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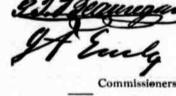
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WITH RUSSIAN CONVICTS.

David Ker Relates an Adventure on the Caspian Sea.

Special Correspondence. NEW YORK, Sept. 19 .- "We Russians," said the governor of Saratoff to me one evening after dinner, "are in advance of western Europe in one thing-we don't condemn our criminals to death."

"No, you condemn them to life, and I don't wonder that they sometimes wish

the sentence commuted to death,' There was no apparent roason why those words should flash back upon me a week later as I stood on the deck of the steamer that was carrying me across the Caspian sea from Petrovsk to Astrakhan, watching the mighty peaks of the Caucasus melting into the golden splendor of the western sky, and the first shadows of evening over the broad, smooth surface of that strange outlawed lake, which seems to belong neither to Europe nor to Asia. But they did haunt me strangely, nevertheless.

There were only one or two other saloon passengers, who were already below, making elaborate preparations for being comfortably sick, so I had the apper deck to myself. On the lower leck, just beneath me, a group of handsome young fellows (in the embroidered white tunies, high sheepskin caps, crimson girdles and baggy velvet trousers of Circassian mountaineers) were playing ards with four gray coated Russian soldiers, and greeting the ill luck that seemed to attend the latter with bursts of boyish laughter, in which the Russians good naturedly joined.

A sudden chinking from below, like cups and saucers being set out, brought me down in haste, a special correspondent's meal time being whenever he can get food. But there was no sign of tea and finally said: in the saloon, and I turned savagely upon the steward (a lumpish looking Tartar half caste from the Crimea) to demand the cause of this false alarm. The worthy savage took some time to understand me, but when he did his heavy mouth opened in a grin so broad as to make his flat brown face look just like a penny with a hole through it.

"If you want the cups and saucers that made that chinking, father," said he, pointing to the lower deck outside,

'you'll find 'em there!" Just then the card players arose, and I saw with amazement that the men in Circassian dress wore heavy fetters on their ankles, and that their wrists were handcuffed and linked together by a short chain, which, without materially impeding their ordinary movements, would effectually disable them in a fight. At the same time I noticed that every man of the "gray coats" had a short be got up and stumped through the gate, he sword at his side and a loaded rifle with- said to himself: in reach of his hand.

Then the truth flashed upon me. These merry gamesters were a convict chain first one that ever hit me with both feet to gang bound for Siberia, and the Russians with whom they were playing and jok-ing so gayly were the soldiers who guarded them, and who were ready to kill them without mercy at the least

sign of an attempt at escape. As I hurried down the ladder for a nearer view of them the hard faced old sergeant commanding the party, across whose brown cheek ran the scar of a Circassian saber, caught my eye and smiled

meaningly. "Your honor hasn't often traveled in there being just five grocers in the village. ch company, I tancy," said he, greeting with a stiff salute my Russian forage cap and white military jacket.

"Oftener than you think, my lad; but who are these caged birds of yours?"

"These Circassians are brigands from a gang that we've just broken up in the Daghestan mountains; most of the others are murderers. That fellow sitting yonder by the mast has committed twentythree murders, if not more, for he may have forgotten a few."

The murderer, guessing that we were speaking of him, smiled complacently, while I looked keenly at him for some outward sign of the ferocity which could perpetrate such unsparing slaughter. But I found absolutely none.

"Here's another," resumed the sergeant, pointing to a big, slouching fellow, whose heavy face had no expression beyond a coarse good humor. "His baby disturbed him at night by crying, so he got up and strangled it, and then

went to sleep again." (A fact.)

Just then a girlish voice, clear and joyous as the carol of a skylark, rose from the forecastle, singing an old Russian wedding song:

Heat the tea urn, mother dear-bake the cakes Suests today to thee will come-wooers gay to

Unto thee they'll give a bow, unto me a kiss, And a merry day we'll have, merrier e'en than

Then the singer appeared from behind a pile of chests—a slender young girl who seemed hardly 16, though really several years older, with a face so fresh, and bright, and pure that it might have taken its place among the child angels of Raphael's wonderful "Sistine Madonna." "Good heaven!" cried I, starting; "what

can that child have done?" "Murdered her husband," said the Russian coolly, "a drunken old rogue of a money lender, old enough to be her grandfather, and ugly as the devil himself. He used to come home drunk every night and swear at her and beat her, and of course she didn't like that; and there was perhaps some other man whom she liked better; so one night she filled up the old fellow with liquor till

he was quite helpless, and then laid him

face downward on the floor, with his

head in a pan of water; and so" (with a chuckle) "he died of apoplexy!" So ghastly was the contrast between this hideous story and the sweet, child like face of its heroine, that I had no heart to pursue the talk any further; and it was an unspeakable relief to me when, a little after midnight, the shadowy hull of a half seen vessel glided toward us through the gloom as we neared the mouth of the Volga, and the clank of chains told me that this load of crime and misery was being transferred from our deck to hers. This, however, was not to be my last meeting with Russian convicts; but the story of my further ex-

periences of the Siberian chain gang is too long a one to be told here. DAVID KER.

