

PICTURES OF SAINTS. The Veneration With Which They Are Regarded in Russia. Toward their icons, as the pictures of the Saviour and the saints are called, the people show the greatest veneration, and one or more hang in every house in Russia, even in the business offices.

In the report which was made to Queen Elizabeth, of England, by George Tuberville, who was sent with an embassy to Ivan the Terrible, the manners of the Russians are described in quaint verse. He says: "Their idols have their hearts, on God they never call, Unless it be Nicholas Daugh that hangs against the wall."

The numerous icons, covered usually with sheaths of gold, are studded with precious stones, as they often are, give a wondrous richness to the interior of a Russian church, heightened by the lights that are continually burning before them.

Not only are icons to be found in all the houses and business places of Russia, but they are frequently to be seen in little chapels or kiosks in the streets. On the opposite side of the Nevski Prospect from the hotel in which we lived was one of the most famous icons in Petersburg, the picture of a saint which is supposed to watch over the interests of commerce—the patron of trade.

It is a curious and interesting sight to see the devoutness with which the sanctuary is approached. Not a drosky driver would pass it, no matter at what speed, without crossing himself with three fingers and taking off his hat. The same forms are practiced by all foot passengers.

Perilous Habits of Eating Practiced by American Children. "My Jennie has such a dainty appetite I don't know what to do with her! She just won't eat any thing but sweets-meats and the like!" Thus exclaimed a foolish mother in my hearing the other day. Yes, lamentably foolish is she for allowing such a condition of things to exist.

While on the cars, en route to one of Minnesota's beautiful lake resorts, I was attracted by an anxious mother and her unfortunate invalid daughter who occupied seats near mine. The wan cheeks, the hollow eyes and the languid air all told their own sad story of disease and death.

See to it, mothers, that your children are not forming pernicious habits of eating what will perhance take them to early graves or render them dyspeptics for life. Ladies' Home Journal.

FASHIONABLE SILKS. Varieties Suited for Elegant Demi-Season Toilettes. Silks are being very largely used for making up dressy toilettes to be worn at afternoon receptions and when paying formal visits. For the demi-season the entire dress will be of any of the repped silks.

THE WHITE PELICAN. Beautiful Birds of Florida Much Admired by Naturalists. The white pelicans were remarkably abundant on the Gulf coast about Cedar Keys, but did not occur in any numbers much south of this point.

The best method is to sow broadcast about fifteen pounds per acre where the land is in good condition, but on very weedy land or clear gravel or sand that is very poor, put about three pounds more. You can not get any crop from it the first year, but do not get discouraged if the plants are on an average of ten inches apart, little, slim, single stems about four or six inches high.

SHREWD WAITERS. How Restaurant Men Tackle the Vanity of the Female Guests. The proprietor of an Italian restaurant cordially greeted a customer a few evenings ago and anxiously inquired after the health of another gentleman.

THE GYPSY'S CURSE. Why It Was Uttered and How It Has Been Realized. In 1878 a band of roving Gypsies visited Piche and pitched their tents near the town. Among their number was a weird and venerable fortune-telling dame.

A Colored Lady Showed Her Profound Love for Her Husband. Two negroes stood in the street. One of them was lecturing the other. "Now, ole man," said the younger one, "I want ter tell yer dis, an' tell yer p'intedly, dat yout's got ter stop gittin' drunk ur I won't feed you no mo'."

VALUABLE RELICS. A Young Woman Who Is Making Money by Searching for Them. A clever young woman is building up a business of a somewhat novel character in New York and Brooklyn.

CLEANING LADIES' HAIR. We object to the use of carbonate of potash by hairdressers for cleansing the hair of their customers. The cleansing action of this powerful alkaline substance is very effective, but it is prejudicial to the hair at the same time.

ONE DAY'S GRACE. An Ultimatum Whose Liberality is Simply Astonishing. "I'd like to report, sah, dat my wife ar' missin'," said an old colored man who came to the Gratiot Avenue Station the other day.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. —The pickling and drying of blackberries forms an important industry in North Carolina. —The average daily wages paid to New York sewing women is fifty cents for fifteen hours work.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. —It is estimated that about 50,000,000 pounds of cotton-seed oil were used in the United States during last year in the adulteration of lard, and that it was mixed with about twice as much of other material, most of which was pure lard with the leaf left out.