# SWEPT BY A GALE.

Terrific Storms Throughout Virginia and Maryland.

The United States Ship Pensacola Sunk at Norfolk.

A dispatch from Norfolk, Va., says: Thunder and lightning, hail and snow and a howling gale were what the people in this vicinity were treated to the other day. This continued all day and changed at 10 o'clock at night to a regular cyclone, the wind blowing upward of fifty-four miles an hour until 5 o'clock that morning. The wind came from the northeast, and blew into the harbor and its tributaries a tide which, at high water was eighteen inches higher than ever recorded

The United States ship Pensacola sank in drydock, where she was being prepared for sea. Her sea valves had been opened for inspection and another one was being cut. The tide flooded the dock and she filled with water, and, getting off her keel, sank before she could be get in receive again. be got in position again. A diver will have to be sent down and her valves stopped up and the ship pumped out. The Simpson Dry-dock was flooded and the damage may reach

The lower part of the city was flooded by the tide, and fire broke out on Water street, caused by slacking lime on the wharf of John O. Gamage & Son. The wharf of John O. Gamage & Son. The entire block, with the exception of Savage, Son & Co.'s, commission merchants, was in flames. The old Cotton Exchange building, containing about 800 bales of cotton, and the warehouse of J. W. Perry & Co., containing about 600 bales of cotton, were totally destroyed. Santes & Bro., coal dealers, lost everything except their office building; Batchelder & Collins, coal, lumber and line, are damaged to the amount of \$4000, John A. Gamage's loss, including building, is \$10,000. The loss on buildings and stock destroyed in this block is estimated at \$150,000, partly insured. It is probable that the losses sustained by the wholesale grocery merchants from the water forced into their warehouses by the unprecedented tide will nearly equal this amount. Hundreds of barrels of sugar and flour and other goods are ruined. During the storm the roofs of the Opera House, Masonic Temple and many dwellings were torn off, and the Virginia Reach Railroad derret is Temple and many dwellings were torn off, and the Virginia Beach Railroad depot is

had the virginia beach Railroad depot is badiy injured and the track for hundreds of yards is seriously damaged.

In Portsmouth fire destroyed the lime and lumber yard of Trugie & Hill. The wires along the coast were all down.

The snowstorm began at Chariottesville, Valuesly, in the morning and continued.

Va., early in the morning and continued through the night. The telegraph wires were badly broken down along the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Richmond and Danville railroads and all trains were delayed. The

The worst storm of the season prevailed at Richmond, Va. It commenced with thunder and lightning, and was followed by rain, hail and snow, augmented by high wind. At nine o'clock the snow and wind showed no mbatement, and reports denoted the storm general throughout the State.

A furious snowstorm and blizzard prevailed at Winchester, Va., all day, snow falling to the depth of fourteen inches, as much as has fallen during the entire winter. At 10:30 o'clock, while the snow was falling rapidly, a loud clap of thunder from southeast startled the citizens. The winds were very high all day. Telegraph wires were down in all directions. This is the severest storm this late in the season for years.

The storm in Washington badly interrupted electrical communication and workmen were busy all day repairing damaged telegraph

busy all day repairing damaged telegraph and telephone wires. There are 384 poles down between Alexandria and Fredericks-

burg, Va.

The barge Sunrise, bound from Norfolk for New York with coal, was towed to a bury in Delaware Bay and anchored by the tug B. W. Morse during a heavy gale. At midnight the barge foundered. The Captain, his wife and two children and one seaman were lost. Joseph Coyle was the only survivor of the

Coyle, in the open boat drifted ashore near the Government pier. He was picked up in an exhausted condition by one of the crew of 8118.

an exhausted condition by one of the crew of the Lewes Life-Saving Station.

