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Count Perowski hung his head.

"Evidently, Your Majesty." "As to Schelm, we do not know exactly how far he is to blame, although he is no doubt very guilty, even if too great zeal should have carried him too far. We shall hold him strictly to account, however, and punish him if he deserves it. He shall not escape what is due to him.

"To-day, however, we have a more pleas-mit duity to fulfil. Do you know, Countess, how I have come so suddenly to the con-clusion that your husbaud is innocent? Count Moski assures me that they have never ceased to persecute and torment him in my name. Now I give you my word as a monarch that no complaint against him has ever fallen from my lips. I have never even mentioned your husband's name. The Em-peror of all the Russias punishes, but he is not in the habit of taking revenge."

Jana folded her hands. 'Your Majesty, we have never lost confidence in the justice of our most gracious moster, and this hope alone has sustained us, as it has not deceived us."

"That was all very right," said Nicholas. "Count Vladimir Lanin"-Jana once more threw herself at the Emperor's leet, for she knew that the use of

this title by the Czar was equivalent to an absolute pardon. "Count Vladimir Lanin is at our command herewith restored to his rank and We ask you, Countess, to encourage him to re-enter our service, and we shall try

to make amends for the injustice by which he has been victimized. He raised her in the kindest manner.

"At the same time we appoint him a chamberlain at our court. The Empress, to give an evidence of our high esteem of yourself, has expressed a wish to have you among those nearest her person. Will you, Countess, accept the place of a lady of henor which she offers?"

Jana answered in some confusion: "Most cheerfully, Your Majesty. First,

hewever"-"First," said Nicholas, smiling, "you wish to return to Siberia, don't you? I know your heart too well to doubt that for a

"It is so, Your Majesty. My husband is ill an exile, and before he receives the still an news of his pardon-" "We have anticipated your wishes and

prenared for it, beside selecting a good escort for you. Count Lanin, pray, you and dear Count Moski, come here.

Count Moski, come here." Both the generals advanced a step. "Dear Moski," said Nicholas, you will not take it amiss, I hope, if I send you this time in company of an Inspector General of

my own selection?" "Your Majesty knows how gratefully I nocept whatever my most gracious master is disposed to do for me."

"This is not to be a Revisor." continued the Crar, smiling at his jest, "of the Gov-ernment affair: in East Siberis", but an in-spector who will keep his eye on the Gov-

ernor General." "Has Your Majesty received more denunciations against me?" "Yes! Count Orloff brought me yesterday

a whole pile of them. They have given us much pleasure. You are evidently not popular there. On the other hand, you have warm friends here, even if you will only count upon Count Orloff and myself."

"I know that well, Your Majesty." "You will at once investigate Schelm's conduct. As he is, however, your personal

enemy, I shall not trust your severity, and as an example must be made, it is my will, that if guilty, he shall be properly pun-ished. I leave the direction of the affair to you, dear Lanin. Both of you will accom-pany the Countess and return with her and her husband as soon as you can. As to Schelm, I give you full power. Judge him yourselves. If he has sinned only from ex-cessive zeal, he will remain in Siberia as an exile. If he has committed a crime or done it on purpose, you will send him back here and I will punish him myself, and this in a way to make an example ot him. But I do not want the people of Siberia to witness the downfall and the punishment of their superior. Principle first of all! Countess, do you accept the escort?"

Jana raised her beautiful eyes, in which gratitude and deep emotion were shining like pearls. "Your Mnjesty, I swear we have always

been loyal subjects of our most gracious lord and master, but our loyalty will henceforth be admiration. Heretoiore we have revered

the walls of the fortress. The soldiers looked ented. Their duty to-day was evidently not to their taste. A few steps from the men a detachment of Cossacks surrounded two a detachment of Cossacks surrounded two chained prisoners, the former captain of gendarmes of Irkutsk and Count Vladimir Lanin. Both were deadly pale, with this dis-tinction, that the captain trembled like an aspen, while Vladimir bore himself with per-

fect calmness and resignation. The unfortunate men were to die under the nagaika. This fearful execution, known elsewhere as running the gantlet, consists in Russia in the following ceremony: The criminal is tightly bound to two muskets at the spot where the bayonet is bent. Two soldiers seize the muskets and with them push their victim forward so that he must march between the two rows of soldiers. Each one of these has a cane in his hand and is bound

to strike with it the bare shoulders of the condemned as soon as he stands in front of him. At every step the latter thus receives two blows. Nineteen out of 20 die long be-fore the execution is over. Whether it was calculated cruelty or acci-

dent, but Schelm kept them waiting a long time. The execution had been ordered at 9 o'clock; it was now 10, and the Revisor had not appeared yet. This long delay caused the unfortunate victims additional suffering;

the Captain was half dead already, and Vladimir also turned paler and paler. A repulsive woman, with disheveled hair and in ragged clothes, sppeared in the draw-A murmur of satisfaction passed through

the crowds when at last the Revisor was seen coming. In the city gate appeared a car-riage drawn by four thoroughbred horses; a small picket of Cossacks surrounded the landan, in which Schelm and the Governor

of the city were seated. Palkin rode by their side; when he reached the drawbridge Caroline looked at him fiercely, and threatened him with her fists. "You know very well that he suffers death to-day, because he has served you too

well !" cried Caroline. "Good that I hear that !" said Schelm to

himself. "I must inquire into that !" Palkin had only a contemptuous smile for the woman. The Cossacks moved side-

ways, so that the carriage came to stand close by the soldiers. A priest and a physi-cian stepped forward. Upon a sign by Schelm the captain was tied to the muskets. He had lost all consciousness, and could not take a step of his own will. He was pushed like a log of wood between the two rows of soldiers. Schelm wanted Vladimir to see what awaited him.

