued by the United States. In glancing along the list of countries reviewed, the eye naturally rests at this time, upon Spain. To this country is ascribed a population of 17,560,000, with an army strength proper, in rank and file alone, of 84,000 for the year 1895-96. But this last does not include the "guardia civil," or gendarmes, or the colonial forces; and according to the army list for January of this year, the rank and file, including the guardia civil, etc., numbered 115,551; the first reserve, all trained, 61,212; the second reserve, of whom a little over one-third have had military instruction, 518,231. This would give an aggregate of 724,997 trained and untrained, taking the army and its reserves. But an estimate by "a foreign staff officer" is added which puts the total of trained men at 414,675, including both reserves, with about 175,000 for untrained men, "conditionals."

In any case it appears that the first reserve has been heavily drawn on for Cuba, because the Notes say that "over 100,000 men" were sent thither in 1895-96, and presumably the permanent forces were not absolutely derived from the peninsula.

THE NORMAL STRENGTH of the permanent army in the island is put at 981 officers and 19,199 men, but volunteers and militia are said to have increased the total strength to 23,000 apart from the heavy forces sent from Spain. Finally, the total "army of operations" in Cuba on Dec. 1, 1895, is put at 92,415, while about March 1, 1896 including perhaps 20,000 sent thither Feb. 12 preceding it was about 118,730. It is added that four or five per cent. may be deducted for losses.

Taking other countries alphabetically, the Austro-Hungarian army is found to have a grand total of 319,000 officers and men on its peace footing, while its war budget for 1895-96 was \$56,100,000. Little Belgium's budget for 1895 was \$9,115,322, while her available peace strength at a recent date was estimated at 35,055 officers and 48,948 men, with a militia of 31,359 men.

England, including India, showed recently 268,816 effective of all ranks, while army reserves numbered 1,000,000. The regular military service privates do not usually carry revolvers. At Woolwich, cadets in practice at moving targets use the revolver with their right hand, and the German carry the sabre attached to the saddle behind the left thigh, and some squadrons have scabbards of wood covered with black rubber instead of steel, as being less conspicuous and noisier. The Belgians carry the sabre with a V-shaped strap, with a frog on the rear side of the scabbard.

Two colonial armies. The East Indian and the West Indian, the former of which numbers about 1,400 officers and 54,000 men. The war budget amounts in round numbers to \$9,132,000. The average effective peace strength of Italy, as limited by the budget for 1895-96, is 247,000 men. Russia has the largest of enormous military establishments with a peace footing of about 800,000 of all ranks, to which may be added 30,000 frontier guards. Her budget for 1896 amounts to nearly \$20,000,000.

AN OPERATION AVOIDED.
A Smith's Falls Case of Great Importance.

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