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## Historical Incident. and declared his love she was afraid of kiss, from the hands of the executioner.

A rude wooden house on the Neva, in old Petersburg, is still shown to travellers as the abode of Peter the Great, Emperor of Russia, when he was building the city. His wooden arm chair, the rude stool by which he knelt to pray, and the boat he made with his own hands, are exhibited in careful preservation. An incident related of the Czar has been carefully preserved in the French chronicles.

In August 1710, Peter was in this modest house with two of his officers. The elder, Captain Stopaus, was old and stuid, and very jealous of the merit of younger men. He hated particularly young Wladimir, who had risen rapidly in the Czar's favor, on account of his courage and rare qualities. Though but twenty-five, he was major of the regiment Preobajinski, of which Peter was colonel.

The Czar stood by a narrow window, and was gazing at a medallion he had taken from the pocket of his uniform. In this medallion was framed the miniare of a beautiful young girl. Her long blonde curls fell on a neck white as alabaster; her blue eyes and perfect mouth seemed formed only for love, and their expression was exquisite. The name of this lovely creature was Ludmilla, and she was the orphan daughter of a wealthy merchant. The Emperor had seen her but once when he had become desperately enamored of her. He was sure of her favor; but he wished to owe it to his personal merit : and when he visited her, he sunk the monarch in the lover. She was far from discouraging his passion; indeed he had little doubt that she returned it.

After looking rapturously at the charming miniature, Peter suddenly called Wladimir to him and showed it, asking what he thought of his beautiful inamorata.

The young man started back, and grew pale as death. Controlling his agitation though his voice trembled sadly, he replied that the picture was charming.

Stopaus observed what es aped the eyes of the monarch in the young man's emotion. In a few moments Wladimir left the house. The captain then came up bowing to the Emperor. He began by asking if he had noticed the major's look when his eyes fell on the portrait. The in two lines, extended along the banks of children of the tropics. Some few, in the Czar answered that he had not.

"Sire," said Stopaus, "the original of that picture is the betrothed wife of Wladimir. Your Majesty was at Ludmilla's house last evening. Soon after you left it the major was admitted; and the moon had risen before he departed from the

"Are you sure of this?" asked Peter

"I am quite sure, your Majesty." "Very well."

In a few moments the Emperor, lifting the wooden chair in front of him, dashed it to the floor with such violence that it was broken to pieces. It was his only sign of emotion. Then fastening his belt

and caftan he quitted the hut. Wladimir had worshipped his beautiful betrothed and they were soon to be married. His anguish at seeing the miniature in the Czar's hands was intense. How could he doubt her unworthiness? She must have given the picture to Peter, thus encouraging his fancy for her. Was such a coquette a wife for an honorable man?

He crossed the bridge of Tolstoi, leaving the muddy site where the cathedral of Isaac rose in later days, and passed along what was afterwards the Promenade de la Perspective, and arrived at the Fontanks. The house where Ludmilla dwelt was an elegant one, built in Tartar style. At a whistle from the young man, a maid in red tunic and coif opened the door. He entered the presence of Ludmilla, his features expressing his profound misery, his deadly despair. The young girl stood speechless at the sight of him, and pale as

Wladimir sat down, but repelled all tender advances of Ludmilla. In a voice full of bitterness he reminded her that he had proffered to her his truest most passionate love. He had laid his life, his fortune, is name at her feet. She had repaid him ith treachery and infidelity. She had given him deceitful caresses and false vows. He asked her if the accusation

Ludmilla's crimson cheeks and a flood of tears confessed that the charge was deserved. She sobbed unrestrainedly, while the young officer regarded her in gloomy silence. At length she lifted her head, pushed back her ringlets from her cheeks still burning with shame, and asked to be

heard in her own defence. She owned that she had deceived her lover, that she had given the picture to the Emperor when he came to woo her. But she had not encouraged his passion from coquetry. When she saw how ardently he loved her, when he continually met her

him. The least suspicion that she might have given her heart to another man filled of a monarch was so terrible! In his flashing eyes she read a sentence of death thankfully upwards. for any rival. How could she own her love for Wladimir? She dissembled in her terror for him! She allowed the royal suitor to think he had gained her affections. She gave him the miniature,

The young officer felt her arms clasped around his neck, her tear-wet cheek pressed to his; and her lips uttered broken and passionate words of love. He forgave her while she protested that she would never have stooped to dissimulation to

save her own life.

