

THE BANK OF TORONTO

For Avenue Undermines Nation's Manhood.

As the autocrat of Russia the czar is the proprietor of all the saloons in his vast domains. There is no other man in that line, in the old world or the new, who comes anywhere near doing such a gigantic business. It is the biggest trust on earth, with all complete absolute control, barred, writes a St. Petersburg correspondent.

The government encourages drink to such an extent that the income derived from the sale of vodka last year exceeded 738,000,000 rubles—more than \$369,000,000.

"Drink kills Russia!" declared M. Tcheysse, a member of the third duma, to whom Russia owes the publication of these appalling figures. This bold man, who has the dangerous habit of speaking his mind, told the czar's ministers that the budget was built up of poison given to the people, and that what Russia really wants to cure all of her ills is not revolution or constitution, but temperance. He would have all the vodka shops in the empire closed.

Things have been growing from bad to worse ever since the year 1893, when Alexander III, the "hero czar," as reactionaries call him, was on the throne. He and his ministers saw that the contents of the treasury were dwindling down in an alarming manner. Oppression, war, and mismanagement had succeeded his empire, so rich in resources, to a state verging on bankruptcy. He appealed to his minister of finances, Count Witte, for some way out of the difficulty.

Witte has not gained his high position for nothing. He is one of the cleverest servants the czars, father and son, have ever had. His answer was soon ready.

"The amount of drunkenness in the empire is appalling," he said. "Every body who keeps a kabak (grog shop) adulterates the vodka, and by making it cheap, induces the peasant to drink too much of it. The only way to put a stop to it is for your imperial highness to take the monopoly of the sale into your own hands. The treasury will have enormous profits and the public pure vodka."

All this was doubtless true. The influence of the "kabak" was demoralizing, as is the influence of every place where men are encouraged to drink to excess.

CZAR'S BAR WORSE THAN OLD.

These old publicans, with their adulterated drinks and their usury were swept away. But the new publican, the czar, has failed to sweep away their abuses, or rather, he has replaced them by worse ones. True, there is no longer any meeting place where the villagers can drink and sing together. The vodka they now drink is purer and sealed in bottles—it is also dearer. But far more of it is drunk. So much more, in fact, that, whereas in the year 1901 the treasury gained a net profit of \$129,540,000 from the sale of vodka, in the year 1905 it had increased to \$257,040,000. And this huge sum is principally drawn from wretched peasants and workmen out on strike.

The poorer the men get the more they drink, and the more they drink the less they will work. The large landed proprietors are complaining bitterly of this. In White Russia, where the soil is unusually rich, the peasants are unusually poor, and the proprietors have to let their estates go untilled because they cannot get laborers.

The secret of much of the banditism which is now ranging in Russia is this craving for vodka. It is also dear, but it is spent on it. Beggars infest the streets of the towns and hang on to the eaves and sledges, worrying and threatening the passengers till they get a few coppers, which are promptly spent in the vodka shops.

TEMPERANCE HOUSES DESERTED.

But the temperance houses, instituted by Count Witte to replace the "kabaks," are deserted, though they cost over \$5,000,000 yearly to keep up. They are full places, providing nothing but had tea and bread. There are some talk of abolishing these expensive, useless places, which cannot possibly pay their way. But no village commune can abolish the local grog-shop, though many communes have condemned them as demoralizing in the extreme. They cannot close them without the consent of the state, which is naturally all impossible to obtain, as one community after another would follow suit and the result would be a great loss to the treasury. Every village, therefore, has this "bottled poison" thrust upon it, and in the large towns the number of the depots is abnormally high.

Several socialistic parties began a crusade by raiding all the vodka shops in the towns, setting fire to the spirits and taking the mugs from the till. But more vodka was always forthcoming and strong guards stood outside the shops with bayonets fixed, only allowing one customer in at a time.

THE TEST.

"A hero I shall wed," said she, "No other shall choose me. He loved her, so his worth to prove He could not well refuse. 'Put me to test!' he nobly cried, 'For I will do or die!'"

He did not flinch, but won, when she Brought in her first nice pie.

The effect of Scott's Emulsion on thin, pale children is magical.

