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READS LIKE A ROMANCE.

Countess Selling Papers Near the Brooklyn Post Office.

The Little Old Woman Is Extremely Poor, But She Has Plenty of Pride—Well Known in Russia's Most Aristocratic Society.

Early every morning a little woman of fifty or thereabouts sets a small table on the sidewalk in front of the post office building on Washington street in Brooklyn. She gets the table from a barber-shop a few doors away, where she has stored it the night before. Then she takes a bundle from under her arm, unwraps it and draws out a stock of morning newspapers.

She spreads the papers out on the table and watches the people who pass. If anyone happens to glance at the newspapers in a manner that would indicate a desire to buy she calls over her stock, name by name.

She is a quiet little woman, says the New York Herald. Usually she wears glasses. Her dress is faded and thin; so is she. Everything about her indicates pinching poverty.

Now, there is nothing unusual in all this. There are many other faded and pinched little old women in Brooklyn and New York, and some of them sell newspapers.

But this little old woman is one of those interesting people who have a history. She was a countess once, and is a grandniece of Pulaski, the great Polish patriot, who fought for America in the revolutionary war and fell gallantly at the siege of Savannah.

Her full name is Josephine Suffeenzka Iarozka. Her story, as she tells it, begins when, a young Polish girl, she married Count Paul Iarozka and went to live in St. Petersburg. She had a high social position there. That was almost a generation ago, and she was happy in the Russian capital for many years.

By and by she and her husband began to disagree. She does not say what caused the quarrel, but she says it was no fault of hers. Finally she left him. Then her husband retaliated in a manner that some people might call peculiarly Russian or Tartar. They had a son, a bright youth, and the father caused information to be sent to the government that he was in conspiracy against the crown.

One day the boy disappeared. The next the mother heard of him was that he had been sent to Siberia to die in the mines.

The countess endeavored to secure her boy's release. She visited officials

A NOBLE NEWSWOMAN.

herself. She asked all her friends to help her, but she could not remove the czar's chains from her boy. Then she came to America, bringing with her a little money she had saved.

She lived in New York and Brooklyn in cheap lodging houses until nearly all her money was gone and the time had come for her to do some kind of work or starve. Then she began to sell papers, and since has earned her living in that manner.

She has secured the permission of the Brooklyn board of aldermen to sell papers in front of the old post office building and police protection has been promised to her. Now that the winter is coming on she wants to build a cheap booth to protect her from the bad weather, but she has not the means to do so.

Though in want, Mme. Iarozka retains much pride. One day last week, when it was raining, she went into the barber shop where she leaves her table and complained that the rain had wet her papers so badly that they were ruined, and she had lost 75 cents.

One of her regular customers, who happened to be in the barber's chair, raised up and offered her 75 cents.

"Oh, no!" exclaimed the woman, stiffly. "I couldn't do that. I couldn't take any money from you. I thank you, but you must not expect me to do that."

"But I am one of your regular customers," said the man. "You ought to take it from me."

Finally he persuaded her to take 25 cents, but she said as she went away:

"I'll make it up to you in papers. I won't let you pay anything for them until the debt is settled."

Mme. Iarozka does not speak much English, but she says she can prove easily that she is the grandniece of Pulaski and was once a countess in St. Petersburg.

She remains at her news stand only two or three hours every morning. When the chief sale of the morning papers is over she folds up what papers she has left, puts her coppers in her pocket and goes home.

Woman's Part in Crime.

It is reported by an authority on French criminal statistics from the result of his investigations that French women commit but one-sixth of the offenses perpetrated by their husbands, brothers and other male relatives. The authority is also able to show that in France the author of a crime remains unknown 63 times out of 100, and that this proportion becomes still larger in serious cases of robbery with aggravating circumstances, the figures then going up to 90.

GEN. THOMAS H. RUGER.

Just Appointed Commander of the Department of the Missouri.

Gen. T. H. Ruger has a long record of active army service. He entered West Point July 1, 1850, and graduated with the rank of lieutenant four years later. For a short time he served as assistant in charge of the construction of the defenses on the approach to New Orleans. In 1855 he resigned his commission and entered upon the practice of law at Janesville, Wis. When the war broke out in 1861 he was among the first to enlist. From July of that year until August, 1862, he commanded the regiments of Maryland and the

GEN. THOMAS H. RUGER, U. S. A.

Shenandoah. Subsequently he did important service in preventing the assemblage of the confederate legislature at Frederick, Md. He participated in the memorable conflicts of Winchester, May 25, 1862; Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862, and Antietam, August 17, 1862. From 1865 to 1866 Gen. Ruger was in command of the department of North Carolina. June 15, 1866, he was mustered out of service.

He was brevetted major general of United States volunteers November 30, 1864, for meritorious service at the battle of Franklin, Tenn. Again, March 2, 1867, he was brevetted brigadier general for gallant service at the battle of Gettysburg. After the war he served some time on the retiring board.

Being a man of remarkable military learning and a strict disciplinarian, Gen. Ruger was made superintendent of the military academy at West Point in 1871, and served in that capacity until 1876. His next command was the department of the south, where he was stationed during 1877 and 1878. In 1879 he was in command of the post at Atlanta. The general was next transferred to the northwest, and commanded the military at Fort Assinniboine and later at Helena, department of Montana, until 1885.

The cavalry and infantry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was his next command. In 1886 he was ordered to the department of the Missouri and later to the department of Dakota. The commission of brigadier general in command of the department of Dakota, with headquarters at St. Paul, was conferred upon the scarred veteran March 19, 1886. During the Pine Ridge Indian trouble in 1891 Gen. Ruger made an excellent record. After that outbreak he was given command of the department of California, where he has since been stationed.