"But I have been true to you Wladimir,'

another man had silently entered the dwelling. The old servant had tried to stop him, but he threw off his hat and 'table laid with covers for thirteen. At the caftan and she saw it was the Emperor, she dare not stop him. He strode on to the apartment where Ludmilla sat clasped in Wladimir's arms. At the sight and a coffin. of the Czar she started up with a terrified shreik, and fell upon her knees. The officer half drew his sword; but, recognizing his superior and sovereign, stood with his head bent, his eyes on the ground.

to the other, muttering, "a double treachery !" The young girl implored shuffle off this mortal coil. The gloomy sleeping he was attacked by a swarm of pardon in piteous entreaty.

ordered Major Wladimirto go and surrender himself a prisoner at the fortress.

He was soon restored to liberty, as the Emperor could not imprison for such a cause one of his bravest and best officers But he gave orders that he should preside at the head of his regiment, at the public punishment of Ludmilla, who was accused of having betrayed certain political secrets to the Swedish agents, and was condemned by the Senate to receive twenty blows with the knout at the Place de la Moika. Peter himself had preferred this false accusation.

the Moika canal to the bridge terminating first stage of the disease, build cottages, few blows of which had sometimes caused happily, forbidden by law. The sea a the death of culprits.

Wladimir was pale and haggard, but full vorite pursuit. There are a number of of inflexible resolution. He had spent horses at the settlement, too, and somehours in praying by his father's grave in times there are horse-races, the training the cemetry of Smolank, and was deter- for which is an amusement to them for mined to meet his betrothed, and save her weeks beforehand. The women fish or from shame and torture by plunging his ride, too. As a rule they are not much dagger in her breast. Then he would immolate himself!

anguish, remorse, and alternations of fierce passion. He had traversed his chamber like a caged lion, beating his breast and

overlooking the Moika canal. There he her bare feet covered with blood, her are unatterably dreary. white shoulders torn by the hateful lash of the executioner!

Unable to remain still the Czar descended, entered a boat and was conveyed the opposite shore of the canal, where he stood with the surging tumultuous crowd.

The horrible procession advanced. Ludmilla walked with a firm step, leaning on the arm of a sergeant of the regiment. Her blue eyes were distended with terror, and wandered wildly over the crowd; her white lips moved with inarticulate sounds. Her long golden curls floated over a neck of marble whiteness. The sight of such beauty and youth exposed to insult and degradation, was enough to move the hardest heart.

She passed slowly across the bridge toward the fatal spot. Her lover waited to receive her and deal the fatal blow.

Just at that moment when she was about to step from the Bridge de la Moika, the Emperor burst through the crowd into the open space before her, threw off his mantle, and advancing alone towards the young girl, placed his hands on both sides of her head, drew her towards him, and impresed a kiss upon her forehead. Lud-

swoon. When consciousness returned she

The young girl sank backward in a

Thirteen Club Defy Fate.

Sherry's ball room.

tal is prepared for. Fifteen tables filled the ball room, each sists. head of each table was suspended an open umbrella, and beside each plate were placed a skeleton, a candle, a wax taper,

When the company was seated the elec-Peter's flashing eyes gleamed from one doubt that the owner of the extinguished was overcome with fatigue and the heat But the monarch could not pardon such Thirteen Club Bouquet perfume. In the perately to escape from the living flood. a crime. After a struggle with violent midst of the feast a large mirror fell from He set fire to the insect-laden bushes near emotion, he became calm and cold, as he the wall and was shivered into atoms, re- him, but all his efforts proved ineffectual, means seven years of bad luck.

> been invited to the club. The first toast was, of course, "The Ladies," and after that the number "13."

The enjoyment continued till a late hour in bold defiance of impending doom. -New York Herald.

## How the Lepers Live.

At the leper settlement of Molokai, writes Sister Rose Gertrude to The Ladie's Home Journal, the time hangs very heavi-The regiment of Preobajinski, ranged ly on the hands of even these ease-loving at the Opera house. That termination some cultivate taro, tobacco, sugar-cane, was the place appointed for executions. or other plants in small enclosed patches. The executioners were armed with long In the olden times they distilled strong plaited leather straps called the know, a and harmful liquors, but this is now, round abounds with all kinds of fish, and The officers were in uniform, and Major the stranger ones pass hours in this fagiven to domestic pursuits, though some still make hats, and gorgeous quilts with The Emperor had spent the night in birds and flowers cut out of colored rags, stitched on to the white calico. But those who can work are almost disinclined to do so, by the utter uselessness of their indashing the furniture to pieces. At dawn dustry. "We are dying," say they; "why he called his attendants, and dressed him- should we waste our time in working to self in his uniform as colonel of the Preoba- leave good things behind for those who do jinski, passing round his neck the band of not care for us?" The Chinese bear off the Chevaliers of the order of St. Andre. the palm for industry. They plant taro He went to the house of Menzikoff, and rice, and establish bread and cake stores, and even candy for those who have could see from a window all that passed. the good fortune to receive money from But his imagination drew a picture that the friends on the other islands. Of course drove him well nigh to a frenzy. He there are many who from loss of hands or seemed to see the beautiful, timid young feet are unable to work, and theirs is the creature that he loved, dragged as a spec- saddest lot. They have literally nothing tacle before the curious insulting crowd; to do but sleep and smoke, and their lives

