

How to Choose an Axe.

Contrary to the general supposition the axe is an instrument of skill, and the axeman looks as closely to the fitness of the bevel of his blade, the form of his helve, the length and shape of blade and pole, and the weight of his axe for the purpose contemplated, as the fencer to his foil. The weight of an axe, says an experienced logger, is arbitrary, and dependent upon the choice of the axeman for the purpose intended. If the object to be cut is small timber, which may be severed at from one to half a dozen blows, an axe with a long thin blade and as little bevel as is compatible with strength, is chosen, and at every stroke the blade is buried to the helve. Another lumberman says if the purpose be to fell large trees or cut heavy timbers, and this same axe is used, it bites deeply in its strokes, but the chip remains in the timber after the incisions, and many more blows are required to dislodge it than were necessary to its formation; therefore, for this purpose, an axe having a thick, heavy bevel, and cutting much less deeply, is selected. The bevel, now acting as a wedge, forces out the chip at the same stroke by which the incision is made.

Will there be another Franco-Prussian War?

(Correspondence of Philadelphia Telegraph.) Nothing has struck me more here in Hamburg than the wide-spread belief among educated Germans that within the next few years, another war with France is certain to take place. "We shall have to do it all over again," is the burden of opinion one hears on every side. It is not the vapors of infatuated "Jingoes," but the regretfully spoken, sober opinion expressed, without exception by every German I have ever met. "Nothing but a strong Government will do in France," says the Germans. "We don't want to fight, but, if attacked again, we will take care we leave a Government in the country that can keep the peace, even if we have to govern it ourselves." On all hands we hear the complaint of the covert insults offered in France to German travellers and residents. Said one gentleman to me:—"It is becoming intolerable. They are ten times worse now than just after the war. They aren't attack us yet, but directly Bismarck or Von Moltke dies, they will be foolish enough to think they are strong enough to beat us, and force on a war as they did before." I was dining only last night in the company of a prominent official of the German War department. During the course of the evening the conversation turned upon the strength, etc., of the German army, and a friend of mine said:—"I suppose Germany could put over 1,000,000 men into the field." There was a pause and a laugh. Said the official:—"We can put 2,000,000 men into the field, exclusive of reserves, within three weeks"; and added the significant words which are in every German's mouth when talking upon the subject of war, "We shall have to do it again soon."

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