Caught at Last.

Father (shouting down stairs in an angry oice)-Mary Mary (who is with her beau who has be raiting on her for about three years)-

F .- Is Mr. Slowcoach there! M .- Yes, sir.

F .- Is he proposing to you that he is stay ing so late?
M. (to Mr. Slowcoach in a frightened whise

per)-Oh! what shall I say! Mr. S. (trembling in his boots) -Say yes. M. (to her father) - Yes, papa.

F.—All right, all right; excuse me. Tell him he can have you. Bless you both, my children. He needn't hurry away.—Boston



Miss Debut-Do you know, Mr. Reimer, I dreamed last night that I was reading your

Mr. Reimer-Indeed: you flatter me highly, Miss Debut-I don't know about that; I remember that I tried with all my might to wake up and couldn't.—Once a Week.

Hit by a Coincidence.

The owner of a place on Second avenue stood in his barn door on the alley the other day when a man with a wooden leg and a crutch came along and passed the time o' day

"Say, I want you to do me a favor. I want to leave my leg with you for a few minutes. "Why!"

"I want to go around on Second avenue and work a house for half a dollar in money. I've got a pointer that the folks are very sympathetic. If I go with one leg I'm sure

"Very well; just leave your leg here and I'll take care of it." The wooden substitute was unstrapped and handed over, and the cripple used the crutch to help himself down the alley. Five minutes later he rang the doorbell of a house around the avenue, to have it opened by the man be

had seen at the barn.
"W—wha—what!" he gasped in astonish-

"Very sympathetic family lives here!" quietly replied the other. "You seem to have met with a sad loss, and I'm anxious to help you. Here is a wooden leg which may The leg was handed over, the man sat down on the steps and strapped it on, and as

"I've heard of coincidences ever since I was knee high to a hop toad, but this is the once!"-Detroit Free Press.

The Rascal Promptly Responded.

Up in a certain town the grocers understand all the little tricks of the trade. A gentleman bought six pounds of sugar, and found it sadly adulterated with sand. next day a notice was posted reading thus:

"Notice-I bought six pounds of sugar of a grocer in this village. From it I have taken one pound of sand. If the rascal will send me-six pounds of sugar I will not expose him. The next day five six pound packages of sugar were left at the gentleman's residence,

Behind the Scenes

Manager of Fake Show-Well, what's the matter now. John? Property Man-Everything's gone wrong. The crocodile says he'll light out if you don't

pay him his last week's salary; the bearded woman wants a plug of tobacco, and he's mad because I won't lend him a dime to get it with; and the fasting girl says she'd rather fast than eat the steak the butcher sent .-Yankee Blade.

A Summer Arrangement. Jones-So you and Katle have fallen out.

Can't you make up with her! Brown-Not till the ice cream season is

past. I've no money to waste on that luxury, so I turn my cold shoulder toward her during the summer. It is the best I can afford to do.—Omaha World.

Didn't Care to See It.

Artist-Now, you must not go until you have seen my best work. I wish to show you a picture that was exhibited in the last Paris salon.

Miss Porcine (of Chicago) - Excuse me, Mr. Atelier, but I don't care to examine any saloon pictures today.-Judge.

But Probably Loss.

Namby-I just lent ten dollars to Pamby I wish you would make an item of it, Mr Bookkeeper. Bookkeeper-Shall I debit it to cash!

"I guess you don't know Pamby very well. Put it in the profit and loss account."-Yan-

The Reason Why.

Jinks-I called at your boarding house today and saw the table nearly set for dinner, and I must say things looked very neat. never saw a whiter tablecloth in my life, Blinks-No, she doesn't make her tea, coffee or soups strong enough to stain.-New York

A Nuisance. One of the worst of nuisances is The chap who's up at early dawn Making the lawn mower ziziziziz Rasping the whiskers off the lawn.

The hateful whir

Excite the spleen Of the man whose sleep Is driven away, And with curses deep He begins the day But the lawn mower chap His ardor whets, And he's never so hap-Py as when he gets

Of the flerce machine, The buzz and the burr

Up close to the room Where his neighbor lies In the morning gloom, With staring eyes, And twists and turns, Till, half insane,

At last he learns Tis all in vain. He cannot sleep, All hope is dead, And with a leap He bounds from bed.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Upward of twenty-eight large bales of human hair were brought to France in the last steamer that arrived from the Orient.

The richest man in the house of commons is said to be Mr. McEwan, Home Rule mem-ber for one of the divisions of Edinburgh, worth £92,000 per annum.

It is not generally known that Mr. Gladstone has only three fingers on his left hand. The index finger was shot off forty-seven years ago by an accident in the hunting field.

The art of putting the right men in the right places is first in the science of govern-ment; but that of finding places for the dis-contented is the most difficult.—Talleyrand.