# American Watches.

To give an off hand estimate, I should say that the several factories of this country turn out about two million watches each year The demand for them ineven in a larger ratio than the increase, of population. Of course the much smaller number of high priced watches made in Switzerland show much larger financial returns in proportion to the total number made than in America, where the majority are extremely low priced. It should be added that our American watches, costing the purchaser as low as \$4 at retail, are fully as reliable and satisfactory in the matter of accurately recording time as the extravagantly high priced and eleborately constructed watches imported for and the American newspapers in which a gen- swered: "Well, Mr. Barnum, I must purchased by an annually decreasing number of Americans, who labor under the practically exploded hallucination that a Swiss watch, or anything, in fact, that is imported from Europe, must be better than anything in the same line produced the disease. Sir Morell does not doubt have a very valuable test case." "Well," here.-New York Mail and Express.

in the street, when he came to visit her St. Andre to save the condemned by a francs in the Peter's pence fund.

### Lover's Stationery.

A fad in writing-paper is what is called lover's stationery. It is a fine notepaper him with ungovernable rage. The wrath found herself folded in the arms of her delicately tinted, the most fashionable faithful lover, and both were looking shade being light pink. The water-mark to be detected by holding the sheet up to the light, is a blending of two hearts pierced by an arrow. In the lower corner "Be sure and not forget to look at the of each fourth page (or reverse of each new moon over your left shoulder," was second half sheet) appear what at first the last caution the president gave as the sight looks like a blemish. But this is the Thirteen Club and their guests filed into charming feature of the novelty; it is the kissing spot, for here the correspondent The new moon, surrounded by thirteen | presses his or her lips, and thus a salute is stars, decorated the hallway. Just before wafted to the absent lover. The kissing they entered the dining room each lady spot is about the size of a shilling (25-cent eceived a bouquet of thirteen American piece) and is covered with lips of a pleas-Beauty roses. Over the entrance to the ing odor and taste. A more ingenious bit ball room was suspended a ladder, which of maudlin sentimentality could hardly the superstitious are wont to believe will be devised, yet we must all confess that it While the reconciled lovers talked, bring more bad luck than the average mor- is of just such innocent and inane follies that the joy of human life largely con-

Killed by Locusts. A recent telegram from Algiers, Africa, says the French savant, M. Kunckle Herculais, the president of the Ethnological Society, who was employed on the governtric lights were put out, then the hosts at ment mission of investigating the locust each table gave the order: "Light your plague in this province, has met a horrible candles!" The first candle to burn out or death. While examining a deposit of go out indicated beyond the shadow of a locusts' eggs at the village of Sidieral, he candle will be the first of the company to and fell asleep on the ground. While looking coffin was filled with a bottle of locusts. On awaking he struggled desgardless of the fact that a broken mirror and when finally the locusts left the spot his corpse was found. His hair, beard, This is the first time that ladies have and necktie had been entirely devoured. M. Herculais was a member of the French Academy and the author of several

### Farming for Profit.

valuable works on insects.

One farmer has 100 bushels of wheat on three acres and his neighbor has 100 bushels on ten acres. The income is the same in both cases, but how about the profit? This matter of income and profit needs to be studied over more. If you own your farm, stock, and tools it doesn't matter so much; but if your farming must support your family and pay debts, you want to look out, and grow all crops at a profit. The right way is to undertake no more than you can reasonably expect to do thoroughly well. There is no half-way work in any line. The world is full of ordinary. Do just a little better, and then you are on the road up.

# Advice.

A farm journal advises its readers to "be quiet among bees." The observance of this advice depends largely on the conduct of the bees. A man may go among bees with the resolve to be quiet as a pair of lovers in the front parlor, but if an unruly bee inserts its weapon under the man's epidermis, his good resolution vanishes into thin air and he immediately becomes as noisy as a Comanche Indian .-Norristown Herald.