A dispatch from Baltimore says: Reports coming in from the counties in the State show the storm to have been a very peculiar one. The snow and rain was accompanied by thunder and lightning, and much damage was done. Near Mount Airy rain began to fall in torrents and continued until at about 2 P. M., when the snow becan. In some places it was when the snow began. In some places it was from eight to ten inches deep. A terrific gale of wind was blowing, and the snow was blinding. A singular feature of the storm was that while the snow fell there were continuous peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. From Kanaville days the telescope of the storm was that while the snow fell there were continuous peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. lightning. From Knoxville down the tele-graph poles and wires were strewn in all directions. Throughout the State nearly all the wires were down. On the bay the wind

## FIRE IN SAVANNAH.

Fifty Buildings Burned, Causing a Loss of \$1,500,000.

The fire which recently swept a number of business houses and dwellings at Savannah, Ga., out of existence, was the most extensive in the history of the city. The loss is undoubtedly over \$1,500,000.

The fire broke out during the evening and rapidly assumed proportions of a conflagration. The local fire department was inade quate to cope with the flames, and the Mayor of Atlanta was asked by telegraph to send all the firemen he could spare.

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That half of Savannan was not swept from the face of the earth is little short of miracu-lous. The halt of the conflagration after it had burned out the Independent Prosby-terian Church and its chapel, to-gether with three adjoining dwellings, was not due to human efforts, because at that point not a single engine or stream of water was available against the destruction. The total number of buildings burned is esti-

The Independent Presbyterian Church, a four-story brick building, and the new brick arsenal of the Savannah Guards Battalion,

The fire also swept along the north side of South Broad, from Whitaker street to within one house of Bull street, the structure left being a large brick residence owned by Dr. Daniel Hopps.

# THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

Sir Charles Russell Makes His Open-

ing Speech for the Defense. The Parnell Commission resumed its sitting in London. Sir Charles Russell opened the cass for the Parnellites. He declared that the testimony of the 310 witnesses produced the testimony of the 310 witnesses produced by Attorney-General Webster, leading counsel for the Times, was irrelevant. He admitted that crime prevailed in Ireland to a greater or less degree, and said that the collapse of the Times's case in the matter of the alleged Farnell latters abolished the pith and marrow of the inquiry. The court was naked by the Times to indict a whole nation, a proceeding which Burke had declared to be infeasible. Judicial rules were invalid when a whole people moved. He declared that thoughtful minds were convinced that the time had come to try the experiment of home rule in Ireland.

Title total appropriations made by each of the several Congresses since 1874 are as tot-lows: Forty-third, 8649,794,991; Forty-tourth, 8645,643,372; Forty-sixth, £703,605,955; Forty-sixth, £727,695,603; Forty-seventh, £777,695,548; Forty-sighth, £655,399,402; Forty-minth, £746,243,514; Fiftieth, £817,878, 175. Total, £5,627,817,564.

#### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

KING JOHN of Abyssinia is dead. THE Pope is a very fine chess player. SECRETARY WINDOM is worth \$5,000,000. SENATOR STANFORD is worth \$40,000,000. P. T. BARNUM began poor and has now

EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF is to visit Berlin about the middle of August. THE Empress of Japan has abandoned her intention of visiting this country.

THE Prince of Wales has accepted an invi-tation to dine with Mrs. Bonanza Mackay. MURAT HALSTEAD, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, is a sufferer from ery-

MRS. AMELIA RIVES-CHANLER, the author ess, is just twenty-six years old, having been BISMARCK looks pale and haggard and has

grown ten years older in appearance in the last twelve months. THE Emperor of Austria has given orders that his dead son's name shall never again be

spoken in his hearing. The late John Bright had on the walls of his study a portrait of Gladstone, one of Lin-coln and one of Washington.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S widow is now living in Randolph County, N. C., with her father, who is ninety-one years of age.

King Alexander, of Servia, is a tall, well-built boy, but awkward and shy. He takes much interest in natural sciences. ADMIRAL KIMBERLY, who is in command of our Pacific squadron, is fifty-nine years of age, six feet in height, well proportioned, and

quick in all his movement THE family of Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson is composed of five persons-himself, Mrs. Clarkson and three sons. The eldest son is eighteen years of age and the

The will of the late John Scott, of Pittsburg, President of the Allegheny Valley Railway, leaves nothing to his wife, while his three sons get only \$1 each. The estate is valued at \$300,000.

