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JOHANN MOST.

At Present He is a Blacksmith in the Blackwell's Island Penitentiary. (Special Correspondence.) NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Herr Johann Most, the New York anarchist and editor of The Freiheit, is at present serving out his term of imprisonment in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island.

I shall never forget the first time I saw Herr Johann Most. I boarded the steamer at quarantine and found him in the steerage. I saw a man of medium height, with brown hair and beard, blue eyes, a kindly look on his typical German face.

I was unable to get from Herr Most any outline of the organization of society which should succeed the present. were all these things to be accomplished, nor have I ever seen such an outline from him.

GEORGE KENNAN.

An Interview with the Man Who Investigated Russia's Prisons. (Special Correspondence.) NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The unfavorable reports regarding the health of Mr. George Kennan, the distinguished writer and traveler, appear to have been greatly exaggerated.

It is well known among Mr. Kennan's friends that he has never wholly recovered from the hardship and exposure to which he was subjected in Siberia. He is a rugged, wiry man, capable of great and prolonged endurance.

In conversation Mr. Kennan is very rapid, but very interesting. His discourse is simple, direct and somewhat unfinished. No one would think to hear him talk that he was the master of the charming style to be found in all that he writes.

AN EVERYDAY TRAGEDY.

Or How a Rocking Chair Came Near Being Sold. Mrs. Billus (at furniture store)—If you haven't such a large stock I think I could have made a selection an hour ago.

Salesman (who has been engaged all the morning in trying to sell a rocking chair to Mrs. Billus)—Twenty five dollars, ma'am. Mrs. Billus (making up her mind at last)—Well, I think I'll—Why how do you do, Mrs. McSwat? I am trying to buy something as a surprise for Mr. Billus.

Salesman—It is, ma'am, and that's a discount of 10 per cent. Mrs. Billus (hesitatingly)—I hardly know what do you think of it, Mrs. McSwat? Mrs. McSwat—My husband likes a wide, old-fashioned chair, with a cane seat and long rockers—one that leans away back, you know.

Salesman (leaning wearily against a bureau)—Yes, ma'am. I showed you one of those when you first came in. Mrs. McSwat—Why don't you get one of these folding chairs? (To salesman.) What's the price of this one? Mrs. Billus—Thirty five dollars.

Salesman—That's too much money to put in a chair. If I were in your place, Mrs. Billus, I should—Good morning, Mrs. Shadbolt! Did you see us through the front window? Mrs. Shadbolt—Yes, that's why I dropped in. Buying something?

Salesman (becoming very tired)—Yes, ma'am. Sell you one like that for \$9.50. Mrs. Billus—That's not the price of it. Mrs. Billus—There's something wrong with it, or else they wouldn't— Mrs. Shadbolt—I like that tall, straight-backed chair over here. What's it worth? Salesman (in a hollow voice)—Sell that one for thirteen dollars. It cost fifteen dollars.

Mrs. Whackster (decidedly)—Then it's out of style. Mrs. Billus, if I were you I'd take that leather-covered rocker he showed you awhile ago. Mrs. Billus—What did you say was the price of that leather-covered rocker? Salesman (shifting his weight on the other foot)—Sixteen dollars.

Mrs. Billus—Well, I think I'll— But suppose it shouldn't suit Mr. Billus. Would you take it back? Salesman—We'd allow you to exchange it for another one of course. Mrs. Whackster—Yes, and when you come to look for another one you would find the stock all picked over and nothing here that would suit.

Friend of Playwright—Tell me, now what do you consider your greatest work? Playwright (getting his plays accepted after they are written)—Boston Transcript. Both the Same.

She—What is writer's cramp, anyway? He—As a general thing it is indistinguishable from what they call the pain of a hammer. Life.

HOW

How to Make a Dress Look Well Always. Be sure it fits well; that doesn't mean that it should be too tight for comfort. See that it hangs exactly right.

How to Treat a Frozen Part. Rub with snow and the bare hand alternately, gradually increasing the friction until the sensation returns.

How to Treat a Newspaper Reporter. Don't tell a newspaper reporter, when he calls on you on business, things which you do not wish him to print.

How to Check Vomiting. An obstinate case of vomiting (that is, when the vomiting continues simply by convulsive retching after the original cause has ceased) may often be cured by drinking freely of water as hot as can be done.

How to Shave Easily. The moment you get out of bed is the best time. Your beard will never be so pliable after you are around awhile.

How to Loosen Glass Stoppers. Sometimes a ground glass stopper gets fixed so tight in the neck of the bottle that it cannot be loosened without danger of breaking.

How to Serve Macaroni for a Change. Boil it until tender, putting it into a vegetable dish. Then prepare fine bread crumbs by tossing them in hot butter in a spider until they are crisp.

How to Clean Shells. Make a strong lye from ashes and allow it to settle thoroughly, then boil the shells in it six or seven hours. Soak them in fresh water and rinse.

How to Make a Barometer. Take a long narrow bottle and put in it 2 1/2 drams of camphor and eleven drams of spirits of wine.

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