As an army officer Gen. Ruger is held in the highest esteem by military men. He is an accomplished man, genial and popular, with a record of active service that is hard to beat.

GRAND DUKE GEORGE.

Some Say That This Prince Is Now Dying from Consumption.

Grand Duke George of Russia, the second son of the late czar, was born in 1871 and is now a lieutenant in the Russian navy, colonel of the Ninety-third infantry regiment and an aide-de-camp in the army. He is four years older than his sister, grand duchess of Xenia, whose wedding took place recently at Peterhof. Grand Duke George has never enjoyed robust health, and once or twice his life has been almost despaired of. His delicate constitution has been a source of anxiety to his parents since his birth. As a boy Prince George, together with his elder brother, the new czar, was taught to practice the virtue of implicit obedience. The children were never allowed to shirk their lessons, and as soon as they were old enough the two boys were set to learn the practical details of military discipline. They were placed on an absolute equality with the other young officers, and were ordered about as uncere-

GRAND DUKE GEORGE OF RUSSIA.

moniously as any other subaltern by any superior officer who happened to be in charge. Alexander III. was fond of inculcating lessons of obedience, and prided himself on the fact that the discipline in his army was perfect.

Peculiar Folk in Mississippi.

The squirrel hunters are a peculiar people inhabiting southwestern Mississippi, adjoining Louisiana. They have been living there for generations and preserve the primitive customs of their forefathers. Hundreds of them have never seen a steam engine.

That Tired Feeling.

A man feels drowsy after a hearty dinner because a large part of the blood in the system goes to the stomach to aid in digestion, and leaves the brain poorly supplied.

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Col. William L. Strong's Successful Career as a Business Man—In Politics He Has Always Been a Republican.

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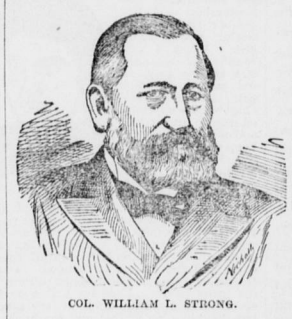
Col. Strong is a native of Ohio. He was born in Richland county March 22, 1827, and the greater part of his boyhood was spent in that part of the state. When he was sixteen he went to Wooster, O., and for two years worked in a retail dry goods house. Thence he went to Mansfield, in the same state, and engaged in the same business. In 1853 he went to New York and entered the employ of L. O. Wilson & Co., one of the largest dry-goods houses in the city. In the panic of 1857 the firm suspended, and in 1858 Mr. Strong went to the dry goods house of Farnham, Dale & Co., which was succeeded by Farnham, Sutton & Co., and afterward by Sutton, Smith & Co. This last named firm was dissolved in December, 1869, and in January, 1870, it was succeeded by the firm of W. L. Strong & Co. Mr. Strong's services with the different firms had been of great worth, and his advance was rapid and well deserved.

While Col. Strong has given the greater share of his time and care to the interests of the firm of which he is the head, he has found time to make his energy and capital effective in various other directions. He was for years a director of the Central national bank, and for the last seven years he has been its president. He is a director in the Erie Railroad company, in the New York Life Insurance company, in the Mercantile Trust company, the Hanover Fire Insurance company and other corporations. At present he is the president of the Ohio society and for many years he was its first vice president. He is treasurer of St. John's guild and is active in other branches of charitable work. He is a member of



COL. WILLIAM L. STRONG.

the Union League, the Downtown, the Merchants', Colonial, Republican, Riding and the Metropolitan clubs. Col. Strong has ever been an active factor in the enterprises that have had some object of public benefit in view, and he has long been recognized as one of the leading republicans of New York City. Col. Strong is a man of decided views and great force of character, and one of the most approachable and genial men in the city. His good nature and open-handed liberality are widely felt and known, and no man has a wider circle of personal and business friends. His abilities as a business-man and financier are of the highest order. His connection with many enterprises of importance in the business community and his prominent position in it are evidences of the business ability which he possesses and which his associates have so practically recognized.

The Earth in Miniature.

Four leading French scientists, Villard, Cotard, Seyrig and Tissandier, have succeeded in making a wonderful model of the earth. It is a huge sphere 42 feet in diameter, and has painted upon its outside all the details of the earth's geography. At Paris, where this pigmy world is being exhibited, an iron and glass dome has been erected over the globe. The building is eight-sided, and is well provided with elevators and stairways, which make it an easy task for the visitor to thoroughly examine "all parts of the world." The globe weighs 13 tons, but is so nicely balanced that it can be easily rotated by a small handwheel. The entire surface area is 525 feet, which is sufficient to exhibit all the mountains, rivers, islands, cities, etc., even to the principal thoroughfares of the latter.

To Preserve Old Manuscripts.

To preserve some precious historical state manuscipts the Boston Transcript says the following process has been resorted to: The paper or document, after being cleaned or brushed, is washed on both sides with a transparent, adhesive solution. Sheets of imported white silk of the most delicate fabric, large enough to give an ample margin or border to surround the old document to be preserved, are then placed on each side of the record and pressed. The pressure causes the silk to adhere closely to the document, which is then treated to a coating of paraffine for the purpose of bringing out and making more legible the writing thereon. This process seals the document permanently from any danger of disintegration or fading of the ink, and also is a protection against insects or mice, which might prey upon the ancient records.

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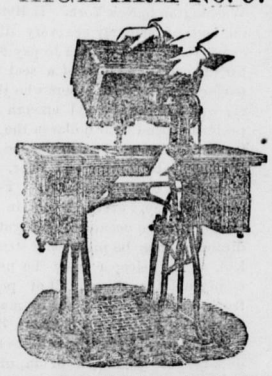

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