RUSSIA'S ROYAL BABY.

GETTING READY FOR A BIG TIME AT THE CHRISTENING.

The Whole Empire Will be En Fete-Everybody Must Rejoice, Whether He Wants to or Not-Elaborate Ceremonies by the Priests-The Baby's Robes and Gifts,

If all goes well there will be a royal christening at St. Petersburg before of black velvet, fastened with silver butbe the cause of national jubilation from one end of the vast Russian Empire to other costumes even more elaborate. the other. While some of this merrymaking will not be altogether voluntary, none of the subjects of the Czar cares to attract the attention of the police by failing to make some sort of a show of festivity during the period of national joy.

and the ladies of her court have been preparing for the elaborate ceremonies monies the most magnificent and imthe ritual of the Greek Church. The christening always takes place as soon after the birth of the royal youngster as its general health will permit.

vels of the needleworker's art. The first godfather, who is always a high in any other way of his consciousness. and mighty person, gives the child a gold cross inlaid with jewels, and the prepared three solutions of common salt, airn my money any oder way except godmother provides the little white in which are dissolved different quan- by sawin' wood. De public doan' look shirt which is used before the ceremony tities of muriate of cocaine and morphia. fur any partickler display of conscience is completed. The occasion brings gifts The part to be operated upon is from all persons connected with the thoroughly cleansed with an antiseptic fer no disappintments." (Grins no court. These gifts are often the toys solution and the surface brought to a most likely to amuse a tiny infant, although many are suitable for a grown child. Other gifts may be lands or jewels.

AT THE CHRISTENING

the child is carried in the arms of its godmother to the church or chapel. Royalty and nobility, glittering in brilliant uniforms and gala toilets, fill the body of the church and stand grouped around the font. The priests wear magnificent robes embroidered with gold crosses, and sacred banners are borne before them. Two deacons carry a portrait of Christ and the Virgin

The godfathers give the high priest nine wax candles, which are lighted and fastened across the font. The priest incenses the godfathers and godmothers and consecrates the water with many ceremonies. Then a procession is formed Yound the font by those taking part in the ceremony, each one bearing a lighted wax taper. The name of the child is given in writing to the priest, who puts the paper on an image which he holds on the child's breast, meanwhile saying

When the priest asks if the child forsakes the devil and his works the godparents turn their backs to the font to show their horror and aversion to the question and answer "yes." They again face the font and priest takes the child, which is quite naked, and holding it by the head so his thumb and finger stop the ears dips it three times in the water, prouncing the words: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The chrism, or baptismal unction, which is called the seal of the gift of the Holy Ghost, immediately follows baptism. In performing this ceremony the priest anoints the child with holy oil; on the eyes, in order that it may see only good; on the ears, that these may admit only what is pure; on the mouth, that it may speak as becomes a Christian; on the hand, that it may do no wrong, and on the feet, that they may tread only in paths of virtue. At the end of this ceremony, the shirt, which the godmother has provided, is put on the child by the priest, who says : "Thou art as clean and as clear from original sin as this shirt, thou are baptized, thou are sanctified, thou are washed in the name of the Trinity."

THE CROSS which has been given by the godfather, the child is under obligations to wear all its life. If this cross be not found upon the child at death, the priest says to the godparents, the child may not have Christian burial, even though he be the son of a hundred kings. A partiwhose image he is charged to cherish

with special devotion. Holy oil, or chrism, which is used at royal baptisms, coronations and conseeration of churches, is prepared with sign that the nerves of that man or woelaborate ceremony. There is a cop-per vase, overlaid with pearl and called alabaster, in which is kept the original oil sent from Constantinople when doctor's test is a good one there is a sur-Christianity was introduced into Russia. A few drops are taken to prepare the chrism and are replaced with other oil, so the quantity never decreases Wine, roses, lavender, balsams and spices are mixed with the oil.

