

MYSTERIES OF POLITICS.

How Campaigns Were Conducted Three Quarters of a Century Ago.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The tennis ball now bounds in China, though dirt courts are more frequent than grass.

The Emperor of Japan has just taken possession of a new palace, furnished in European style. It cost him \$4,000,000.

An officer in the Russian army has been accused for saving the life of a peasant woman "and thereby lowering his standard as a gentleman."

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