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Decline of The Cossacks.

ays:
"A report the Austro-Hungarian vice

consul at Rostoof, on the Don, contains some highly interesting particulars of the

inquiry instituted some time ago by means

of a special government commissaries as to

population. "The report, which deals more particu-

larly with the Cossacks of the Don, begins

by stating that in the institution of the Cossacks' there is a dominating factor

which distinguishes its mode of existence

from that of the other elements in the em-

pire, and which is characterized by com-

years compulsory service has been in force throughout Russia, but in accordance with certain dispositions of the law a large num-

ber of young men are exempted as being

the support of their family or in conse-quence of trifling physical defects and on other grounds. No such favor is extended

istration. Every Cossack on attaining his eight or tenth year is enrolled in the Cossack army and has to take the oath of al-

legiance. The special privileges which the

Cossack enjoys are exemption from taxes and gifts of land from which he makes his

living and meets the cost of his equipment.

The greater part of the district of the Don

is, or was, the property of the Cossacks,
"There impoverishment is due to the
fact that the material burdens imposed

upon then by their military obligations

have been steadily increasing, while there has been no corresponding augmentation

in their sources of revenue. In order to

provide himself with the regulation equip-

quence is that it loses much of its fertility, a circumstance which has proved highly unfavorable to the rearing of cattle. and

especially to horse breeding. According to a member of the commission of inquiry

forty years ago the communes made no special distribution of the land belonging to them. The Cossack sowed and reaped

to them. The Cossack sowed and reaped where he liked and as much as he liked, but he confined himself to the require-

ments of his family, the land that remain-med over being used for grazing purposes. He did not need money and cared nothing for it. His farm sufficed to provide for all his personal wants, and for the necessities

draw a distinct line of separation between his own property and that of his neighbor. The land is no longer common property, but has been divided into individual lots. The effect of this change has been most prej-

"To make matters worse fresh calls have

been made on him for his military service.

He has been reduced to altogether precar-ious circumstances. His military obliga-

cessive administrative experiments among the Cossacks, all of which have lamentably failed. If a remedy is not speedily found,

and if the requisite reforms are not promptly introduced the institution of the Cos-

sacks' in the territory of the Don cannot be maintained for any length of time. The

Russian minister of war, Gen. Kuropatkin,

while on a tour of inspection in the Don district last June, is said to have remarked

in the course of private conversation that

in any case the Cossacks were much better

off than the rest of the peasant population of the empire. The author of the report

adds that this remark is perfectly correct."

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"Her condition became such that it was deemed best to send her to a hospital, where she could receive proper care. Accordingly on March 4th, 1861, she was taken to Bellevue Hospital and admitted as a patient. She remained there until July 5th, 1862, when she was transferred to the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island. During her stay at Bellevue she fell out of the bed one afternoon, sustaining a severe fracture of her left arm. When she was admitted to Bellevue she was able to move her limbs, but with

some difficulty.
"When she had been at the Charity Hospital for several days and after many consultations of the physicians it was de-cided to inject strychnine into her body.

"This treatment had been going on a short while when it was noticed that her knees grew stiff and her toes pointed upward. Through the influence of a Dr. The Race is Starving Out Through its Military Burdens.

A Vienna dispatch to the London Times

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'She was then transferred back to Bellevue for several years and about eight years ago removed to the Incurable Hospital, where she now is. The nurse in charge there says that the woman's appetite is as good, if not better, than any patient she has—there are 56 in the hospital. She eats two or three boiled eggs a day and several large slices of buttered bread and drinks coffee. All this food is fed her by an attendant. The bread is broken up in small pieces and the eggs given her on a

teaspoon.
"She never complains,' said the nurse. Once in a while when we have visitors I pulsory military service in the strictest sense of the term. For the last thirty deaf—that there are friends to see her. She simply turns her head to one side and complacently remarks: "They're welcome." Sometimes she calls for me and begins to relate to me some things she experienced in her childhood. She has a wonderful memory and often she recalls to me facts that I had forgotten. Her health to the Cossacks, who are, indeed, obligated to the Cossacks, who are, indeed, obligated to equip and mount themselves at their lar fact is that she is never troubled own expense. Their rifles and ammution bed sores. The physicians say that she may live for many years."

All Died in Rocking Chairs. Peculiar Coincidence in the Deaths in a Wis

consin Family.

