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OF THE YEAR IN RUSSIA.

Houses of Even the Humblest Built for

season, but in Europe it is different. We don't know half of the pleasure is revealed the meaning of the words: In all Western Europe I have found of winter. I never understood at all "The voice of the people is the voice

a specialty of keeping warm. And like most specialists, they come much nearer attaining perfection than do or nearer attaining perfection than do or also hauled away outside of the town.

dinary mortals. keep away from England with its hicles are on runners, for the Rus-been finally fixed. First, the route fogs and rain. Don't go to Italy stans know that from the time the of the procession, in all six miles long, procession, and procession long, procession, and procession long, procession, and procession long, pro where there are only a few stoves in sleighing until April The sleighes are the whole kingdom. Germany avoid very close to the ground, hardly 6 or tion Hill, Piccadilly, St. James's St., as you would the plague; there you can 8 inches away. They are built to acnever get much above freezing point. commodate two moderate sized people square, past the National Gallery, sitting very close together. The drive But go to Russia if you love warmth | sitting very close together. The driv- Duncannon street, Strand, Fleet street, er, bundled in furs, sits in front aland comfort indoors and without bright most on your knees, and as his back After the ceremony the route will days and sunshine, and dry bracing air is usually a yard and a half across be; South side of St. Paul's Churchand cheerful.

BRIGHT-FACED PEOPLE.

That's the place to be really comfortable and to enjoy winter and everything pertaining to it, there where the thermometer is from zero to 40 below, where the snow, as dry and hard as sand, crunches under your feet with a pleasant crisp sound, where your breath makes a little cloud before you, and sometimes little icicles on the edge of the great fur collar that reaches to the top of your head.

In the first place the houses are built for winter. The doors are double, the windows are double and the walls are a yard thick. Some time about the latter part of October the

freeze even white you sit on the very hearth, with your feet inside of the fender. Such was my idea of a wood fire, and to hear that all Russia was kept warm during the long, deadly cold winters solely by wood fires was necessarily somewhat of a shock to me. have since learned that there are other ways of having wood fires besides our wasteful way-not so beautiful, perhaps, and not at all picturesque or romantic, but certainly strictly useful. For with as much wood as a man can carry in a not over full arm load a large room in Russia is kept at a temperature of

70 OR 75 DEGREES for twenty-four hours. On unusually cold days they have two "heatings,"

heating a day is enough. A "heating" is a very mysterious process. I den't understand it at all. I only tell it as it appears to me. In each room there is a stove, built gen- ation will be next June it is erally of white porcelain tiles. It is ly to the ceiling. Near the bottom There remains only the underground is a brass door, and near the top railway, but that in warm weather is another smaller one. There are also several little round brass caps that fit the stove. To me, however, the work- which London holds out to strangers over certain little holes in the side of ings of these are as mysterious as who think of seeing this town en fete Bill Nye's parlor stove, the "fearfully and wonderfully made," in which to testing which to testing this town en fete increase the heat you were to "slide festival which the British empire will forward the camera and grease the hold in its capital city. Strangers are giving service at St. Paul's Cathedral, aurora borealis." In the morning a not invited, not even the rulers of another of an address at the Mansion man brings in an armful of wood-ten other nations. Of course strangers House, and that the Palace will be or a dozen sticks-opens the big will come and equally of course they brass door at the bottom, and builds a will come, and equally, of course, they reached again on the return at 2 ladder and opens the top door, and takes out a thing that looks like a stove takes out a thing that looks like a stove lid from somewhere in the internal relid from somewhere in the internal religious fire is allowed been given to those members of the latter of the reliable to the relia gions of the stove. The fire is allow-been given to those members of the this pageant is five guineas, \$25. Ten ed to roar and burn briskly for half British family who come from distant an hour or so with full draught. At the end of that time the stove lid is parts of the empire. is shut and screwed up almost air-tight, in London on Tuesday, June 22, will returned to its retreat, the lower door and the "heating" is over. In a short be to see the Queen and the royal proit will keep the room as warm as you cession. The number of persons who choose for twenty-four hours. And if will be possessed by that puropse on you know how to manage the brass that day cannot be estimated at less caps you can regulate your tempera-

ble doors and double windows. You will understand how warm the their floors. Their clean,

