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Suicide of Siberian Exile.

Serge Kaleshnikoff, formerly an officer in the Russian navy, was banished to Sredni-Kolymsk, after the usual term of European imprisonment, in 1899, says Harry de Windt, writing about Siberia in 'Harper's Weekly.' He was a young man, intelligent, well educated, and endowed with a bright, hopeful disposition that had resisted the baneful effects of even this arctic 'Inferno' for an unusual length of time. Even the officials liked him, with the exception of the late chief of police—one Ivanoff.

One day last summer Kaleshnikoff, while fishing from a canoe on the Kolyma, espied the barge of Ivanoff returning from a visit to the settlement of Nijni Kolymsk, three hundred miles down the river, near the Arctic Ocean. The young exile, who was expecting a letter, paddled out to intercept the barge and hoarded her, leaving his canoe to trail astern. Accounts differ as to Ivanoff's condition on the day in question, some averring that he was intoxicated, others that his temper was only worse than usual—which says a great deal. In any case, Kaleshnikoff's polite enquiry was met by a coarse epithet, which the exile resented with some warmth. Angry words followed, with the result that Ivanoff, now foaming with rage, summoned assistance. Kaleshnikoff was seized, stripped and flogged by half a dozen Cossacks. He was then unbound and thrown, streaming with blood and almost insensible, into his canoe, while the barge proceeded on her way.

The occurrence took place some miles from Sredni-Kolymsk, and it was only the next evening that Kaleshnikoff was able to regain the settlement, in an exhausted condition from weakness and loss of blood. A sense of abject degradation allied with acute physical pain seemed to have paralyzed his mental faculties, for, with a vacant look, he silently waved his friends off, and they saw him disappear through the doorway of his dwelling. Presently the report of firearms was heard, and Ergin rushed to ascertain the cause. Kaleshnikoff was found lying on the floor of his hut dead, still grasping the revolver with which he had taken his life. The sentence 'Goodby! I leave for a happier land,' had been hastily scrawled in pencil on a sheet of paper, probably just before the writer had died.

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In some country districts of Ireland it is not unusual to see the owners' names simply chalked on carts and other vehicles, in order to comply with legal regulations. Unfortunately, this custom lends itself to the playing of pranks on the part of "bhoys" maliciously inclined, who sometimes rub off the lettering and thereby get the cart-owner into trouble with the police. A case of this kind having occurred, a constabulary sergeant accosted a countryman whose name had been thus wiped out unknown to him.

"Is this cart yours, my good man?"
 "Av course it is," was the reply; "do you see anything the matter wid it?"
 "I observe," said the pompous policeman, "that yer name is obliterated."
 "Then ye're wrong," quoth the country man, who had never come across the long dictionary word before, "for me name's O'Reilly, an' I don't care who knows it!"

Evil for Evil.

"Tit-for-tat" is a small motto for small men. The little fellow who is bent on giving blow for blow, injury for injury, railing for railing, has got God's law upside down, and links himself to the jackal and the serpent. The law of the jungle prevails too much amongst men. Get away from it as you would from hell. The "Greater than Solomon" hath said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, but I say unto you, resist not evil. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven, for He maketh His sun to rise upon the evil and the good, and sendeth rain upon the just and the unjust." Here is an Alpine height for your spider legs, you liliputians that are out with your little club for your enemies. There is a pharasaic adaptiveness of the advice of the Wise Man on this head that must make the angels weep. There are people who rise up early and with loud voice not only praise their friends but bless their enemies. They use this bastard humility to call attention not only to the failings of their enemies, but to promote popular appreciation of their quasi virtues. They proffer their coils of fire on a salver of brazen impudence that robs them of any virtue. This wall-eyed glib-tongued hypocrisy that parades its sweetness with a brass band is worse than all the bullet-headed revenge that ungodly hatred can produce. The most contemptible rascal out of hell is the pharisee that hits his neighbor over the back of the Almighty in prayer or a simulation of divine grace.

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Wealth of Our Prime Ministers.