A recent cargo of Java sugar, landed at

Philadelphia, was infested with swarms of sugar fleas resembling potato bugs, and inflicting a sting like a bee's. A fire that broke out in a shaft of a coal mine at Birmingham, Ala., imprisoned a miner and sixteen mules. The miner was reached about ten days afterward and was found to be dead. Eighteen days after the fire the mules, which were much further

back in the mine, were reached, and all but

one of the sixteen were alive, although too

A San Francisco newspaper thinks that \$12,000,000 is yearly "drained" by the Chinese through various channels from a city of 300,000 inhabitants. It figures this way: There are 40,000 Chinese in San Francisco. These persons earn at least \$1 a day each over and above their board. That is \$40,000 a day, \$1,040,000 a month of twenty-six days and over \$12,000,000 a year. Most of this money, it thinks, goes directly or indirectly to China, never to return.

The highest structure of masonry in the world is said to be the national museum recently completed at Turin. It was originally designed for a synagogue, but it proved ill adapted to that purpose, and was sold to the city. It was then converted into a museum as a monument to the memory of Victor Emmanuel. On top of the dome rises a spire nearly as high as the whole of the rest of the building. The gilt statue on the top of this

spire stands 538 feet from the ground. An Indian called Old Gabriel, living at the Monterey County hospital, Cal., is believed to be 150 years old. In 1770 Gabriel was already a grandfather, and in 1771 assisted in the construction of the first chapel at Monterey. In 1845, when he married his sixth wife, he was said to be over 110 years old.

In Cypress the eggs of locusts are gathered, and the developed insects are caught in systems of screens. The quantity of eggs collected was 37% tons in 1879, 237 tons in 1880 and 1,330 tons in 1881. More than 6,000 screens were used in 1882, and 195,000,000,000 insects were destroyed; while in 1886 there were more than 11,000 screens and 13,000 traps, the former representing an aggregate length of about 315 miles

Nineteen hundred will not be a leap year, because the length of the year is not exactly 865% days. It is really a little less (eleven minutes and fourteen seconds), and as the difference keeps increasing from year to year, it is necessary to drop out the extra day every hundred years or so to bring the calendar right. Even this correction is not quite exact, but it will serve for a great many centuries, so there is no pressing need

ratical Princess Granna Naille (Grace O'Mailey), when at Queen Elizabeth's court, was decidedly primitive in her habits. Observing this, a lady in waiting, fancying Grace had forgotten her pocket handkerchief, handed her a cambric one. Grace, who had a bad cold, used it promptly, and then threw it in the fire, doing so every time a fresh mouchoir was lent her.

The export trade in matches is a most important one to Japan. China, however, is almost her only customer. No less than 942,000 yens' worth were exported to the flowery land in 1887. The matches made in Japan are all "safety matches," and, although they are given out to be inferior to the European article, the price is so low as to defy competition in the Chinese markets.

The country home of Mr. Charles A. Dana is an island, called Dosoris, on the north shore of Long Island. The island consists of forty-five acres under a high state of cultivation, being one immense garden. The pasture and forage lands are on the main land. A sea wall, over which hang festoons of vines, runs around the entire island. The house is an old one, but it is large and comfortable, and surrounded by vine covered piazzas. A perfect lawn in front runs down to the sound. glimpses of which are to be caught between the trees.

Chrysanthemums.

Assuming that the plants are by this time n their flowering pots-which they should be, if they are being treated with a view to making the best of them-chrysanthemums will be growing apace and approaching a pe-riod when they want skillful treatment and care. If very large blooms are desired, a selection must now be made of the shoots that are to bear them. If the main stem has been stopped some time ago, or whether or not, in many cases their natural tendency is to break into side shoots at the top. When these side shoots make their appearance, three at most should be selected to bear the flowers. This selection should be made as soon as the character of each shoot can be determined, and the stoutest and shortest jointed are those that should be retained, the others being rubbed off before they gather so much strength as to rob the plant of much of its energy. As a rule the three nearest the point of the main stem are the most desirable to leave, but the principal point is to have them relieved of all competitors with the least possible delay after they are distinguishable in regard to their strength.-Horticultural Times

Rather Contagious Than Hereditary.

"While it is true that a large number of consumptives acquire the disease by heredity," said Dr. Parish, "the number of contaglous cases, I believe, is much greater. A hasband will frequently transmit the disease to his wife or a mother to her child. Any one who is in attendance upon or who inhales the breath of a consumptive is liable to attract the disease to himself. A consumptive will refrain from marriage if he has any wisdom. If the unfortunate marriages that take place too frequently between a strong man and a weak lunged woman, or vice versa, could be prevented, the quota of consumptives would be in time appreciably reduced, but consumption would never be exterminated thus. There are too many other causes that play their part in perpetuating the disease."-Herald of Health

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Apropos of the stery told about the shah mistaking one of the smart silken programmes provided for him at the opera for a pocket handkerchief, it is said that that famous piratical Princess Granna Naille (Grace O'Males).

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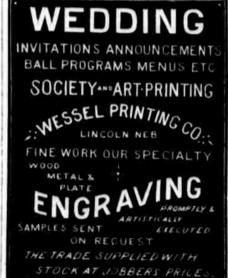
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