We need not repeat the details of this awful ceremony here suffice it to say that before long the victim no longer felt pain,

and the blows fell upon a lifeless body. His corpse was thrown aside, and Schelm gave a sign that the same process should be repeated with Vladimir. The Revisor leaned back comfortably to enjoy the sight. Vladimir advanced without being pushed.

When he stood before the Pope he said in an audible voice: "Father, give me your blessing; I die in-But before the priest could answer, horse-men were suddenly heard to approach and a

great tumult arose. A man in a red cos-tume rode at their head." "Th czar of the exiles!" cried the Pope, a

monk from the Convent of St. George. At the same time some 500 armed men came out of the forest and marched at doublequick upon the place of execution. All the soldiers, except the Cossacks, were un-armed. They were utterly con ounded and did not know what to do. The curious mul-Lanin.

titude fied. Schelm ordered the carriage to return to the city, but the road was already in the hands of the horsemen. The Revisor sank, almost fainting, back into the cushions. Palkin alone had not lost his head. He

no sooner saw the surprise than he dis-patched a Cossack to the city to summon assistance. The Cossacks surrounded the carriage and advanced their long lances: the soldiers hung their heads and made no attempt to defend themselves with their canes. The Pope and the physician sought assist-

ance near the carriage. When Schelm heard the clash of arms he fainted once more. No one in the meantime seemed to think of Vladimir, although Ivan, who commanded the infantry, quickly loosened his fetters and ordered a detachment to carry the Count toward the forest.

carriage, defended themselves bravely against superior numbers. Palkin cut down many men, looking all the time anxiously toward the city to see if help was coming. One of the exiles had, however, come up close to him and now drove his sword deep into the breast of his horse. Palkin fell, The exiles now surrounded the carriage. The Governor of Irkutsk was determined to defend himself to the last breath hat Schelm did not regain consciousness till loud shouts announced the arrival of succor from At that moment an iron hand stered his arm. The threatening form of the so-called Czar of the Exiles stood before his eyes. He uttered a cry of terror. "Do you recognize me?" cried the man to the contemptible coward. "I promised you revenge, Schelm, but I do not want to kill you. We have the proof of your knavery in our hands-your receipt of 100,000 roubles, and that is now on the way to Petersburg. You shall first lose your position, your of fice, your fortune and your honor, and then you shall die!" "Miller!" cried Schelm, "I am lost!" "Not to-day, but soon! In the meantime I'll leave you a little keepsake, and the like you shall have every time I meet you!" He gave Schelm several blows with a knout upon his face. The blood gushed from many wounds, and the Revisor forth howled with pain. "And now, children, let us flee!" Miller called out to his tollowers. The succor from town came up at a rapid gallop, and the first squadron was quite near aiready. When the soldiers reached the carriage, they found Schlem lying in it fainting, and the Governor in a great rage, having been disarmed in suite of the solution you. having been disarmed in spite of his admirable gallantry. The exiles had fled in all directions and it was clear that to pursue them would be useless. Fifteen Copacks and 22 exiles had paid with their lives for

who wish to join us here. They will arrive HARMONY OF COLORS. to-night. Ienar-kus will provide boats. Look around, Vladimir. Without the assistance of the Tunguses we can do nothing. The Reason That Furnishings Worth We count 500 men. We cannot use the fly-ing ferry at the station. Therefore, we must wait for Ienar. He will keep his

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\$8,000 Didn't Look Pretty. word; he is not a civilized man, and on that account I trust him. Patience, my friends. ORNAMENTING A BILLIARD ROOM. To-night we need not fearl" "But if we should be attacked before sun

set?" asked Ivan. "Then we must defend ourselves," replied The Latest Craze is Fret Work for Transoms and Mantlepieces.

Miller. "Nothing, however, indicates an attack. We can control from here the whole country for three miles around. Our out-posts are trustworthy and on the alert, Schelm is a miserable coward, and, for-tunately for us, General Moski is absent.

