#### THE KUSTARS OF RUSSIA.

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THEIR LABOR A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INDUSTRIAL WEALTH.

Humble Workers Who are Outside the Pale of Statistics-The Extent and Variety of Kustar Occupations-Facts of Interest. - ALBERTAN

The terms industry and manufacture are in a general sense synonomous, but in Russia, Norway, Sweden, and some parts of Germany a distinction must be made in a statistical point of view. The Russian domestic or home industries, based upon the labor of entire families, and conducted 'uring the long winter term when the peasants are not engaged in agricultural or other out-door pursuits, form a subject of wide and deserving interest. It is advisable that manufacturers and others abroad should be informed of this busy underlying element which specifically affects commercial relations with the empire of Russia,

These industries, with which the home manufacturer and the foreign importer have to compete, may be described as supplementary occupations, and the domestic artisan engaged in them is known as a "Kustar." Primitive and for the most part accidental, being determined by local circumstances, they are at all times crude, often hereditary, and in general dependent upon obsolete and primeval appliances for their working. Notwithstanding such disadvantageous condi-tions, the labor of the Kustar is for Russia one of its most reliable sources of industrial wealth, sufficient to meet the wants and supply the needs of the commonalty of the

THE WARES OF THE KUSTAR. To the outsider the world of the Kustar is a hidden and unexplored sphere, outside the pale of statistics and apart from association with large factories and counting-rooms. The humble workers strive in their pleasant homes, often far from the sources of supply and demand, throughout the length and breadth of the nation, and form an important element of its internal resources. The wares of the Kustar furnish St. Petersburg, Moscow and other large towns with their requirements, the stores of all dealers containing absolutely Russian products. Boots and shoes are furnished at a cost almost beyond comprehension. In Kimri a pair of calfskin shoes can be purchased at wholesale for 45 cents. Cutlery made by the Kustar has long since surprised Sheffield manufacturers by its ruinously low price. This cutlery holds sway in the markets of the east, and even finds its way to China. Domestic utensils, earthen, metal, porcelain, china and glassware are supplied in overwhelming quantities at prices which prohibit home and foreign competition. In textile productions the extent of Kustar industry is shown in the output of domestic weavings in seven governments where this industry is

general, the value being in 1881 \$22,500,000.

The manufacture of textile products gives employment to a mass of Kustar population, and is by no means on the wane, in spite of the establishment of manufactories, with which the peasant weavers seem fully able to compete. In articles of toilet and luxury, such as brocades, velvet and lace, the Kustar takes exceptionally high rank. In the manufacture of carpets the women of southern Russia have long been expert; the filigree work of ancient Italian silversmith is still hereditary in Nijni-Novgorod, and the religious icons of the Russians are well known throughout Europe and the East for their artistic merit; equally ingenious and artistic are the lacquered wares in papier-mache, and the carvin wood and bone, which rival the Swiss. In fact, from these domestic industries all articles necessary in peasant life and the commonalty are supplied, from a sandal, or a nail, or a wheel, up to the sumptuous

articles of luxury. ARTISANS AS WELL AS PEASANTS. The labor of the Russian peasants does not engage more than one-half the year in agricultural pursuits; therefore it can easily be understood that resort must be had to some supplementary occupation. In the government of Moscow, in 1880, there were 150,000 Kustars engaged at their homes, of whom 50,000 were weavers. In the Kimri district 20,000 are engaged in making shoes; there are a few shoe factories operating German machinery, but they are of small dimensions. Weaving gives employment to the greatest number of domestic workers, and the product ranges from cheap cotton weaving at 414 to 6 cents per yard up to velvets at \$4,50 per yard. Other occupations are nail making, brass and bronze casting, the production of cutlery, locks, saddlery, hardware, domestic utensils, glassware, musical instruments, clocks, papier-mache

goods, knit goods, etc. In the districts lying in the basin of the river Souri a very singular business is pursued-the breeding of cats for the traveling Kustars. These, as hawkers of small wares, travel through the valley from village to village, trafficking for the cats, which they carry off in a bag, and when outside the town they quickly skin their victims and proceed on their way. By this method millions of cat skins annually find their way to the fur centers of the empire. The fact that so large a portion of the Russian peasantry are Kustars as well as agriculturists, oper-ates to suppress efforts to introduce modern manufacturing methods.—Boston Budget,

## THE WORKING GIRLS.

A CLASS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE NOT MERE MACHINES.