MISS CLARA HUNTINGTON, the daughter of the railway magnate, has \$4,000,000 of her own, and will inherit four or five times as much. She is about twenty-three years old and goes but little into society.

WARD MCALLISTER the famed leader of WARD MCALLISTER the lamed leader of the Four Hundred Aristocrats of Gotham, is close on to sixty years of age. He is a tall, well-built man, with a brown mustache and goatee, slightly streaked with gray.

ONE of the closest students of the Indian problem and one of the best informed persons in the country in matters relating to the Indians is Miss Kate Drexel, of Philadelphia. The Indian in her hobby, and she is said to give \$100,000 a year out of her own income to the Indian Department of Weshington. the Indian Department at Washington.

CHANG FAN MOAR, the interpreter at tached to the Chinese Legation at Washington, is described as a gigantic blonde Chinaman, with a profile as regular as a Greek statue. He comes from the north of China, where, owing to the severity of the sumptuary laws, the race is kept intact as to its unusual size and peculiar attributes.

MRS. ELLA CLYMER, the new President of Sorosis, is said to be the handsomest member of that highly intellectual organization of women in New York. She has a sweet, Madonna-like face, big dark eyes, and a soft, low voice. Mrs. Clymer is a widow, who was left a large fortune by her husband. She possesses exquisite taste in dress, and is, in fact, an ideal Président.

#### NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Russia has 138 vessels. An ice trust is the latest, FLORIDA has fresh pineapples. PROFOUND peace reigns in Samoa. In America there are 500,000 Jews. LOUISVILLE is to have natural gas. Frogs' legs cost fifty cents a pound. Bosron eats fifty tons of candy a day

Chicago receipts of hogs are increasing THE United States has ninety-eight vessels. EUROPEAN crop prospects continue favor-

MURDERS are decidedly on the increase in In Germany there are one million surplus

A FOREIGN steel rail syndicate is being

A STRONG current of emigration to Chile In all there are 7000 miles of pipe lines in

LOUISIANA strawberries are in the New York market. Cincinnati is paving its streets with Georgia granite.

THE zouave uniform is to be abandoned in the French army. THE brewery combination in this country has not succeeded.

MAUD S., queen of the trotting turf, is now fifteen years of age. TRE annual production of mineral oil is 2000 million gallons.

THE Hessian fly is destroying the wheat crop in central Illinois.

Gas wells are being struck along the Rocky Mountains' slope. FARMERS are paying high prices for seed wheat in the Northwest.

A BOOM is on in the City of Mexico and prices of real estate are high. ALL the election cases in Indiana have been quashed by Judge Woods,

It costs two cents per car per mile to run lectric cars in New York city. In five years there has been coined in gold \$163,775,000, silver \$263,952,000.

ONE THOUSAND locomotives and steamers are now operated by petroleum. ENGLISH and German bankers are gobbling up gold territory in South Africa.

No Russian liable to military service is sermitted to leave that country no.v. FLORIDA has sent 2,000,000 young orange rees to California since last September.

THE Indiana Legislature refuses to allow natural gas to be piped out of the State.

An Australian experiment of shipping ranges to London proved very successful. THERE will be about ninety vacancies this car at the United States Naval Academy. DURING the last seven years Atlanta, Ga., has put nearly \$1,000,000 in her streets and

THE Spiritualists of Boston recently cele-brated the forty-first anniversary of modern

NEARLY two hundred thousand barrels of apples are lying unsold in the northern part of New York. ALABAMA got the first Postmaster ap-ointed in the Southern States under the new

dministration. TROTTING begins to be recognized in Eng-and. A track for it is, to be established just

A NEWSPAPER trust is being organized in England. Newspaper men are ordering sup-plies from abroad.

THE Chinese are getting ready to build 650 miles of railroad,571 locomotives, 150 coaches and 650 cars. All American make. A MEAT syndicate, to be known as the American Meat Company, has been organ-ized in Philadelphia with a capital of \$25,-

Mn. Kenly, of motor fame, announces that he has found the missing link necessary to make the vibratory resonator and etheral generative evaporator a success.

