



The Lily Weath. Toward the stream a little maid...

POPOFF'S JOURNEY. "Well, what think you of my project, my little dove?"

consul in your city, he has mentioned you as being one of the most honorable representatives of Moscovite commerce...

WILLIAM SPARK & CO. P. S.—If we do not hear from you prior to the 25th we shall conclude arrangements with another Moscow house that is awaiting our answer."

Advotia Iwanovitch read the letter several times attentively. Her husband watched the expression of her face with intense anxiety.

The necessary arrangements were soon made. At the last moment Advotia was unable to get away from her husband's neck a ribbon from which was suspended a little image that had been blessed by the priest...

Advotia Iwanovitch was a dark little woman, strongly resembling a withered olive, with sharp features and a wrinkled face in her movements.

Our two Parisians made the journey to Paris without accident, arriving there at 11 P. M. on the 23d. From Berlin Popoff had telegraphed William the fact that he would see him the next day.

At the Gare du Nord an interpreter got them a carriage, that in due course he had visited either on business or pleasure, tallied him with the pert nacity of an old recurring dream.

With the dogged determination of weak natures, Vassili Iwanovitch maintained a stoical silence when assailed by his wife's reproaches...

trials of the travelers had increased in intensity. "What! what a spasm. The Sparan boy himself never suffered agony equal to this."

"Anisime! Anisime!" shouted the unfortunate Popoff, unable longer to repress his physical tortures.

"Left?" shouted Popoff. "Why, what day of the month is it then?"

"Dear Sir—I waited for you until the 25th. After endeavoring in vain to get your tidings of you, I came here where you seem to have arrived, I have given the agency to the house of Strogo, of your city. I sail to-morrow for New York."

The diamond. The decadence of the diamond daily grows more marked. It has long been a badge of vulgarity when worn by men, and its indiscriminate use by their own sex has brought it into disrepute with women who are really fastidious.

When a human being makes one thing an ambition, and turns every effort to the realization of that ambition, and is pretty certain of accomplishing it, with many women the possession of a pair of solitaire diamonds is the one thing in life desired and sought.

Senator Palmer, of Michigan, is one of the most tender-hearted men in the Senate. Not long ago he was called upon by a woman who has some connection with an obscure paper, and after listening to a sorrowful tale was asked for a loan of \$100.

Another woman, who has a mania for diamonds almost like that of the miser for gold, delight the glitter and sparkle and light a feverish spirit and a cold heart over the precious baubles.

THE PERFUMER'S ART. Brief Description of a Great French Industry.

The flower growers and perfume distillers of southern France have no fear of any competition. They think that because they are called the industry from their ancestors and because no other country has ever taken it up successfully no other country or people ever can do so.

Only the simple, most natural varieties that form so large an item of the cost of continental traveling, the Russians discovered that they were occupying a room used for the storage of without trousers, with a closet at the back, in which a large piece of cheese had been stored and forgotten.

The perfumes of commerce are in two classes, the generic, viz., pomades and perfumed oils, which are made by the process of absorption, or essences and essential oils, which are made by distillation.

Other methods. Olive oils are used in a similar way, except that instead of being poured out the bottom of the frame, they are saturated piece of coarse cotton cloth, which are then spread upon wire netting in light frames three or four feet square.

Cracking Walnuts with your Elbow. Conceal a very strong walnut in your right hand, and take two other walnuts out of the dish.

Electricity for Tempering Watch Springs. Another use for electricity is in the tempering of watch springs. By the old method the steel wire, from which the springs are made, was heated to the proper temperature, and immediately plunged into oil.

SIX MONTHS OF NIGHT. Imaginative Sketch of a Domestic Life When the North Pole is a Town.

If they ever find the North Pole, and it becomes colonized, they are going to have a bright six months of day and six months of night.

"No! I saw the piece already tonight." "Got up." "Don't know; but I put you to bed in a miserable condition six hours before the dawn of day."

After a long search she found trace of the man she loved, but it was only to learn that he was betrothed to another, a beautiful girl he had saved from a devastating fire.

New Devices in Ice Cream. There have been some new devices in the way of ice creams, which were novel and interesting.

