TOLSTOI IN DEATH.

What He Says About It in a Letter to a Friend.

The following letter from Lyef Tolstoi to A. A. Phet, is published in the Russian Review: "Oct. 17, 1890. * * * I think you already know what happened. On September 29 he died, literally in my arms. * * * Nothing in my life made such an impression on me. He used to say truly that there is nothing worse than death. But when you consider seriously that death is the end of everything, then life becomes an unmitigated evil. What profits it to strive and cry when of what was once Nikolai Tolstoi * * * nothing is left. He never said he felt the approach of death; but it seems to me he watched its every step and knew for certain how much time was still left. A few minutes before his death he dosed, and suddenly awakening, whispered with horror, 'What is it?' It was that he saw death, this consuption of his being in nothingness, and if he found nothing to grasp, what shall I find? * * * Less than nothing. * * * And of course, neither I nor any one else will struggle with death as he did. To the last moment he did not give himself up to death; did everything for himself; tried to be occupied, wrote, asked about my writings, and advised me; but all this, it seemed to me, he was doing, not by an inner tendency, but on principle. Only one thing, nature, was left to the end. On the eve of his death he went into his room, and, through weakness, fell on his bed, near the window. When I came in he said, with tears in his eyes, 'How happy I was for a whole hour.' From earth he came. * * * To earth he will return.

"One thing only is left; a dim hope that, somewhere in nature, a part of which you will become in the earth, there will be something left and found. Every one who saw his last moments said how wonderfully quietly and calmly he died. But I know with what frightful tortures, because not a single feeling escaped me; a thousand times I repeat to myself, 'Let the dead bury their dead,' but I must spend the strength I still have on something. It is impossible to persuade the stone to tumble up, and not down, whither it is attracted. You cannot laugh at a jest you are weary of: you cannot eat when you are not hungry; * * * what is the use of everything? Tomorrow will begin all the tortures of death, with the uncleanness of lies and self-deceiving, and will end in nothingness: nullity for myself. * * * Strange! * * * Be useful: be virtuous: be happy as long as you live,' * * * say people to each other, and you say—'the happiness, the virtue, and the usefulness consist in truth.' And the truth I have gathered in thirty-two years is, that the situation we are placed in is terrible. 'Take life as it is; you put yourself in that situation.' Yes, of course; I do take it as it is. As soon as the man reaches a certain point of development he will see clearly that everything is folly, deceit; and the truth, which he still loves more than anything, is frightful. When you see it distinctly, you awake in terror and say, with my brother, 'What is it?' But, of course, so long as you possess the desire of knowing and telling truth, you will know and tell it. This is all that is left to me out of my moral world above which I cannot put myself. This only will I do; but not in the form of your art. Art is a lie, and I can no longer love even a beautifullie."

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HE SWEPT THE FLOOR.

A Plucky Editor in Ohio Gets the Drop on a Ruffian.

Dave Pitchard used to edit a weekly newspaper in a little town not 100 miles from Cleveland, says the Toledo Blade. It did not require all Dave's time to write the editorials, so he hunted up the local news, helped to stick type and on press days took his turn at the hand-press, just for exercise.

One day Dave was looking over the exchanges and ever and anon cutting out squares and parallelograms, when in came a strapping big fellow whose scowling countenance and careless manner of shutting the door would have convinced the uninitiated that he was after satisfaction. Dave laid down his paper, stuck the scissors in his pocket and smilingly said, "Good morning sir."

"That ain't got a d—d bit of bearin' on the subject of my visit; I'm here to clean out this office."

"Good boy! You're just the man I'm looking for; you'll find a broom and a sprinkler behind the door. Don't make any more dust than you can help."

"Old luny, you think I'm joking, do you? It won't be more'n a small numerator with a big denomination fraction of a second till you'll know that I'm as serious as a death sentence. The kind of renovation that I'm about to do for you is to shake out your form, stir up your galleys and paint a nimbus cloud over them lynx eyes of yours. That's what's going to engage my attention for the next half hour," and the big fellow kicked the paper cutter over and distributed a galley of dead "ads" over the floor.

