

What an opportunity for another set of war paintings Yerestchagin has missed!

With Japan and Russia holding a gun at each ear, how can China help being neutral?

If you want to retain your faith in a critic you ought never to see the things he criticizes.

Judging from the way the czar is acting, there is nothing in that story of its being a borrowed boy.

There is a shortage of 40,000 servant girls in New York. Verily the policeman's lot is an unhappy one.

Now that he has a son and heir, the czar will be affectionately referred to by his faithful subjects as the old Niek.

The New York World says that "the poor consumer can never strike." Down this way he strikes many a snag.

How these flying machine inventors must wish that they could hitch their aerial wagons to the soaring price of wheat.

The man who is fool enough to hunt trouble is scarcely man enough to face it after his search has been rewarded.

One of the leaders of Newport society has just given a "bal blanc." It is now up to her hated rival to give a colored dance.

It is quite evident that there is no meat strike in China, for we read that the dowager expenses is reducing her household expenses.

The prehistoric animal whose tracks have been found leading out of New Jersey was probably trekking away from the mosquitoes.

During a fire in a New York hotel a woman dressed herself in less than fifteen minutes. The record will doubtless stand for eternity.

If the report that credits the sultan of Turkey with the ambition to outlive all his predecessors is justified, it may explain some things.

And now Mr. Charles M. Schwab comes forward with a declaration that he wants to die poor with significant and emphatic emphasis upon the "poor."

Realizing that a woman climber set upon a mountain top cannot be hid, Miss Peck of Boston shows no disposition to hide her light beneath a bushel.

Now that he has taken up smoking, it is up to Edward Atkinson to invent a tobacco consumer that will give three times the smoke with half the material.

It was kind of the kaiser to give his American-built yacht Meteor, of which he is tired, to the crown prince; but will she be fast enough for such a speedy youth?

Venezuela has entered suit against an asphalt company for 50,000,000 bolivars. The exact value of a "bolivar" is unknown to us, but we are always willing to learn.

A deaf and dumb man wants to be Mayor of St. Paul. It might be a good thing for St. Paul to have such a mayor. The gratifiers would have to put their demands in writing.

In New Jersey a young woman is suing her guardian because he has not bought her a new hat in three years. It's certainly scandalous to keep a girl from going to church all that time.

King Edward would doubtless feel flattered if he could know what wide attention his double-breasted trousers are attracting in the editorial columns of the newspapers of the United States.

A man has been discovered in the routh of France who remembers seeing Napoleon cross the Alps. Somebody will turn up some day who remembers seeing old Russell Sage "come across."

Hazel Belle Melvin of Hudson, N. H., boasts of a hydrangea which was planted the day she was born and which now has 129 blossoms. But that doesn't give away the secret of Miss Hazel's age.

The Newport society leaders who are setting the fashion of short skirts for fall suits are probably indifferent to the fact that at last they are doing something that will meet with general popular approval.

The young Count von Arnim, just killed in battle with the natives of South Africa, once threatened Bismarck with a challenge to a duel, but as Bismarck was sensible the young man lived to die in the battle with the Hamakari.

Still, the action of the czar in issuing the manifesto providing that in case of his death before the czarevitch attains his majority, the Grand Duke Michael shall become regent, does not prove conclusively that the emperor is going to the front.

Lillian Russell's pet spaniel has been presented with an \$1,300 collar by one of the lady's admirers. Curiously enough the dispatch fails to give the name of Miss Russell's new piece.

Another indubitable evidence of the hygienic properties of pure whisky is the discovery that the oldest man in the United States lives in Kentucky.

Hungary is becoming suspicious of the American prune. The hungry boarder has looked askance at it since boardinghouses were established.

A Day on the Farm

New York Society Frolic.

A New York society woman recently gave a clever home entertainment which she called a day on the farm.

The arrangement of the room was planned to represent a farm. The floor had been carefully sanded, the carpet being removed.

Each guest on entering received a little program decorated with water colors. The decorations were miniature scenes sketched in country places, such as a farmer at the plow, a haystack with a moon behind it, a milkmaid carrying pails.