It makes them plump, rosy, active, happy.

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ANGEROUS PURGATIVES

Good hand new, for sale...

Many People Ruin Their Health Using Purgatives in Spring

A spring medicine is an actual necessity. Nature demands it as an aid to carrying off the impurities that have accumulated in the blood during the winter months. Thousands of people recognize the necessity of a spring medicine dose themselves with harsh, gripping purgatives. This is a serious mistake. Ask any doctor and he will advise against the use of purgative medicine during the spring. The system needs building up—purgatives weaken. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—purgatives cannot do this. What is needed in the spring is a tonic, and the best tonic medical science has yet devised is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of the medicine actually makes new rich red blood. This new blood strengthens every organ, every nerve, every part of the body. This is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills banish pimples, unsightly skin eruptions. That is why they cure headaches, backaches, rheumatism, neuralgia, general weakness and a host of other troubles that come from poor, watery blood. That is why men and women who use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills eat well, sleep well, and feel bright, active and strong. Mrs. Joseph Lepage, St. Jerome, Que., says: "My daughter suffered from headaches and dizziness. Her appetite was poor. She had no strength and could not study or do any work. She was thin and pale as a sheet. A neighbor advised the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking a couple of boxes we could see improvement in her condition. She used the pills for some weeks longer, when they fully restored her health, and she is now enjoying the best health she ever did." Try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills this spring if you want to be healthy and strong. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WHEN MILKING IS DONE.

It has been found by experiment that milk drawn from a new-milk cow or from one that is about to become dry, contains bacteria which will cause the milk to turn sour. There is a period of several weeks between these two extremes when the relation of butter fat to other solids remains about the same from day to day. Milk drawn in this period will keep sweet much longer than that taken from the cow at other times. Cows at this stage are selected for the production of steamer milk. They are given an abundance of wholesome food and pure water.

Then to secure perfect cleanliness the cow is groomed and thoroughly washed and covered with a white blanket, and her head so fastened in the stanchion that the animal will not move before the milking. The man who does the milking is a student especially interested in the work. He puts on a white suit and carefully washes his hands and wears white gloves. The gloves collect any particles that friction may loosen from the udder. The milk pail is made of heavy pressed tin without seams and after having been thoroughly washed in boiling water and sterilized in a boiler, is kept open at the top covered with sterilized gauze, through which the milk is strained as it comes from the cow.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

When all is ready an attendant places the stool and hands a pail to the milker. Into this a pint of milk is drawn from each teat. This the attendant removes, since it may contain some bacteria. A second pail is then given to the milker, into which the rest of the milk is drawn. As soon as the milking is ended the milker carries the pail to a cask into which the milk is poured. The bottles, which are standing in ice water, when the animal heat is gone the bottles are closed with sterilized paper tops, which are hermetically sealed with paraffin wax. The bottles are then packed in crates with shaved ice and are ready for shipment to the steamer.

CHILDHOOD INDIGESTION MEANS SICKLY BABIES

The baby who suffers from indigestion is simply starving to death. It does not desire for food and the little it does eat does it no good; the child is peevish, cross and restless, and the mother feels worn out in caring for it. Baby's Own Tablets always cure indigestion, and make the child sleep peacefully and naturally. Mrs. Geo. C. Sewell, Sandy Beach, Que., says: "My baby suffered from indigestion, colic and vomiting, and cried day and night, but after giving him Baby's Own Tablets a healthy child. The Tablets will cure all the minor ailments of babyhood and childhood. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

KING DISLIKES PAINTED FACES.

Displaced at a New Fashion Among Young Women.

It has just come to my knowledge, writes a correspondent, that the King and Queen are rather displeased at the number of women at the last court whose complexions bore obvious signs of artificial color. After several women, including some quite young girls, had passed, the King turned to the Queen, and remarked how astonished he was that the young daughter of a celebrated peer should have come to court with a painted face.

But a recent year this practice has become very general. When it was confined to middle-aged matrons anxious to preserve their fading charms, these matters, did not make any remark, but it was easy to see he was shocked at the number of young women at last Friday's court whose faces shone with rouge. It is very probable that some notice may be taken of the matter before the next court.

