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Of the Emperor Nicholas, who died a quarter of a century ago, a characteristic anecdote is told in diaries of Privy Councillor Boguslovski, recently published in St. Petersburg. As he was walking one day he heard a German artisan declare that he would not quit the spot until he had seen the Emperor, the latter went toward him and demanded who he was and what he wished. The German, who did not know the Czar, answered that he was an artisen from Hamburg, and desired to submit a paper describing a new and cheap method of making shoe soles for the Army. "Why do you apply direct to the Emperor?" inquired the Czar, "why have you not first addressed yourself to some one about him." "I wished to do so, and called on the Chief of Police for the purpose," returned the man, "but his clerk asked me to pay 300 rubles, which is impossible, as I have no money." "Well, my fine fellow," said the Czar, "if you will only transact your business with the Emperor in person, speak up, for I am he." At this unexpected revelation the honest Hamburger was so terrified that, trembling from head to foot, he fell on his knees. In doing so his hat dropped from his hand. The Emperor's dog, his almost constant companion, seizing the hat, began playing with it. The Emperor contemplated the scene with characteristic pride, hugely relishing the fright of the poor artisan. At last he pulled the hat from between the dog's teeth and handing it, smiling, to the still kneeling Hamburger, said, "Do not be alarmed, my friend; give me your paper, I will have it examined. Meanwhile, come to the Palace, where you shall have a pecuniary indemnity for the fright you have suffered." The Hamburger himself went mad from fright, but his family received a regular pension.

It is said that the game of "fifteen" was invented by N. P. Chapman, postmaster of Canastota, N. Y. Our readers, especially those who are wrecked on "impossible combinations," will remember that this is the same individual whose office was robbed of a pipe, pair of boots, and other valuables not long since. The first one of the games invented found its way into the hands of a Syracuse lady, who gave it to an invalid lady at Watch Hill, R. I. This lady took it home to Hartford, Conn., where it attracted considerable attention. A Boston firm soon began manufacturing it. It was not long before two firms were engaged in the manufacture of the blocks. Firm No. 1 tried to block the game of No. 2, but could not because the invention was not patented. The puzzle is being manufactured at the rate of 2,000 a day. The number of possible combinations is said to be 1,397,674,368,000 but there are hundreds of people who firmly believe there are ten times as many ways in which it can't be done.—*Utica Herald.*

It appears from a recent report submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War that there are in the militia of the United States 145 general officers, 921 general staff officers, 1,605 regimental, field and staff officers, 6,198 company officers, making 8,869 commissioned officers, and 117,037 non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, or 125,906 in all. These constitute the organized force in the several states in a condition of a greater or less efficiency. The whole number of men not organized but available for military duty, food for powder in an emergency, is 6,526,758. New York of course leads in strength, with 20,288 commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates and 567,669 unorganized men.

The Hon. Thomas C. Platt, who is already a banker in Owego, a railroad man in Tioga County and a miner in Deadwood, has been for some time the general superintendent of the United States Express Company. He yesterday assumed the position of president of the Express Company, to which he was unanimously elected. Mr. Platt is as accomplished a business man as he has proved himself fervent as a partisan. His acceptance of this new position probably indicates that after the next election he will not be willing to burden himself so much as heretofore with political cares. It must be said, however, that his political influence throughout the Southern Tier has, in spite of newspaper hostility, steadily increased.

A young man recently converted to religion took part lately in a prayer meeting at Lewiston, Me. During some remarks which he made, apparently with perfect earnestness, he said, to the amazement of the audience: "It's no use, brethren, for us to strive so hard to go to heaven, for if we should happen to go to the other place Governor Garcelon and his Council will be there and count us out."

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