AN OPINION OF ALEXIEFF

By One Who Travelled Round the World With Him.

Mr. Robert Jeffrey, who resides in Cowichan, is the possessor of a remarkable photograph of Vice Admiral Alexieff. It is superscribed as follows:

"To Mr. R. Jeffrey, with my best thanks and compliments. E. Alexeieff, commandery, H. S. Russ, M. I. Africa, 25th Juin, 1883, Cherbourg."

Mr. Jeffrey, who is a retired marine engineer, was chief aboard the steamer Africa, in which Alexieff traveled around the world, and he parted with the ship at Cherbourg, France. Mr. Jeffrey says that when he heard that Alexieff had been appointed viceroy in the Far East he was of the opinion that Alexieff was not a big enough man for the job.

He is a nice enough man, but he has a very bad temper. His irascibility was often the cause of painful scenes aboard the Africa. He would be all sugar and plums with the sailors one minute and the next like a bear with a sore head, growling and cursing everything up and down. In those tantrums Alexieff exercised his full power of punishment and was merciless. When he cooled off he was sorry enough, as passionate men generally are after the ebullition.

Vice Admiral Alexieff owes his high preferment not to his ability, which is decidedly mediocre, or to his distinguished service, which has not been conspicuous, but to the fact that he is one of the wealthiest men in the Russian empire. He is the owner of vast territories in Russia, and has a princely income. He is also a great favorite with the present Czar, and has always been. Hence, when the Emperor was looking around for a suitable person to represent Russian majesty in the Orient the choice not unnaturally fell upon the Czar's favorite.

Viceroy Alexieff, it is reported, does not get on so well with the military set as he did with the more free-and-easy naval leaders. The spelling of the viceroy's name should be noted. It is thus written in his own hand on the photograph.—Victoria, B. C., Colonist.

Dropsy and Heart Disease.—"For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells made my life a torment. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured me completely,"—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N. Y. 107

A Railroad Ambulance.

On every large railway system there is a train not scheduled on the time card, but just as essential to maintaining the service as any of the limiteds or locals. It is a passenger train, but the passengers pay no fare. It consists merely of two or three freight cars and a caboose, yet when it starts over the road everything else on wheels must give it precedence. If the President himself is en route in his special of private cars, he must take the side track until it passes by. As Kipling puts it:

Oh, the Empire State must learn to wait
And the Cannon-ball go hang,
When the West-bound's ditched,
And the tool-car's hitched,
And it's way for the Breakdown Gang!

This special train has been dubbed the "Wrecker." Really it is a relief train, ready to respond to any call for aid in case of accident.

The man who would be a wrecker must have what his fellows call "grit," must be quick-witted and quick-motioned, and must be an expert machinist. It is not an easy task for the wreck-master to select a force having all these qualities, and his gang are picked men from the best on the company's pay roll. And size counts for much also. Two or three little men are valuable, for there are many nooks and corners in and under the torn and twisted cars where they can work with hammer and wrench, where a big man could not move. For the same reason a few left-handed men are desirable. If a railroader has ever been a sailor, he is given preference in selection, for there are so many ropes and chains to be fastened to the wreck to pull it apart that the seaman's knowledge of knot and splice is of much value. —From "Way for the Breakdown Gang," by D. A. Wiley in the May Booklovers' Magazine.

MAGNIFICENT EXHIBIT.

The Myers Royal Spice Co., of Niagara Falls, Ont., and New York, have just shipped a magnificent exhibit of their Cattle and Horse Spice, Hog Powders and other goods to the St. Louis Exhibition. Their display in the manufacturers' building will be unique and illustrate fittingly the fact that they are the oldest manufacturers in the world of this class of goods. There is little doubt but that they will take the honors of the great Fair.

One striking feature of their exhibit will be a photograph display of their large plants on both sides of the river at Niagara and in England.

Few Wheeled Vehicles.

The armies now on these roads or bridle paths of Corea will find the matter of transportation of supplies and ammunition as difficult as Braddock found it in the Alleghany mountains a century and a half ago. Wheeled vehicles are not common in Corea, the bad roads making them useless for most of the year. The beasts of burden are the little ponies and the sleek bulls which transport nine-tenths of all Corea's freight.

