

GERMAN SPIES BUSY

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Germany Has Been Spending \$1,000,000 a Year to Learn Her Enemies' Secrets.—Women Successful in Getting Information When Men Fail.

The spy problem has assumed astounding proportions in modern days. All over the British Isles German spies are being reported. And there is not much reason to doubt that they are to be found here, too — as, indeed, they are in all countries of the civilized world. The calling of the spy is an ancient, if not a very honorable one — it is, at any rate, as old as Moses, who, "by commandment of the Lord", sent out twelve spies into the land of Canaan. Germany, France, and Russia, employ the largest number of spies of any countries in the world. The Secret Service Fund, which is the polite name for the fund out of which spies are remunerated, costs Germany over \$1,000,000 a year. And neither France nor Russia can spend much less than that amount in the same direction.

But Great Britain has her spies, too, though it costs her not more than a quarter of what it costs the other three nations mentioned to pay them. These spies are often naval or military officers. And, now and then, even in time of peace, a spy is arrested — since the present war broke out there has been a very large number of arrests in Great Britain of Germans supposed to be spies. About three years or so ago, two British officers, Captains Bradon and Trench, were arrested, tried, and imprisoned in Germany for gathering military information in that country which might be valuable to Great Britain, while the same fate befell Lieutenant Hellm, a German officer, who was found in England sketching and photographing British fortifications.