A Hidden Fortune. Friends, nameless and well-to-do men, you too proud of heart, make himself known, old Jacques De Courcy settled down in a humble quarter.

His Only Straight Flush. "I have been playing poker for twenty years, and I never held a straight flush but once in my life."

Loveless Marriage, or, the Broken Heart. The fashionable world of London believed that Mrs. St. Albans was a happy woman; they little knew that she had been forced into the marriage with her husband to gratify her father's ambition.

The first efforts of the stranger were to open the door of the carriage and assist Mrs. St. Albans to alight.

He shook her hand after these few words, and suddenly left her. In two days he was on his way to France and for many days she raved in the delirium of grief.

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His Daughter, too, Well Married. A German banker, traveling by rail in a first-class carriage toward Vienna, had as a fellow traveler at one of the intermediate stations an old gentleman, who entered into conversation and proved very pleasant.

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NEWS IN BRIEF. A club has been formed at Marlton, N. J., for the destruction of English sparrows.

Yale's historic fence is again threatened with destruction, but the students have petitioned the corporation to use their influence towards its preservation.

Marie Antoinette's scissors and penknives were recently sold at auction for \$130. The relics were terrifically suggestive of the instrument which caused the death of the queen.

The widow of ex-Governor Cady, of New London, Conn., aged ninety-two, made and contributed a handsome lady to the fair lately held by the friends of that place.

Queen Emma of Holland is a brunette whose eyes would be pretty did she not continually wink when speaking, thus giving you the impression of preparing for a good burst of tears.

A New York man has recently distinguished himself by eating at one single meal three feet six inches of corn cake. It was at a church fair, and he wished to get his money's worth.

The man's assiduity was applied to a tribe of clan called Ismaelites, who settled in the mountains of Lebanon about 1000 and became notorious for their murderous propensities; hence the origin of the name as applied to murderers.

Recent parties visiting the volcano Popocatepetl report increasing activity in the crater with clouds of smoke and sulphurous fumes.

A school boy of Insterburg, Germany, recently wrote to the Emperor of China asking for some Chinese postage stamps, the latter being scarce in his country.

An pamphlet condemning in moderate terms Russian reactionary policy and predicting internal disasters is presented in the Grand Army building, the location of Grand Army state, as represented in Congress, is Kansas, all of her seven representatives being members of the order.

The richest child in America is little Miss May Sharpless, who is nine years old and has a fortune of \$3,000,000. She is the daughter of a late merchant in the firm of Arnold, Sons & Co. The child millionaire has a remarkably interesting collection of dolls of all sizes, several of which cost \$1000 apiece.

The manufacture of orange wine is becoming an established industry in Florida. The factory at Clay Springs has just commenced collecting its raw material, one thousand barrels. For this quantity a million and a half oranges were delivered at the factory was \$9 a thousand.

Large numbers of colored people are now emigrating to California from the Southern States. One party of twenty-four men and women arrived in San Francisco en route to take a company in the Southern part of the State; another party of 110 laborers has gone to Fresno to work in the raisin vineyards, and 150 more are to follow.

It was twenty-one years ago this Spring that Alaska was ceded by Russia to the United States. This territory has an area of some 500,000 square miles, and the population is 12,000, including about 6000 or 7000 of the population and 30,000 of the inhabitants. The gold mine country yields some \$2,500,000 a year.

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Princess Bismarck's wife is said to be a typical "hausfrau," with never a thought above petty domestic details. The Crown Prince's wife is of the same nature. In their eyes it is little short of infamous for the Empress to read philosophy, advocate the higher education of women, and take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the Empire and of the world.

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The old man, quietly, and then run down to the good above's and ask him to come here."

But our breakfast, grandpapp?" said the child, pausing in the doorway.

"We will eat it later, my little white for that," replied the old man, smiling.

"This is a letter from Pierre De Courcy," said the abbe, after a careful examination of the contents of the envelope.

The following week the Countess De Courcy, that these treasures were concealed in the chair, in order that, if fortune went against him, he might escape with them.

After that morning the marketplace was full of the Countess's little and his little granddaughter, and passing the sunny nook where they had stood together, wondering what had become of them.

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