Each card gave the order of the evening, which was as follows: A Day on the Farm.

1. Driving the cows to pasture. 2. Drawing water from the well. 3. Loading the hay wagons. 4. Supper.

Driving the cows to pasture proved a fascinating bit of nonsense. The cows were wee brown creatures belonging to the baby's barnyard set.

Each player was given three cows to drive. The driving had to be done by sundry little taps with a stick, not by a long, steady push. The route over which they were driven was the center line of the room.

If in her progress any cow fell, the driver was "discharged." The object of the sport was to see who could in the shortest time drive his cows to pasture without having any of them meet with an accident.

Drawing water from the well, the second number on the program, was no less laughable and could not fail to embarrass the most self-possessed competitor. However, as all the farmers were subjected to the same labor, no one considered it wise to jeer at the efforts of a fellow laborer, as he

hard to feaze him. That New York is a big city, which the stranger seldom learns well, was quite forcibly impressed upon a certain well-known Californian a few days ago.

He was rushing about in the downtown business district and suddenly remembered that he wanted to telegraph to a friend whose offices are at No. 195 Broadway. The Californian dashed into the nearest telegraph office, wrote out his dispatch and covering it with the necessary coin passed it through the wicket to the receiver. The latter glanced over the message and smiled.

"What is the matter?" asked the Californian.

"Why, this is No. 195 Broadway," said the receiver, "and your man is up just two flights of stairs."

The Californian had his nerve with him, so he calmly said:

"I know that. Let it go anyhow. I guess I can telegraph across the room if I want to. We do that sort of thing frequently in 'Frisco.'"—New York Press.

Alabama Editor Honored. Major W. W. Screws, the veteran newspaper man, chosen president of the National Editorial association, is editor of the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser.

Major Screws was born in Alabama sixty-five years ago and has passed all his active life within that state. He has been postmaster of Montgomery and thrice served as secretary of state.

Saw Little Chance for Reform. Judge Foster of the general sessions court sentenced a young man to two years in the penitentiary the other day for robbing his employer, a manufacturer. The prisoner's sweetheart pleaded for him, saying she intended to marry and reform him, but his honor did not believe in that kind of reformation. Said he: "If I permitted you to marry this man I would only make you miserable for life and I certainly do not care to assume any such responsibility. Later you will be ready to thank me for refusing to grant your request."

Forbidden Books. A Swiss journal relates that the two sons of the German Emperor who visited Zurich happened to see in the window of a bookseller a number of volumes marked "Forbidden in Germany." They promptly went in and bought copies of them.

Good Pay for Teamsters. San Francisco team drivers receive \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 a day for driving one, two and three-horse teams, respectively.

might become even more absurd. For this feature a huge wooden tub in the center of the room, labeled in large letters, "The Well," was filled with water.

Two diminutive buckets from a doll house outfit were brought out by the hostess. Each player in turn was obliged to take the buckets, fill them at the well and then run around the room holding a bucket in either hand. The farmer who spilled the least water in his progress won the point.

The egg hunt followed. The eggs to be searched for were small, oval bonbons, and were hidden about the room. Some were red, some white and some blue. The red egg counted one point, the white two points and the blue three. Fifteen minutes were allowed for the search, and little baskets were presented in which to put one's spoils.

At the end of the time allotted the eggs found by each searcher were counted. The counting was done not according to numbers, but according to color values.

The haymaking contest was heralded by the sudden appearance on the scene of a toy hay cart rolled in by the hostess. Some soft, sweet clover

had been previously shaken out by the hostess in the center of the room. Each guest was given an oyster fork. A lady and a gentleman were made partners and told to load the hay on the cart. This was done by means of the oyster forks.

The hostess, watch in hand, timed the contestants.

This but decided the prizes, which were charming little pins in the shape of farm implements. There were, besides, some amusing boobies, which took the form of little farmhouses of edible chocolate.

Naturally, the refreshments was a farm supper, simple, well cooked and abundant. There were steaming cornmeal mush, with country cream and maple syrup, roast chicken, apple dumplings, cake and other good things.