POPULARITY OF THE WALL BALCONY

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

And now, men, leave me a moment alone; I I find the great trouble and expense which The exiles obeyed, and the two old friends were alone. Both sat down on the soft turf arises from furnishing a room, or a house, for that matter, lies simply in the fact that the occupant has started with no definite "Have you forgiven me, Vladimir?" asked ideas on the subject. A friend of mine has an insurance of \$8,000 on his furnishings, "Miller, how can you ask? You have saved my life. That thought absorbs all others. Only tell me what you intend to and it rather surprised me till he explained it on the ground that it cost that much to

furnish his house. He figured it in this "That depends upon circumstances. First way: He had bought, originally, a deof all I must cross the Angara, to put the river between us and Schelm. I do not fear him, to be sure, but I want to know you are in safety. Look at that station; my eyes are fixed upon that point. From thence cidedly handsome carpet with blue prevailing. Later on he bought curtains with a dark green prevailing. His furniture he bought regardless of the other surroundings, Ienar-kus is to come with 100 boats to carry us across to the other bank. Then we are and then being dissatisfied with the ensemble, he had changed this or that and shifted

them all till naturally with such experi-ments the cost was at its maximum and the effect at its minimum. In this way, adding a little here and there he had mut \$8000 "And then we surely go to Chinal Now the whole story of that document of which you told me, has no meaning any longer. a little here and there, he had put \$8,000 | drapery which frequently comes clear to the

Yesterday I was innocent; to-day I am in rebellion. Even if Jana has been successul, I shall have to remain in exile. I want, on that account, to get across the frontier a soon as possible, and forever bid adieu to my fatherland." 'Alas! I think as you do. First, how

ever, we must have our revenge. I shall not leave Russia till I have made my enemies tremble." 'Miller, I beseech you-!"

have to speak to Count Lanin."

under a giant oak.

Miller.

"Not another word, Vladimir ! I warrant your freedom, and shall carry you across the routier; then we shall never meet again. You are not armed, I believe ?" "Oh, yes! But why should I? Beyond the frontier I shall need no arms."

"Who knows? We may have to fight a battle first ! With whom? you ask. With

the garrison of Irkutsk !" "Then I shall also need no arms, for I do not mean to fight against the Czar and his soldiers. "Would you rather be caught and beaten to death?" asked Miller, with a savage

laugh. "I shall flee as fast and as far as I can, but

I shall never take part in a battle against the Czar !"

Miller suddenly sprang up, seeing a man hurrying up the hill on which they were sitting. It was one of the exiles who came, quite out of breath, to bring the evil news that the enemy was approaching, and that in an hour the battle would begin. "Then we must de end ourselves," said Miller. "I foresaw this."

"A hundred mep to the edge of the forest! They must check the enemy. Ivan, carry the order. You there watch the river and give warning as soon as you see the boots coming. Let some one get a rifle for Brother

"By no means. I have told you I will gestions about it, for less than half that not fight against the Czar. I am under your protection, that is all." Now began a scattered fire of tirailleurs.

If a woman starts dressing herself by look-Hidden among the trees and shrubs the exing through her wardrobe and bureaus, and iles received the regulars with a hail of balls. The detachment of Cossacks, amazed selecting anything that happens to look pretty, she will not have the chic appear-

at this sudden explosion, stopped a moment, but as from their low place near the river they could see nothing of what was going on beyond, they trotted rapidly up to the little white house. This they surrounded, while the travelers left the carriage and went into the room.

A quarter of an hour later Miller's detachment came down like an avalanche, upon the station. Suddenly their leader uttered a desperate cry. He had now only seen the 20 Cossacks who had held the bank of the river. For the bed of the Angara lies deep between steep rocks; the post sta-

path down to the Angara.

"At once!" replied Miller.

the door.

from within.

at the door."

"Iena!" he then called, after tearing open

"I am awaiting your orders!" answered

the voice of the Tungus from below. "Make haste, I hear the balls whistle."

In close ranks the exiles pushed through

the passage and jumped as soon as they reached the river into the boats.

"Death to every man who leaves the ranks," cried Miller. Then he wanted to

(To be concluded next week.)

CHEAP TRIP TO WHEELING

Via the Pennsylvania Lines on Monday,

June 30.

Soon the pattle became furious. The tion itself is built against a rock, and hardly Cossacks, in close ranks around Schelm's two men can pass between the rocky wall and the house. Thus the exiles could not rejoin their comrades on the other side of the house nor could they, from where they were, reach the boats. The Cossacks barred the way. "We must not be stopped here!" cried Miller, furiously. "We must sell our lives Miller, furiously. "We must sell our lives as dear as possible. At them, children! It is a matter of life and death now!" Despair doubled the strength of the eriles. Besides, they were 100 against but 20 Cossacks. They rushed down upon them and created boundless confusion. At first the Cossacks tried to defend themselves, but the exiles fell upon them in ever increasing the extreme their upon them in ever increasing numbers, as the regulars from town drove them down to the river. Before them they saw the boats and the Tunguses, and this in-creased their valor. The Cossacks fell, one after the other, and at last the road was open. In the meantime, however, the firing had he before more lively and here a purplets also become more lively, and large numbers of fugitives came running down from the forest. Miller was near the station house and cried: "Now quick into the boats. No fear! No confusion, men! We'll protect your rear and keep the enemy in check. Vladimir, get in! Farewell, perhaps we shall never et again!' "Do you think me a coward? I told you I could not fight with you, but that does not mean that I shall leave you." "Are you mad?" "Enough Miller. You will not make me think differently, and I will not leave "Well, the times are not such that we should vie with each other in generosity. Do what you like." Every station house contains ordinarily two rooms, which are separated from each other by a passage about six feet wide. On the right hand is the office of the imperial post, on the left a room for travelers. Miller opened the door to the passage;