Forty days after the birth of the child, its mother, the Empress, is "churched," and the infant is received visibly into Christ's Church by the giving of its first sacrement. When the royal gates are opened during mass, the deacon appears with the chalice The baby is carried to the steps, and the priest coming forward, puts a drop of wine into its mouth with a spoon, saying: "The servant of God communicates in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

There is no ceremony corresponding to confirmation in the Russian Church, but the child continues to receive the sacrament from its baptism, twice a year, at Easter and on its saint's day until it is seven years old when it is brought to structed by means of Muscovite capital the confession on Good Friday.

THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS look like fairy palaces. The gardens to trade and industry in every part of that he had succeeded in making sorg-laying up riches for himself and herself and his tenantry have been warned not to take lodgers. The civilized world.

appear the burning monograms of the Emperor and Empress.

On the day the child dons its first shoes the Czarina gives 300 or 400 pairs to be distributed among the poor children of 'zactly right to me,' said Brother Gard-St. Petersburg. These are ordinary 'zactly right to me,' said Brother Gardshoes, of course, not a bit like the royal baby's, which are of white leather, em- one hand and opened the meeting broidered with gold.

The nurse of a royal Russian child is always gorgeous in her apparel. She wears a rich velvet skirt with two broad man wuth ten millyon dollars an' anbands of gold round it, a blue velvet apron, also trimmed with gold, a bodice long, and a tiny bit of humanity will tons, and round her neck a golden chain. This is the dress for ordinary days. For state occasions there are

SURGERY WITHOUT PAIN.

Important Operations Done While the Patient is Fully Conscious.

The meeting of the Philadelphia County Medical Society the other even-For months past the young Czarina ing was rendered particularly interesting on account of the presentation of a paper by Dr. T. Parvin, on the new which always surround the birth of a method of abolishing the pain of surroyal baby in Russia. Of all these cere- gical operations without the necessity of employing ether or chloroform. This ner), but he who shoves de jack-plane posing is the christening according to is the system suggested and practised by the well-known German surgeon, Schleich, who, by its use, has been able to perform practically all of the minor and many of the major operations of The baby's christening robes are mar- surgery without the slightest pain to the patient and without depriving him

> low temperature by a spray of chloride of ethyl. Into this area of the skin, which, by the action of the spray, has been deprived of all sensation, the salt solution containing the cocaine and morphine is injected by means of a special hypodermic syringe, numerous punctures being made in all directions. This renders the deeper structures insensible to the surgeon's knife, and for a period of from twenty minutes to half an hour the patient is not conscious, so far as actual pain is concerned, of extensive cutting and sewing.

The new method differs in an important degree from the ordinary employment of hypodermic injections of cocaine. The strength of the drug which has been used in the past is about one part in each twenty-five parts of the solu-tion, while in the Schleich method there is often employed a strength of only 1 in 10,000. In the former, however, only a few drops of the solution are employed, while in the latter the tissues surrounding the part to be operated upon are thoroughly infiltrated with the of de wagon, an' take a heap o' comfort, solution. With the small quantity of the cocaine employed by Dr. Schleich, it is apparent that something more than cocaine is responsible for the local anaesthesia so perfectly obtained. In the opinion of Drs. Keen, Ashhurst, and Morton, who discussed the merits of the new system, the infiltration of the tissues with the solution and the distension and consequent pressure upon the small nerves were responsible in a large measure for the absence of pain when the incision by the knife is made.

To indicate the manner of employing the method of Schleich, and to show the entire absence of pain, one of the surgeons had the solution inserted beneath the skin of the arm and an incis- Ala., for walking thirteen miles to see before the society last evening.

ceded, both from the results achieved Comprehensive Baker, of Lynchburg, by the German surgeon and the experi- Va., for having charged forty per cent. been made in the field of anaesthetics, fifteen per cent. on money borrowed to and that for a large number of operations the infiltration method would entirely supersede the general anaesthesia ed. by ether and chloroform.

TOLD BY THE THUMBS.

An Alleged Indication of Nervous De rangement That is Observed Commonly.