WHER a man feels rocky in the morning he naturally drinks mineral water.

#### THE BIG CELEBRATION.

Completed Official Programme of

the Exercises. The following is the official programme of the Washington Centennial Celebration exercises at New York: Wednesday, April 17.-Formal opening of

Wednesday, April 17.—Formal opening of the Loan Exhibition of Historical Portraitz in the assembly room of the Metropolitan Opera House, at 8 p. m.

Monday, April 29—Arrival of the President and Cabinet at 11 o'clock, A. m., at Elizabethport, where they will embark at once for New York city on the United States steamer Despatch. Governors, Commissioners and other guests will embark at 9.30 o'clock, A. m., on the steamer Erastus Wiman at the ferry slip foot of West Twenty-third street, and proceed to Elizabethport and to meet the Despatch and accompany her to the city. The steamer Sirius will also accompany the Despatch.

The line of United States war ships, yachts and steamboats will be formed in the upper bay and after saluting will follow in this order: 1, President: 2, Governors and Commissioners: 3, other guests. On arrival at the foot of Wall street, a barge manned by whipmasters from the Marine Society of New York, Captain Ambrose Snow, coxwain, will row the President ashore, is will then be received by Chairman William G. Hamilton, of the Committee on States. The Presidential party will be escorted to the Equitable Building, where a collation will be served and a reception given. This will consume the time from 2 until 4 o'clock. After the recaption at the Equitable Building the President and Governors will proceed to the City Hall, under will apply the control of the Committee on States. The President and Governors will proceed to the City Hall, under will apply the control of the Committee on States. After the recaption at the Equitable Building the President and Governors will proceed to the City Hall, under will be applied to the Committee on States. The Governor's room, from 4 to 6 o'clock. on in the Governor's room, from 4 to

In the evening occurs the Centennial Ball, Tuesday, April 30—Services of thanksgiv-ing in the churches of New York and throughout the country at nine o'clock A. M. A special service of thanksgiving will be given at St. Faul's Church at nine o'clock A. M., which the Fresident will attend.

At 10 A. M. the commemorative Centennial exercises will take place on the south front of the Sub-Treasury Building, the scene of the Inauguration ceremony on April 30, 1780. The exercises will consist of prayer by the Rev. Dr. R. S. Storra, a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, an oration by Chauncey M. Depew and an address by President Harrison and benediction by the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Corrigan, Archbishop of New York.

After these exercises the military parade will take place under command of Major-General John M. Scofield. The right of line is given to the military and naval cadets, At 10 A. M. the commemorative Centennia

is given to the military and naval cadets, followed by the troops of the regular army, and the National Guard in the following and the National Guard in the following order, each State contingent being headed by its Governor and his staff: Delaware, Fennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island. The other States will follow in the order in which they were admitted into the Union. Following will be two hundred companies of the Loyal Legion, and then the posts of the Grand Army.

The route will be up Broadway to Waverley place, to Fifth avenue to Fifty-ninth street. The reviewing stand will be at Madison Square and Twenty-fourth street.

From 5 to 7 G'clock a reception will be

From 5 to 7 c'clock a reception will be given the President by the Art Committee at the Loan Exhibition rooms in the Metropolitan Opera House. At 7 o'clock p. M. the

banquet will occur.
Wednesday, May 1-The Industral and Civic parade. Wednesday, May 8—Close of the Loan Ex-

#### MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Scorr's "Marmion" has been dramatized. GERMAN opera is to be produced in Boston. MRS. CRABTREE (Lotta's mother is worth

BERNHARDT is making a tour of Algeria, EMMA ABBOTT, the opera singer, was born

THE Buffalo Bill Wild West will open in Paris May 15. It is said that there are 1200 actors out of

employment in this country. DEL PUENTE, the tenor, is to be with the Patti Opera Company this fall. Josef Hofmann, the boy pianist, will return to America next November.

MME. ALBANI will head an Malian opera company in this country next season.

ADELAIDE MOORE, the English tragedienne is to return to this country next season. PAULINE LUCCA is concertizing in Austria prior to her proposed departure for this coun-

ian opera with an American prima donna and chorus.