I have sketched here a most original for of seashore drapery. It is made of fish net dyed a pale soit pink. The rope decora-tions and anchor are pure white. The cur-tain material can be bought by the pound and in any thickness. The rope is coiled, Eli Perkins Finds the French Real Estate Men Very Humble.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29.

the frame, of course, being in good taste and to match the curtains or surrounding wood-

The Fretwork Craze.

stiffened and gilded with no difficulty, and

if the netting is caught up gracefully it forms a very pleasing and decidedly original

The French have a form of dressing a bed

which is a great improvement over the way

bit of decorati

THE SURRENDER TO MUNICH BEER.

1890.

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A Look at Ancient Monuments Proves Bronze the Most Durable.

EXPERIMENTING UPON A HUMORIST

BOOMS IN PARIS.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.1 PARIS, June 19 .- It seems strange to b n a place where there is no boom. Real estate agents do not come to us in Paris with options on suburban property. There are but two real estate men in Paris, and they are as quiet as pall bearers. One of them told me to-day that he had rented a good many flats at from \$40 to \$200 a month, but he had never sold a house. There are not a dozen signs of "For Sale" to be seen on houses in all Paris, and I have seen but six houses being built. Paris is finished and is now going to decay. The city is not as beautiful as it was 20 years ago, and every year takes from its splendor.

Bili Nye writes me that he is living just opposite me in Tacoma and Seattle, and that real estate there is brisk. He says that, having exhausted Oregon for suburbs, they are going to hore through 8,000 miles and locate choice corner lots in France. While they are building houses in Tacoma, enterprising citizens are tearing them down here. That is the difference between a new and an old

TEMPERANCE IN FRANCE.

I have seen but one drunken man in Paris in two weeks, and two gendarmes marched him straight to the police station and locked him up. It was so unusual a sight that a great crowd followed the poor man through the streets. One cause for this temperance is the fact shat the average French laboring man can't afford to get drunk. It takes about a bottle and a half of ordinary wine to get a man drunk, and that costs 30 cents. A man cannot get drunk on French wine. When a Frenchman wants a great spree, he puts absinthe in his wine or brandy, which gives him sweet visions and then

which gives him sweet visions and then puts him to sleep. But wine drinking is diminishing. In fact more Munich beer is drank in Paris than wine. Twenty years ago the people sat in rows four deep on the boulevards evenings, all drinking wine, smoking cigarettes and sipping coffee. Now the beer mug'is everywhere. Twenty train loads of beer arrive from Munich every day. When Paris surrendered to the Germans, it also surrendered to German beer. Munich heer surrendered to German beer. Munich beer is thin. It is impossible to get drunk on it. It is really a prohibition drink. Alter a man has drunk several gallons he goes home stupidly sober. He don't get drunk; he gets full and sends for a cab to take it home. He don't fight and discuss the tariff question. He simply loses his identity and oblivion sets in.

NOTHING BUT BRONZE ENDURES.

by the illustration, something entirely dif-Twenty years have made sad havoe with Versailles. The beautiful trees planted by Louis XIV. have grown scraggy. The splen-did Louis XIV. palace and the gorgeous fountains which bankrupted the Treasury A few years ago a wall balcony was sel-dom seen in a room. Now the style is quite prevalent. The balcony is briefly a shelf about three inches to a foot deep (proporof Fance to build, are crumbling away. The Madeleine and the Arc de Triomphe tionate of course to the size of a room) and edged with a brass or wood railing. Its purpose is purely decorative, and being located usually at a point apon the wall at the bottom of the frieze, it serves as an exwill stand 500 years; but the only monu-ments that will stand forever are the bronze columns of Vendome and July. The sphinx has lost its nose, the Coliseum has been cellent receptacle for bric a brac. A corner-dono with interior wall balconies can alpatched up, the Palace of the Cæsars has gone to decay, and our obelisk in Central Park and the Obelisk of Luxor in Paris are ways be made an interesting place. I the universal servant girl had only one crumbling, but there stands in Rome the huge ear I would like to shout an admoni bronze column of Trajan. There is the pic-ture of Remus and Romulus, Alexander ion that would indent the tympanum and leave an impression forever. I would like to admonish this awful terror to never wipe and the Cæsars, and the history of Rome, written on that bronze column, will outlive the Pyramids. The Paris Column of Vondoma was

tag, for she will surely smirch the paper and rub the delicate water colors in a horrible modeled after the brouze Trajan Column in Rome. In erecting a monument to Grant it is foolish to use stone. The Parthenon of stresk. I saw a house yesterday that had

Just the Thing for the Athletic Clubs of Pittsburg, and the Cost is Put Down at \$1,000.