The Corean pony is a very small affair averaging only eleven and a half or twelve hands high, but in meanness he outrivals any horse of the mos theroic mould. Yet he has some excellent points to make up for being always cross—he can and will carry most patiently very heavy loads for his size. These run up to and over 200 pounds in good weather and average 150 in bad. And they are as sure footed as a mountain goat. They take their gait from the race they serve and no Corean was ever known to show such poor form as to hurry. The ponies average two miles an hour, and will go faster if urged and argued with persistently.

They are not neglected by their native owners save in the odd respect. The vast number of hills to be climbed make the ponies' loads slip, and in this way the little beasts receive galls which are frequently revolting to foreigners, but their owners pay absolutely no attention to these burning wounds. Yet the ponies are kindly treated and usually well fed, the forage being two pounds of beans and millet boiled in water, and poured hot into a trough, with some chopped straw (rice or millet) in addition. The ponies are worth $25 each.

One would naturally expect to find the people of Corea, lying as it does, between Japan and China, bearing some resemblance to the people of the one country or the other, and the traveller is totally unprepared to find a people with a cast of features and a figure more occidental than oriental. In fact, when one steps ashore at Fusan, it is found at once to be an intensely interesting country, though on a clear day the coast of Japan is visible to the southeast.

The first thing that strikes the stranger, is the absence of all color. Everyone, men, women and children is dressed in pure white, or what was originally white. The men wear loose, baggy trousers, and the women large, flaring skirts and very short jackets, and no provision seems ever to have been made by the Corean dressmakers for the resulting gap. The feet are incased summer and winter in padded shoes several inches thick.

TALENTED CROW, THIS.

Talks Like a Parrot, and Has Many Funny Tricks.

There is a crow in Cameron, Mo., which has the gift of language, and has managed to learn a deal of English without any direct effort to teach him. The bird, which is the property of a young Mr. McGee, the son of a Cameron carpenter, is in the habit of greeting people in the streets in a stentorian voice, but it is for his home circle that he reserves his choicest accomplishments.

When visited at his home the bird talked quite after the fashion of the most skilled parrots, who, it is said, never do their best in strange company. He called members of the family "Pa," "Ma," "Norah," and "Homer." There was scarcely anything which he did not say or attempt to say. His interrogative "What for?" was interposed in various parts of the conversation with most laughable results. He called the chickens to their food, clucked like a hen and mewed like a kitten. It was said that he enjoyed a dog fight above all else, encouraging it in the begin[illegible] by shouting "Hi-yah!" and adding [illegible] spirited ejaculations of "Sick 'em!" and "Lick 'em!"

He plays with children, but fights if they disturb him. He is very neat in his habits, taking a bath frequently, if not regularly, and using as a bathtub any vessel which happens to contain enough water, having been known thus to honor a frying pan on occasion. He takes the greatest pleasure in scattering over the floor any nails which he may discover. He allows nothing to grow in his owner's garden after its head has once appeared above the soil.

But in spite of all these pranks the crow is very much a part of the carpenter's family. His birthday has never been recorded in the big Bible, but he will be four years old this spring, so the youth says who took him from a nest in the woods. He lived upon bread and meat in his babyhood, and the diet evidently agreed with him well, for Mr. McGe says the bird's digestion is now perfect, and that he will eat anything, "even onions."

In the days of his callow youth, the crow's wings were kept clipped, and his master declares that they must be cut again, as the bird has been keeping bad hours and associating with others worse than black crows, to the corruption of both his manners and his morals. The injury to his morals is shown by his shocking profanity, and when Mr. McGee took him to the gallery for a photograph, the crow's language, once a source of much pride, became a great humiliation.

A MILE IN 32 YEARS.

A postcard, posted in Swindon on April 16, 1872, has just reached the addressee's son, having taken 32 years to arrive at its destination, which is considerably less than a mile from the place where it was posted.

Both sender and the man to whom the lettre was addressed have been dead for many years.—London Express.

PROOF POSITIVE.

She—Do you still adore me, George?

He—Didn't I stop reading the baseball news to hear about your new waist? —Chicago News.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

Was He Asking the Time?

"I wonder what time Mary's young man left last night," said mamma.

"It must 'a' been exactly 1 o'clock, ma," said the younger brother.

"The idea! How do you know?"

"Why, just as he was leaving I heard him ask Mary some question, and she said 'Just one, only one.'"