"When I went to a nerve specialist first," said a man who was once an invalid, "he told me that one way to judge of the condition of a person's nerves was to watch his thumbs. Ever cular saint is also assigned to the child since that time I have found the greatest fascination in looking at people's thumbs. The doctor said that if they moved involuntarily outward it was a man were not in the best condition. I find myself now sweeping the line that sits opposite me in a car, and if that prising number of people in this town whose nerves need looking after. There are few among the women who do not involuntarily move the thumbs outward at intervals of every few minutes, and when your attention has once been attracted to it the process of watching their gloved hands grows very interesting. I have found the habit much less frequent among men: but take the average number of women in a cable car and it will be a surprise to you to Lyon am not only one of de best men see how many of them indulge uncon- to stretch a carpet seben inches dat I sciously in this little habit. I only hope eber saw, but he has invented six difit does not mean anything as serious as it might indicate if that nerve specialist's diagnosis was a good one."

Railway Between Russia and Persia

Persia is about to be provided with a new railroad. The line is being engineered by the Czar's officials, and con-It is to have its base at the Russian port of Baku, which is connected with the attendant upon a birth in the royal entire Russian railroad system, and is family are very elaborate. They last to extend across the plain of Mogan to several days. All the riches and mag- the frontier station of Dulfa, whence nificence of the court and nobility are | it will proceed southward to the great displayed. At night the illuminations Persian city of Tabreez. From there, transform the capitals. Lamps are re-by way of Kazvin, it continues to moved from the street posts, and in Teheran, whence branches are to be contheir places shine illuminated stars and circles. All house fronts, roofs and chimneys are outlined with lights. The to the ancient metropolis, Ispahan, in trees are full of festoons of Chinese lan- the South. Apart from the political terns, and from every limb hang globes of glass in red, yellow, blue and green, each formed and hung so as to resemble and yet so undeveloped as Persia can fruit. The houses of the nobility not fail to prove of immense interest of agriculture seting forth the fact boy or girl who is diligent in school is that no one comes a night his Iwelling

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

"Dar am seb'ral things dat doan' look ner, as he rubbed his bald head with with the other.

"It doan' look 'zactly right to see one oder wuth only ten cents (applause by Samuel Shin), but yit if I was de ten millyon dollar man I wouldn't keer wheder it looked right or not." (Sudden end to the applause.)

"It doan' look 'zactly right fur one man to own a great foundry, while anoder man am obleeged to work fur him fur \$2 a day ("Hear,hear," from Judge Cadaver), but if I was de \$2-a-day man I wouldn't frow myself out of a job to spite de owner or to please a demagogue." (The judge subsides.)

"It doan' look 'zactly right to see one man hold offis all de time, while anoder man has to shove a jack-plane fur a libin' (great rustle in Pickle Smith's corhas de respeck of de community an' keeps outer jail." (Rustle dies away.)

lawyers rush to defend a criminal who has stolen money in his pockets, while an offender who am moneyless am left to dig his way frew a 10-foot wall wid an ole knife-blade (grins on a dozen By the method of Schleich there are faces); but if I was a lawyer I should on de part of lawyers, an' darfore suflonger observable.)

have a big brick house an' anoder man a rough bo'd shanty, but 'long' bout tax-time de man in de shanty kin sit on de fence an' chuckle over de fac dat he

"It doan' look 'zactly rigth to see one man go pushin' and swellin' an' crowdin' everybody else off de sidewalk to let de public know dat he am a king bee, but such men have to carry de anxiety of bein' in debt to de tailor an' of dodgin' de grocer, an' of subscribin' \$25 to build a church widout a hope of bein' able to pay ten cents on de dollar.

"In fack, my friends, dar am heaps an' heaps o' things dat doan' look 'zactly right to me at fust glance, but when yo' come to figger it up an' divide an' subtract we've all got a heap to be thankful fur an' to encourage us to git up airly in de mawnin'. A man kin brace his legs and lay back like a mule, an' kick away at de hull world an' hate everybody an' be hated in return, or he kin pick up sartin crumbs of consolashun, crowd inter a seat in de back end knowin' dat somebody is wus off dan hisself. Let us accumulate to bizness."