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LABOR and INDUSTRY

Why? Why leave for the evening shadows the duties of early day? Why grudge until bleak December the kindness we owe in May? The time for the bud and blossom When skies are serene and blue; Who soweth in chilly autumn Reaps harvest of bitter rue.

Why frown or thy harsh unkindness, As bitter as draught of gall, May sing the joys of nettles Shall be as the founts of water To wander o'er desert sands; A word from the heart, in kindness, May pierce the gray mists of pain, And bid us live the life eternal The rainbow of hope again.

—Mary E. Killiee, in New York Sun.

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD.

Items of Interest Gathered from Many Sources. The Switchmen's Union of North America will meet in Indianapolis in October.

The District of Columbia legalized Labor day by act of congress approved June 23, 1894.

After periods of irregularity two cotton mills in the Blackstone valley started up on full time, employing 1,200 hands.

There was a big boom in the railroad telegraphers' union in July, 12,777 new members having been initiated during that month.

Builders and laborers to the number of about 1,500 are on strike in Toronto for an increase in their wages from 25 to 28 cents an hour.

The headquarters of the western federation of miners, now in Denver, is to be removed to Lead, S. D., according to information from the west.

The Girard Coal company of Springfield, Ill., has closed its mine, locking out some 300 men, owing to trouble between the superintendent of the mine and the miners.

A. F. of L. reports that seventeen new local unions, nearly all of which have withdrawn from the American Labor Union are now affiliated at Butte and Anaconda, Mont.

A curtailment of production because of the condition of the market has been announced at the Lancaster cotton mills at Clinton, Mass. One thousand operatives will be laid off.

Forty-six local unions of the United Garment Workers of America in Illinois have sent a protest to Gov. Yates against placing a clothing-making factory in the Chester penitentiary. These locals have 30,000 members.

The custom of firing contractors for any violation of agreements or working rules is in vogue in St. Louis, and the unions are powerful enough to enforce the payment of any assessment made by them against a contractor.

Two thousand cloak makers went on strike at Cleveland, Ohio. Increase in wages, recognition of the union and "closed" shops are demanded. Owners of a number of factories were willing to grant the increase, but declined the "closed" shop demand.

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picketing the Ziegler Coal company's property, or in any manner interfering with the operation of the mine.

All the boiler-makers of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. system who struck sixteen weeks ago returned to work. The settlement calls for the nine-hour workday, an increase of wages of 1 1/2 cents an hour, and the establishment of shop rules desired by the union. All the strikebreakers were removed from the shops by the road officials and every man was given his old job.

The Carnegie Steel Company served notices on all the clerks in the South Sharon office that their services are no longer required. The reason given is that the blast furnace construction is completed and no other department of the big works will be operated. This will mean the closing of the open-hearth steel department, which employs 2,500 men when running full time.

Joshua A. Leach was the founder and first grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He built the bridge over which more than 54,000 men have found their way to the benefits derived from belonging to a labor organization. Mr. Leach was born in Negay, Ireland, May 8, 1843. Soon after his birth his parents came to America and settled in New York.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers declared a strike against the Carnegie Steel company. Three large plants—two at Youngstown, O., and one at Girard, O.—are involved, and several thousand men are affected. The strike is a protest against a reduction in wages and the declaration of the company that its mills will be run on the "open shop" principle in the future.

The international socialist and trades union congress at Amsterdam, Holland, at its final sitting adopted a resolution calling on all socialists and trades unions to organize annual demonstrations in favor of an eight hour day and to stop work on May day. A resolution in regard to trusts, which was also passed, set forth that socialists ought to direct their efforts toward the "socialization of production."

Pipe coverers and workers in asbestos material held a convention in Cleveland and formed an international union, which will affiliate with the A. F. of L. and National Building Trades Council. International Association of Heat, Frost and General Insulators and Asbestos Workers of America was the name chosen. Another meeting will be held in Pittsburgh Oct. 31. The new organization has a membership of about 5,000 throughout the country.

