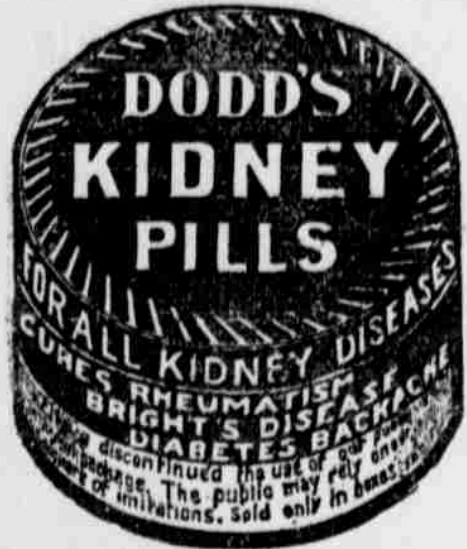


The title "Czar of All the Russias" has long been in use, and originated from the fact that in ancient times that country was divided into three provinces—White Russia, Black Russia and Red Russia.

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It is said that the eagle was selected as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782, this being the principal feature of the seal adopted by the Constitutional Congress. The design was suggested to John Adams, while he was in England, by Sir John Prestwich, a baronet well versed in heraldry, and an accomplished antiquary. The eagle was chosen as part of the emblematic design because that bird has been considered for many ages to represent courage, self-reliance, and love of liberty.

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A St. Louis physician has been experimenting with peculiar material which the claims has been decidedly successful when used by surgeons for sutures. This material consists of the tendons of the legs of cranes and herons, and it is said they form the best ligatures, which are readily absorbed after the wound has healed.

Those fashionable women who have acquired the cigarette-smoking habit will ever be satisfied until they can exale smoke the color of their dresses.

Some men seem to think it's no use to tell the truth as long as a veneered fib will do as well.

The largest body of water in the world, having no outlet in the ocean, is the Caspian Sea, which is eighteen thousand square miles in area.

The President's official residence is a two-story white freestone edifice, painted white, 170 by 86 feet, of dignified appearance, with an Ionic portico. It is called the White House because of its white color.

GOOD Short Stories

The historic incident of a young Tory heir to a dukedom being pelted with rotten eggs while making a political speech is: "Ah," he remarked, wiping the mess from his face, "I have always said that the arguments of my opponents were unsound."

There are some optimistic temperaments that are never overwhelmed by misfortune. An Irishman belongs to this class. Cassidy had just been injured in a blast. "Poor by!" exclaimed O'Hara, consolingly, "tis tough luck to have yer hand blowed off." "Och! Faith, it might have been worse," replied Cassidy; "suppose O'd had me week's wages in it at the tolme?"

A man, who was recently elected to Congress, came to Washington to look around and see what his duties were. He was hospitably received and was dined a great many times by his colleagues. Before he went home he said to his friends: "By George, I have had a good time! I have had dinners and breakfasts and suppers galore given to me. In fact, I haven't had my knife out of my mouth since I struck town."

The old Emperor Ferdinand of Austria was constantly making remarks which led some people to think him weak-minded. One time, after listening to an artist who performed wonderful feats on the piano, he said: "I have heard Liszt and also heard Thalberg, but in all my life I never encountered an artist who—" here he paused. The pianist blushed and bowed. "I never saw one," resumed the emperor, "who perspired so much as you."

A Boston couple were recreating near Augusta, and met an old negro woman to whom they took a fancy. They invited her to pay them a visit, and the black woman accepted, especially as her expenses were paid. In due time she arrived in Boston, and was installed in the house of the white folks. She occupied one of the best rooms and ate at the same table with her host and hostess. At one of the meals the hostess said: "Mrs. Jones, you were a slave, weren't you?" "Yes, marm," replied Mrs. Jones; "I b'longed to Mar's Robert Howell." "I suppose he never invited you to eat at his table," remarked the Boston woman. "No, honey; dat he ain't," replied Mrs. Jones; "my master was a gentleman. He ain't never let no nigger set at de table long er him."

Representative Hardwick, from Georgia, was recently traveling in a Pullman car. Hardwick is the smallest man in the House. The presence of a negro passenger gave him great concern, and after the negro had gone into the dining-car and eaten his dinner, sitting near the Georgian, the Georgia member went to the conductor and asked that the negro be put out of the car. "We can't do that, sir," the conductor answered. "Well, if that fresh nigger gets near me I'm going to wipe up the car with him," declared the Georgian; "I won't have him around me." Everything went along peacefully enough, the negro sitting in his seat and interfering with no one. "Who is that black rascal?" asked the Southern member of the porter, after a time. "Who? Him?" asked the porter; "boss, dat's Joe Gans, the pugilist."

GALLANTS OF FORMER DAYS.

How Beauz Sought to Dazzle Envious Eyes in English Court.