ELECTION. his rounds with the bean-box, and the this was in a suburban town the invitasecretary found a clear horizon for the | tion dolls were delivered by a messenger. following candidates: Fractional Smith, Hesitation Baxter, Lord Thos. White, Buckingham Juneberry, Elder Waitham and Sixday Foster.

FOR CAUSE.

The following candidates were rejected for the causes named: Smart Old Smith, of Union Springs, ion an inch long made and sewed up a dog fight. This club never goes over a mile and a half to enjoy such a spec-In the discussion it was generally con- tacle, and then always rides in a hack. ments made in a number of cases in interest on money loaned to a poor Philadelphia that a decided advance had woman. This club doesn't object to tied up in mysterious-looking bundles. go to a circus, but the man who grasps beyond that must and shall be rebuk-

A MORAL LESSON.

Trustee Pullback here arose and moved that \$25 be appropriated for the purchase of a looking-glass for Paradise Hall. No one supported the motion, and after a moment of deep silence the President remarked:

purty, an' so filled up wid vanity dat | pumpkin. de bizness of de United States of America mus' be neglected to stan' befo' a pretty gift. lookin'-glass an' smile at ourselves it will be time to disband. I shall fine vo' sebenteen hundred dollars and costs!"

Trustee fell back with a suddenness that jarred the whole building, and during the rest of the session he was busy figuring how much cash he would have left to squander in on Christmas presents.

THEY ARE.

A communication from Louisville, inquired if Prof. Lyon & Co., of that city, who advertise to do calcimining in eight different shades, were members

of the Lime-Kiln Club. "I kin testimony dat dey air," replied the president in answer, "Prof. ferent ways of mixin' white-wash to imitate de ile colors of de ole masters. I doan'believe dat Shakespeare, Nero or Capting Kidd could hold a candle to him hangin' paper or touchin' up a cen-

terpiece. PICKLES DENIES IT. A communication from Holdfast Huggins, of Norfolk, inquired if he could secure an insurance policy on the life of his mother-in-law by joining the club, and added that Pickles Smith was well known to him, having once boarded in his house and being still in debt to him for six weeks of the highest

kind of living. Pickles denied the accusation in the matter, the secretary was instructed to reply that the club had nothing to do with the insurance business and did not care to make a member of any man with such a name as Huggins.

pound, and asking the club to assist SOME among the laboring men of the coun-

following resolution: "Resolved, Dat de thanks of disclub an' de 5,000,000 people it represents am extended to de commissioner fur his patient an' successful efforts to bring de price of shugar widin' de reach of

ebery poo' family in America." Judge Congo removed his coat, vest, collar and neck-tie to prepare himself for a speech in opposition, but he was | daily average between 500 and 600 letcut down and the resolution put to | ters, 200 of which are of a begging vote. The result stood: Ayes, 121; character. noes, 14.

HE WILL STAY THERE.

The secretary then announced a letter from Prof. Whereabouts Boggs dated at St. Joseph, Mo. The profes sor lives in Mississippi when at home and is known all over the state as the man who cures twenty-seven different diseases by the use of alligator oil. He started for Detroit three weeks ago to deliver a lecture before the club, but ran out of money at St. Joseph and could not come on unless a \$20 bill was sent him by mail.

"Den he won't cum on," replied the president as he glanced over the letter. De highest figger dis club eber paid for a leckter was forty cents in cash an' a place for de orator to sleep on de flo', an' I see no occashun to riz on "It doan' look 'zactly right to see fo'ty de price at dis time. De seckretary will write him to dis effect, an' we will now close our labors and percolate to our homes."

A Doll Party.