SOBER AS THE JUDGE.

Judge Boyd of the Irish Tench kept a supply of his favorite "pizen" on the desk before him in an instance of peculiar make. When he wanted a sip he took it through a quill pen, while counsel professed entire ignorance of the little manœuvre.

"Tell the Court truly," he once said to a witness, "were you drunk or sober?"

"Quite sober, my lord," replied the man.

And his counsel added, with a look at the inkpot: "As sober as a judge."

MOST FAMOUS SWINDLER

DEATH ENDS A REMARKABLE CAREER OF CRIME.

Robberies on Extensive Scale—Marriages and Duels Figured in His Life.

The death is announced at Milan of one of the most famous swindlers in Europe, George Masolese, Duke of Otranto, and Prince Lahovary, both titles being self-conferred on him. He was a man of extraordinary good looks, a perfect figure, a bright, amiable disposition and all the necessary equipment for the Chevalier d'Industrie. He was born in Roumania forty years ago, away from any military academy at Galatz and went to Constantinople. He soon absconded with the pocketbook and the prize beauty of the Pasha's harem. He was arrested across the Greek frontier and attempted suicide. He was taken to a hospital, where the handsome youth attracted the attention of Queen Olga, who was visiting the sick. She procured his release, and gave him money enough to take him home. He left Roumania the second time as a runaway on a grain steamer, and reached Paris. He soon stole enough to set up a large villa in the fashionable quarter. He drove his own carriage on the Bois de Boulogne and raced his horses at Longchamps. Preliminary justice overlooked him and he was sent to jail.

When he was released from prison, four or five years later, he visited London and Monte Carlo, and went to Canada as the Duke of Otranto. In San Francisco he was the nephew of the Spanish Minister at Washington. Thence he went to Japan, and afterwards to Honolulu, where he fleeced a rich widow.

FLEECED A MILLIONAIRE.

From Honolulu he went to Chicago, where he became engaged to the daughter of a millionaire. He returned to London and got eight months at hard labor for stealing jewelry from hotels. After this he went to Brussels, where he rescued a rich Brazilian from a gang of ruffians and escorted him to a hotel, picking his pockets of \$10,000 while on the way. A short visit to Monte Carlo as the Duke of Otranto netted him 200,000 crowns out of a rich Hungarian widow. After serving another sentence in jail for a hotel robbery at Nice, he visited Italy, where he met the Countess Annetta von Konigsbruck, a member of one of the most distinguished Saxon families. Posing as a wealthy Roumanian land-owner, he married her in Genoa.

The marriage was celebrated before a fashionable audience by the Archbishop of Genoa. The bride's large dowry was exhausted during the honeymoon. A child was born to the couple in Switzerland.

FURTHER ADVENTURES.

After a duel with the brother of an American lady, this adventurer went to America again, and returned to Paris as the Prince Lahovary, bringing with him the proceeds of a jewel robbery in Philadelphia. Subsequently he went to Berlin and proposed to an American lady. Incidentally he ransacked the hotel bedrooms. When the relatives of the lady demanded financial guarantees, the Prince was arrested for a robbery at Genoa. He was tried in Berlin, he shammed insanity and deceived the experts completely, so that he was sent to an asylum. He escaped from this institution after gagging and binding the wardens.

He next visited the Klondike, after which he returned to Italy, married a rich French woman and settled down to write his memoirs. He was suffering, he wrote, from an incurable disease, and only regretted that he had to leave his angel of a wife and two dear children.

The Countess von Konigsbruck obtained a divorce from him in the Bavarian courts.

PROOF!

That Zam-Buk Grows New Healthy Skin. Mr. J. Schofield, of 467 Hamilton Road, London, Ont., says: "A friend of mine (Mr. William Ball, of London) was severely and terribly burned through an explosion of kerosene oil. He was taken to the hospital where he suffered intense pain. The wounds refused to heal and the doctors decided to resort to skin grafting, and I consented to have some skin transplanted from my legs to his body. Although this was done on several occasions, the skin refused to take" until Mr. Ball heard of Zam-Buk. From the time he applied Zam-Buk, his healthy skin began to grow. I then used Zam-Buk for the places on my leg from which the skin was removed, and I am glad to report that new skin has grown, and therefore consider Zam-Buk the best skin food I have known."