VICTORIA VOKES, the handsomest of the Vokes Sisters, will tour the United States

CLARA MORRIS, the emotional actress, was taken ill in St. Louis recently by an abcess on each hip. A FLOATING Russian theatre and hotel is successfully touring the shore towns of the

Another American singer, Miss Jeanne Danisi, has made a success on the concert platform of Berlin. MARGARET MATHER, the actress, has made

ements for a twelve weeks' tour of the West this summer. THE "Passion Play" will be given at Oberammergau in the autumn of 1890. The text

and music have been revised. JOHN DUFF, lessee of the New York Standard Theatre and an old-time theatrical manager, died recently of paralysis.

MISS MARY ANDERSON has sailed for England. She was much improved in health and will probably resume her American tour in

FANNY DAVENPORT, the actress, who was at one time very obese, has reduced her weight from 215 pounds to 168 by the system of Banting.

In Japanese theatres females are not allowed to act with men, consequently the Ophelias, Juliets and Perditas are played by men with shrill falsetto voices.

MAUREL, the baritone, is to receive \$100,-600 for forty performances in Buenos Aryes, while Patti is to be paid \$180,000 for singing thirty times in South America.

HARRIET MUIR, an ex-English actress and a fine-looking young woman, was lately arrested in London for attempting to enlist as a private soldier in the British army.

Signor Massini, the famous tenor, at his recent benefit in St. Potersburg, Russia, received so many presents that twenty-four servants were needed to carry them from the opera house to his hotel.

CATELIN, a once popular French tenor and a pensioner of the Societe des Artistes, and noted of late for his squalid poverty, was lately discovered dead in his miserable garret in Paris. Over \$7000 was found by the police bidden in his wretched mattress.

Cornelius Mathews, who was sometimes known as "the Father of American Drama," and whose literary work during the early years of his life made his name familiar in American households, died recently in New York of the control of the

HANS VON BULOW is in New York again for the first time since 1875. The Wagnerian atmosphere astonished him. The very names of "Die Gotterdammering" and "Rheingold" were unknown there in 1875. The great pianist says he will play only music that will outlast the century. His specialty is Beethoven.

New railroads are projected every day. Among the recent announcements are a 253 mile road from Springfield to Hannibal, Mo., a 210 mile road from Waco, Texas, to Shreveport, La., and a sixty mile road from Coleman, Texas, to Albany, Texas. Railroad building is looking up.

### A REJECTED NOMINEE.

Murat Halstead, Whom the Senate Refused to Send to Germany.



Murat Halstead, nominated by President Harrison for Minister to Germany, and reected by the Senate, is one of the best-known figures in American journalism. He was born in North Carolina in 1830, but moved to or the carolina in 1839, but moved to Cincinnati with his parents in 1843. He began life as an office-boy and then became a reporter. Later he entered Farmers College, and continued to contribute to the newspapers. He worked on several papers after leaving college, and in 1854 became a member of the firm which owned the Cincinnati Commercial, a paper afterward consolidated with the Gazette.

Mr. Halstead has for many years been a

force in Ohio Republican politics, although he has made some remarkable changes of opinion. He strongly criticised General Grant's course during the war and was op-posed to the use of colored troops. He was one of the Liberal Republicans who sup-ported Horacs Greeley for the Presidency in 872. He was formerly an opponent of Mr. Blaine, but is now a warm friend of the Secretary of State.

Six of the Republican Senators-Messra Six of the Republican Senators—Messra. Quay, Teller, Ingalis, Plumb, Evarts and Dawes—are understood to have voted against Mr. Halstead, and two Democrats—Messra. Blackburn and Call—for him, making the vote 25 to 19 against confirmation. Eleven Republican Senators in all are said to have been ready to vote against him if more votes to reject had been required. The Republican opposition to Mr. Halstead was because of attacks upon Republican United States Senators which he had made in his paper a few years ago for refusing to investigate charges of bribery in connection with Senacharges of bribery in connection with Sena-tor Payne's election by the Ohio Legislature.

