
march swept nway the medteval Servian emptre
thts warlike mountain race kept tis passes by ceaseless watching night and day, and submis.
slon to Turkish authority was of a nominal Blon to Turkish authority was of a nominal na
ture. And when their anceent capital was threat
ened they abandoned it as ruthlessly as those ture. And when their anclent capital was threat
ened they abamdoned it as ruthessly as those
other Slavs of the northland burned and aban and betaking themselves high up into the moun
and tains founded a secure seat of government within
the rocky walls of Cettinge. A wonderful peopie these Montenegrins, with
wonderful history. If ever a Servian empire a wondertul history. If ever a Servian empire
be reestablished, if ever the Balkan states be come united in a powerful confederation that
would whoily change the poltical complexion of the near east and its problems, , th will be largely
due to the patriotism and pluck of this lttle pa rlarchal state. To this day the men wear, an ding of black in their scariet caps -thls in
nourning for a lost Slav empire-and with all the passion of a primittve peopie-and whey hold to to
that national Ides which would accomplish th tit ine serb staces.
Montenegrins, being a plous prince ruler of the oved the church, handed executive authority to ittle of "vladika,. or or prince benceforth bore the
of power lay in one man's hands, the vladika befng Hettie Balkann pope. In 1696 the Petrovic Nejego
tamily entered finto possession of thls princely power, and this dynasty rules in of this princelel.
In 1851 Danilo L . renounced the stlli. favor of thint of hospodar. at the same time ual oversight of the people. In 1853 Danilo II srin males capable of service. The tribal system tilli obtained, chleftainn of clans being directiy onhponibie to their prince. On August 13, 1880 ,
the present ruler acceded to power, and during
the fitty years of a notable retgn Prince Nlchola an done much to clvilize and modernize this he has been careful to keep nutional habits tin all their simplicity and to foster a lotty national
lam of upirit and sentiment among his people. of all the states in Europe Montenegro is perraps the least known to, the least visited by, the verage narae is a blank. The proctamatlo the value which the Monteningrias, however
net upo by no means to be underestimated when Bulkn




 yoe of small proveation They have no regard

 feuds, which are a bane of Montonegrin Hfe; but
racial instincts die hard, and these men of the
Black Mountalns are racial instincts die hard, and these men of the
Black Mountanss are not easily soothed Into civi-
Hization's ways. In the early years of Nicholas' relgn Montene-
gro suffered much by pestilence gro suffered much by pestience and tamine
well as by suceessive contlte w wth Turkey.
which has ever been envlous of the Nont which has ever been envlous of the Montenegring
stubborn independence. In the struggles of the stubborn independence. In the struggles of the
seventies Prince Nicholas and his peopie were
suceesfill to successtul to the extent of recovering valuable
seaboard territory, in the possession of whith the principality was confirmed by the ewentyeighth article of the Berlin treaty. In the szmi
famous agreement of the powers the indepen ence of Montenegro, really existent for centurie With so much conceded to their heroism and pa
triotism the Montenegrins were tre triotsm the Montenegrins were free to develo
their national resources, whice are their national resources, whici are wholly agi
cultural. Among the humanzing influences es cultural. Among the humanizing liffuences
sentral to the progress of hils people Princ catholas and amptly recognized the value of edu
almost before the ink was dry an treaty signatures an extensive scheme of elemen. prinelpality. There are now some 200 primary is compulsory on all chlldren.
Whatever Nicholas I. has done and may do,
however, by way of fostering the arts of peac and of advancing the material prosperity of bit is essentially milltary. In all castern Europe there is in iner soldier than the hardy man
the mountains. The Montenegrin ruler knows ht strength in thls respect, and he has fassloned
nt jeast a fitth of the populatton Into a wellilis. at least a nith of the population into a well-dis
ciplined and wellequipped little army comprisis 68 battallions of infandtry and 12 batteries of artll lery, but no cavalry
of even grater order is the intense nactountism of the Montrene mant
gring, a sentiment which thelr ruler stimulate
by royal decree as well as by personal example
It it, for instance, incumbent on all to wear th
tuational costume, prosice European clothing tit
 Prince Nolcholis is slirewd indeed tive hn is ordt
nance. Much that may seem extravagant and nance. Much that may seem extravagant and
absurdy archate to western Idens bna a hidden
purpose in the Balkins. Austrian Russita and purpose in the Balkins. Austrian, Russtan and
German policy alike has almed at such a seve rance of Serb assoclations as shall effectually On the other hand it has been the settled. triotism allght. Hence it ts that the ef fervent na
tonallism of thes Montenergin people find presslon in the very Jackets of the men and
skirts of the and skirts of the women, in the minstrelsy of the
single-stringed fiddles and the ever-present readi ness for war.
Montenegro has a constltutiton, first aranted is elected by unlversal suffrase for a term of
four years. A mthistry of six portfollos renre lour years. A mitistry of six portfolios repre
sents executive authority, but to all Intents and
purposes Nicholas puthoses of hishoias people, he gives pubitc audience t all and sundry and administers justice beneath
a famous plane tree hard by the palace gates at Cettinfe. Such is the patriarchal ruler of a pa
trimechal state who in the pursuit of a nationa ambition is exchanging the primittive simplicity of ancient Czernagora-as Montenegro once was
styled-for the trapplings and majesty of a minl ature monar

