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SOME STRANGE FEATURES OF RUSSIAN HOUSEKEEPING.

Most Sacred Place is the Bathroom, Where Bath is Always Ready for Someone.

The house is of yellow brick and is one-storeyed; it is built round a small garden that is square, says a writer in the London Globe. The tiny windows, with their dainty curtains, look out upon one of the most famous roads in Russia, for it is trodden every year by thousands of pilgrims, who are on their way to the neighboring monastery. The roof is of sheet iron, and is painted green; it slopes somewhat, but not so much as to prevent the eldest son of the family from dancing on it in moments of madness, with a noise that can be imagined better than it can be described. Stabling forms one side of the square; another is used as an office, where a number of clerks in uniform and one or two young lady typewrites toil, or to be more accurate, remain from morn till eve, from eve to close upon midnight, sipping tea, smoking cigarettes, and no doubt also making up accounts. Near the entrance an aged man sits during the summer on a bench outside against the wall. He is the porter of the business part of the establishment, but his seat is close to the back gate, so that he can see all who enter the yard. And a strange, picturesque number of visitors there are who find their way in by habit or by chance. Perhaps it is a gypsy girl in the brightly colored costume of the Little Russian peasants, but more frequently it is a beggar, who with a thick stick braves the ferocious dogs that race forth and back at him with an energy and ferocity that sometimes upsets even a beggar's nerves. But once in, he advances past the stables to the kitchen door, hat in hand, asking alms of every one he meets. One ruble, or 2s. 2d., a week is allowed to the housekeeper for distribution among beggars, and it is rare that they call without receiving food.

Let us return to the front door and ring the electric bell, if haply we obtain permission to enter the town house of a wealthy tchinovik. Admittance is given by a clumsy looking peasant, to whom a livery imparts neither elegance nor dignity. To right and left open the reception rooms, which are spacious, well lighted, but somewhat low, and elegantly furnished in the style of Western Europe. The dining-room possesses a fireplace and two monumental stoves, reaching almost to the ceiling, and so placed in the wall that they warm two rooms at the same time. It adjoins the buffet, and as the door of it is almost always open the discussions of the servants may be heard by those who are sitting in the dining-room. The salon has no furnitare but mirrors with gilded frames, chairs upholstered with blue silk, a grand piano in one corner and a gigantic candelabra, with oil lamps that fling their light upon the parquetted floor. There is a card-room, too, and the boudoir of the lady of the house, which is crowded, as such rooms are wont to be, with pictures and nicknacks and furniture. Scarcely a book in any of these apartments; scarcely a newspaper; the pictures are Italian, or are paintings of local artists, and represent Russian scenes.

LACK OF PRIVACY.

What strikes a stranger after a short visit to this house is the utter want of privacy. For as the building is only one storey high, it is obvious that to go from one end to the other it will be necessary to pass along a corridor or to go through various rooms. Where the corridor exists it is fairly wide, and in order to accommodate all the members of this very numerous household certain portions have been separated by means of curtains, and are assigned as bedrooms to the maid servants. Here, of course, there is the minimum of privacy, especially for those who wish to retire at 10 o'clock in a land where little account is taken of the hours, and where it not unfrequently happens that night is turned into day by revelers and card players. But, except for the father and mother of the family, no one is really much better off. The bedrooms are all at one corner of the building; the boys sleep in one, the daughters in th other, and in one of them a thir of the room has been shut off by a screen for the governess. There are no keys in the locks, so that any one in the family who is given to sleep-walking may stroll into any room and leave the door open behind him when he goes. As for the Englishmen's maxim that his house, or at least his bedroom, is his castle the notion is one that has never been heard of. At any moment of the day or night, he is exposed to the visits of a valet, who is looking for matches, or of a maid who wishes to take away his boots or to borrow a chair for a minute. Knocking at the door is unknown. And if he protests at an intrusion on his privacy, when he is engaged in dressing, perhaps, his remarks will be received with astonishment, and the peasant girl who does duty fo housemaid will toss her head and refuse to argue with one who is so unreasonable.

Perhaps the most sacred place in the house is the bathroom. It is a small apartment formed in the corridor by means of a wooden partition and certainly containing nothing in the way of accommodation or furniture to justify the almost religious awe in which it is regarded by the family. No one but members of the family and guests are allowed to splash about in the steaming waters of the bath, which is continually being got ready by a servant with the aid of thermometer. At the hotels in the town the same exaggerated respect is paid to the bath, if prices go for anything, for the charge for the use of one of them is 4s. 4d. Englishmen confroted with difficulties such as this, and unable to do without a morning "tub," sometimes travel in Russia with an India-rubber bath.

GARDEN A PLEASANT SPOT.

