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who are ready to be their own mechanics and to risk the possibility of difficulties in the way of obtaining fuel might be tempted by it to follow these travellers. The pass from Cattaro into Montenegro is in itself a heavy task for a car, but this one appears to have shown its capacities unflinching.

'Brown's North Sea, Baltic, and Mediterranean Distance Tables.' (Glasgow: Brown. 1909. Pp. iii., 70. *Maps*. 2s. 6d.) These tables, from which, either directly or by calculation, it is possible to find 125,000 distances between ports, should prove very useful to yachtsmen and seamen generally, whilst the book serves also as a simple gazetteer to the ports of the seas named in the title, together with British ports.

'Castles and Chateaux of Old Burgundy.' By Francis Miltoun. (London: Pitman. 1909. Pp. ix., 333. *Maps and Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) The text is of both descriptive and historical value, and would make a good companion for the leisurely traveller in the Burgundian departments. The illustrations seem alternately to lack and to exaggerate the appropriate atmosphere, and their broad treatment is unsuited to the delicacy of the architectural subjects.

ASIA.

'Kairo-Bagdad-Konstantinople.' By E. von Hoffmeister. (Leipzig: Teubner. 1910. Pp. x., 262. *Map and Illustrations*. 8 marks.) After a short excursion in the Fayum, the author's route led him through Palestine to Damascus, across the Syrian desert, and from Bagdad roughly along the line of the Bagdad railway. The book contains a large number of good photographs, and, apart from the interest of its matter, will be found valuable on account of the careful marginal annotation of the time occupied by the various stages of the journey.

'L'Inde Britannique.' By J. Chailley. (Paris: Colin. 1910. Pp. 520. *Maps*. 10 francs.) Following up his studies in French and other colonial administration in the East, which have already resulted in works on Indo-China and Java, the author now issues this comprehensive work on India. The population and social conditions receive detailed treatment, and the various methods of administration in the territories directly administered and feudatory are analyzed.

'The Price of Blood.' By Vladimir Semenoff. (London: Murray. 1910. Pp. xii., 228. 5s.) This is a peculiar book, written evidently under the stress of great emotion by a naval officer who served Russia in the war against Japan. He was wounded, and the description of his sufferings may prove unpalatable to many readers. But the story is at least vivid and intimate.

AFRICA.

ACROSS THE CENTRAL SAHARA.

'Across the Sahara from Tripoli to Bornu.' By Hanns Vischer, M.A., F.R.G.S., Political Service, Northern Nigeria. *Illustrations and Map*. London: Edward Arnold. 1910. 12s. 6d. net.

Mr. Hanns Vischer's account of his journey across the Sahara in 1906 is written with a light touch and a determined optimism. Adventures and misadventures are recounted with unflinching good-humour. At the same time the glories and the terrors of the desert are vividly portrayed. Apart from its personal interest there is much in this volume to arrest the attention of the student. Mr. Vischer followed the "classic" route from Tripoli to Bornu, *via* Murzuk and Bilma. Cumbered as he was with women and children, the exploration of unknown regions was out of the question. But in a country liable to considerable physical changes in a