It's sometimes said patent medicines are for the ignorant. The doctors foster this idea. "The people," we're told, "are mostly ignorant when it comes to medical science." Suppose they are! What a sick man needs is not knowledge, but a cure, and the medicine that cures is the medicine for the sick. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the "do believes" and the "don't believes." There's no hesitance about it, no "if" nor "possibly." It says-"I can cure you, only do as I direct." Perhaps it fails occasionally. The makers hear of it when it does, because they never keep the money when the medicine fails to do good. Suppose the doctors went on that principle. (We creases, here and in all civilized countries, beg the doctors' pardon. It wouldn't do!)

cured by Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Fifty cents. Sold by druggists every-

startling statements with regard to influentleman of that nationality having died The Pope's committee of cardinals Sheffield, where the disease was at its worst, committee rooms.

### ALL SORTS.

Philopena. They ate a philopena, Yes and No she must not say, And he must not take anything From her the livelong day.

They strolled into the garden-The moon was shining so, He could not help but ask her, "Wilt be mine? Oh, don't say No'

"I can't say Yes," she answered, "Nor yet can I say No; But thine I'll be. Dost take me? Philopena! Let me go!" -Life.

Eclipse of the son-A baby daughter. A polished Delivery-Cuffs and collars from the laundry.

Why is the effect of a mustard-plaster like a coverlet? Because it is a counter-Upon being notified that she was judici-

ally separated from her husband, a New England lady said to a friend that she felt "quite unmanned." When a young lady runs off and marries

a cochman, a great fuss is made about it; but every day some bride marries a groom and nothing is thought of that.

Stiggings married his type-writing girl. Before they were married he was in the habit of dictating to her, but after marriage she dictated to him, and very success-

"You seem to be having a nice time of it here." said the irate parent to the young man whom he caught kissing his daughter in the hall. "Nice?" said the young man, smacking his lips, "why sir, that's no name for."

Young lady: "And how is Johnny getting on at the new school, Mrs. Scatterpole ?" "Mrs. Scatterpole : "Oh, beautifully! He's learning six languages-French, German, Latin, Greek, Algebra and Euclid."

"Madame," said the tramp, "I'm hungry enough to eat raw dog." "Well," she responded kindly, suiting the action to the word, "I'll whistle some up for you;" whereupon the tramp left, taking his appetite with him.

"Pa. what is 'mist'?" "It is an invisible vapour of the atmosphere, my son." "Does a man ever turn into mist?" "Certainly not. Who said he could?" " Nobody did; only I heard ma say the other day that you never would be mist."

"What are you doing under the horses' feet, there ?" shouted a hack driver to a stupid-looking man, whom he came near running over. "Drive on, you fool!" snarled the stupid-looking man; "I want to find out if my life is insured in a reliable company."

A witty but impecunious writer applied to a man for a loan. The latter put him off till he could enquire about his character, which he found was very bad, as far as paying borrowed money was concerned. On again meeting the would-be borrower, the gentleman began to make excusesand said: "I'm really sorry, my dear sir, but-" "Sorry for what ?" asked the wit. "That I can't let you have the money." "Is that all? Then, my dear fellow, don't be unhappy; you ought to be very glad of it "

"I know that I am not as patient as I should be, and I think the same can be said of you." "Yes, certainly," he, frankly acknowledged; "I am almost as you are." "I think," went on the lady, "that we ought to cultivate a mutual toleration of each other's faults." And she bent over and fondly kissed him. "You are not looking well to-night, my dear," he said, stroking her hair. "No," she replied, "my feet pain me dreadfully." "That's because you wear your shoes two sizes too small for you." Then the trouble began once more.

Not long before his death, Barnum much worried," he said, "about a certain matter, and I want to consult you. My neighbor keeps peacocks Now, suppose some of them should fly over into my Sir Morell Mackenzie has made some yard-which they are doing all the timeand lay some eggs here. Would those za. Sir Morell believes the disease can be eggs belong to me, or could my neighbor communicated by dead bodies. In sup- compel me to give them up?" The lawport of this opinion he quoted a case from yer, having duly scratched his head, antake time to look into this matter. But with influenza in Paris, his body was em- the best thing for you to do would be to balmed and sent to Philadelphia, where it keep the eggs and let your neighbor sue was exposed to the view of the family, all for their possession. In that way your of whom were immediately attacked by rights would be determined, and we should that the influenza was introduced into the said Barnum, "while you are looking into House of Commons by the witnesses from | the matter, will you find out how it would be if the eggs were laid by peahens?" The It was the privilege of the Chevaliers of has discovered a deficit of ten million who gave their evidence in one of the lawyer swore softly to himself, but never made any investigation.