## SOME QUEER ENGLISH NAMES.

 Sussex can produce queer namea in plenty, forexample: Replentshed Pryor, a damsel who dwel at Heathfeld, Mr. Standtant-on-hligh Stringer
Mr. Ales Cressel, and Master Perform-thyovow Seers. The county archives also yleld unusual
family names, such as Pitchfork, Devil, Leper, Juglery, Beatup, Breathing. Whiskey, Wildgoose, Dorset can hold her own tolerably well with
vilages named Ryme Intrinseca and Toller Por corum; rivers called Wriggle river and Devilt brook; commons christened Glddy green and
God's Bleseling green, and heighte called Hund coo's Blessing green, and heights called Hungry
down, Mount Ararat, Grammars hill, and Dancing hill. $A$ prospective tenant might well hest
tate before signing the lease of Wooden Cabbage farm, Labor in Vain farm, Poor Lot farm and
Charity botom, even though he bould hail trom Charity bottom, even though he should hail trom
Kent, which owns two Starvecrow farms within Kent, which owns two starvecrow farn
a ride of each other.-L LondonChrontcle.

## $\Longrightarrow$

By DONALD ALLEN

"tr's the Easlest Thing in the World."
to white she cuts awny the old puty.
Then the new pane is set in and made


 The ensebthe tung to do was to make
trautrise.. He rang toe bell at the
Travis' mansion. wondered If that "mighty good-look.
ng girl" Ived ther voices anawer. He te thourht he heard the house. The and find the owners. Ho found them. rest of the stepladder, sleves rolled
 The cook was hanging to the c.ep.
ladder like grim doath and throwing out n suggestion now and then, and
tie stage setting was ready when the Young calloge man appeared. There
was a yell trom the cookt There was
$\qquad$ dor, who has been heild hack untumity
doment to completo a dramatic sttu-

Tho cook let go. The stepladder
wabbled. Miss Alloen came down. Mr Walker stepped backward. and ite
veemed to the dog as
at the three
 of the grounds and down thed hroad called out:


 discover a girt putcyng in a pane of
glass from the top of a stepladder,
with the family cook braced to vent a wabble, and the fumiliy dog
Cozing tin the sunntine, and exclama

s.irculate
it creates
oblame.
"Say, boy," replited the uncle when

Thit "mighty good-Iooking girr" had
been rowing on the hake ann witnessed
Ten
 "Say, boy, your case ls won, and
that without resort to tow," exclinmed

 ladder, but you must call and thaphk
her because you were hanging head
dow ference? Why, boy, your case ts won ivthout the jury leaving thetr seats.
Prettest nemar Iever handlec." platined all about that tree and aer. erail other things, and there were
buthese and smmiles and hubghter, and
and game of croquet an the lawn. And
ater on, Juage Gorman was andled upon for
present.
All Dodge soup.

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    town.
    Hyy
    W.

