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"Lord Palmerston once remarked that whenever he had particularly difficult negotiations to undertake with foreigners he preferred to employ a naval officer," says Vice Admiral Ballard, retired, of the British navy, when dealing with President Fillmore's selection of Commodore Perry for the mission to Japan (p. 80). Certain it is that naval officers have often proved capable of achieving diplomatic results in practice, and since Mahan's works no one can question their equal capacity to have a theoretical understanding of the roots of diplomatic prestige. In writing they are apt to ignore the forms and technicalities of diplomacy delighted in by international lawyers and professional diplomats but generally they have a firm grasp of reality. Both observations apply to the present author.

Vice Admiral Ballard offers the history of Japan as affected by naval power from Kubla Khan through the Russo-Japanese War. We peruse episodes such as the prompt beheading of Kubla's envoys to Japan, Hideyoshi's six year effort to conquer China, the martyring of a quarter of a million Catholicly Christianized Japanese at command of Iyemitsu with the aid of the Protestant Dutch, and the "good humor" with which the Satsuma clan paid an indemnity after destruction of their city by the British navy and asked whether they might not purchase a war vessel in England, and arise with renewed belief in Darwin's dictum: "*Natura non saltum.*" Japan did not jump from nothing to world power in fifty years. The same heroic and determined people, the same willingness to undertake aggressive war against vastly superior forces, the same adroitness in profiting by defeat and imitating the excellencies of the enemy are evident in the thirteenth and in the nineteenth centuries. "Japan," says the author, "has been potentially a great power from a date antecedent to the political creation of most of the states composing modern Europe" (p. 3). That her strength remained in abeyance was due, in his opinion, to her failure to appreciate the importance of a navy for an insular nation.

The style sometimes lacks ease, and details of naval strategy occasionally become too prolonged for the comfort of the lay reader, but

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