

COUNT ZOWASKI.

One of Old Bony's Soldiers—He is Nearly One Hundred Years Old.

Our sanctum was visited yesterday by a no less personage than a genuine Polish Count, nearly a century old. He was a bright, fresh man of about five feet four inches in height with a keen clear eye, and all his faculties seemed to be as bright as if he was only sixty years of age.

Do I remember that campaign distinctly? I should say I did. I shall remember the retreat from Moscow as long as I remember anything. On our way to the city we had marched every day forty-eight miles, but it took us longer going back.

I suffered horribly from the cold and from the dreadful fare we were obliged to put up with. Everything around us was poisoned. Napoleon's enemies had made their last great effort to crush him.

"Then came Austerlitz: I was in that, too. I remember that. It was a terrible time. There was a twenty-five mile field. No houses. Full of soldiers, full of cannon; Russian, Prussian, Turk, troops from Saxony and Wurtemberg, all fighting at once.

"Well, after Napoleon's defeat I had to enlist under other leaders. But I kept in war all the time. I was active in the Polish war for independence in 1831, and warmly espoused Kossuth and my family. Then I fell under the hand of the Austrian rulers.

"I brought my famous white war horse along with me. I found he was famous for they knew him. I went to West Point and gave instructions there for a while.

"When the war was over they called me a hero. I went to San Francisco and was made captain of the police. Then everybody used to say 'the old hero.' It is pleasant to hear that when one is old and the wars are over for him.

Wasn't that funny? A Louisville bank cashier who was supposed to have embezzled \$3,000 called for an examination of his books and proved that the bank was \$6.75 ahead of him.

that the 'old hero,' had better stay; but I had made up my mind. Since then I have trumped about a good deal. All the way newspapers speak of me as I go along, and everybody is kind when they find out who I am.

CURIOUS MURDERS IN AFRICA.

How a Magician Killed a Dozen Women at Lagos.

The last arriving mail steamer at Liverpool from Africa brought particulars of the trial and sentence of the native Aboeshun for the murder of numerous women at Lagos, on the West African coast.

This was the great power his "charms" possessed of making articles double their original value. He urged I down to bring him cloth and beads for that purpose, but she said she was not a trader.

I down was to tell nobody of the matter, or the charms would not act, and the cloth was to be tied round her face. The appointment fortunately was not kept, and three days afterward the prisoner was arrested.

Aboeshun was a native of Porto Novo, and years ago was sold by the authorities to the King of Dahomey, one of whose executors he immediately became.

The Jews of Roumania.

There is once more a crisis in the position of the Jews of Roumania. The effects of the malevolent ingenuity of the authorities are likely far to exceed in ultimate effect the Russian outrages of two years ago.

Oh! how tired and weak I feel, I don't believe I will ever get through this Spring house-cleaning! Oh yes you will if you take a bottle or two of Dr. Casson's Stomach Bitters to purify your blood and set up the system.

In Camp at Aldershot.

My friends, stationed at the camp, received me with the frank, generous hospitality of the English officer, and their kind and friendly treatment soon makes me feel thoroughly at home among them.

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But it is in the inmate love that all Englishmen bear for athletic sports that "Tommy" comes out in his full glory, and his officers do not disdain to meet him on equal grounds at cricket, football, and other outdoor games.

The most interesting of the purely martial sports—if I can use the word in reference to what forms part of the drill of the cavalry and mounted artillery—are the exciting contests of sabre versus sabre, or sabre versus lance, and the like, when some rival "rough-riders" are pitted against one another.

The Italian Peasant. Life beneath an Italian sky is popularly imagined to be a pleasant form of existence. Such, however, does not appear to be invariably the case. The account given by Mr. Beaulerck, in a report to the foreign office on the agricultural condition of Italy, of peasant life in Piedmont is not of a glowing character.

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