A PRETTY AND CONVENIENT BOAT HOUSE.

color. Flooring of platform, balcony and porch, oiled. Ceilings of platform and bal-cony varnished. Foundation posts, etc., IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1 Some form of physical exercise must be regularly practiced by everyone desirous of

dark red. retaining good health. Boating is one of Accommodations - General arrangement the best forms. Pulling an oar exercises shown by the floor plans. First story inthe whole body and stimulates the brain, tended for storage, cleaning of boats, etc. oiten with the most pleasurable excitement.

Herewith are given illustrations of an inexpensive and attractive boathouse. Following will be found a detailed description: General Dimensions - Width, 20 teet;

depth, including balcony, 49 feet. Heights m 10

> Perspectiv of Stories-First story, 9 feet; second story, 8 feet 6 inches.

room and assembly hall. Exterior Materials-Foundation, posts; room and assembly hall. Cost-\$1,000. The estimate' is based on New York prices for materials and labor. In many sections of the country the cost should be less, Feasible modifications: Balcony and all first story, clanboards; second story and roof, shingles; gables, panels and shingles. Interior Finish - Interior framework

singles; gables, panels and shingles. Interior Finish — Interior framework plaued and finished with varnish. Soft wood flooring throughout. Colors—Clapboards and panels in doors and gables, cream color. Trim, balcony and platform rails, posts and balasters; and the frames of all compliance in the set of all set. finish in second-story, and a part or all of the plumbing may be omitted. On a high bank the building may be placed on brick or stone foundations, and boat room placed in basement; first story would then be used frames of all paneling in gables and dors, brownish red. Wall shingles dipped and brush coated yellow stain. Roof shingles dipped and brush coated silverstain. Sashes, bright red. Flagstaffs, oiled natural as reception hall and second story for lock-ers, etc. R. W. SHOPPELL,

A FAMOUS CATERER.

The Man Who Has Tickled the Palates of Boston Epicures for Years.

Taft's famous Point Shirley, at Boston has been closed owing to confiscation for city improvements. O. A. Taft whose name and fame as caterer of the firstclass, is suggested by the very mention of Point Shirley, introduced this obscure strip of pebbly beach to lovers of game food in the summer of 1848, and every season since, up to the present, his table has tickled the palates of thousands of eminent men and women. He is as thorough a naturalist as Audu-

bon. He says: "I went into the kitchen when 13, and never got from under the table. I always loved sport, and the echo of my gun has been heard in every part of this country where game stays for any length of time. I have hunted with Daniel Webster and many a time have we vied in bringing down partridge or snipe." When he opened Point Shirley he made

several trips abroad for the purpose of studying European methods of serving and of noting the qualities of game and fish scarcely heard of in the New World. Can-ada and the far North, the Southern States and Mexico, were also visited, and the per-sonal observations made on these trips

proved of great advantage. His custom has always been to superintend the preparation of every dish ordered by his guesta. What labor this necessitated may be inferred from the fact that an average of 80,000 birds alone were served average of 50,000 birds alone were served each season, and that frequently the orders aggregated 130,000. Thousands of fish and game were bought directly from the hunters and fishers, while the great bulk of mer-chandise came from dealers in the imme-

diate vicinity of the source of supply. In reply to a question concerning the profits of fish and game dinners the veteran

DOCTOR WHITTIER As old residents know and back files of Pitt burg papers prove, is the oldest establishe and most prominent physician in the city, de ag special attention to all the transmission of the special attention to all the special attention to a

stille persons NO FEE UNTIL CURED NERVOUS and mental diseases, physical decay, nervous debility, iack of energy, ambition and hope, impaired memory, disordered sight, self distrust, bashfulness, disziness, sleeplessness, pinnelse, eruptions, im-poverished blood, failing powers, organic weak-ness, dyspepsia, constiguiton, constitution, un-tinge, permanently, safely and privately cured. BLOOD AND SKIN stages, eruptions, bloches, failing hair, bones, pains, glandular, wellings, uleerations of tongre, mouth, throas, plottenes, failing hair, bones, pains, glandular, swellings, uleerations of tongre, mouth, throas, plottenes, failing hair, bones, pains, glandular, swellings, uleerations of tongre, mouth, throas, plottenes, there are used for life, and blood plottenes, thereas, weak back, gravel, ca-tarthal discharges, inflammation and other, some relief and real cure. Dr. Whittler's life-long, extensive experiments faitents at a distance as carefully treated as it here. Office hours, 9.4. M. to 8.P. M. Sunday, low, M. to 1.P. M. only. DR. WHITTIER, sliv actions and the private of the set office hours, 9.4. M. to 8.P. M. Sunday, low. M. to 1.P. M. only. DR. WHITTIER, sliv . jetl-Distawk

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THE SCIENCE OF LIFE

PRETTY SEASHORE DRAPERY.

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Your Majesty from a sense of duty, but now we shall love the father of his country with all our heart." The Czar offered her his right hand.

"And you will do well, for I need true devotion and indulgence."