Parents too often forget that they were once young and liked amusement A mother of our acquaintance, with a house full of young people, is a shining him. "It doan' look right fur one man to instance of one who remembers.

was a most successful affair. The invitations were sent by little Chinese and | peers who have houses, land, stables or Japanese dolls, of the kind sold on the street at two for five cents, which are ments of paper. In the sash a tiny envelope was thrust, addressed to the person to whom the doll was sent and containing an invitation to a doll party, the receiver being requested to come in cess of Wales. What should be more a costume personating a doll of some natural, therefore, than that Mr. Robin-

One of the most amusing features of the evening was a row of paper dolls, dressed in white and leaning against the wall, with hands joined. To do this well one must contrive to drive every bit of expression from the face, and by the aid of powder to assume a ghastly

complexion. underwear, drawn over the shoes and stockings and sleeves, with short skirt and waist of gray silesia, made a very lowing letter in reply; "Sir-I am going good rubber doll, but the belle of the evening was a turbaned black Dinah. Of course, in most cases, masks are worn, but these can be dispensed with early in the evening. A prize is given to Sir Isaac Walpole shifted the peach-stone which he held in his mouth for the greatest number. There is a field earache over to the other side and went here for any amount of ingenuity. As

The Enchanted Pumpkin.

When your little brother or sister has a birthday party and you want a novelty as a centerpiece for the tea table try the "enchanted pumpkin" and see what fun it will make for the guests. It ought to be a prize pumpkin and a big one. Scoop out all the inside. That for grown up people on days that are fers need replenishing. Under these

To each package tie a bright ribbon, some time. letting the loose ends fall out over the sides of the pumpkin. Then carefully author, was for a long time an usher replace the cap or stem part, which you in a second-rate school, on a pittance cut off. so that it will look as if it which scarcely sufficed to keep body were still whole, and place it on your tea and soul together. After a while, he table. Surrounded by ferns and colored grew sick of this hard, unremunerative autumn leaves and decorated with the kind of work and made his way to drooping ends of the ribbons, it will Paris, where he arrived with a capital make a very pretty centerpiece.

ren to guessing how many seeds are in M. Daudet should have slowly eaten up "Brudder Pullback, dat moshun am the pumpkin. When all have guessed, his fifty cents and then starved, as not only a mile and a half outer order, | tell each to take hold of the ribbons, | poets do in stories. But he didn't; for but it betrays a malicious sentiment and when you say "Three!" they must he found a publisher for his poems dat mus' be sot down on at all hazards! pull on the ribbons, and in that way almost immediately, and then began to When dis Lime-Kiln Club becomes so they will see how many seeds are in the do journalistic work, which supported

Talking Dogs.

There are but two recorded instances culate words in such a manner that they would resemble those uttered by a human being. The most famous of these cases was that of the celebrated "talking dog of Zeitz." The owner of this intelligent canine, a small boy living at Zeitz, Saxony, imagined that his dog's and sounds made by men.

Acting on this point, he soon trained the animal, a big Saxon mastiff, to distinctly utter some twenty-odd German words and about a half-dozen from the French language. Although the young trainer devoted much time and patience to his queer task, he never succeeded in enlarging his pet's vocabulary above thirty words.

The rival of the famous "talking dog of Zeitz" was exhibited in Holland in 1718. Besides pronouncing several words, the Holland beast could articulate the names of all the letters of the alphabet except "l," "m" and "n."

The New Pronoun.

An effort is being made by some learned professor to introduce a new pronoun in the English language to supply and now this "Admirable Crichton of the place of he or she, him or her, him- the House of Argyll" is about to elecmost emphatic terms, and will probably self or herself, etc., when we use the he can persuade a London manager to bring suit for slander. As to the other | masculine and feminine gender to-

oddity has anything to do with it its also a Scotch laddie, has ambitions of

Nelson Slabs thereupon offered the BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE GREAT FOLKS OF EUROPE.

> The Queen as a Peet-Expenses of the Vatican-Alphonse Daudet's Early Days -Royalty's Fads-The Queen's Sans-in Law, etc., etc.

> The Prince of Wales receives on a

Lord Lonsdale recently had occasion to telegraph to the Emperor of Germany and the message was directed to "His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Germany, Potsdam." Half an hour later the message was returned, marked "insufficiently addressed." Queen Victoria once wrote some

verses which were sent to a publisher under a nom de plume and were promptly returned "with thanks." Her Majesty's next literary venture came out with a full regalia of royal and imperial titles.

