

A Queer Russian Game.

In some parts of Russia a queer game is still played at Christmas time which has much to do with the future life of the participants. Some prominent person in the village announces that the annual merry-making will be held at his house. On the appointed day the young men and women hasten to his house.

There are songs and games and dances, but they are simply a prelude to the more important business of the day. When the time comes, the hostess leads all the girls into one room, where they seat themselves on the benches. Laughing and chattering they are each promptly muffled in winding sheets by the hostess. The head and hair and form are securely covered, and when she is done the girls resemble papooses.

The young men draw lots, and one by one they enter the room where the muffled girls sit. Helpless so far as sight or touch goes, the puzzled lover tries to locate his favorite. Maybe she would help him if her eyes were not hidden, but she is as helpless as he. Finally he chooses one, and then he may unveil her. This is the critical moment, and disappointment or rapture will be the result of seeing her face.

It is the law of custom that the man shall marry the girl he has picked out, and if either backs out a heavy forfeit must be paid. It is said that this matrimonial lottery is productive of many happy marriages.—Moscow Correspondence.

The Bicycle a Political Power.

Nowadays the world may easily be divided into people who wheel and people who do not, and the former class seem to hold the balance of the power, possessing as they do the solidarity due to this single enthusiasm. The bicycle has become a power in economics and politics. Its association, the League of American Wheelmen, successfully fights the great railroads and is hearkened to by municipal and State legislatures. When the wheelman of Chicago wanted to visit a fair Western meet they insisted that there fares should be at one-half price, and the railroads were terrorized into submission by the threat of having 150,000 wheelmen solidly arrayed against them. The transportation lines in many States have been forced to do away with express charges on bicycles and treat them as checkable baggage. In several localities the local bicycle associations have decided that owners of wheels ought to be taxed \$1 a head for the sake of obtaining better cycling roads, and forthwith the legislative powers bowed before them. In the New York City streets sprinkling-cart made uncomfortable riding, and an ordinance was at once obtained obliging the water-cart drivers to leave a strip of unsprinkled asphalt three feet wide next to each curbing. Legislators are busy with expert testimony on the questions of the danger of carrying small children on bicycle handle-bars. The league of American Wheelmen is an institution which any Presidential candidate would be loath to offend.—From "The World's Sporting Impulse," by CHARLES D. LANIER, in Review of Reviews for July.

Things to Remember About Sleeping.

Sunlight is good for everything. The best number of persons to each bed is—one. Away with heavy hangings, either above or below the bed. Beware of a dusty, musty carpet—better sweetness and a bare floor. Do not fail to provide some means for ventilation, during the night. Keep the head cool while sleeping, but not by a draught of cold air falling upon it. If a folding-bed must be used, contrive some way to keep it aired and wholesome. Let the pillow be high enough to bring the head on a natural position—no more nor less. Thoroughly air the sleeping-room every day; air the beds and bedding as often as possible. A dark, out-of-the-way, unwholesome corner is no more fitted for a sleeping room than for a parlor. A feather bed which has done service for a generation or two is hardly a desirable thing upon which to sleep.—New York Ledger.

Cost of The McKinley Boom.

An intimate friend of Major McKinley said recently that the appointment of Mark Hanna as campaign manager was about the shrewdest political move Major McKinley made in all his career. Hanna not only devoted his entire time to the cause, but contributed freely towards its expense. A canvass extending over several years is an expensive undertaking and money had to come from somewhere. Mr. Hanna said recently the canvass cost him \$100,000. Of that amount \$38,000 was contributed by friends of McKinley throughout the country. As one item of the expenses, it may be said the cost of keeping friends of the cause posted on its progress was \$2,500. It was done by mailing 1,600 copies daily of one of the local official organs to convention delegates and leading Republicans in all parts of the country. That was done for several months, and was but a single feature of one of the most perfect political organizations ever made in a political campaign.

Laces for Summer Frocks.

All styles of fancy laces, with handsome insertions to match, in St. Plauen or St. Galt made goods, will be used to decorate summer silks, muslins, crepons, challies and other fashionable materials. In cream laces fashionable tendency is toward the heavy guipure patterns, new and lovely designs in Venetian laces, and wonderful and beautiful imitations of point applique. The insertion bands matching these laces are more varied and elegant than were ever before exhibited, many of the rich, elaborate patterns measuring from seven to ten inches in width.

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Leopold Strouse, of Baltimore, has presented to Johns Hopkins University a sum of money as the beginning of a fund for the purchase of rabbinical books for the university library. About three hundred books will be purchased as the first instalment, and they will come mainly from Frankfort-on-the-Main, where there is a fine collection of rabbinical literature.

