

# RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY

As Seen By  
A Woman In  
St. Petersburg.

To some minds, fortunately not to all, the word "autocracy" seems synonymous with despotism and tyranny. It certainly does mean power, but he who has power has also the possibility to use it in a beneficent way and to exert it whenever conditions demand it.

Power—absolute power—in the hands of King Henry VIII, or an Ivan the Terrible, might have been looked upon as a disaster, and yet the reign of either monarch is regarded from a political view, as successful; from an individual view as despotic. Fortunately civilization and the twentieth century have made it impossible for such monarchs to exist. Absolute power in the hands of Alexander II, the autocrat of all the Russias, the world knows, has been a blessing, for he had the possibility to free 25,000,000 slaves with one stroke of the pen, and not only free them, but endow every one of them with a piece of land. Do you think he could have done so, or that the nobles would have permitted him to do so, if they had a word in the matter? In your country the same great reform took place nearly at the same time. But how differently was it solved! Through a civil war which fought against brother, and the effects of which are still in existence.

Let us go further back in Russian history to the reign of Peter the Great. Nobody can dispute what this autocratic czar has done for his country. Could he have changed the history of Russia, as it seems to us now, in one moment? Could he have reformed a people who were on so low a grade of civilization that they called him the "Anti-Christ" and looked upon his great work as the "end of the world"—if he had not had absolute power to do so? And still further—would pagan Russia have been Christianized in so short a period if the rulers of the time had not been autocrats? The few foreigners who are well acquainted with the history of Russia, her immense territories and the characteristics of her people, all understand why Russia still needs an absolute government.

When Alexander II. was anxious to throw off the responsibility of a reign which nihilists had made a burden to him, and give his people a constitution, all the great statesmen in

Europe thought it a mistake, as Russia was not ready for it, and advised Louis Melokoff to induce the czar to give up his project. Fate has saved Russia for the time, for Alexander II, the liberator, was killed in the streets of St. Petersburg, where despots before him had walked unprotected, the day when he was to sign the constitution.

The first germs of an autocracy in Russia lay in the constant territorial disputes of the old Slavs. We Russians, unfortunately, do not possess the necessary qualities, neither the perseverance nor the public spirit common to other nations, to carry out great plans in harmony. Many ill results in social questions have been laid at the door of the government when they were solely the fault of the people. It is a great mistake to say that a constitutional government favors education more than does an absolute one. In order to educate the 175,000,000 people in Russia it needs, first of all, money and teachers. Russia does not need compulsory education; the masses are hungry for knowledge, and they are gaining it slowly but steadily. If the last generation of peasants did not know how to read and to write, the present generation does. The Russian government would not refuse to have more schools and universities, if society would furnish the funds. The proof is that we have numerous private colleges and academies, founded by the more public-spirited and certainly very wealthy class of merchants.

Have not science, art and literature flourished while autocrats ruled? And who can dispute the words of Alexander II, that great reforms come better from above than below? But in Russia with its immense territories, and a large class of her people composed of Asiatic races and half savage tribes, they must come by degrees.

Thanks to her autocracy only, Russia could victoriously survive her trials in the last century—defeat Napoleon and live through the disasters of the Crimean war. Considering that civilization has really entered our courts but since the days of Peter the Great, we need not be discouraged, for before the new century is much older we shall have all we want.—Madame Sofija Luonua Friedland of St. Petersburg, in the Chicago American.

# WOMEN INEBRIATES

Appalling Growth of Drinking in the Fashionable World.

Joshua L. Bailey of Philadelphia, president of the National Temperance Society of Friends, says that there is an appalling increase of inebriety among women. Recently, he says, the principal of a fashionable young ladies' seminary in counselling her pupils to avoid extremes, declared that it was just as vulgar to be a total abstainer as it was to drink to excess; that one was an indication of a weak character as much as the other. And what, asks Mr. Bailey, can be expected as the result of such tuition when these young girls enter fashionable society?

Intemperance among fashionable women is much more observable, even in Philadelphia, than it was some years ago. In New York a social leader, who refused to allow her name to be used because of her family connections and her personal relations to the "400," says that the drinking evil among women of the highest circles has reached an alarming state.

It is nothing unusual, she declares, to see in leading hotels and cafes beautiful and handsomely dressed women of Fifth avenue absolutely pouring down cocktails and other mixed drinks. Nor is New York the only American city where such conditions exist. Workers of the W. C. T. U. of Chicago report finding hundreds of women drinking in the saloons at all hours of the night.