The present Prime Minister is by far the wealthiest commoner who has held the office since 1800 except Sir Robert Peel, whose income was estimated to be over £40,000 a year. All the rest were poor men. Pitt and Canning had next to nothing. Adding little, Spencer Perceval not much more, Lord John Russell very moderate means. Gladstone had a handsome fortune, but lost much in some mining enterprises. Mr. Balfour's paternal grandfather left £1,100,000 personalty, and also large realty. The Prime Minister's father died early, and hence there were accumulations. The wealthiest of our Prime Ministers was Lord Derby. Lord Melbourne had ample means, Lord Aberdeen was affluent, as was Lord Liverpool. Lord Salisbury's means are quite adequate to maintain his rank.—London Tit-Bits.

Veils and Eyesight.

Dr. Nagel, an eminent German oculist, has again been investigating the effects of wearing veils, and has examined the cases of eighty-four women whose eyesight has been injured by this practice. He finds that the size of the mesh, the distance of the veil from the eyes, and the colour of the veil are a determining differences, and that 75 per cent. of the women who habitually wear veils, by neglecting to take account of these matters, impair their sight, this result being brought about by the average defective veil in a period of four years.

An Equal Safety.

An Irish clergyman during his first curacy found the ladies of the parish too helpful. He soon left the place. One day thereafter he met his successor.

"How are you getting on with the ladies?" asked the escaped curate.

"Oh, very well," was the answer. "There's safety in numbers."

"I found it in Exodus," was the quick reply.

Papa (to Johnny, four years old): "Won't you have another piece of duck, Johnny?"
 Johnny: "Yeth, pa, I believe I will. Duck's my favorite chicken, 'cept turkey."

Any person caught whistling in the streets of Buenos Ayres is liable to be arrested. The police alone have the right to whistle.

A French physician has announced that not only is yawning healthful, but it should be resorted to artificially in case of sore throat.

Young Sprigg: "Mr. Bidquick, I am worth £5,000 and I love your daughter."
 Mr. Bidquick (retired auctioneer): "Sold!"

It is said that the only thing Scotch in a set of bagpipes is the sheepskin and tartan. The wood—ebony or cocus—comes from Africa or Jamaica, the ivory from Africa, the horn from Australia, and the cane for the reed from Spain.

Lady (to Pat, who had just tendered her a seat): "You have my sincere thanks, sir."
 Pat: "Not at all, mum; not at all! It's a dooty we owe to the sect. Some folks only does it when a lady be pretty; but I says, says I, 'The sect, Pat, not the individool.'"

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A Fragment.

Aeons ago a rock crashed down
 From a mountain's crown,
 Where a tempest tread
 Crumbled it from its hold.
 Ages dawn and in turn grow old:
 The rock lies still and dead.
 Flames come and floods come,
 Sea rolls this mountain crumb
 To a pebble in its play:
 Till at the last man came to be,
 And a thousand generations passed away.
 Then from the bed of a brook one day
 A boy with the heart of a king
 Fitted the stone to his shepherd sling,
 And a giant fell, and a royal race was free.
 —Edward Roland Sill.

What we Owe Volcanoes.

It hardly seems as if the world could look abroad and say that volcanoes have added to its beauty or its fertility or its resources in many directions. It is so, however. In the great eruption of 1812, the ashes of La Soufriere were carried 120 miles away to Barbadoes, just as they were last summer, and covered the island two inches deep. It played havoc in various ways for a time, but in the end, the Barbadians discovered that it had also completely annihilated the pest of red ants which made some parts of the island almost uninhabitable. And when the next year's crop of sugar cane ripened, they discovered that it had so fertilized the land that the crop was double what it had been for years. And the fertilization lasted for almost twenty years.

Volcanoes gave the world the diamond drift at Kimberley, the great bed of blue clay being the core of an ancient, worn-out volcano. Then there are innumerable useful stones which are given to us through volcanic action—gypsum or plaster of paris, and basalt, beside the beautifully veined stones like chalcedony, porphyry and jasper, feldspar, and perhaps the best known of all, pumice, which is used in the home as well as in the arts and crafts. Rock-crystal, which is so valuable for lenses, is also a product of volcanoes. All the hot spring with their medicinal qualities, the geysers that make the Yellowstone Park the wonder of the world, are due to volcanic action. In fact, according to scientists, these hot springs and geysers occupy the sites of volcanoes that disappeared in the early convulsions of the world, before the earth had become habitable for man.

If we only knew how to study the earth's crust, its history would be as interesting as a fairy tale, and just this much better, in that what we read would be true.

There is a parakeet in the London Zoological Gardens that has lived for a century without tasting a drop of water.

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