

**AN INSANE BELIEF.**  
Russian Pennants Who Have No Use for Soap and Water.

Some Revolting Customs of the Plague-Stricken Countries - A Land Where Cholera is a Dreadful and Frequent Visitor.

In no part of Europe are public baths so common as in Russia, and nowhere are public baths so neglected. But the attraction of the bath is not soap and water, but the hot vapors for which the Russian has such an affection. The bath itself is in many cases a nest of filthy uncleanliness. The patronizers of these establishments very often have no other reason for the washman. This is not only of the very poor. Of an inmate of one of the gigantic apartment houses of St. Petersburg, who was a man of property, the St. Petersburg correspondent remarks: "He never has his linen washed. Whenever he has a shirt he puts it on for good, and he wears it until it drops in shreds of his back."

As for sanitary preparation against cholera, the New York Times says that the Russian pennants would look upon this as a profane interference with Providence. It is said that they exist in the belief that the cholera germ is not to be exterminated by disinfectants, but that it is to be kept in check by the purification of the air. The purification of the air and the use of disinfectants are not to be thought of as a means for the prevention of cholera. The purification of the air and the use of disinfectants are not to be thought of as a means for the prevention of cholera.

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A Longue Sport Recently Witnessed at the French Capital.

**WHERE PARROTS COME FROM.**  
What They Cost, Where They Are Caught and How They Are Trained.

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**THE REDWOOD TREE.**  
How Some of the Great Forest Giants of California Grow.

On the camping grounds of the Bohemian club on Austin creek, and in the Armstrong tract near Gearyville, one finds the lowland redwood in perfection. In such places, says the Century, there are often rings of great trees in clusters of five or six feet apart, and thirty, forty, or even fifty feet in diameter. Each of these pits is supposed to show where the venerable ancestor of the fallen tree once stood. Long before it fell, innumerable sprouts grew from the living roots. Afterward, when the giant yielded, the rains washed new soil into the "bottoms" from the mountain sides, so there was a struggle among the children of the fallen ancestor, and at last only seven or eight remained, to become great trees of twelve feet in diameter set on the rim of the pit formed by the decay of the roots of the ancient tree and each having a complete root system of its own. Other trees, seedlings or sprouts grown up between them, and in a few more centuries the process of forming another redwood tree ring will be repeated about the largest of the second growth. Rings of this sort can be found in all stages of formation in every canyon and valley of the redwood country. Some very large rings still show the broken edges of the central tree's roots protruding like the staves of a barrel around the hollow, overgrown with ferns and wild oaks, or filled to the brim with fresh, spicy redwood sprouts. The green sprouts of the living forest are three hundred feet high, and their air through their innumerable branches, and shut out all but faint blue sparkles of the sky. The dust of one of the pines is underfoot, and the air of last year's growth is struggling to gain a place. The red-beeze trunks of the trees stand like a wall, hiding the rise of the mountains, high up the side of the river, though one hears the sound of its flow, and the splash of little trout streams in the canyons. Such scenes as this are the temples of the California forest system.

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