#### TEMPEST-TORN TAHITI.

The Society Islands Swept by Hur-

ricans and Torrents. The same hurricane which raged so disastrously over the Samoan Islands March 15 was felt with terrific force at Tahiti, where the island was swept by wind and flood, and thousands of lives were said to

have been lost.

The waters poured over the level lands forming the outer portion of the island, and the capital city, Papeiti, was entirely submerged in the torrent. Houses were carried away, the public buildings ruined and devastation was spread every where.

The interior of the island is promutant.

The interior of the island is mountainous. Some of the people managed to reach these high lands and thus escaped the flood; but the number who perished is far larger and was beyond calculation.

The level tracts of land in the island are fertile, and the chief dependence of the inhabitants for food has been upon the fruits and vegetables raised there. These crops were destroyed and the people who escaped the flood found themselves confronted by the denear of faming.

danger of famine.

Tahiti is about 1500 miles from Samoa, in an east south-east direction. It is thirty-two miles long, and the island is under French control. Its capital city, Papeiti, has about a thousand inhabitants. On the the storm did great damage.

## ANNIHILATED HER FAMILY. A Despairing Mother Destroys Her-

self and Three Children.

Mrs. Margaret Kinlein and her three children were burned to death in their home at Milwankee, Wis., early in the morning. The house is a small two story frame building two doors from Walnut street, and Mrs. Kinlein, with her children, occupied the three rooms on the lower floor. Upstairs an old man named Lawrence Jung lived with his son and two daughters, and they were awakened about 2 o'clock by the small of smoke which seemed to come from the room below. The son got up and going outside saw smoke pouring from the lower rooms. He smashed in a window out got no response, and then

turned in a fire alarm. turned in a fire alarm.

In the middle room on the lower floor, the doors of which had been tightly closed, the charred bodies of Mrs. Kinlein and two sons, John and George, aged six and four years rejectively, were found. Later the body of the infant son Richard, aged two years, was found in the basement, a hole having burned through the floor, through which the body had fallen. There was every indication that the mother had deliberately burned herself and her children to death by building a fire beneath the bed in which they all slept. Mrs. Kinlein lost her hush and about a year ago.

## THE MARKETS.

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# "BUTTER WEEK."

A FESTIVAL WHICH PRECEDES LENT IN RUSSIA.

A Time of Unrestrained Feasting and Frolic-Scenes at the "Balagan" or Carnival Fair.

The Russian festival of "Maslenitza" (Butter Week) is always a time of riotous frolic and feasting, a time to eat as much butter as possible before the coming of Lent, on the principle of the sick man who, having long been debarred of salmon by his doctor, no sooner heard the doctor's reluctant admission that his case was hopeless than he shouted to his servant: "John, bring up some salmon, quick!" But its most characteristic feature is the "Balagan," or Carnival Fair, which, although common to all Russian towns alike, is seen to the best advantage on the Red Square at Moscow or the Admirality Plain at St. Peters-



A STREET MUSICIAN. In winter the latter often serves as a parade-ground, and it was here that one memorable December morning in 1871 Count von Moltke's keen gray eyes looked down in quiet contempt, as he rode at the late Czar's right hand, upon the glittering array of 45,000 Russian guardsmen, outstretched from the pillared front of the Senate House to the vast granite monolith of the Alexander Column. But in Butter Week the golden spire of the Admiralty looks down upon a very different sight. Out of the pure white snow rises like a fairy castle a ong line of painted booths, gilt turrets, waving flags, quaintly carved balconies, canvas screens daubed with rude pictures of strange beasts, birds, or reptiles, and tents gay with ribbons and tinsel-a perfect miniature of Bunyan's "Vanity

Around this toy palace circles an everflowing stream of handsome carriages and spirited horses, freighted with the elite



you hear the ceaseless call of sellers of gets stale and useless within a few hours. From one end of the ring to the other "blinni"-round flat cakes of wheat flour, eaten with sour cream, butter or caviare. They are "the delicacy of the season" during Butter Week. The fair itself is already crowded with foot-passengers of every kind; bearded mujiks (peasants) in sheepskin, munching leathery pancakes as heavy and tasteless as a fashionable novel; stalwart guardsmen with the gilded eagle on their polished helmets, eyeing approvingly the deadly combats painted on the temporary theaters; pasty-faced children, with cheeks as coloriess as a cup of boarding-house tea, devouring with insatiable eyes the pernicious beauty of the sweet-meats on the surrounding stalls; English tourists, guide-book in hand, laboriously imbibing a wrong impression of everything; greasy smock-frocks jostling gold-laced uniforms and French bonnets jumbled up with Finnish kerchiefs and Cossack topknots.