At the present time, when so much is said about ostentatious display, when the luxury of the country is compared with the luxury of Rome in her decline, we may be partly reassured by looking back only one or two or three hundred years. It is but a century since the time of Beau Brummel, the exquisite of whose toilet could hardly be the aim of a modern gentleman. And the glories of the Pump Room at Bath in the eighteenth century, when Beau Nash held sway over social England, would not be emulated by modern dressers. Looking a little farther back, we see gallants in whose effulgence the brilliance of all their successors would pale.

Sir Walter Raleigh wore a white satin pinked vest, close sleeved to the wrist; over the body a brown doublet, finely flowered and embroidered with pearl. In the feather of his hat a large ruby, and a pearl-drop at the bottom of the sprig. In place of a button; his trunk of breeches, with his stockings and ribbon garters, fringed at the end, all white; and buff shoes with white ribbon.

On great court days his shoes were so gorgeously covered with precious stones as to have exceeded the value of £6,000; and he had a suit of armor of solid silver, with sword and belt blazing with diamonds, rubies, and pearls.

King James' favorite, the Duke of

Buckingham, could afford to have his diamonds tacked so loosely on that when he chose to shake off a few on the ground he obtained all the fame he desired from the pickers-up, for our duke never condescended to accept what he himself had dropped.

His cloaks were trimmed with great diamond buttons, and he wore diamond barbans, cockades, and earrings, yoked with great ropes and knots of pearl. He had twenty-seven suits of clothes made, the richest that embroidery, lace, silk, velvet, gold, and gems could contribute. One was of white uncut velvet, set all over, both suit and cloak, with diamonds valued at fourscore thousand pounds besides a great feather stuck all over with diamonds, as were his sword, girdle, hat, and spurs.

Considering how much greater was the value of money at that period, the cost of the clothing of the Elizabethan gallants was simply enormous.

LOCATING MEN IN SNOWSLIDE.

How Rescuers Are Sometimes Made In the Mountains.

Eli Smith is credited with having saved the lives of twenty-five men at Sheep Camp in the spring of 1898 at the time of the great snowslide on the Dyea trail, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. It will be recalled that sixty-three men were killed by the slide, most of them suffocating before rescuers could reach them. Smith was on the trail several miles below the slide. He came up three-quarters of an hour after the tragedy and found the survivors frantically trying to dig the victims out.

"Give me that stick," said Smith to a man who had a flat lath-like piece of wood in his hand.

The stick was turned over to Smith, who immediately whittled the end so that he could insert it in his mouth and grasp it firmly with his back teeth. Then he thrust the stick in the snow and held the end in his mouth, apparently listening. He repeated the operation at several points in the slide. Finally he shouted:

"Come! Dig here, quick!"

At a depth of nine feet the rescuers took out three men, unconscious, but alive. Those three men recovered and were all right by morning.

In the same manner Smith pointed out other places, which resulted in the locating of many bodies and the uncovering in all of twenty-five men whose lives were saved.

"Where did you learn that trick?" Smith was asked the other day.

"I learned that in Idaho, at Wood River," said he. "The Indians know that trick. I guess a wire would be better than a stick, but they don't keep wire in stock out in the wilds, so Indians always use a stick. You see, if a feller is alive you can sort of hear him breathe, or I guess it's more like feeling him breathe. If he is kicking or moving around you can hear him plain. You just put the stick down into the snow two or three feet and you can hear a feller breathing, even if he's twenty feet farther down."

All Recognized Her.

The four old captains of Salt Marsh, after carefully studying the attractions offered by the mind-reader who was to hold forth in the town hall, decided to attend the entertainment.

"We can go right from the postoffice when mail's in," said Captain Gregg, most adventurous of the four, "and there doesn't seem to be any need to consult our women folks, so far as I know. Most likely we sha'n't stay more'n a few minutes."

They were all agreed as to the advisability of this plan, and the next evening saw them seated in the last row, with interest written on their faces.

After a few preliminary exhibitions, which caused the scattered audience to gasp and wriggle, the mind-reader said, in a solemn tone:

"There is one person in this audience who has been thinking ever since he came in here of a person who is perhaps the strongest influence in his life—a small, determined-looking woman, with eyes that snap and—"

At this point the four old captains rose as if moved by a single spring and fled from the hall. When they reached the safety of the steps, Captain Gregg turned to the others and spoke in a hoarse whisper:

"Which one of us do you suppose he meant?"

Hopelessly Common.

"He has none of the finer sensibilities, nothing to distinguish him from the common herd."

"No?"

"No, sir. I heard him confess out of his own mouth than all autos smell alike to him."—Puck.

Explained.

"Say dad?"

"Well, son?"

"What is fate?"

"Fate, my son, is a banana peel on the sidewalk."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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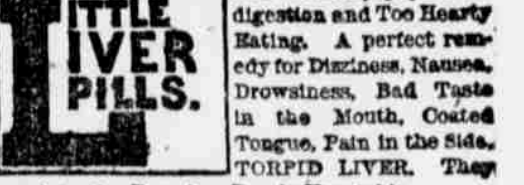
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