

Literature.

A MARVELOUS CONJUROR.

The Russians have long exhibited a remarkable taste for juggling and all that snacks of the marvelous conjurors, professors of natural magic, ventriloquists, and the entire race of mountebanks, who in France and England, astonish the gaping crowds at races and country fairs even find a ready welcome and liberal encouragement among the higher classes in the Russian cities.

The czar, Alexander, having heard Pirnetti much spoken of, was desirous of seeing him, and one day it was announced to the czar that he would have the honor of giving a representation of his magical powers at court, the hour fixed for him to make his appearance being seven o'clock. A brilliant and numerous assembly of ladies and courtiers, presided over by the czar, had met, but the czar was absent. Surprised and displeased the czar pulled out his watch, which indicated five minutes after seven.

The czar, pulling out his watch violently in order to confront what he considered a piece of downright insolence, was completely amazed. He looked at the clock of the saloon, which had been twenty times consulted during the space that the assembly were kept waiting; the clock also marked and struck seven o'clock! In turn the courtiers drew out their watches which were found as usual exactly regulated by that of their sovereign. Seven o'clock indicated with a common accord all the watches and clocks of the palace.

The czar, smiling, Pirnetti thus addressed him: "Your majesty will pardon me. It was by the performance of this trick that I was desirous of making my first appearance before you. But I know how precious truth is at court, it is at least necessary that your watch should tell it to you, sire. If you consult it now, you will find it marks the real time."

The czar once more drew forth his watch—it pointed to a few minutes past eight. The same rectification had taken place in all the watches of those present, and in all the clocks of the palace. This exploit was followed by others equally amusing and surprising. At the close of the performance the czar, after having complimented Pirnetti, brought back to his remembrance that, in the course of the evening's amusements, he had declared that such was the power of his art, that he could penetrate everywhere.

"What!" exclaimed the czar, "could you penetrate even into this palace, were I to order all the doors to be closed and guarded?" "Into this palace, sire, and even into the apartment of your majesty quite as easily as I should enter my own house," said Pirnetti.

"Well then," said the czar, "at mid-day to-morrow I shall have ready in my closet the price of this evening's amusement—one thousand roubles. Come and fetch them. But I warn you that the doors shall be closed and carefully guarded."

"To-morrow at mid-day I shall have the honor of presenting myself before your majesty," replied Pirnetti who bowed and withdrew. Two gentlemen of the household followed the conjuror to make sure that he quitted the palace; they accompanied him to his lodgings, and a number of the police surrounded the dwelling from the moment he entered it. The palace was instantly closed with positive orders not to suffer under any pretext whatever, any one to enter, were he prince or valet until the czar himself should command the doors to be opened. Those orders were strictly enforced, confidential persons were having watched their execution. The exterior openings to the palace were guarded by the soldiery. All the approaches to the imperial apartments were protected by high dignitaries whom a simple professor of the art of legerdemain possessed no means of bribing. In short, for greater security all the keys had been carried to the imperial cabinet. A few minutes previous to the hour fixed for Pirnetti's interview with the czar, the chamberlain on service brought to his majesty a despatch which a messenger had handed him through an opening in the door. It was a report from the minister of police that Pirnetti had not left home.

"What!" he has found out that the under-king is impracticable, and he has abandoned it," observed the czar with a smile. Twelve o'clock sounded. While the last stroke yet reverberated, the door which communicated from the bedroom of the czar to the cabinet opened, and Pirnetti appeared! The czar drew back a couple of paces, his brow darkened and after a momentary silence, while fixing a suspicious look on Pirnetti he said, "Are you aware that you may become a very dangerous individual?" "Yes sir," he replied, "but I am only a humble conjuror, with no other ambition than that of amusing your majesty."

interrupted by the czar who with a thoughtful air inquired of him. "Do you count on yet remaining some time in St. Petersburg?" "Sire" he replied, "I intend setting off this week unless your majesty orders a prolongation of my sojourn."

"No," he observed the czar, it is not my intention to detain you; and, moreover, continued he with a smile, "I should vainly endeavor to keep you against your will. You know how to leave St. Petersburg as easily as you have found your way into this palace."

"I could do so, sire," said Pirnetti; "but far from wishing to quit St. Petersburg stealthily or mysteriously, I am desirous of quitting it in the most public manner possible, by giving to the inhabitants of your capital a striking example of my magical powers."

Pirnetti could not leave like an ordinary mortal! It was necessary that he should crown his success in the Russian capital by something surpassing his previous efforts; therefore on the evening preceding the day fixed for his departure he announced that he should leave St. Petersburg the following day at ten o'clock in the morning, and that he should quit by all the city gates at the same moment! Public curiosity was excited to the highest degree by this announcement. St. Petersburg at that time had fifteen gates which were encompassed by a multitude eager to witness this marvelous departure.

The spectators at these various gates all declared that at ten o'clock precisely, Pirnetti, whom they all perfectly recognized passed through. "He walked at a slow pace and with head erect, in order to be the better seen," they said, "and bade us adieu in a clear and audible voice."

These unanimous testimonies were confirmed by the written declaration of the officers placed at every gate to inspect the passports of travelers. The inspection of Pirnetti's passport was inscribed in the fifteen registers. Where is the wizard whether coming from the north or the south, who could in these degenerate days perform so astonishing an exploit?"

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.—The young man who thinks he can carry his boyish pranks into the serious business of life is not a man, and defrauds himself and his employer. "After work, pay," that should satisfy the most sanguine. "Business before pleasure," is the motto of every prudent man whose guide is experience, and it is sufficient for the novice in active life.

But it is despicable to see the young man just starting in life so wedded to his former enjoyments as to place them above present duties. Yet this is often the case. The young man, who, to steer his own bark, launches forth on the sea of life, too often looks back on the pleasures he leaves behind, and forgetful of present duties, steers back to past enjoyments. There is no royal road to success any more than to knowledge. He who would succeed must work; and after all there is more real enjoyment in work, which has a worthy object than in play or pleasure, intend to kill time. We remark a few days ago to a business man whose present means are amply sufficient but who worked really hard; "any of your employees, that he ought to 'take it easy.'" "Said he, 'I am never so happy as when I have more than I can do. I may wear out in working, but I dread to rust out in idling.'" He was right. His work was a part of himself, a part of his life, and it was always faithfully done. To apprentices, especially, this earnestness and interest in their work is necessary, if success is ever to be attained.

WASTED HOURS.—Oh, how many of these are upon the record of our past! These many hours wasted, worse than wasted, in frivolous conversation, useless employment; hours of which we can give no account, and in which we benefited neither ourselves or others. There are no such hours in the busiest lives, but they make up the whole sum of the lives of many. Many live without accomplishing any good; squander away their time in petty trifling things, as if the only object in life were to kill time—as if the earth were not a place for probation, but our abiding residence. We do not value time as we should, but let many golden hours pass by unimproved. We loiter during the daytime of life; and ere we know it, the night draws near, "when no man can gain." Oh, hours mispent and wasted! How we wish we could live them over again!

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY.—In the war between France and England previous to the Revolution an English drummer, not more than fifteen years of age, having wandered from his camp too near the French lines, was seized and brought before the French commander. On being asked who he was by the general, he answered, "A drummer in the English service." This not gaining credit a drum was sent for, and he was desired to beat a couple of marches, which he accordingly did. The Frenchman's suspicion being, however, not yet quite removed, he asked the drummer boy to lead a retreat. "A retreat, sir?" replied the brave little fellow; "I don't know what that is." This answer so pleased the French officer that he released the little fellow, and wrote to his general commending his spirited behavior.

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