SOCIETY WOMEN HUNT LIONS.

Enjoyed Rough Camp Life and Fond of Adventures.

The Countess of Selson, who recently shot her first lion in Abyssinia, is by no means the only society lady who has accomplished this unimpressive feat. Mrs. Alan Gardner, accompanied by her late husband, explored not only India but the wildest and most remote parts of Africa, including Somaliland, in search of big game, and is one of the very few women living who have hunted both lions and tigers.

Another adventurous sportswoman in society is the Duchess of Somerset, who has not only hunted bears in the Western wilds of America, but perfectly revels in the rough life of camp and is an expert in camp cookery.

Lady Delamere and Lady Hindlip, who are equally daring shots, spent their honeymoons among the big game in East Africa.

RECEIPT.

Tramp—"Help me, lady, please. For three years I worked for the grand cause of temperance, ma'am."

Lady—"Were you a temperance orator?"

Tramp—"No, ma'am; I was the horrible example."

If a man could see himself as others see him he might be able to see his finish.

PINE FOREST IN HIS BEDROOM

During the recent illness of the Emperor of Austria, his physician, Dr. Kerzl, had a number of small pine trees, growing in tubs, placed in his bedroom, converting the room into a miniature pine forest.

The healing properties of the pines are recognized by the leading physicians and scientists of the world. Thousands of people afflicted with lung trouble and bronchial affections who are not in a position to leave home and business to live out among the pines, can procure at small cost the health-giving properties of the pine forest, right in their own home.

Virgin Oil of Pine (pure) possesses all the therapeutic virtue for which the pines are noted. It is carefully prepared, being a combination of the active principles of forest trees, and is guaranteed free from any impure or deleterious substance. Used according to directions it will break up a cold in 24 hours and promptly relieve and stop the irritating cough.

Virgin Oil of Pine is put up in ½-oz. vials only for druggists to dispense, each vial enclosed in a round wooden case to prevent breakage and exposure to light. The case is sealed with an engraved wrapper showing the name—Virgin Oil of Pine compound (pure), prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont.—plainly printed thereon. It is well to get the genuine. Should your druggist be unable to supply you, you can have a ½-oz. vial mailed to you by sending 50 cents to the Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont.

INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE.

"If you and your husband can't get along peacefully," said the neighbor to whom Mrs. Pner was narrating her grievances, "why don't you separate and get a divorce?"

"We have thought of that," sighed Mrs. Pner, wiping her eyes, "but legal proceedings are so dreadfully expensive. Mr. Pner thinks it will be money in our pockets to keep on living together."

PLAYING POSSUM.

She—Jimmy, did you kiss me while I was asleep?

James—Well—er—I think I did steal one.

She—Indignantly—One? Why, I counted six before I woke up.

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

For some months men of means have been sitting tight. No wealth for safe investment. At this time of the year there comes the natural rebound. Moneyed men want some place to invest their money where they will get a larger interest than the banks pay and yet have an absolute surety that it will not be sunk out of sight with no return. To meet this condition one of the best companies in the city are offering preferred stock in their concern and guarantee an 8 per cent. accumulation dividend payable each year. They will retain the privilege of buying out the investor of the stock he has purchased at the expiration of three years, by giving him an advance of 10 per cent. on the par value of his shares plus the 8 per cent. guaranteed dividend.

This appears to be an investment and guaranteed good money. It is only those who are anxious to make a good bona fide investment that the company wish to talk to. Full information will be given by addressing Box 206, Toronto General Post Office.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.

From October to May, 1905, are the most frequent cases of HEADACHE. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box 100.

Teacher—"Correct the sentence. The liquor that the man bought was soon drunk." Bright Pup—"The man who bought the liquor was soon drunk."

OBLIVIOUS.

Mrs. Wiggs—Cook has only broken one dish to-day, dear!

Mr. Wiggs—"That's better! How did it happen?"

