

That the Chinese in the Australasian Colonies are viewing the quarrel between their own country and Japan with great interest, is seen by conversing with any member of the "Flowery Land." In their last war the Chinese were unprepared, neither their troops nor vessels being properly equipped. To-day it is different. Their navy is formidable. Machine guns and the latest rifles are used and understood by their soldiers, while the Western mode of drill has been adopted throughout the land. With her vast population, China in 1894 stands a menace to the whole world.

Will the increasing importance of China as a Power influence these Colonies? That is a question not easily answered. In New Zealand there are some 7000 Chinese, and in Australia and the Islands nearly ten times that number. The whole of Northern Australia is over-run by them, and a direct line of communication with China is kept open by means of the numerous stations on New Guinea, Java, Sumatra, &c.

The popular idea amongst the Celestials resident here is that China will some day own Australasia. They know that she has more soldiers than any other country in the world, and they think that it only requires a big European war to give her a chance to swoop upon us. The thing seems improbable, let us hope impossible; yet strange things have happened in history.

We are taught to despise the Chinese as a race. But no country bearing her population can be despised, especially when we know the latest improvements in warfare are known and practiced by them. When outnumbered, John Chinaman is a polite, harmless creature; give him the reins though, and his cruel nature asserts itself.

A Globe-trotter, of a distinctly Conservative type—who had been sojourning in the South—vehemently declaiming on the evils resulting from our extended franchise said:—"You have given a vote to every tramp, drunkard, vagabond, and street-corner loafer, and look what they've done! Why, in Dunedin alone they've shut up twenty two hotels!" He has a number of equally interesting notes, which will be handed to Miss Shaw the *Times* correspondent, or published in book form.

Karl Pearson has been writing in the *Fortnightly Review* on "Woman and Labour." He anticipates—in the dim future—a "National Insurance against Motherhood." We suppose the premium for old maids will be low. What price twins?

The chopping of kindling wood and the efforts to coax the fire to burn are a great vexation of spirit in most households. This may now be avoided. Patent rights have recently been granted for a fire kindler, to be known as the "Acme," which is now being manufactured by the Acme Manufacturing Company of this City. We have tried these fire kindlers, and find them first-class. They should prove a boon to the housewife, as by using them the necessity for sticks is entirely done away with.



Mr. C. W. Langstone.

Mr. C. W. Langstone, M.R.C.V.S., has lately come to the front as an expert in the treatment of Lung Worm and other internal diseases of sheep and neat cattle. For the last eighteen years it has been occupied in investigating the ravages of parasites in sheep and neat cattle, and has arrived at the conclusion that in only one way can the pests be overcome, and that is by treatment through the blood—more especially for the Lung Worms (*Strongylus Filaria* and *Strongylus Ovis Pulmonalis*). Langstone's vermifuge—so favorably known—is now the sole property of Mr. Mason, chemist, Masterton, who purchased the right from the inventor. Continuing his investigations, however, Mr. Langstone improved upon the remedy, and lately placed upon the market another invention, to which he has given the name of Parasiticide, of which J. E. Langstone holds the sole right of manufacture. As a fortifier of the blood and a destroyer of the germs of Lung Worm and other troubles in sheep, &c., Mr. Langstone has offered to the farmers of New Zealand his Parasiticide, which, by its surprising results, is exciting universal notice.

Special attention to the action of the foregoing medicines induced Mr. Langstone to use his powers of invention towards forming a solid of the matter hitherto administered to stock by drenching process; and it must be gratifying indeed to sheep-owners to know that these efforts have been crowned with success. Mr. Langstone's Medicated Sheep Lick to-day holds an unrivalled position in its particular line. It is put up in shallow boxes, and is so coloured and scented as to attract the animals for which it is intended. Dr. Skey, the Government Analyst, has reported favourably upon the Lick, which has already been patented throughout the Colonies. Mr. Langstone is about to issue a valuable work upon "The Diseases of Sheep," and his wide experience is sufficient to prove that the matter contained therein will be of deep interest to farmers and others. The book will contain twenty-six pages of illustrations, descriptive of various worms in all their stages of development as they exist in sheep and lambs. The book is at present in the hands of the printers (Messrs. McKee and Gamble, New Zealand Press Agency, Wellington).