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The Dialect of the Yakuts. An interesting piece of translation is that of the Russian liturgy into the dialect of the Yakuts of Northeastern Siberia, which has just been accomplished by some Russian scholars. The language of the Yakuts is so poor that it can only reckon a total of 200

root words. They have no word for "body" as distinguished from "flesh," and none for "bread." The Lord's prayer, even, could not be translated literally.

He Was Nettled.

The man was losing every game at cards, and the lady on the other side of the table was laughing at him. "Ah, well," she said in sarcastic sympathy, when he had to buy another basket of chips, "unlucky at cards, lucky at love, you know." "Yes," he said, "and I guess it must be true, for you see I am still a bachelor."

A Washington young man was so much given to exaggerated expression that his friends found it necessary to remonstrate.

"Think before you speak," said one of them. "That's the only way to do it." And several friends who were

near endorsed the advice.
"But that takes time," he pleaded. "I never misrepresent anything that is really important, you know. All I do is to allow the exuberance of my fancy to gush forth."

"It deesn't make any difference. You are making a mistake. You are getting a reputation which is hurtful to you socially and in a business way."
"What'll I do?"

"Never say anything you are not

*bsolutery sure of."
"Well, I'll try it." It was some days after when they met on the street. Both were in a streaming perspiration, and the friend of the imaginative man remarked:

"Hot, isn't it?" The only reply was a look of earnest

"I say it's mighty hot." The young man reached around into his coat-tail pocket, drew out a thermometer and, after gravely inspecting it, said:

"Ninety degrees in the shade. Yes, I think I am justified in replying to you, as I have to several other people to-day, that the heat is very intense, although nothing extraordinary for this time of the year.

Shaps of a Cat's Eye.

In a communication to the London Zoological society, Mr. Lindsay Johnson describes the results of his examination of the eyes of 180 domestic cats, as well as those of all the accessible wild members of the cat family. He concludes that the natural shape of the cat's pupil is circular, though under various degrees of light it assumes every shape from the circle through all kinds of ovals to a straight vertical line. The younger the cat the greater the tendency to become a pointed oval in ordinary light. In the smaller felidæ, brilliant sunlight causes contraction to a line; in the larger, sometimes to a small circle. When a cat is suddenly alarmed the pupil momentarily dilates, in sleep it

In Command for the First Time. A man-of-war was lying off Gibraltar, and permission was given to the men to go ashore for the day. The sailors amused themselves in various ways, among others by riding about on donkeys; and their want of experience in this line caused much merriment. An officer observing one of the men sitting very far back on the animal, instead of the usual position, called out, "I say, Jack, get up more emidships!" With an injured air he replied: "Well, sir, this is the first craft that ever I commanded in my life, and its hard indeed if I can't ride on the quarter deck if I like."

the Life-Saver.

On the road between Yarmouth and Gorleston, England, is a small obelisk or monument, with a device of a ship in a storm, a rocket with a rope attached just passing over it, and bearing the following inscription: "In commemoration of the 12th of February, 1808, on which day, directly eastward of this spot, the first life was saved from shipwreck by means of a rope attached to a shot, propelled by the force of gunpowder, over the stranded vessel. A method now universally adopted, and to which at least 1,000 sailors of different nations owe their preservation."

The First Dog Tax.

The inventor of the dog tax in England was Mr. Dent of a Westmoreland family, and a partner in Child's bank. After Pitt had imposed the tax, Dent was universally known by the name of "Dog Dent." He frequently received large hampers freely garnished with hares' legs, pheasants' tails, grouse and partridge wings, etc., but

HE'S AN HEIR.

But Sergeant "Billy" Blair Will Stick It would be difficult to find a hap-

pier man on Manhattan island than Police Sergeant "Billy" Blair, who is attached to the city hall station. "Billy," as his companions style him, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$50,000, left him by his uncle, Lewis R. Blair, and yet when seen the other evening he was as assiduously delving into the depths of the Police Manual as though nothing unusual had hap-

"Will I leave the department?" remarked the sergeant. "No, sir. Fifty thousand dollars will make no difference in me. I'll remain right here. I'm too fond of my duties and companions to permit such a trifle as \$50,-000 to change my course of life. By the way, that puts me in mind of something. Say, do you know that my uncle, Lewis, was a son of Robert Blair, of Marlborough, Ulster county, N. Y., a member of General Washington's life guards and the identical soldier who gave Major Andre his last breakfast on earth. Proud of my genealogical tree? Well, I should say

so. And if ever you visit the parlor of my humble abode you will find Robert Blair's honorable discharge by George Washington framed and given a prominent place in my collection of valuable paintings.

"How many years have I been on the force? Well, I guess you may say 38. One of the old volunteer fire laddies? Yes, sir, and proud of the distinction. I haven't got the \$50,000 yet, for I understand that Surrogate Arnold's decision is to be appealed from. But it will make no difference. Nothing but old age will drive me from the department. What's that? Purchase a racing stud? No sir-but excuse me, I must attend to my duties," and Sergeant Blair proceeded to answer a hurry call on the telegraph instrument.

