

RUSSIA Why the Poorest People of the World Should Be the Richest. NATURE HAS BEEN LAVISH OF HER GIFTS Unlimited Resources and Abundant Labor Awaiting the Vivifying Capital.

HOW A RUSSIAN PEASANT VILLAGE LOOKS Where the Bone and Sinew of the Slavonic Race Are Gathered Together. DAILY LIFE AMONG THE RUSSIAN POOR They Are Not an Altogether Uncleanly Folk

—The Russian Bath—What the Men and Women Wear—An Average Kitchen and What is Cooked There.

Moscow, Aug. 1.—[Special Correspondence of The Bee.]—The famine and other horrors have brought to the attention of the world one of the least known and at the same time one of the strongest elements of the Russian population.

The bulk of this great wealth of Russia is now lying dormant. Like the sleeping princess in the fairy tale, it only waits the kiss of capital and labor to bring it into life, and no one can tell how soon these events of the material progress will stir up her limbs and moisten their lips to kiss the sleeping maiden.

Admiral Porco once told me that at a fair estimate every man and woman in a country was worth \$300 as one of the elements of that country's wealth. At this rate the peasant of Russia are worth thirty billions of dollars to Russia.

Peasant Russia is by far the most interesting feature of modern Russia today. The peasants are in fact the Russia of today, and their 50,000,000 villages are the Russia of the future.

I have visited many of these villages within the past month. Let me tell you what they look like. Kidding through the country on the railroad you see scattered over the landscape what in the distance looks like two rows of low, oblong haystacks running regularly for miles in every direction.

There is little difference in the houses of a Russian village. They are all one story and the average height is not more than twenty feet square.

board ceiling which runs across these walls of logs forming the floor of the left of the hut. The average Russian has but one door and this is situated within a few feet of the rear and it leads into the living room of the hut, but into a little store room or sort of vestibule which forms one end of the cabin.

This room is usually without any flooring but that of the ground. You may see the most magnificent and valuable collection of furniture in it, and some of the farming tools of the establishment stand about its walls.

Let me describe for you a living room of this kind which I visited in a village near Petrofka in the midst of the great black plain which stretches as far as the eye can see to the valley of the Nile and where the farmer should live as well as anywhere in the world, for he is not in any of the world's best lands.

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Neither sex wears any underclothing, and a great step will have been made when you can make these people believe that such items as drawers and undershirts are among the absolute necessities of life. As their needs are so small that they have not the incentives to work to satisfy them that they have in this country.

This habit of wearing the same clothes day and night and the lack of underclothing would naturally make you think that the Russian must be a coarse and ignorant people and that it seems to me that they have been greatly slandered in regard to their uncleanliness.

Not only do they wash their bodies but they wash their clothes. They wash their bodies in the morning and at night and their clothes are washed in the morning and at night.

Of course villages of this nature have no water for anything but drinking purposes. There are no stone dams or water works and the women of the family draw the water from the well of the town or carry it from the nearest spring.

is souped this is furnished in a wooden bowl as big around as a washbasin and not about the length of a finger in diameter. The family sit around the table and eat each with a big wooden spoon, which will hold twice as much as one of our table-spoons, in his hands and dip out of the soup from the common dish and carries it to his mouth.

Lillian Russell said to a New York reporter on her return from Europe: "And as to English women, they can't hold a candle to American women. All over Europe our ground pants were seized, and we were given weeks living in fogs and a temperature so low that I was never a day without a fire in my room."

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DOUGLAS COWBOY RACE. \$25,000 in Premiums. August 29, 30, 31 and Sept. 1 and 2. Will be the best fair ever held by the Douglas County Agricultural Society.

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