Probably the most venerable delegate at St. Louis is Col. Richard W. Thompson, of Terre Haute, Ind., ex-Secretary of the Navy. He celebrated the eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth last week, and is in perfect health. He is the only survivor of the Congress of 1841. There are few living who served with him in 1847-48, when he sat beside Lincoln in the old hall of the House of Representatives.

Housekeeping in Bulawayo must be rather expensive at present. Reports just to hand state the price of milk at 36s. per gallon, and many other provisions, the supply of which is effected by the cattle plague and the native outbreak, at proportionately high rates. Notwithstanding this, at least one young Afrikander couple in the laager have since the commencement of the siege entered upon the responsibilities of marriage. A dozen babies have been born during the same period within the fortified area.

It is said that the only man who ever declined a Presidential nomination was Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, who was originally named on the straight-out Democratic ticket with Stephen A. Douglas, at the Charleston Convention in 1860, and refused to accept, whereupon Herschel V. Johnson was substituted by the National Committee. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Johnson's son was a delegate to the St. Louis Convention. He practices law at Savannah and has been a Republican for many years in a State where there is no encouragement for a person to belong to that party.

Women Doctors in India.

Last year's report of the National Association for supplying female Medical aid to the women of India states that in eleven years since its organization, under the name of the Lady Dufferin Fund, the number of women and girls annually relieved and cured for has risen in 1895 to above 1,000,000 (1,053,387,) and in the last three years the number has doubled.

The movement has a pathetic history. After suffering for years from native quacks, the maharajah of Puna was cured by an English lady—a medical missionary. Her highness wrote to Queen Victoria, enclosed the letter in a gold locket, put the jewel around the doctor's neck, and charged her not to take it off until she gave it into the Queen's hands.

Her Majesty sent a kind answer, and laid on the next new viceroy, when dismissing him, the "special injunction" to launch a scheme for the improvement of the medical treatment of her Indian women subjects.

With Irish impetuosity and Scotch thoroughness combined, Lady Dufferin organized the fund all over India, and in London also for training native women doctors as well as healing the suffering. The invested funds amount to \$129,000 at par, and the income from all sources last calendar year was £15,545. With this a million of suffering women were cared for, in addition to the many who come under the ministrations of the medical missionaries. American as well as British.

Were progress more rapid, especially among the high-caste ladies, who must be attended in the zenana and harem, there would not be women doctors enough. Lady Elgin, Lady Elliott, and other governors' wives have brought about the foundation of hostels for native women studying medicine, obstetrics, and nursing. Mr. Woodburn, an experienced civil engineer, declared at the annual meeting in Calcutta lately that the rapidly growing and now enormous attendance at the Dufferin hospitals is the best possible evidence of the trust of the people in the treatment they receive there.

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A Piece of Iron 2,000 Years Old.

S. T. Wellman, the well known metallurgist of the Wellman-Seaver Engineering Co., Cleveland, has a portion of a round bar of iron—and a few like pieces are held in the United States—that antedates the Christian era by two or three centuries. The iron, which had been originally hammered into plates, and was deeply rusted from age, was found a few years ago by Dr. Karl Humann, in the ruins of the temple of Artemis Leucophryne at Magnesia, Asia Minor. Dr. Humann sent it to Hallbauer in Germany and the latter made from a portion of it a memorial tablet. This was presented to Bismark in April, 1894. It bore this inscription, in German: "For you, Prince Bismark, the iron chancellor, Hermogenes forged this iron at Magnesia, 200 B. C. Humann found it in the temple of Artemis after 2,000 years and sent it to Hallbauer, who gave it the form in which it shall bear witness that your deeds shall outlive millenia." At the time of the representation to Bismark, Stahl and Eisen gave a photographic reproduction of the plate and an account of the discovery of the iron. The Temple of Artemis, one of the most magnificent of ancient monuments, was rebuilt about 300 B. C. The metal is described as approximating steel in its composition, though closely akin to malleable iron. It was made at a low temperature and great care was necessary in the forging. It was found rather difficult to roll the pieces that were preserved as relics, these having a diameter of about 1/2 in. One analysis showed carbon 0.20 per cent; phosphorus, 0.016 per cent; iron, 92.71 per cent. Another gave carbon 0.23 per cent; phosphorus, 0.0223 per cent; sulphur, a trace, with no distinguishable amount of manganese or silicon. An analysis in the laboratory of Prof. Ledebur showed 1.01 per cent of slag, 0.025 per cent of phosphorus, and 0.061 per cent of carbon.

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Virtues of the Apple.

The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up; but no harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all. The apple helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculus growths, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best known preventatives of disease of the throat. Everybody should be familiar with such knowledge.—Dr. G. R. Searles in Detroit Bulletin of Pharmacy.

Bad Blood Between Them.

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