ROUND THE "SAMOVAR." logs, and white-bearded fortune-tellers, who, while professing to read the future,

teep a very sharp eye upon the present, swarm or every side. Here, a musician a squeezing out of an accordion (or rather discordion) a doleful tune which seems to have only one note, and that a false 46% one. There, a man who is teasing a tame bear, by flipping its face with his tame bear, by flipping its face with his new fur cap, suddenly sees the cap snatched from him and torn to shreds by the beast amid a roar of laughter from the crowd. A little farther on, an eager group cluster round a huge Russian tea-urn or samovar (self-boiler), drinking their tea out of tumblers in place of cups, and nibbling the sugar instead of drop-



A MOUNTEBANK. mostly holiday-making lovers-are shoot ing on their toboggans with ringing shout of glee. There swoops a dashing young of ficer, hardly more than a boy, whose darl eyes dwell upon the fresh bright face of the young girl beside him with a look which there is no mistaking. Poor lad he may well be happy while youth lasts.

And now we enter an enormous amphi theatre, gay with staring picutures of ter-rific single combats and deadly battles, above which some very rheumatic red letters announce "A Thrilling Melodrama, entitled 'The Russians in the Caucasus.' I arrive just in time for the last act of a pantomime in the most literal sense, the whole business being done by gesture and dumb-show, without a word spoken, and then comes the "thrilling melodrama" itself.

It is of the good old traditional type, with the usual comic grenadier, the usual heroic Captain of hussars, and the usual hysterical young lady, wrapped in gloom and white muslin, with nothing on her head save the curse of her hardhearted father. But the savage picturesqueness of the last scene is quite startling after such a tame commencement. The sleeping camp in the cold moonlight; the sudden thunder of charging hoofs; the wild yell and headlong rush of the Circassian horsemen; the stubborn firmness of the gray-clad Russians behind their hedge of steel, from which bursts ever and anon the flash and crack of the fatal musketry; the scattering of the mountaineers and their spectral vanishing into the darkness-are all grimly impressive in the highest degree. As the last volley flashes in the eyes of the staggering assailants, a grizzed old soldier (the scar on whose brown cheek may well be the token of a Circassian sabre) rubs his sinewy hands and growls approvingly: "Khorosho! tak i slaiduet!" (Good! that's the style!) .- Harper's Bazar.

#### Wintergreen Flavoring.

Wintergreen is employed to flavor confectionery simply and solely because it is cheap. The checkerberries from which the real stuff is derived cover the hills of New England with their vines. Two dollars is a good price for a pound of the essential oil, which amount will serve to give the desired taste to goodness knows how many thousand pounds of candy. Even this, however, is considered too much to pay for it, and the twigs and bark of the black birch are used instead and an oil obtained from them by distillation, which resembles astonishingly the checkerberry product. This is what is chiefly made to serve by local makers of goodies. The ch buy here are strong with it; likewise the gumdrops and everything else in the sugary line, even to the molasses candy. However, Boston people have never known anything better, and so it is good enough for them. The lower grade of confectioners make use of an artificial chemical product called "synthetic wintergreen," worth ten cents a pound. It closely resembles the real article when fresh, but



Dr. Schmerz-"The trouble, Mr. Tyers, that you don't take enough exercise. Mr. E. Z. Tyers-"Aw-I confess I don't go in vewy heavy on athletics. doctaw. What could you wecommer as a mild exercise to begin on?" Dr. Schmerz-"H'm! You might stretch your arms over your head when

vou vawn !"-Puck. First Shad-ow of Spring.



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