"You will find a broom behind the door, my accommodating friend," said Dave, raising a heavy six-shooter, "and you may take said broom and clean out this office according to your first proposition, and the better you do your work the lighter I'll pull on this trigger. See?"

"Drop that mortar, I was only jokin'," said the big fellow, trying to avoid the range of the gun.

"Freeze onto that broom."

"I made a mistake; this ain't the dentist's office, is it?"

"Work that sweeping machine."

"I've been drinking."

"Operations must begin in half a second."

"My little girl's sick, and she's cryin' for her father."

"In a quarter of a second the devil will have a form to carry out."

"Pity my crippled wife."

"And this paper will get the first scoop of the accident."

"Hold on! hold on! I'll sweep her up."

And the fellow seized the broom and made the dirt fly like a street-cleaner. When he had finished, Dave escorted him to the street, and after making him promise to call again, bade him good-bye.

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Snakes and Wild Animals in India.

People who sit at home in the country and are panic-stricken by the occasional appearance of a mad dog can hardly realize that in India last year upward of twenty thousand persons died from snake bites alone. Tigers were the cause of nearly a thousand deaths, and leopards, elephants, bears, wolves, hyenas, and even scorpions, lizards and alligators have all played their part in this terrible loss of human life. Upward of seventy-six thousand head of cattle were destroyed by wild animals during the year. The Indian government pays annually a large sum for the stamping out of these pests, but without much apparent reduction of their numbers. Half a million snakes are destroyed yearly, 1,500 tigers, and about eleven thousand leopards, wolves and bears.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

The Secret of the Power of Boston's Great Pulpit Orator.

Rev. Dr. Brooks has just completed twenty-one years of a world-renowned pastorate, says the Boston Transcript. Probably no minister in the country, certainly no minister in Boston, commands the power Phillips Brooks does today. Why? Are not others as profound? More so. Are not others as logical? Yes, more logical. Are they not as orthodox? Yes, more so. Are they not as eloquent? Perhaps so. Do they not get as near to the hearts of their hearers? No! It is an instructive spectacle on any Sunday morning to sit in Trinity church and watch the great congregation. How they keep surging in till every pew and aisle and entry-way is filled. They crowd the chancel. They sit upon the chancel steps and even get up against the reading desk.

Who are these people? Are they some one class? Do the aristocrats come here, while the poor stay away? Or is it the other way—do the populace crowd to hear him, while the rich and cultured are conspicuously absent? For answer, look about you. Here are some of the rich men of Boston, and some of her most cultured citizens. Here are beautiful and elegantly dressed ladies. Ah, yes, this is the rich man's church, the Sabbath home of wealth and culture! But look again. Those two sweet-faced women in simple garb are Quakers. Yonder sits a coarse-featured negro, and these are working people in neat but simple attire. All are here. The rich and the poor meet together.

But what brings them here? Is it the music? No; the music is fine, but that is not the chief attraction. Is it the church? No. Trinity is the finest church building in Boston, but that is not the chief attraction. This quiet, reverent audience is gathered for a more serious purpose. The great bulk of these people are here because they wish to hear Phillips Brooks preach. Is it then some special occasion, and will these seats be thinly filled in a week or a month? No; this is no extraordinary occasion, and these seats will be full for months and years to come.

Is he, then, a sensational preacher? Does he rake the muck heaps of the city? Not at all. He disdains all tricks and tawdry display. Is his style cold and classical in its purity? No; it is warm, simple, popular. His great heart is full of warm, human sympathy. He is fully in touch with the people. He knows their needs. No man more truly enters into their joys and sorrows. To him creeds are but little worth, but life is all worth. His gospel is full of love and sympathy and friendship. Truth takes on vast proportions under his skillful touch. New truths unfold and grow and blaze before us. Every verse of the bible grows luminous. All truth is beheld as related and Christ is at the centre. He the manliest of men, the chief among many brethren, the loving savior.