Once more a cloud rested on the Czar's brow, as had recently been often noticed, for he seemed to anticipate his approaching end, when political cares should have consumed his powerful organism.

Count Lanin, also a born courtier no sooner saw his niece once more restored to favor with the Emperor, than he also asked her to forgive him what had really been but the error of excessive devotion t his beloved master. She told him that she had nothing to forgive, knowing that he had only done his duty, but she added a request that he would hasten her return to

Lanin looked at her deeply touched.

"I am proud of you! From this day you may count upon my devotion and my good will. If His Majesty permits, we can start to-day.

"No, General!" said the Czar, "the Countess will excuse a short delay, because I must consult with Count Moski and have your own instructions drawn up. I assure ou, however, Countess, that we shall all of us hasten our work!" Jana had another idea that pursued her,

and she fell once more at the Crar's feet. "Your Majesty has so very graciously fulfilled every wish of ours that I venture to ask for one more favor." "Askl" said Nicholas,

"Your Majesty! To-day my husband has been found innocent, and to-morrow his bit-ter enemies may discover a new crime in him, not as having been wanting in rever-ence for Your Majesty, for that is impossible, but as having trangressed some law or offended some official. I know the cunning of these people so well! The Czar interrupted her.

"I understand! Your heart was anticipating and apprehending where our mind

feared no danger." At the same time he raised her mos kindly, went to his writing table and rapid ly wrote a few lines. When he said: "Read, Countess! are you satisfied?"

She read on the paper which he handed

Whatever Count Vladimir Lapin has done meets our perfect approval. No law of the empire has any further power over him. Such is our highest will.

NICHOLAS." Jana shed tears of gratitude. At the same time Nicholas turned round astonished. Both Count Moski and Count Orloff had kissed his hand. Moved by this evidence of the devotion of two such men whom he especially esteemed, he pressed their hands, and once more turning to Jana, he said: "Will you have the kindness to give me

back that paper for a moment?" Then he added the tollowing lines:

"Herewith we extend full amoesty to all who have been sent to Siberia on account of the conspiracy Ace of Clubs." "Thus you will be to these poor exiles an

angel of mercy," said the Czar to Jana.

CHAPTER XXX

Spring, which in Siberia is of short duration, had quickly gone by, and the whole country looked a different one. The court before which Vladimir had been placed had unanimously sentenced him to death, because he had laid violent hands on the representative of the Czar. The sentence against the Captain had been proclaimed long since, but the execution had been postponed at Schelm's express desire. The Revisor wished to impress this double execution

with greater solemnity, and personally be present. His arrival alone delayed the tor-On a smiling meadow, perhaps 500 yards

from Irkutsk two companies of infantry were standing in two ranks. The soldiers had no muskets and stood opposite each other, eye to eye. A number of curious people crowd Lanin's liberation. A few yards from them two persons were

found who held each other in a firm grasp. Palkin's hand had strangled his enemy's throat. The latter was dead, but the Colonel was still alive. His face was mutilated in the most fearful manner; the strange wounds were evidently not caused by an ordinary weapon; in his neck stuck a pair of seissors, such as tailors use. Anxious to know who could have used such a weapon, the soldiers drew off the hood that concealed the features of the dead ad-

versary. It was a woman! Long braids of light brown hair hung down behind. The woman it was who had thrust a sword into the horse and then tried to kill the rider with her scissors. Helen had had her re-

venge, but at a costly price. When Schelm was told that Palkin was still alive, he frowned angrily, and said: "Carry him at once to prison! Captain

Palkin will have to give an account of his former actions." For Schelm had well understood Miller's words, in spite of his terrible anxiety, and knew now that Palkin was not in posses-sion of that precious document. Then he shouted: "By all means, let the captain's

wife be found! On the following day the captain's wife, who had been wandering about in the streets of Irkutsk, homeless and friendless as she was, was brought to the Revisor. He had a long interview with her and when he dismissed her he gave her a solemn promise that she should not be forgotten. Soon it was rumored that she had been appointed postmaster at an important statuon. Palkin was, upon Schelm's order, accused of high treason and dragged to jail.

CHAPTER XXXI. For nearly six days now, Vladimir had been among the rebels. In spite of the great

danger to which the close neighborhood of Irkutsk exposed the rebels, they did not withdraw into the interior. "Miller," said Vladimir at last, "when

When the American Flint Glassworkers will hold their second annual reunion in that city. Special train on the P., C. & St. L. Rv. will leave Pittsburg at 7 A. M. Round trip rate, \$1 36; tickets good returnwill you lead us on?" "That does not depend on myself," was the reply. "We must wait for our brethren ing until fuly 1.

special adaptability to her complexion style. This same care and judgment should be exercised in her house turnishing. Said

money.

into a house which could be furnished in

much better taste and with a much richer

effect and with less of the crazy quilt sug-

ance of the girl with the 25-cent lawn and

the \$2 hat to match. The same principle applies to house dressing. Start out with a purpose. If it's a drawing room and you

wish beauty as a main factor, determine your general color harmony and select everything to lead up to it. If it's a living

room and comfort the main requisite, don't litter the place with things breakable and

small chairs and tables that are everlast-ingly in the way. Have a definite purpose.