The increased use of liquor among women is a sad but generally admitted fact in Great Britain. Dr. Haywood Smith, the noted English specialist, furnishes facts and figures to prove that British women are drifting toward inebriety. He asserts that the vice is increasing with greater rapidity among the rich and well to

do women than among those of the lower strata of society. He adds: "In this so-called upper class drunkenness is epidemic."

I have long believed, and each year strengthens my conviction, that the drinking customs of society stand more than any other impediment in the way of all moral, social, industrial and religious progress.

**Swooped Cotton for Bacon.**  
A thrifty and far-sighted farmer bantered an American merchant yesterday to swap off bacon for cotton pound for pound, the meat to be delivered during the year and the cotton to be handed over next fall, says a Georgia newspaper. But the grocer smiled a take-me-for-a-damned-fool smile and declined. Last spring he was picked up by this same very gentle and unsophisticated farmer, and while it was a good trade for both, the pork peddler will stay out of the game this year. They traded then on a pound-for-pound basis, and while cotton stayed at 10 cents and above the farmer steadily sold his crop and pocketed the coin. His meat bill was not then due. It was paid later with 8-cent cotton. One of his neighbors, who made a similar trade with a local merchant, got scared and settled when cotton was at 11 cents, fearing that it was going to 15 cents. Meat is now worth 10 cents at retail and cotton only eight cents. Next fall the price of cotton may be much less, hence the unwillingness of the local merchant to swap his 10-cent meat for cotton which may bring him only five cents.

Though the high heel has come back into fashion, it is not for walking purposes.

# What Long Prayers Did,

The troubles that too long prayers can cause are emphasized by recent happenings in the First Congregational church at Braddock, Pa. A leading member, who was active in the erection of the congregation's new edifice, was addicted to the habit of long prayers. Other members thought they were not getting a fair show and voiced this complaint to their pastor. The pastor, Rev. Clarence Greeley, a nephew of Horace Greeley, thought so, too, and promised to see about it. He labored with the long-winded brother and asked him to cut his prayers shorter, if possible. The praying member retorted by asking his pastor to resign. This Rev. Mr. Greeley obligingly did Monday. Now the majority of the members of the church, it is said, have sided with the pastor, and will hire a hall and organize a new church, with "short prayers" for

one of the foundation stones of their creed.

**The State Mother-in-Law.**  
No woman influences national politics so powerfully as the attractive wife of the German chancellor, Countess Marie von Buelow, who, in her brilliant toilettes and huge Rembrandt hat, is frequently the most important figure in the diplomatic gallery of the Berlin reichstag. The German chancellor also often brings his mother-in-law, the venerable widow of the great Minghetti, who, since she played a prominent part in the shaping of Count Buelow's commercial policy with respect to Italy, has obtained the sobriquet of "state mother-in-law." These appearances in the political world are a new departure of the home-loving German Woman.—Rotterdam Nieuwe Courant.

**Wonderful Deaf, Dumb and Blind Girl.**  
Helen Keller's daily themes, to the number of eleven, are printed in the current issues of the Radcliffe magazine and are very remarkable, warranting the high praise they receive from her instructors. Her critical work, they say, notably in appreciation of German literature, would be unusual from any student of her age in possession of all the senses.

**Great Mill Building.**  
Manchester, N. H., is to have what it is claimed will be the largest single mill building ever erected. It is nearly completed and is 770 feet long, with two wings of 330 feet, all of an average width of 100 feet, and five stories in height, including basement.

**Bernhardt in Tears.**  
Coquelin is responsible for a story to the effect that just before Bernhardt last left Europe Rostand read to her his latest tragedy, and the actress, bursting into tears over the story, was confined to her bed for several days.

**A Joke With Cats.**  
Unknown practical jokers created a sensation in Rochwood, N. J., one evening last week by bringing to town and turning loose a swarm of strange cats, which have been making life miserable for the residents ever since.

**A Blacksmith's Strange Experience.**  
Goodland, Kan., June 3.—N. E. Albertson, our leading blacksmith has been a great sufferer from rheumatism. He was so bad that he could not sleep for the great pain in his arms and shoulders. He had been afflicted for years, but lately he was so much worse, that he thought he would have to give up his shop altogether.

Then a strange thing happened. A friend of his recommended a new medicine called Dodd's Kidney Pills, said to be a cure for Rheumatism. He commenced to use them, and at once began to recover. His pain has all left him, and he is a well man today, and entirely free from any symptom of Rheumatism.

To say that he is thankful, is putting it very mildly. He is delighted. Dodd's Kidney Pills deserve credit for having cured this very severe and almost hopeless case.