Two Sides to the Question - Fighting Against Great Odds-Noteworthy Incident of a "Bargain Day"-Server and Served.

There is no class of girls or women in the community who are so little understood as the working girls. People who see them only in that capacity are quite accustomed to consider them as mere machines whose office it is to do their bidding and satisfy their wants. Not that they are at all con-scious of this feeling; no one would be more shocked than they if one were to tell them, that and they would inveigh against it most strenuously. Yet, if each one were to sit down and make an analysis of their own thoughts—or perhaps it would be better to say impressions, since they are scarcely well enough defined to be called thoughts—she would see that this assertion is a true one. If, on the other hand, she were to see what the shop girl thought of her, how she had taken what seemed to the girl's self as an accurate mental and moral measurement, she would be astonished and often humiliated.

TWO SIDES TO THE QUESTION. There are two sides to all questions, and the shop girl has her opinion of the customer whom she serves over the counter, which is in many cases more correct than the opinion the customer has of her, if she stops to have

"I wonder how these girls live?" was the careless remark a thoughtless young woman let drop in the hearing of some of "these girls" one day. "Quite as well as you do" was the reply under the breath of one of over this uncalled for unkindness. There be who occupied what seemed to her so "public" a position. It never occurred to her that, in many ways, the other girl was cared for as she was, but that necessity compelled her to take her part in the actual bread winning of the family.

As a rule, the girls are self-respecting, upright, honest girls, making the best fight they can in the battle for existence, fighting sometimes in the face of fearful odds, but, as a rule, keeping on the winning side, unless overcome by sickness or other unforeseen

The shopper is apt to forget that she is but one of hundreds who make demands upon the girls every day. If the day has been, as it often is, a trying and busy one, if the girl's temper has been disturbed, and her nerves rasped until sometimes it seems as though she must cry out in her agony, the late customer does sometimes have to suffer from the indifference of the girl who waits on ber. She does not meet with the ready response to her wishes that she expects, she is nettled at the lack of interest, and made impatient by the slowness with which she is served, and, without thinking of what the girl may have had to endure before, she enters complaints of her incompetency, and inveighs loudly and long against the "insufferable sins" of the shop girl.

INCIDENT OF A "BARGAIN DAY." If she would only stop to think, as one lady did not long since. It had been a "bargain day," widely advertised at one of the city establishments. The store had been crowded from early morning, and their had not been a breathing space for the employes, male or female. Late in the aft ing the first lull, a lady entered and asked for a certain article; it was carelessly thrown down to her; she looked at it; it was not quite what she wanted, and she asked for another quality; a quick reply was given her in a not very pleasant tone of voice. Her own anger arose, but, looking quickly up, she caught the tired look in the girl's face, and the gray pallor of her face. She was touched in a moment. Taking a bunch of violets from the belt of her dress, she laid them down before the girl, saying in a kind tone: "You look tired; I wonder if these wont refresh you." The girl looked up in surprise, the blood surged up to ber face, the tears rushed to her eyes, and there was a pathetic droop to the mouth. "Thank you," she said, "I am tired, very tired: I am sorry I was cross, but if you knew how every muscle in my body ached." By this time she was ready to give most willing service, and both women were better for the little encounter.