By the death of Mrs. Rachel Oliver at Valle Wis., there is brought to light a remarkable series of events in which the same manner of death of almost an entire family take an important part. About twenty-five years ago her father, Cornelius Sainsbury, accidently cut his foot while working in the timber, and when he was taken home he remarked

samething about a pain in his side and soon expired, while seated in a rocking ment the young Cossack, or more frequently, his father, has to mortgage, let or sell his property. The lessee of the land is naturally anxious to get as much as possame disease and, too, while seated in a rocking chair. There was but a few days difference in their ages, each being 60 years old. When their oldest son, Joseph, had reached the age of three score years went to Fort Collins. Col. for his health, and while there contracted a slight fever. One evening while sitting in a rocking chair to have his bed made, death came upon him and he expired in a few mo-ments. When their oldest daughter, Mrs, Mary A. Davis' was the same age, she com plained of not feeling well one day and, to the surprise of all the family, was dead in a few moments, dying while seated in a rocking chair. She was also 60 years old.

The death of Mrs. Oliver, aged 60, takes away all but one of the entire family. Her brother, James Sainsbury, resides at Reedsburg. Like all of the others, the his personal wants, and for the necessities of his military service. He rode his own homebred horse, had his everyday clothes. The introduction of railways brought about a complete change in the half nomadic existence of the Cossaek. The silver ruble, to which he had previously been indifferent, is now everything to him and regulates his whole life. It has upset all his traditional habits, obliging him to draw a distinct line of separation between death of Mrs. Oliver was unexpected, her illness covering but fifteen minutes. She had been employed in her household duties and sat down in a rocking chair for a few moments' rest, and without a word passed away.

For almost an entire family to pass away while seated in a rocking chair, of the same disease, and about the same age, is a remarkable series of events.

Fell Over a Cliff 200 Feet High. The Body of a Farmer, Who Had Been Missing for a Month, Found at its Base.

commune. With regard to trade he is handicapped by a special impost for dispensation from his military duties, and is thus at a disadvantage in competing with strangers. The cultivation of the vine is unsatisfactory. The Cossacks employ the same methods as they did a century ago.

"The report gives particulars of the successive administrative experiments among the Cossacks, all of which have the control of thirty men scouring the wooded country near Jamesville, New York, discovered the corpse of David A. Waters, a wealthy farmer of the town of Tully. Mr. Waters, who was 85 years old, was well preserved and vigorous. Instead of taking the train for home, he determined to walk to Jamesville station, five miles away, and visit friends on the way. His Tully relatives supposed him still. stituted, with the result that it was learned that he had not been seen by his James-

ville friends. A farmer living in the neighborhood of Green Lake, a small body of water sur-rounded by limestone cliffs 200 feet high reported that on the night of the day Mr. Waters left Syracuse, he had heard wild cries from the cedar forest, 100 acres in extent, which surrounds the lake. It was this forest which was scoured to-day. At the bottom of the rocks about twenty feet from the water's edge the body was found. There was a large bruise on the head. He had evidently lost his way and rushing blindly about in the woods at night, had stumbled over the cliff to his death. A stop of twenty minutes for lunch at Beaumont, Texas, while en route to California resulted in the gaining of a considerable fortune by A. D. Curtis, a young Chicago man. Curtis arrived in Beaumont on his way West on Jan. 6th of this year, the day upon which the famous Lucas oil well was discovered. When he left the train with his wife to get lunch he found the

An Unfortunate Statement.

An Oxford professor was giving his pupils a lecture on Scotland and the Scots."
"These hardy men," he said, "think nothing about swimming across the Tay three times every morning before breakfast." Suddenly a loud burst of laughter came

town in a fever of excitement over the discovery, and, having had experience in oil fields, he decided to stay. He made up his mind instantly. He ordered his trunks from the baggage car, and a few minutes later the train pulled out minus two passengers. Curtis estimates the results of his quick decision at many thousands of dollars on an investment small when compared with the results.

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The Beautiful Orient will represent life as it existed in the East before the advent of the modern tourist. of thirty days, the limit placed in the con-Gaston Akoun, director of this concession, is arranging to have native representative characters to convey proper impressions of oriental customs and manners of living. He will have plenty in the strongest terms to people accustomed to our western civilization. A holy Mecca will be the meeting place of tired and worn pilgrims who will constantly arrive, make their offerings in the various mosques or religious temples and disperse. Eight streets will diverge from this objective point, each representing a distinctive local section of the orient. A street in Constantinople will be thoroughly Turkish, even to the vagabond dogs. Morocco will be represented by a street which will illustrate the life and habits of the Moors. Algerian life will pose. Typical illustrations in a like manner will be taken from Egypt, Tunis, Persia, Tripoli and Turkey in Asia. While looking through these sections visitors could easily imagine themselves in the midst of the ancient city the counterpart of which they are

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Man Without a Stomach Going Back to Work.

Paul O. Kruger, who is minus a stomach, will be allowed to leave his bed at the Illinois college hospital, at Chicago, next Monday, according to Dr. B. B. Eads, who performed the operation. "Kruger is doing splendidly." the sur-

geon said. He was a gardner and florist. As this vocation does not require either great mental or physical effort I see nothing in the way of his success and prosperity in

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