Mrs. Wiggs—It was the last one.

A CHANCE IS NEEDED.

Through the long winter one needs a change. Why go South when "The Well-to-do" Catarrhes, offers an environment of moderate cost which will relieve tired nerves and worn out bodies? Try the tonic influence of "The St. Catharines Well" and the restful influence of "The Welland." Apply the manager, St. Catharines, or any Agent of Grand Trunk Railway System.

You can learn a little each day, unless you happen to be one of those wise persons who know it all.

IN SPITE OF THE PANIC.

Stranger—"What is that crowd doing in front of the bank? Has it failed?"

Policeman—"Oh, no; the depositors are merely having a run for their money."

IT IS A LIVER PILL.—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

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THE REBUKE COURTEOUS.

The use of needlessly strong language has been seldom rebuked in a more elaborate manner than in the following letter, which was penned by the manager of a railway company in Madras, and addressed to a European subordinate:

"Dear Sir,—It is with extreme regret that I have to bring to your notice that I observed very unprofessional conduct on your part this morning. I allude to the abusive language you used to the drivers and others. This I consider an unwarrantable assumption of my duties and functions, and I may say might and privilege. Should you wish to abuse any of our employees, I think it well to do it in future in regular form, and I beg to point out what I consider this to be. You will please submit to me the form of oath you wish to use, when, if it meets my approval, I shall refer the same to the directors.

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For Tooth-ache apply **PANGO** externally to the face where the pain is felt, or to the gums. This may give a smarting sensation for a few minutes, followed by relief. **PANGO** may also be put on a small piece of absorbent cotton and put in the tooth.

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A Scotch laboring man who had married a rich widow, exceptional for her plainness, was accused by his employer, "Well, Thomas," he said, "I hear you are married. What sort of a wife have you got?" "Well, sir," was the response, "she's the Creator's handiwork, but I canna say she's His masterpiece!"

IGNORANCE IS A CURSE.—"Know thyself" is a good admonition, whether referring to one's physical condition or moral habits. The man who is acquainted with himself will know how to act when any disarrangement in his condition manifests itself. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is a cheap and simple remedy for the eradication of pain from the system and for the cure of all bronchial troubles.

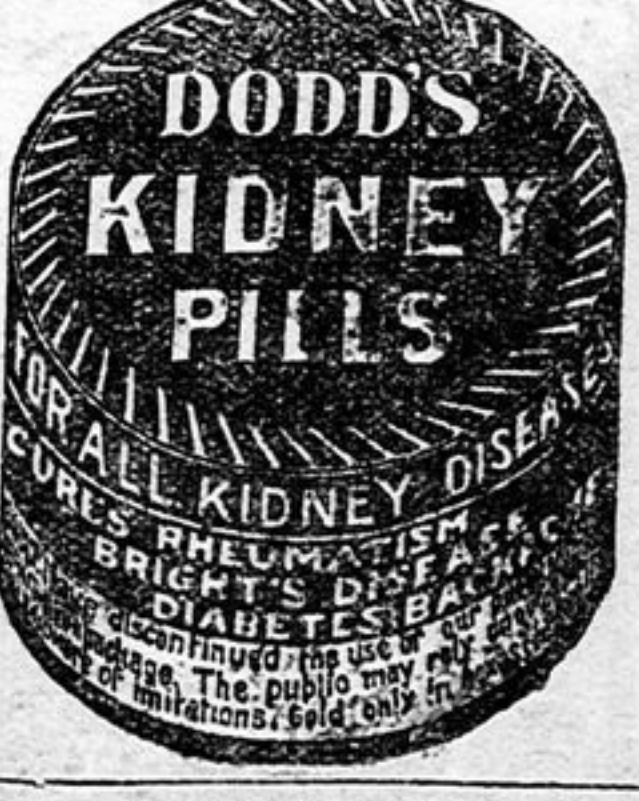
HE WAS CURED.

"They tell me that you have cured yourself of chronic insomnia." "Yes, I'm completely cured." "It must be a great relief." "Right! I should think it was. Why, I lie awake half the night thinking how I used to suffer from it."

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