The Duke of Marlborough's cigarettes must have a stopping of cotton wool to keep the nicotine from his mouth. In England this is said to be the keynote of the Duke's character, his health is not of the most robust, and he coddles himself most carefully.

The expenses of the Vatican are very heavy, one authority estimating them at \$5,000 a day; but when the immense number of cardinals, chamberlains, servants and the personnel of others considered it does not seem an excessive cost. The Pope is a keen man of business. No item of expenditure escapes his eye, and he pays all bills from a coffer, the key of which never leaves

The rivalry between England's new She lately gave a unique party which | South African millionaires is certainly most profitable to the impoverished plate to dispose of, as Mr. Barney Barnato and Mr. J. B. Robinson never weary of being taken in as long as already dressed in gay Oriental gar- some titled personage does the taking. Fashionable charities, along with everything else, have profited by the Kaffir boom. "The National Pension Fund for son and Mr. Beit, casting about to do good, should dole out a mite of \$25,000 apiece for the Princess's charity? The irrepressible Barney couldn't stand that, so, doubling the sum, he sends it to the Hospital Fund. Among other things Mr. Barnato is building a house in Park Lane. His ground landlord, anxious that the building should be worthy of An ingenious costume of gray Jaeger | the site, made a stipulation that a sum of no less than £20,000 (\$100,000) should be spent upon it. He received the folto spend more than £20,000 on the Yours. etc., "B. Barnato."

The King and Queen of Italy are mightily puzzled to find a suitable wife for Master Naples. And though the Continental newspapers betroth him on an average of once a fortnight to some impossible princess from some impossible place, he still remains a solitaire. The matrimonial manager of a princess possessing the qualifications demanded by Master Naples's parents would undoubtedly have other ambitions for his fair charge than a union with the hobbledehoy heir of Italy. The future Princess of Naples must be of the bluest blood and the most ancient lineage. She must be a Roman Catholic, yet she must conform to the political and not the religious side of the Roman controversy. She must have a will do well enough to make pies out of | considerable dowry, for the Italian cofnot birthdays. Then stuff full of toys circumstances Naples will probably smoke an unmolested bachelor's pipe for

Alphonse Daudet, the eminent French of fifty cents and a bundle of poems. When the feast is over set the child- According to a time-honored custom, him till he adopted novel writing. To-Of course each little guest secures a day, he can command any price for his books and articles and is a very wealthy During the reigns of the Georges, as

every one knows, it was considered a disgrace for a gentleman to spell corof dogs having been taught to arti- rectly. How times have changed: to-day it would be hard to find a sovereign, or a sprig of royalty for that matter, who has not an artistic or an intellectual fad, the cultivation of which occupies much of his time. Any spare time the German Emperor may have, after he has finished playing soldier, he devotes it to painting. "Carmen Sylvia" is such a devoted student of literature voice strongly resembled certain words that one might say any time she can spare from her books she devotes to being Queen of Roumania. The Pope is a fine latin poet. King Oscar, of Sweden, as a landscape painter, strikes a happy medium in impressionism. Queen Victoria is an excellent linguist, and at State concerts it is not unusual for Her Majesty to speak alternately to several foreign artists, each in his native tongue. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha is a devoted violinist. Queen Amelie, of Portugal, is a most successful physician. The Princess of Wales and the Dowager-Empress of Russia are both brilliant pianists.

The Queen's son-in-law, the Marquis of Lorne, seems determined to taste the sweets of authorship in every department of literature. As Governor-General, politician, poet, novelist and guide writer he is well known to the public, produce it. So much for the Queen's The new word is to be then, and if son-in-law, the Duke of Fife, who is introduction ought to be successful. | quite another order. Since his marriage But will it not sound odd to say: to a daughter of the Prince of Wales "The boy or girl who is diligent in he has assumed all the reticence of