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A YANKEE ADVENTURER.—Mandarin Ward, who was recently killed by the Taepings at Kung-poo, was an American. He had fought under Walker, the filibuster, and afterwards went to China as the mate of a vessel. When the rebels held Soongong, and threatened Shanghai, Ward contracted with the Chinese Government to retake the one and relieve the other for so much cash down. He raised and equipped an army of Chinamen and foreigners, and in a few weeks restored Soongong to the Imperial Government. He was made a general and a mandarin for this service, and empowered to raise whatever armies and retake from the rebels what towns he choose at his own price. The English and French admirals first opposed and afterwards assisted him. Ward having increased and thoroughly drilled his army, was about to form a Chinese navy, and had given orders for gunboats in England and America, when a shot put a stop to his career.