### THE WORLD OVER.

The Pope has made his will, leaving all his personal property to the Holy See.

It is a great misfortune for the young and middle aged to be gray. To overcome this and appear young, use Hall's Hair Renewer, a reliable panacea.

It is stated that the Brazilian government sent forty Russian colonists home to encourage their kinsfolk to emigrate, thus counteracting the policy of supressing emigration.

It is stated that Count von Moltke, just prior to his death, concluded an exhaustive study of European armaments, ending with the assertion that France was ready for war and Russia nearly so, and that a great conflict could not be delayed beyoud

New York World: England has the finest navy, the busiest army, the highest paid officials, and the most extended and expensive empire in the world. Her debt is thrice as large as ours, and yet she foots the bill for \$431,000,000 per annum while we spend \$505,000,000-for what?

Nellie Huntington, a native of Nova Scotia, was arrested in Boston on Monday, charged with shoplifting in the stores of Houghton & Dutton and William H. Brine Upon her room being searched various articles were found which she admits haying taken from different stores.

Cardinal Tashereau and other members of the Quebec clergy are petitioning Parliament to amend the election law so as to make it an offence punishable by imprisonment to distribute liquor for corrupt purposes during election times. Free whisky, they assert, has a demoralizing effect on such occasions.

Tcheng-Ki-Tong, first secretary of the Chinese legation in London, has been found guilty of having taken advantage of his official position to swindle people. He has been summoned back to China to be executed, and he has gone. Had he not obeyed the summons the death penalty would have been inflicted on his family.

The coroner's jury investigating the recent explosion at Tarrytown, N Y., by which 18 men were instantly killed, returned a verdict censuring the foreman, Conductor John O'Connor and Edward Finnegan, assistant foreman, now dead, and the president and board of directors of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, for allowing explosives to be carried in a careless manner.

The Princess of Wales will be represented among the exhibitors in Vienna this month at the International Exhibition of Amateur photographers to be held there under the patronage of the Archduchess Maria Theresa. There will be numerous other royal contributors to the collection, among them the Archduchess Maria Theresa herself and the Grand Duke Ferdinand of

The other evening, while Martin Stewart was returning home from Robert Hanson's, on the Nashwaak, on horseback, he was attacked by a wolf, which seemed to be determined to enjoy a meal of horse beef. Martin soon became alarmed at the ferocity of the animal and put spurs to his horse and went at full speed for nearly a mile with the wolf in close pursuit, when the animal turned off and seated himself "My dear," said a wife to her husband, on the side of the road, hungry and dis-

MRS. ROBINSON, Hopewell Corner, writes : Dear Sir, I have used your British Liniment for one year, and must say it surpasses all the Liniments I have ever used for Sore Throat, Lame Back, Pains in the Side, and all complaints for which a Liniment is needed. I had a pain in my side so bad that I had to give up work. I gave my side a good bathing with your Liniment and it gave me immediate relief so that in twenty minutes I was able to go about my work.

The new flag ship to be stationed at Halifax, succeeding the Bellerophon, will be the Hercules. She is a central battery Choking, sneezing and every other summoned his lawyer to the side of the ship with nine inch armor on the water form of catarrh in the head, is radically couch where he was lying. "I am very line, and is fully rigged as a cruising vessel. She has a displacement of 8,680 tons engines of 6,750 horse power, and a speed of 135 knots. Her armament is eight eighteen ton, one twelve ton, and four six and a half ton guns. She is therefore a larger and more powerful ship than the Bellerophon. She was built in 1868.

> Sir Douglas Fox, who has been preparing estimates of the cost of the proposed P. E. I. tunnel, has forwarded to Ottawa an amended statement, in which the figures are still more favorable. He estimates for an eleven foot tunnel, from shaft to shaft, a cost of \$4,369,433. For the same, including land tunnel and contingencie-\$5,232,640. For a sixteen foot tunnel, from shaft to shaft, \$8,042,167. For a sixteen foot tunnel, including land, tunnel and contingencies, \$9,596,093. For an eighteen foot tunnel, from shaft to shaft, \$9,198,000. For an eighteen foot tunnel, including land, tunnel and contingencies, \$10,962,167.