A CASE OF BAD COLOBING.

first of all, "will it become me."

When a woman selects a dress she thinks,

color and design she considers for their



well-knnwn decorator the other day to

me: "I called up recently at Madam X's, to see what suggestions could be made for the refurnishing of her house. She was thoroughly dissatisfied, but couldn't tell exactly what the trouble was. Everything was charming and well balanced, but it needed a glance only to show me that th color schemes of the entire establishment had been left to some short-sighted furnisher who had not considered the character of the

"Here was a bed room got up in yellow and black, the very background for a Spanish beauty, but hardly the thing for a red-headed girl. The entire house was furnished with sage-green shades which, when the sun played on them in the morning, threw a bilious green tint over the bed room ccupant and frightened her at the sight in the mirror of a face apparently pale and cadaverous. It was all wrong. The folks in that house had spent thousands of dollars through the house it led down to the river. "Ten men into the office," Miller ordered in the furnishings, but while the epochs o

design were conscientiously followed, they "and let them watch from the window the had thought little or nothing of the colo effects." A CASE OF HARMONY.

Out in one of the many delightful suburbs of Philadelphia is a most appropriately furnished billiard room. The portieres in the doorway are particularly odd gray with a small dark red and dull blue urtain-ball fringe; long stripes of deer

drab felt, appliqued on in the shapes of bil-liard cues; the whole suspended from a cue and rest, instead of the ordinary curtain pole; a valance across the top of felt, the

enter the rooms of the travelers, but found it not only locked, but apparently barricaded same color as the curtains with heavy ball fringe of various colors, with the size and appearance of pool balls, and the triangle, pouch, small balls and other details of the "What does this mean, I wonder? Have we here, also, enemies? Listen?" he cried to the closed door. "We do not mean to hurt you, if you leave us alone, If not, you game appliqued on in sharp colors. A good thing for summer drapery is a "yacht curtain," hanging from a couple of small oars gilded over the doorway top; are lost. Ivan, hand me a musket and aim nomie cloth with reefing points caught In the meantime the crowd in the passage here and there in ecru or some other quietly colored cord fringe. The whole thing is sushad grown thinner. A number of boats took the men, as their turn came, across the Angara. The balls of the regulars whistled pended back by a chain and anchor. They tetails, though of course realistic, are suboverhead, but did no harm. The last de-tachment of exiles had left the hill and the dued by enameled paints and a liberal use of gilt.

victorious regulars pursued the fugitives. Several hundred of the exiles were already The fret work craze has seized us with the firmness of that other contagious mania, the marching along the opposite bank in perfect safety, and the space between the forest and the station was almost abandoned. The last troop of the czar of the exiles surrounded machramo cord fever. Transoms, over-doc schemes, window valances and mantel work is done in fret work, ad nauseum. Some of the Japanese fret is worth \$2 per square their leader. The regulars appeared at the toot, some less, but it is all expensive. A edge of the forest. Miller, Ivan and Vladi-mir were watching the fugitives, keeping in very ciever sort of fret is made of rome which when gilded or painted has a beauti-ful effect. Ordinary clothes line is used view, however, the door of the station room and the designs are made by marking off the figure on a board and driving nails at

the ngure on a board and the design. Around these nails you draw your rope, on the principle employed in making cushion lace. When the design is shaped up a lace stiffening is used to preserve the form til put in aframe.

SOME SIMPLE FORMS.

Another good fret is made by interlacing ordinary ratian within a wooden frame. Still again wire nesting, colored or bronzed, makes a cheap and pretty fret for transoms,

Athens and the Forum of Rome are in and wherever her cleansing instinct had led her destruction followed along the walls. ruins. The Trajan Column still stands. She is worse than the match scratcher, for Grant's monument should be of bronze-a bronze column with the history of the Reshe does her dire work under the cloak of public from Columbus to Grant engraved upon it. On it should also be medallions in

cleanliness. Beware of her. C. R. CLIFFORD. bas relief ot all the Presidents, and Grant and his Corps Commanders. In solid bronze TRAVELING ON HANDCARS.

Scheme of a Plucky Theatrical Troupe to Defeat a Washout. Boston Globe.]

floor-not a bed valance, but, as can be seen

THE WALL BALCONY.

the edges of the wall woodwork with a da

When Verona Jarbean was playing here a few weeks ago, she told me a number of interesting stories about her exciting experiences while traveling in the far West earlier in the season. On one occasion the com-pany was "held up" by a washout, 40 miles

from Yuma, Ari. They were billed to play that night, and, as the water station where they were detained, offered neither sleeping nor feeding accommodations for the troupe, Miss Jarbeau determined to get through t Yuma at all hazards. That no engine could be run on the loor

ned rails or across the tottering bridge, over which the waters of a swollen river flowed, was plainly evident, but it was thought that handcars might get through Only three handcars were obtainable, and as each car could carry but two passengers, how to transport the 18 members of the com pany was a problem not easily solved. But the plucky actress was equal to the emer-

genev. She had three long, strong planks placed across each handcar, and on the ends of these boards the Thespians, most of who were women, were instructed to make them-

selves comfortable, seesaw fashion. It was necessary that they should balance them-selves exactly, otherwise the heavier actors would topple their lighter confreres over into the ravine below the rails. To ride 40 miles through the dark in such a fashion was a risky undertaking, but all were willing to take their chances. they started, the cold wind whistling among

their dangling ankles and pouring rain soaking through their clothing to the skin. In two hours and a halt Yuma was saiely reached, where, it is needless to say a warm welcome awaited them.

THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE.

How the St. Louis Brewers Are Taking Advantage of the Decision.

'We are doing a big business in Kansas now, thanks to the original package decision," says a St. Louis brewer in the Globe-Democrat. "We do not sell directly to the dealers, but make each one a man-

ufacturers' agent. He is required first to give a bond, indorsed by at least two responsible men for \$2,000. Then we ship him a carload of beer in assorted packages, the favorite styles being the pony keg and the "trinity," the latter a package contain-ing three bottles. The agent must pay for

this carload of beer before he can get an-other car, we holding the bond as security for the second, and so on."

WON THE QUEEN'S LOVE.

Au Explanation of the Attachment Between Victoria and Janie Ely.

The Marchioness of Ely, who has just died, was the dearest friend of Queen Victoria, if a Queen can ever be said to possess friends. The Queen became deeply attached to her at the time of the Prince Consort's death. When nearly crazed with grief, the roval household, not knowing what to do or how to act, Lady Ely, with true womanly tact, carried the little Prin-

should be engraved the Declaration of Inde-pendence, and Lincoln's Proclamation of Freedom to 8,000,000 slaves. Let it be a succinct history of the Republic up to 1900, and, if in bronze, it will live a million years. If in stone, 500 years will eee it crumbling to dust. Nothing would be surely known about early Rome were it not for her bronze monuments and her coins. SAMPLES OF FRENCH HUMOR. To-day, I met M. Bricasse, the humorist of Figure. I tried hard to get to the bot-tom of French humor. We exchanged our best stories. I find they have a different idea of humor than we Americans have. All French stories are true. They never

exaggerate, and the paradox is not lunny to the Frenchman. It exasperates him. I asked M. Bricaise to te niest thing he could think of. tell me the fun-

"You Americans," he said, "are always funny to us. You do such unnatural things. Why, an American recently came here with a steam fire engine. He was wild to have Paris adopt it. We said 'why, we never have any fires. Our buildings are fireproo

"'No fires, he said. No fires in Paris?"

"'No fires, ne said, 'you are behind the "'Pshaw,' he said, 'you are behind the times. It's because you have no steam fire engines. Get the engines and the fires will come.' He made me laugh, ha ha! HIS BEST SAMPLE.

"He was like a Freuchman," continue the humorist, "who claimed to be a great When the Academy asked hin inventor. what he had invented, he said: "'I have discovered how to take the salt out of codfish.' Ha, hal-that is our best

joke." Then I told him a lot of our old stories but he never smiled. He would only shake his head and say: "C'est impossible." Then I told him my story on Ben Butler in the hospital during the war. "The Gen-eral," I said, "passed by the cots where lay many sick and wounded men. Coming to a young soldier who seemed in great pain, he

"Lou seem very sick, my brave boy.

What is the matter with you?" "I have gangrene," moaned the soldier. "'Gangrene,'" said the General-that is a terrible disease. I never knew a man to have gangrene that it didn't kill him o leave him an idiot. I've had it myselt."' "C'est impossible!" exclaimed M. Bricaise The paradox was too much for him.

ELI PERKINS. THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE IDEA.

Sonton Has a Heavy Weight Lawyer Who Claims to be the Originator.

Boston Globe.1 The heaviest member of the Boston bar in Harvey D. Hadlock, who has his office in the Chadwick building. He is hardly 40 years of age and weighs over 300 pounds.

There does not seem to be an ounce of superfluous flesh on him at that. In times past he has lifted 1,800 pounds, and thinks he can do it now. Hadlock was the originator of the "origi-

nal package" idea in selling liquors. It was along in 1876, I think, that a dealer in Bucksport, Me., by the name of Joaquin was arrested for selling liquor. In his plea be ore the court at Ellsworth, Hadlock cited from the Statutes at Large, showing how these original packages did not come under cess Beatrice to the Queen's bedside, and laid the child in her mother's arms. Since that hour "Janie Ely" has been the close companion of her majesty, who confided in her faith al juigment and seund, good sense without regret for 30 years.

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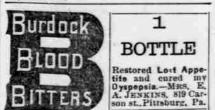
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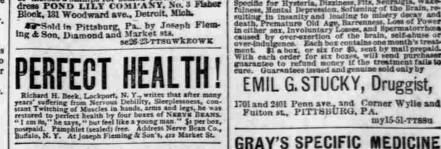
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