TOLSTOI.

And the Challenge He Threw Down to

the Czar. I dare say that many of my readers will have wondered how it is that the novelist, Count Tolstoi, should be permitted to profess such very socialistic and revolutionary doctrines in his writings without hindrance on the part of the Muscovite authorities, who have sent many another to the mines of Siberia for utterances in speech and print not one hundredth part as inflammatory as those of the count. In the first place several of his relatives hold high office both at court and in the government administra-tion, one of his cousins being minister of the interior, while another is chief of the household to old Grand Duke Michael. When the novelist first commenced to write in his present incendiary fashion the emperor sent for him and urged him to desist.

"Will your majesty," answered Tolstoi, "doff for an instant your imperial mantle and judge my works, not as an autocrat, but as an ordinary man? If a single word of my writings offends your human sense I will cut off my right hand."

Alexander became thoughtful, did not reply, and affably took leave of the novelist, who, no matter what he has written, has ever since, by his majesty's orders, been treated with astounding immunity in connection with his socialistic writings. The czar, however, was unable to prevent him from being excommunicated for costs of prosecution. heresy by the holy synod, of which M. Pobiedonotzoff is the chief.

Supporters of the telephone system in Birmingham can now be placed in communication with Christ church in that city and practically take part in the services. The telephone wires run straight into the pulpit, and the listeners at the other end of the system can hear the tolling of the bell, the prayers, the responses, the singing, and the sermon. Even casual coughing among the congregation can be distinguished. There are many classes of persons on whom this new departure confers a great boon. The sick and bedridden, who have long been prevented from attending any place of worship, can now be present, if not in flesh, in the hearing.

Foo Much for Her Pride. A French conjuror, who was per forming in Nantes, announced at a certain stage of the entertainment that his next trick would be to cut off the head of some one present, and he invited volunteers to come up and submit to the operation. Upon this a young man, "who was known to have quarreled recently with his fiance,' presented himself with the resolution of despair, and everything had been made ready for his decapitation, when the lady, who was also present, broke into piercing screams, rushed onto the platform, seized her intended by the arm and dragged him from the

Who Made This Neat Puzzle? We should like to know the name of the author of the following puzzle

and anagram:

A — old woman with — intent
Put on her — and to market went:
"—," said she, "give me, I pray,
The wherewithal to — this day."
Each of the blanks is to be filled
with a word of four letters and the same letters occur in each of the five different words. These words are consecutively, "vile," "evil," "veil," "Levi" and "live."

Presumption.

Thomas Sheridan, the father on Lady Dufferin, once displeased his father, who, remonstrating with him, exclaimed: "Why, Tom, my father would never have permitted me to do such a thing!" "Sir," said his son, in a tone of the greatest indignation, 'do you presume to compare your father to my father?"



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Hungarians are making prepara-tions on a grand scale for a millenial exhibition, and the government addressed a prayer to the emperor that he might lend them all the historic relies in his possession which have any connection with Hungarian history. The emperor granted the request and a number of Hungarian historians and antiquarians have come to Vienna to study the imperial collection and make a list of the objects in question. They have selected a great number, which represent a value of 2,000,000 florins-if the value of unique historical relics can be expressed in figures. Among these obects are copies of the portraits in relief of King Mathias, Corvinus and Queen Beatrix, a bronze bust of Mary, queen of Hungary; bronze reliefs of Adrien Fries, illustrating the Hungarian wars; the remnants of the crown of King Andreas and the imperial globe, dating from the fourteenth century; the double cross that belonged to Lewis the Great, with relics of Christ's cross; a map of Hungary engraved in a metal plate, a nautilusshaped cup, with arms of the Batthyanis. It is easy to imagine what efforts will be made in Hungary to prevent these objects from returning to Vienna when once they have been in the Hungarian capital; and if they are left there surely Prague would ask for all that referred to Bohemia in the imperial collections, and Cracow for all that referred to Poland.

His Idea Cost Him #50. Arthur E. Fowler of Lynn, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty in the United States district court to the charge of using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud. He was arrested some time ago for advertising in the newspapers stating that he would send a lady, on receipt of ten cents, a new improvement as a substitute for the obnoxious hat pin. When he received the money he inclosed in an envelope two small rubber bands, with instructions to fasten one end of a rubber to the hat and then pull it under the ear. After the facts were stated by United States Assistant District Attorney John H. Casey to Judge Nelson he fined Fowler \$50 and the

Good-Natured and Witty.

Perhaps the best-natured, and at the same time one of the wittiest, rejoinders in religious dispute was that made by Father O'Leary to an Irish Protestant. "I have no objection," said the latter, "to having the Virgin Mary treated with reverence, but only as a respectable, venerable woman—just such a one as my own mother." "Still," replied O'Leary, "you must allow there is some difference in the children."



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