BARE HARDWOOD FLOORS Cold Weather-Mysteries of the Great would give you an ague even to think tober waiting for the entry of the If you want to spend a perfectly comfortable winter and never know comfortable winter and never know we would call summer clothes, very like riding along the dry had of a river. what it is to be cold, or to wish for thin and mostly cotton, and never unwith all humanity for its banks. A the happy days of spring, come here of wearing flannels. Out of doors the happy days of spring, come here of wearing flannels. Out of doors one's comprehension; it is an assemthe to Russia, writes a St. Petersburg corthey wear furs from head to foot, evel blaces of the state of the to Russia, writes a St. Petersburg corthey wear furs from head to foot, evthey wear furs from head to fo

not a single country where winter is warm and cosy out of doors on a bit not a single country where winter is warm and cosy out of doors on a bit-warm and cosy out of doors on a bit-warm and cosy out of doors on a bit-witness on her great fete day. She less pleasant. The days are general- lightful combination of a Russian and her escort will be the real spectaless pleasant. The days are gold, winter, and Russian clothes. No won-ly damp and raw, and often quite cold, der everybody you meet looks so bright but still the inhabitants seem to live and cheerful. It is a pleasure to live in the fond delusion that nature will under these circumstances. They say keep them warm and comfortable, and from actual cold among the poor in Eabylandeed, is a mighty privilege. keep them warm and comfortable, and from actual cold among the poor in Fabulous prices are already being paid Russia than among our own poor at for facility respectively. rurthermore, that to assist nature in home, and when it does get too cold cession. Anybody can do that. It will be interesting and memorable no doubt for the outdoor workmen to keep warm be interesting and memorable no doubt. Russia than among our own poor at for facilities to see the Queen's pro-But in Russia all is different. There the main cities have dren who see it will read about, but dren who see it will read about, but and here the passers-by can warm how much more valuable would be the street. it will be cold, and the people make themselves as much as they please. place of a private soldier in the processit will be cold, and the people make themselves as much as they please.

> sleighing until April. The sleighs are Leave Buckingham Falice, Constitu-Sleighing in Russia is cheaper than King William street, London Bridge, street car riding is at home, and you Borough High street, Borough road, St. can not walk a block without being George circus, Westminister Bridge besieged by innumerable "eesvowst- road, Westminister Bridge, Bridge chilss," the literal translation of whose street, Parliament street, Whitehall, invitation to ride is, "Won't you take the Horse Guards, the Centre Mall, to a slide? Won't you take a slide?"

## HONOR OF THE QUEEN.

HOW ENGLAND WILL COMMENO-RATE HER WONDERFUL REIGN.

The Plans for the Great Jubilee Week-The Spectators Themselves Will be the will be employed during the day to

can be measured on a cash basis.

It has come to be a fact that Loncelebration have secured their sleeping quarters. Locomotion in London when the town is filled with people, is slower than anywhere else. It is a the regulation of street traffic is the best in the world, the narrow thoroughthe thermometer around zero-one fares and immense number of cabs and omnibuses during "the season" have made transit by either of these methods insufferably slow. What the situ-

APPALLING TO ANTICIPATE.

simply an unspeakable abomination.

So it is not a very alluring prospect

The one aim of every human being than six millions. It will probably be In the peasants' houses the stoves are more. It will undoubtedly be the largbuilt of brick and plastered, but they est number of men and women ever ment? are run on just the same principle as those in the Emperor's palace. And all assembled together in the history of It's with a girl.

houses, even the humblest, have dou- the world. This massing together of humanity will be the real marvel, the really memorable event of this mem-WINTER THE PLEASANTEST TIME you learn the surprising fact that will be the meyer wear any flannel under will be the wear and never have any carpets on impressive sight I ever witnessed was number, who lined the Champs Elysees and the Bois de Boulogne last Ocplenty of places in our own pleased and collections made on all points. Deposits received and inenlightened land where everybody knows how to make winter a pleasant knows how to make winter a pleasant different land where everybody the peasants, sheepskin coats, caps linham. It is a new and mighty creature, having attributes like unto no other. In its presence is almost awe. There ed with wool and tall thick felt boots.

THE VOICE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

So if you want to be warm any- except a few inches, enough for of the jubilee procession and its parade where in Europe during the winter, By the middle of November all ve- the arrangements which have just.

Buckingham Palace.