Dr. Brooks loses himself in his theme. It possesses him. He is a swift messenger of life. To him the most noble and sacred privilege is to be a messenger of life and light. He wants to do men good—and now. And so, as he pours forth his message, his burden of soul, not looking at them, they look intently at him and strain to catch each word. They come to him to be fed, and they are not disappointed. He opens and expounds the scriptures. He leads them to the living streams. He uplifts our common humanity and enobles life; and they who hear go away refreshed and are glad to come again.

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Superiority of American Humor.

A contributor to one of the leading English magazines describes American humor as "the result of shrewd and for the most part half educated minds acting upon matters of every day interest," and speaks of humorists generally in a somewhat disparaging vein, and of their productions as inferior to the "pure humor" of English scholars.

Now, we understand legitimate humor to be that which compels men to laugh without causing women to blush; and no people on earth are so prolific of such humor as Americans, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Highly refined facetiousness, which the English too often mistake for humor, is not side-shaking. It does not make people roar or endanger the integrity of their blood vessels. It is rather wit and humor. A pun that satisfies the taste may not tickle the fancy. An epigram that is a model of completeness may nevertheless fail to provoke a smile.

The most irresistable jokes we have ever heard have been perpetrated by Americans of ordinary education. There is hardly a village in the union that has not its genuine humorists, who can "set the table in a roar." The truth of the matter is American humor is seldom finical and never stupid, but always humorous.

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The Divine Sarah's Trunk.

Lady readers may be interested in knowing something of the trunks that accompany Sarah Bernhardt, which recently, to the number of forty-eight, interfered with the traffic at Angers station and paralyzed nearly the whole of the railway staff there, says the Pall Mall Budget. Madame admits that she had forty-eight trunks with her, exclusive of packages great and small. Twenty of her trunks are made of wood, about four feet high, each divided into three compartments and filled with her most valuable dresses. Fourteen were made of wicker work, also in three compartments, some of the heavier being subdivided into two, three or four spaces, filled with petticoats, linen, boots and robes of small value. Three special trunks are set apart for hats, arranged on pegs in such a way to prevent them from being shaken or crushed. The tragedienne's "kit" in all weighed between two and three tons.

Mrs. Cummins' Life Story.

Mrs. Judie Cummins of Long Branch, N. J., has a wonderful story to tell. Firstly, she was 111 years old Thursday. Secondly, she once waited on General George Washington and his wife at Grindstone, near New Brunswick, when they were guests of Major Waters. Mrs. Judie's extraordinary memory furnishes these details of the occasion: The general wore a white shirt with frilled front and a loose silk tie carelessly placed, a navy blue suit with knickerbockers buttoned at the side, and silk stockings buckled above the knee. Mrs. Washington was arrayed in a white silk gown, a silk neckerchief and a cap with a black ribbon. At that time, of course, Mrs. Judie was quite a little girl.

The celebrated Rochdale co-operators, who started only twenty-six years ago on the humblest scale imaginable, have a capital stock, every share of which is held by a wage-earner, of $2,355,000. Profits distributed to members have reached $300,000,000, while the total sales for 1889 showed an increase over those of 1888 of $10,000,000.

LARGEST OF SAILING SHIPS.

She Has Five Masts and a Gross Tonnage of 3,750.