If both classes, the server and the served, could learn from this little incident to be more thoughtful of each other, the way would be made plainer for both. It is a wrong doctrine that teaches that the two are natural enemies; they are not, they are mutual helpers, and it would be better for themselves, for the world generally, if they could come to understand that truth. Each should be more thoughtful of the other; the one should see that her duty to her employer should lead her to give the best service possible in his interest, the other should feel that her duty to humanity demands that she should be thoughtful of the feelings of those who are serving her, and should try to put herself in their place for a little while, and think how she would feel if the positions were reversed. -- Boston Herald

Value of Spirits of Turpentine. This is one of the most enviable articles in a family, and when it has once obtained a foothold in a house, it is really a necessity, and could ill be dispensed with. Its medicinal qualities are very numerous; for burns it is a quick application and gives immediate relief; for blisters on the hand it is of priceless value, searing down the skin and preventing soreness; for corns on the toes it is useful, and good for rheumatism and sore throats, and it is the quickest remedy for convulsions

or fits. Then it is a sure preventive against moths; by just dropping a trifle in the bottom of drawers, chests and cupboards, it will render the garments secure from injury during the mmer. It will keep ants and bugs from close and store-rooms by putting a few drops in the corners, and upon the shelves; it is sure destruction to bed bugs, and will effectually drive them away from their haunts, if thoroughly applied to the joints of the bedstead in the spring cleaning time, and injures neither furniture nor clothing; its pungent odor is retained for a long time, and no family ought to be entirely out of a supply at any time of the year.—Cor. Journal of Commerce.

Hair of the Eccentric Man. The eccentric man has always fine hair, and you never yet saw a man of erratic tendencies, who at the same time had a sound mind, that was not refined in his tastes. Fine hair indicates refinement. You may have noticed that men engaged in intellectual or especially in aesthetic pursuits, where delicacy is required, have invariably fine, luxuriant hair and beard. The same men, as a

Household Words. -wood assortment of bird cages for sale at Murray's drug store.

class, particularly painters, are always remarkable for their personal peculiarities.—

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

In Beaver county the allowance for feeding prisoners has been reduced to 25 cents a day, and the Sheriff threatens to resign. The Cumberland county Sheriff receives only 20 cents, and there's money in it at that. Other counties finding that they are making their sheriffs rich are also reducing the price of boarding for prisoners.

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"Why should not the time come when the name of Dr. David Kennedy shall be associated in the public mind with the purification of the blood, as the name of Harvey now is with its circulation. For them, as the hot blood mounted to her face | certainly no other medical man has done as much good to that end ashe has. And was no thought of malice in the first girl's remark. But her sheltered life had nothing in it to indicate what the life of the girl must within reach of all in the form of Dr. Kennedy's "Favorite Remedy."-Evening Journal.

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English Servants Calling Each Other. I was staying once at a little inn near Tintern abbey that I used to frequent, when a coach and four drove up with a party of people who stopped for beer. It was a stately establishment, with liveries and horses all very smart, and I could hear the occupants address each other as "Lady Kitty" and "Sir George," and even "Your Grace" and "Your Excellency." I was new in England then, and looked out of my window to survey the aristocrats. They struck me as rather gay in their dress, and not so subdued in manner as those I had met in society, and when the coach drove off I asked the landlord who they were. "Oh," he replied, "they are the servants of the duke of Beaufort, who lives near here. He has lent them one of his coaches for a

I asked my own valet about this fashion of names, and he assured me it was common for servants to call each other in this way. Not long afterward I was visiting at a coun try house, where, one afternoon, the gentle-men went cut for a walk. I wanted my hat or my cane, and asked the groom of the chambers to call my man. As he went off I stood waiting at the door and heard him calling my own name through the corridors to summon my man.—Adam Badeau's Let-

A Trio of Senatorial Cousins. It is not generally known that Evarts, Sherman, and Hoar are cousins-remote to be sure, but all of them are descendants of that famous jurist and revolutionary patriot, Roger Sherman, one of the first senators from Connecticut. When Evarts and Sherman used to sit together in the cabinet of President Hayes the former often addressed the secretary of the treasury as "Cousin

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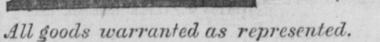
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