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**Victoria's Letters Are Valuable.**  
Letters written by Queen Victoria are already increasing in value in London, and the other day a brief three-line note of hers, written in her own hand, sold for \$25.

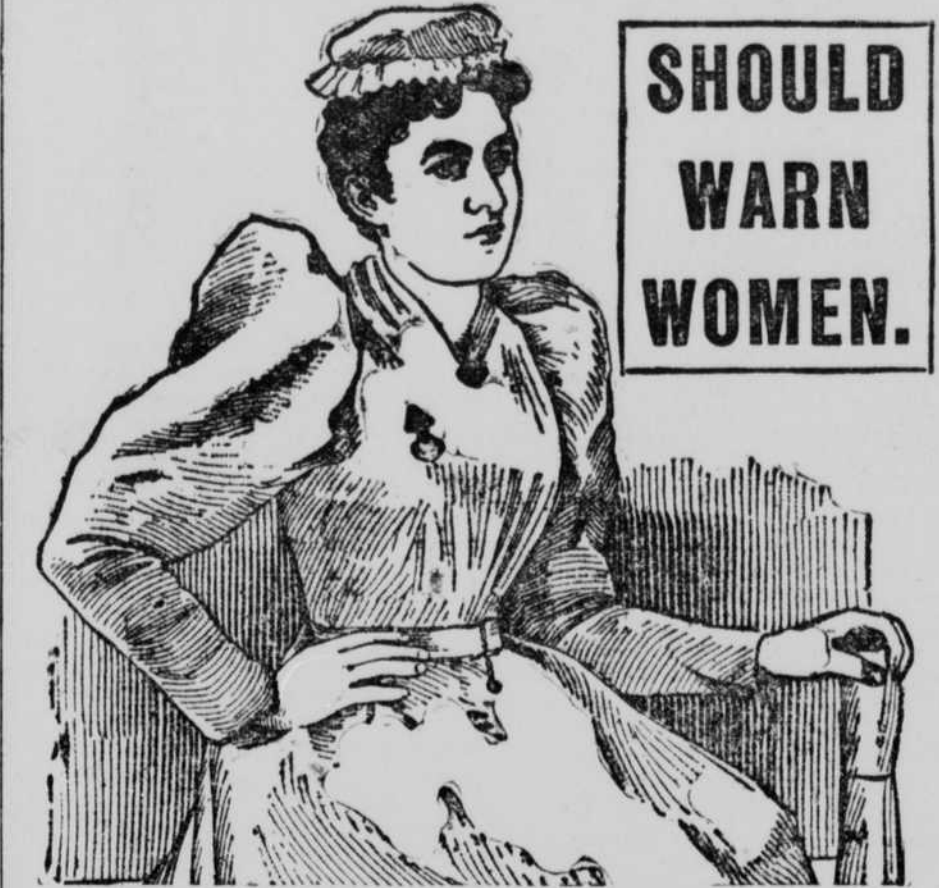
**What Do the Children Drink?**  
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 10c and 25c.

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Women's thoughts of men are mostly afterthoughts.  
He who defies danger defeats defeat.

# BACKACHE



MISS LUCY ANNIE HEISER, OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Miss Lucy Annie Heiser, a graduated nurse of nine years' experience, trained and graduated from the Homeopathic Hospital of Minneapolis, Minn., writes as follows:

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Gentlemen—"Although my school does not believe in patent medicines, I have found it to be a fact that Peruna is a grand and valuable medicine. I have known it to cure Mrs. Sampson, suffering with an inflamed womb, aggravated by malaria, after the doctors had failed to help her. Another of my former patients suffered with a complication of female diseases; she was so thin, nothing but skin and bones, but Peruna cured her and she is to-day in good health and good flesh. Facts prove that Peruna revives lost strength and restores to the sick that most wonderful blessing of life—health.

**Lucy Annie Heiser,**  
and all the tired women and all the nervous women, and all the women that needed a tonic would read and heed the words of these fair ladies who have spoken right to the point, how many invalids would be prevented and how many wretched lives be made happy. Peruna restores health in a normal way. Peruna puts right all the mucous membranes of the body, and in this way restores the functions of every organ.

**Soloists With Bellstedt.**  
There are many soloists in the famous Bellstedt band, now fulfilling a month's engagement in Omaha at the Musical Festival, among them being Messrs. Emil Kopp, George Kornst and Charles B. Jones, all famed as cornetists, each having been at some time chief virtuoso in some of the leading bands of the country. Mr. Karl Meyer, clarinet virtuoso, has filled that position with the best musical organizations. Some of these gentlemen are heard with great delight at nearly every concert. It is rare that a band is placed before the public that contains as many soloists of acknowledged merit as Bellstedt's, and those who fail to attend some of the concerts will miss a treat not often to be taken advantage of. The concerts were begun June 1st and will continue the entire month, two concerts being given each day. Railroads within a radius of 150 miles of Omaha will give reduced rates.

