MISCELLANEOUS.

THE OLD STATESMAN'S THOUGHTS.
BY WEI CHENG (A.D. 581-643).

[Wei Cheng was scarcely less eminent as a scholar than a soldier. After passing through the troublous times previous to and at the commencement of the T'ang Dynasty, he obtained high office as preceptor of the heir apparent and censor, and on his death received an honorary title. He is known as one of the Emperor T'ai Tsung's three mirrors, which were: copper as a mirror for the person, the past as a mirror for politics, and man as a mirror to guide the judgment in ordinary affairs. He was also the author of a much admired memorial to the Emperor setting forth "Ten Thoughts" for the correction of the disorders which had spread over the country at the time of the change of dynasty. The following lines are probably reminiscent of that period. Wei is not represented in either of the two favorite Chinese poetical compilations.]

What time the land was busy with the chase
'T was I alone foresaw the conflict near.
Though fallen our arguments on evil case,
The country's good remained my purpose clear.
One hope I saw:—to seek our Emperor Lord,
Urging my horse beyond the frontier pass.
Who else could bind the south as with a cord,
Or quell our eastern enemies in a mass?
And so, by crooked paths, I took the ascent.
Now rose, now sank the fertile plains below.
On withered trees I saw the birds lament,
And nightly heard the gibbons tell their woe.
A thousand li of earth I viewed with awe
From perilous passes on the mountain sheer.
To shrink from danger is our nature's law,
But in his heart the patriot knows no fear.
Twice made was ne'er a promise of Chi Pu,
And Hou Ying's word stood firm as first set down.
Touch, then, the heart: the actions answer true.
Tell me not of ambition and renown.

MR. KREBS'S DISCLOSURE OF PALLADINO'S TRICKS.

In reply to a question concerning Eusapia Palladino of recent notoriety, who left for Europe at the end of last summer enriched by a harvest of Amer-

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