Four hundred miners, employed by the Chicago Virden Coal company at Virden, walked out on the order of James Maxwell, president of the local union. The miners claim that the operators are violating the law by allowing the fire boss to examine the mine after each working day instead of each morning before the miners enter the mines. The walkout followed a fruitless conference between Manager F. W. Lukins and a committee of the miners.

The convention of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen adjourned to meet in Omaha in August, 1906. Officers were elected as follows: President, Timothy Healy, New York; secretary and treasurer, C. L. Shamp, Omaha. Amendments to the constitution were adopted fixing the terms of officers at two years and providing for biennial meetings instead of annual. A motion by Delegate Barrett of Lowell, Mass., declaring it to be the sense of the convention that the delegates go on record as opposed to the "open shop," was carried unanimously.

The management of the steel hoop department of the Carnegie Steel company has issued orders that the men in the eight-inch department of the plant must report for duty at once, otherwise the mill would be declared open and other men employed in their places. A meeting of the conference committee of the Amalgamated association has been called to discuss the situation. The ultimatum issued by the steel trust is a direct blow against the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and is believed to be the first step toward non-unionizing all its mills in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

There seems to be a growing sentiment among the trades unions of the country against the holding of annual conventions by their national organizations. Necessary changes in the laws of the organizations are more satisfactorily made by referendum votes, and, if reports of officers are printed and mailed to local unions, nothing of importance is left to require a national convention—at least, not every year. The molders and the granite cutters hold conventions only on demand of the membership. The cigarmakers are supposed to meet once, at least in eight years, but it has been nearly ten years since they met, because the membership decided to extend the time without date just before the date for holding the last convention arrived.

Interest in the lockout of the building trades and the strike of the butchers has, during the past two weeks, overshadowed the strike of the clothing cutters of New York, which is now rounding out, in an atmosphere of peace, a six weeks' contest. Both sides are claiming the victory—the bosses because the "open shop" signs still hang in their establishments, and the union because its men are back at work under conditions as favorable as when the rupture occurred, with good prospects ahead. Here's the way the week's bulletin of the Clothing Trades stated the case for the union: "All union cutters are paying their dues and assessments. All their names are on the union roll, as usual. The shops are organized, with their chairman, as usual. Union rules and regulations govern the shops, as usual. The open shop notices in some shops hang on the wall, as usual. The men pay no attention to them, as usual." The clothing cutters still have strikes on in Boston and Chicago against the open shop.



Undoubtedly. "You're a queer looking thing to want to fight with me," said the young bull dog, contemptuously, "you're not in my class."

"Perhaps not," replied the porcupine, quietly, "but I think I can give you a few points."

The Natural Inference.



"Who is at the telephone?" "Your wife, sir."

"What does she want?" "The only word I can understand is 'numskull.'"

"Let me come there. She probably wants to talk with me."—Topeka State Journal.

Easy Mark. Cleopatra was sailing down the Nile with Antony.

"Don't call me Antony," said the great man, as he gave her another pearl tiara.

"I think," said Egypt's red-dressed queen, "I shall call you Mark, and," she added sotto voce, "an easy one at that."

Temporarily Closed for Repairs. McJigger—Small told Bigger yesterday that he was a crook; said he knew he was a thief because Bigger couldn't look him in the eye.

Thingumbob—That's true too. McJigger—Yes, but it's also true that Small can't look himself in the eye this morning.

A Wise Partner. Senior Partner—What's the new cashier's name?

Junior Partner—John P. Johnson. Most people call him "Honest John."

Senior Partner—They do, eh? Well you just hand him two months' salary and ask for his resignation at once.—Houston Chronicle.

Financial Stringency. "I was in a little friendly poker game yesterday afternoon," began young Sportleigh, "and I regret to say I am—"

"Sorry I can't oblige you, old man," interrupted his friend Goodwin, "but I attended a church social last night."

Closed Season. Yeast—I see a dispatch from Malone, N. Y., says a man has already been shot who was mistaken for a deer."