The bandmaster likes to have the public's money play into his hands.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Every cloud has its silver lining, and even a dark lantern has its bright side.

From Mrs. Amanda Shumaker, who has charge of the Grammar Department of the Public Schools of Columbia City, Wash., also Past Grand of Independent Order of Good Templars, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

Columbia City, Wash.  
"I can speak only good words of the repeated benefits I have had from the use of Peruna.

"Too constant application to work last winter caused me to have severe head and backache and dragging pains. I could not stop my work, neither was I fit to go on. Reading of the beneficial results from the use of Peruna I purchased a bottle and within a few days after using it, began to feel better.

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Mrs. Amanda Shumaker.  
Mattie B. Curtis, Secretary Legion of Loyal Women, Hotel Salem, Boston, Mass., writes:

"I suffered for over a year with general weakness and debility, manifested especially in severe backache and headache.

"My physician prescribed different medicines, none of which seemed to help me any until a club associate advised me to try Peruna as it cured her of constitutional headache and stomach troubles. I at once ordered a bottle and before it was used, felt greatly improved.

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Mattie B. Curtis.

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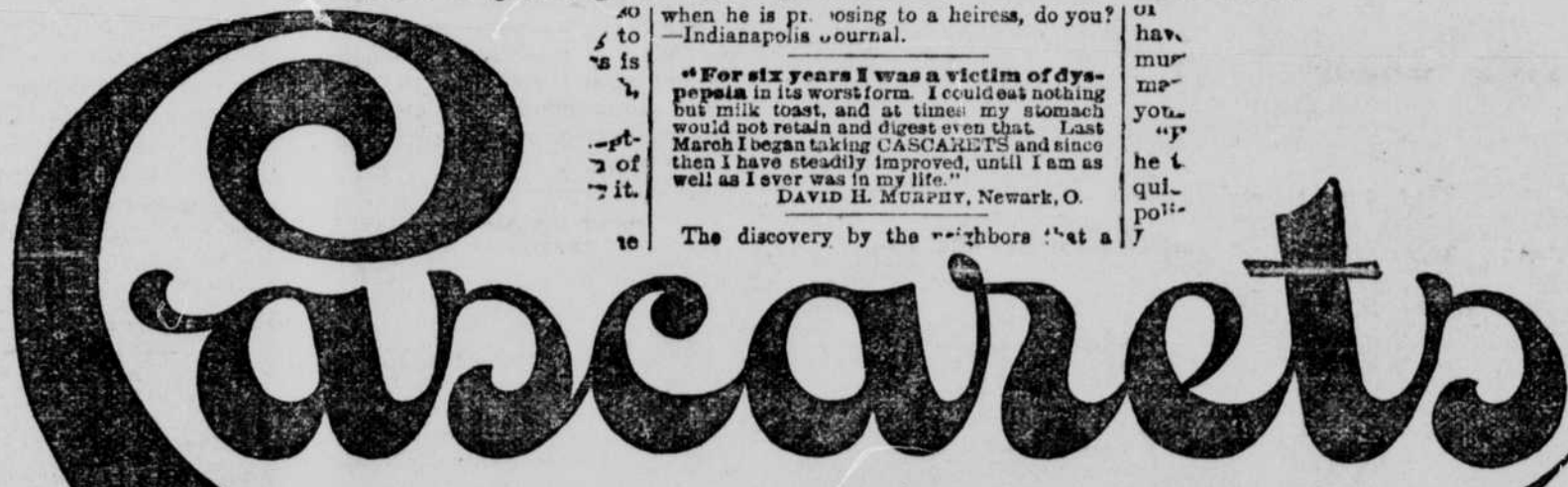
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Most people eat more than is good for them. The stomach tries to digest all that's put into it, but if repeatedly overloaded, it goes on a strike. That's indigestion. Rich, over-sweet, indigestible food weakens the stomach and makes it unable to take care of the material put into it. More food taken into a weakened stomach than the stomach can digest, stays there, forms gases and rots, bringing on all the horrors of dyspepsia. The only way to cure dyspepsia is to clean out the digestive canal with CASCARETS. Keep it clean with Cascarets, eat light food sparingly, and give the stomach a chance to rest up and get strong again.

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