It is by the Queen's own desire, and it is characteristic of her, that she will Priceville, first Wednesday in each visit the humblest quarters of London south of the Thames. Half of the route lies through the abode of poverty, for Lambeth is poorer than Whitechapel. The crack troops of the British army will be used instead of police to keep the line of march. In all

ABOUT 25,000 MILITARY

Greatest Spectacle - London Will be line the streets and keep order, be-Overwhelmed, and Prices Will be Ex. sides forming guards of honor and firing salutes. Cavalry in the arrangement forms a very important element, The English people are not to be and it is officially stated that there and thoroughly sealed in every crack blamed if the year of the record reign will be ten cavalry regiments emwith putty. But in every room there impresses them thus far as a Pente- ond Life Guards the Royal Horse is one tiny pane, on hinges, in both costal season rather than an occasion Guards the Scots Grays, who are all inside and outside windows. Every of joy and thanksgiving, writes a Lon- near London, and contingents of Lanmorning for about ten minutes these don correspondent. Even the pros- sars, and Royal Horse Artillery. panes are opened. The rest of the pects of the great week in June are These, with the colonial cavalry conventilation is secured by two little not altogether enchanting. There is tingents and the Indian special repreopenings into the room—one in the to be a great celebration, one day of sentative cavalry, will all be quartered in a new special camp at Hounslow the floor, in the corner, the other in the which is to be devoted to the public. English cavalry being drawn from English cavalry being ceiling, in the opposite corner. In It will be a stupendous affair beyond Aldershot, Colchester, and Norwich for this way fresh air comes from some- question—something unmatched in the five infantry regiments employed on where and bad air goes somewhere history of Christendom in certain red the procession day, which will include Office:—In McIntyre Block, Opposite else, and the result is that the atmosphere of the rooms is usually good.

Instory of Christendom in certain red the procession day, which will include the procession day, which will include the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be that the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be that the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be the seven battalions of the House-sovereign in whose bonor all will be the seven battalions. phere of the rooms is usually good. sovereign, in whose honor all will be hold Guards, and the remainder will be drawn from Aldershot Dover. The heating of these houses is a fine done, is well worthy the homage, which be drawn from Aldershot, Dover, art. It was a great surprise to me at first when I discovered that the at first when I discovered that the paid gladly and with complete national lish, Irish, Scotch, and Welsh regionly fuel used in Russia is wood. To propriety in spite of substantial sacrial ments with the King's Royal Rifles my mind a wood fire meant a great, unanimity, in spite of substantial sacriments, with the King's Royal Rifles glowing, sparkling, beautiful fire, with lower will be low logs piled high and flames leaping up jubilee week will be a place to fly from with these will be strong representaa wide, black-throated chimney, a for all who value personal comfort and tive companies of the Royal Engintranquility. The cost of seeing the eers and the Army Service Corps. All rather inadequate when the thermonical distribution of getting about London, of bledon Common for the occasion, and Licenses, Durham, Ont. merely existing here, will be more than are to attend there three days before the great ceremony, to go through their work as street guards. The Admiralty has not been left out, and city in the world. For years its hotel royal marines are to have very promindon crowded is the most uncomfortable strong contigents of blue jackets and accommodation has been inadequate. ent places on the day; in fact, the to and notes cashed. This year-well, it is exhausted al- the gnards of honor at Buckingham ready, and only a small fraction of Palace and at St. Paul's Cathedral with those who are coming to the jubilee the very pick of the Guards battalions

THE PROCESSION ITSELF

will be about a mile in length. It will comprise four regiments of cavtown of great distances, and although alry, eight squadrons of the Household Guards and other infantry, seven bands, and three batteries of artillery These will lead the line, and be fol-Chief of the army, and the headquar- at lowest rates. Correspondence to ters staff. Following this brilliant Orchardvill P.O., or a call solicited cortege will come the Queen's carriage, escorted by the Prince of Wales and other British and foreign princes on horseback. The procession will close with other carriages containing the princesses and ladies of the court, members of the colonial governments, and

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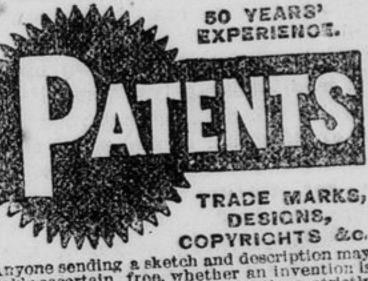
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