Crimsonbeak—Why, I thought the law wouldn't allow a man to shoot another man for a deer, yet?

Sorry He Spoke. Reggy—Bah Jove, there are a lot of people who sing songs these days and don't even mean what they sing.

Miss Rose—You are right, Reggy. Last night you sang 'Good-by, My Lady Love' at 10 o'clock and didn't leave until 12.

Blissful Ignorance. "What is the prevailing cult in Cleveland now?" asked the Cincinnati girl.

"Really, I can't say," replied the maid from the village by the lake. "As far as I know we haven't had an epidemic of any kind for years."

Good and Hard.



"What did papa say when ye asked him for my hand?"

"Gave me his foot."—Rochester Democrat Chronicle.

Willing to Oblige. "No malaria about here, I suppose," said the prospective summer boarder.

"Not enny," replied the rural landlord. "We ain't never had no call fer it; but of that's enny tew be had down tew th' village I reckon ez heow we'll git it fer you."

The First Flirtation. Aphrodite had just risen from the waves.

"How's the water?" queries Mercury, thermometrically.

"Cold," responded the goddess. This is the first seashore flirtation on record.—Chicago Journal.

Not Pressing. "Ah!" he cried, "now that we're engaged, let me press you to my heart."

"Don't lose yourself," said the summer girl, pushing him away. "This is so pressing engagement."

WASH BLUE Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other kind of bluing. Won't Freeze, Spill, Break. Nor Spot Clothes. DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Wiggle-Stick around in the water. At all wise Grocers.

To Control Runaway Horses. An Austrian has invented safety reins for runaway horses, by means of which two small rollers can be made to press the horse's windpipe when desired. The animal must stop at once for want of breath.

Allen's Foot-Ease, Wonderful Remedy. "Have tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE, and find it to be a certain cure, and gives comfort to one suffering with sore, tender and swollen feet. I will recommend ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE to my friends, as it is certainly a wonderful remedy.—Mrs. N. H. Guilford, New Orleans, La."

Men like to think they can attract the notice of women generally.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 14 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

God will not fill your heart because you empty your head.

Unresisting Victims of Button Trust. Why are there two buttons, or even one, on the sleeves of a coat? The writer took a census of his buttons and found that 60 of them were unnecessary. He is particularly anxious as to the two buttons behind on a frock coat. Taking a survey of the whole human family he finds that there are 800,000,000 buttons worn, all of them useless.—Philadelphia Ledger.

University Celebration. The University of Freiburg had a grand celebration recently—processions, fireworks, illuminations, addresses, the occasion being the rounding out of the number of students to 2,000. One of the speakers referred to the fact that the number 1,000 was reached in 1856, and he was much applauded when he pointed at a babe in the arms of a nurse as the future four-thousandth student.

Of Interest to Builders. Prof. Charles L. Norton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology says that a great deal more care should be taken in protecting steel work and wrought iron work from corrosion. Concrete is a far better safeguard than stone or terra cotta against fire, he says. The Boston skyscrapers are viewed with suspicion by Prof. Norton.

Wife Drove Pests Away. A Yorkshire man whose poor relations pestered him continually, married the worst scold in the county in order to have a guardian who would protect him from the importunate legacy hunters. The venomous and incessant vituperation of the woman had the desired effect.

Elephants Long for Freedom. In captivity elephants always stand up when they sleep, but when in the jungle, in their own land and home, they lie down. The reason given for the difference between the elephant in captivity and in freedom is that the animal never acquires complete confidence in his keepers, and always longs for liberty.

Men take delight in telling how seldom they indulge in a holiday.

Women rarely express a fair and honest opinion of men.

BUILDING FOOD To Bring the Babies Around. When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food which will always bring it around again.

"My little baby boy fifteen months old had pneumonia, then came brain fever, and no sooner had he got over these than he began to cut teeth and, being so weak, he was frequently thrown into convulsions," says a Colorado mother.

"I decided a change might help, so took him to Kansas City for a visit. When we got there he was so very weak when he would cry he would sink away and seemed like he would die.

"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well.

"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.