The garden which forms the square around which the house is built, is of course useless in winter but in summer it is pleasant to sit under its high towering acacias, white with bloom, and to listen to the sound of water as it falls into the pool of the fountain, where gold fish are at play. Here, too, on the wooden verandah, the family dine through the summer heat. The change is not necessarily an agreeable one, for the gnats are so numerous that it is only possible to get relief from them by burning feathers on a tray somewhere near the table, but this as often as not drives the diners away as well. A lamp overhangs the table, and sometimes on summer evenings, it is black with insects that cling to the globe in such numbers as to obscure the light. Here, too, the wondering stranger will be able to note how little the idea of caste seems in some way to have taken root in Russia. A beggar will appear at the table during luncheon and pour out his piteous tale, or the little son of one of the innumerable male servants will approach and play, and the members of the family, instead of sending him away, will call out to him. As for the valets, they take part in the conversation at times, laugh at the jokes, and even make jokes themselves. Governesses and tutors are welcome, and in some Russian houses there are three or four of them, for the Russians like strangers, respect education in them, and pay for it on a scale that would excite astonishment in England. But the house-keeper is not allowed to dine with the family. The valets hate her because she has stopped them fighting for the food as soon as it has been taken from the table, and, of course, she does not dine with the servants, and loud are the lamentations that she sometimes utters, as she presides over the samovar, of the lonliness of her lot in this well-peopled house. She speaks Polish, Russian, German, French and in the true spirit of a linguist is anxious to add English to the list.

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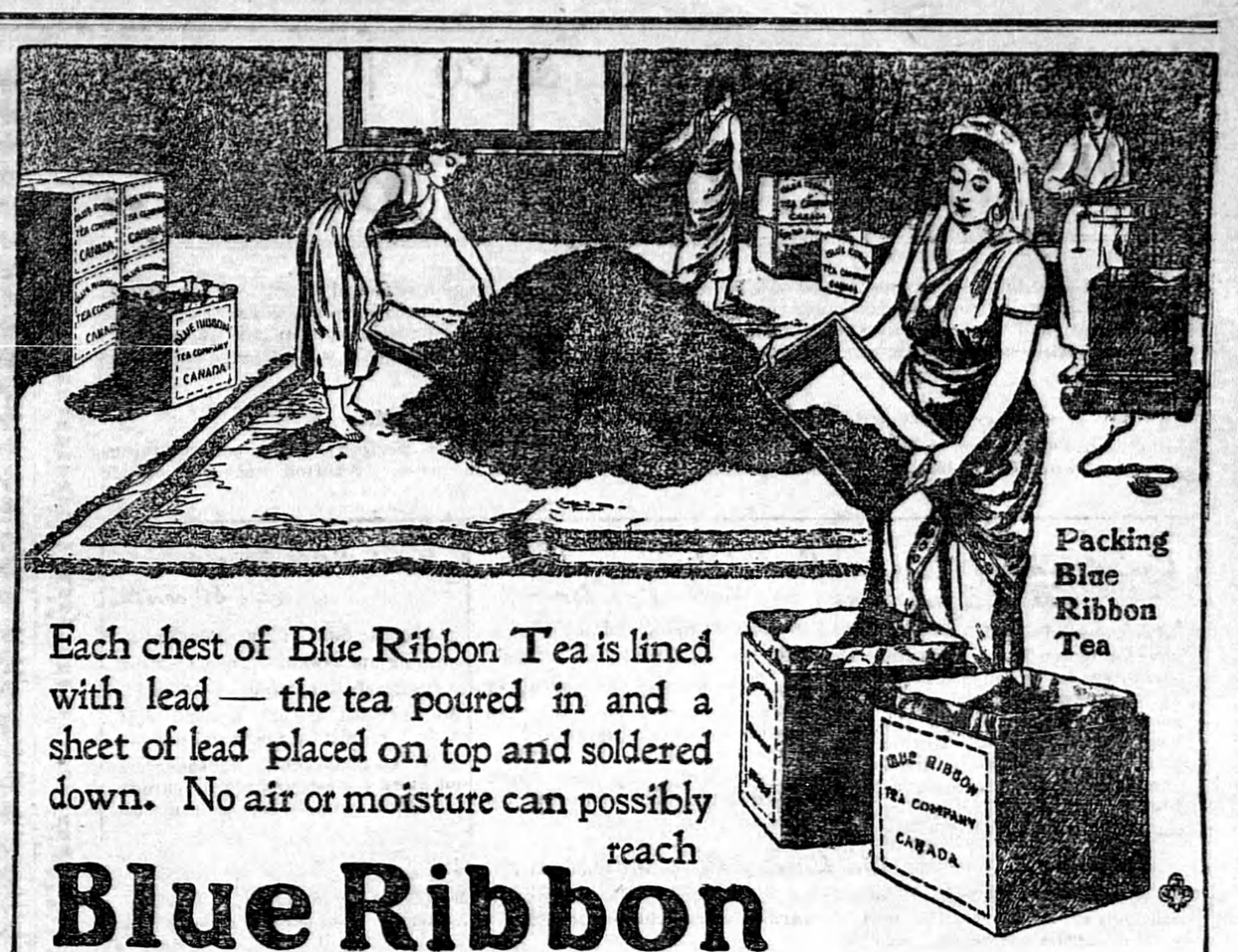

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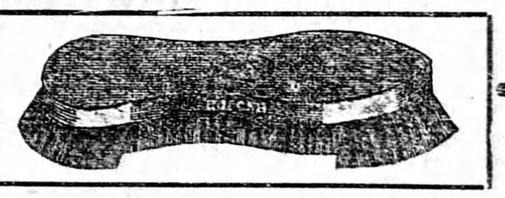

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