It is stated in Engineering that what is said to be the largest sailing ship in the world was launched from the yard of Messrs. D. & W. Henderson & Co. at Patrick on the Clyde, on Tuesday, September 2. The vessel is also remarkable as being a five-master. This vessel, named the France, is for the fleet of MM. Ant. Bordes et Cie. of Bordeaux, who have been noted for their enterprise in ordering vessels of large dimensions. The France is 360 feet long, 48 feet 9 inches broad, and 30 feet deep. Her gross tonnage will be about 3,750, and the dead-weight carrying capacity, 6,150 tons. The vessel is fitted with a double bottom, with capacity for 1,000 tons water ballast, while amidships there are several water-tight compartments for 1,200 tons of water. The cubic capacity of these compartments, eight in number, is 42,630 feet. They can carry 1,200 tons of water ballast or cargo when the ship is laden, and efficient pumping arrangements are provided. The mizzenmast is a single piece, 140 feet in length. The lower and top masts in the other cases are also each in a single piece, and the lengths above deck vary from 159 to 168 feet. The diameters vary from 17 to 30 inches, that of the top gallant masts from 10 to 16 inches. The length of the lower yards is 82 feet, of the upper yards 75 to 77 feet, the togallant yards 59 to 64 feet, and of the royal yards 47 feet. The bowsprit is 50 feet long, and from 12 to 30 inches in diameter. Wire rigging has been adopted. The loading and discharging arrangements are very complete. Large steam winches, by Sartre of Bordeaux have been fitted at the hatches, which are six in number. These are supplemented by powerful hand winches, and a large number of the usual gins, tubs, slings, chains, etc. The Decauville portable railway, with trucks is also being supplied for loading and discharge.

The vessel will be principally engaged in the nitrate trade. In order to preserve the nitrate solution, which is formed in large quantities and which is usually discharged overboard, tanks are fitted in the hold, thus insuring the shippers against loss resulting from the waste. The steam for the winches and for Napier's steam windlass, (which is fitted on maindeck forward,) is supplied by two steel tubular boilers 9 by 6 feet, which are fitted in a deckhouse amidships. Besides six boats the vessel will carry a steam launch. The poop is fitted up as a handsome saloon, containing accommodation for captain, officers and a limited number of passengers. The crew are berthed in a large deckhouse abaft the foremast, and the petty officers' and apprentices' berths and mess room are in the deckhouses aft of the same. In the forecastle a large airy room is set apart as a hospital.

A Prison Bill of Fare.

The ration for the earlier months at Andersonville consisted of about four ounces of meat and a section of cornbread four inches square by three inches thick, says a writer in the November Century The bread, of unbolted meal, was baked very hard to the depth of one-half inch, while the center was raw. The bread would often be as full of flies as a plum pudding is of fruit. As a large portion of our number drew rations after dark, the ingredients were not wasted. During the later months yams, rice or pease were issued in lieu of meat, and meal of grits instead of bread. We had no vessels to receive these, and the steaming rice was shoveled from the wagon-box into blankets; or a man would take off his trousers, knot one of the legs, and thus receive the portion for his mess. The same method was used in the distribution of the yams and pease, except sometimes the receptacle was a piece of underclothing.

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The Prevailing Fancy in Dogs.

The dog of the season seems to be the great Dane, says the New York World. The vogue of the pug is a thing of the past, and the fancy which women of more or less extreme tendencies showed for bulldogs has died from its own extravagance. The Danes are about the size of well developed tigers and resemble those creatures in general appearance. Their huge muscles stand out on their shoulders and haunches, and their close cropped hair, short ears, and massive jaws give them a fierce, and, in some instances, an awe-inspiring appearance. People shrink from the dog in the streets as a rule, but there is no necessity for fear. The huge animals are as gentle and inoffensive as kittens, and their temper is so equable that nothing short of the most serious kind of an imposition will drive them to resentment.

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The Demoralizing Cigarette.

Pipes are coming into fashion again, but only in offices and out of sight of the public, says the New York Sun. Possibly the time will come when a man will feel justified in producing a pipe in the smoking compartment of a car or in stalking along the street with one, after the fashion of the highest bidder. The increase in the price of cigars has already had some startling results, and possibly this will be one of them. If so, the smokers of Havana cigars will be heard in protest before long. It is a curious and inexplicable thing that a cigarette or a pipe will destroy the flavor of the best cigar that was ever made. A man with a cigarette can spoil the comfort of fifty cigar smokers, and a pipe of strong tobacco will ruin every cigar within reach.

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