THE INCURABLE CURED AGAIN.

J. J. Perkins Owes His Life to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Manitoba Man Helpless From Kidney Disease Made Strong and Hearty by the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.

Tyndall, Man., May 2.—(Special.)—Among the many in the great West who confidently state that they owe their lives to Dodd's Kidney Pills is Mr. J. J. Perkins, a well known resident of this place.

"For two years I was troubled with my kidneys," Mr. Perkins states, "and at last became so bad that the doctor gave me up and said I was incurable.

"I, at times, had such severe pains in my back and kidneys that I thought I would have to give up all hope and die. I was unable to work and was becoming destitute.

"While in this condition a friend persuaded me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I had little faith in them, and it was more to please him than anything else I gave them a trial.

"To my surprise the first box did me so much good that I felt like a new man. Five boxes cured me completely.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life and I cannot praise them too much."

Thousands of cases similar to that of Mr. Perkins here the proof that any Kidney Disease from Backache to Bright's Disease yields readily to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Too Many Laws.

The truth is, of course, that we have too many laws already. We need not more laws, but the enforcement of those that we already have. Every law that is not enforced constitutes a peril to the entire legal fabric, and it is notorious, unfortunately, that fewer laws are enforced than are unenforced. The ratio of punishments to offences committed is so small as to be almost infiitesimal.

This inevitably breeds contempt for law and constituted authority, not only upon the part of the criminal class, but in the minds of people higher up in the social scale. It has been well and truly said that the lynching mob is by no means the most sinister and menacing manifestation of disregard for law.

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A Sweet Time.

It appears from the despatches that the King and Queen are having a suite time of it in Ireland.

Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36

Made a Mistake as to the Place.

Right Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, the witty coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, told a story recently at a dinner which was to the effect that a young Scotch minister having married the daughter of the wealthiest member of his church, in a country town in Pennsylvania, was obliged to apologize publicly for an error in the report of the wedding. The reporter had asked where the pastor and his bride intended to live, and had been told "At the old manse." As this statement appeared in print, the reply was "At the old man's."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Port Mulgrave, Jan. 5, 1897.

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A Hybrid.

The older members of the family having departed in gala attire to attend a wedding, the two-year-old Elbridge inquired of sister Helen, aged five: "What is a wedding?" "I'm afraid you're too young to understand," was the worldly-wise reply, "but it's something between a funeral and a dancing school."

TAKING SLUMBER IN VOLTS.

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There seems no end to the uses to which electricity can be applied. It is now found that it can be so employed as to be the best soporific in existence. Ziemssen has shown that the cerebral substance is the best conductor in the human body and exceeds by 3,000 times the conductivity of the muscles, this author further stating that if electricity has not been more extensively employed in diseases of the brain this is due to exaggerated fears of the dangers which would result therefrom. A current of electricity passing from one ear to the other causes stupefaction and creates the impression that objects seen by the subject are all placed on a moving wheel, while currents passing from the forehead to the neck appear to be not only harmless, but beneficial.

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When you think you have cured a cough or cold, but find a dry, hacking cough remains, there is danger. Take

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The Russian Rooster.

(Toronto World.)

In vain do the nations meet and endeavor to minimize the horrors of war and protect non-combatants. "A Japanese 12-inch shell exploded in the yard of General Stoessel's house, outside Port Arthur. It broke a rooster's leg." The rooster probably knew little of the merits of the conflict, and it is not even stated that it wis crowing over any Russian victory. Wandering harmlessly round the general's house, and rejoicing in the approach of spring and the reappearance of the succulent worm, it observed the approach of a shell, which it not improbably mistook for an eggshell. Thus without a moment's warning it was struck down and crippled for life, its beauty destroyed, its lordly strut gone forever. Henceforth it must limp through the fields of its ancient pride, condemned to listen to the remark, made with tedious iteration, that it was the victim of a fowl outrage. Its only consolation will be the reflection that it takes a twelve-inch Japanese shell to break a Russian rooster's leg.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

The Deadly Microbe.

"Germs cause an enormous amount of sickness, don't they?" said the superficially informed young man.

"Yes," replied the old fashioned doctor; "if they don't get into a man's system they are liable to get on his mind and worry him half to death."

CATARRH TAINT

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If There is Hint of Catarrh Taint

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The Strong Barred.

Fox—The Japanese have a system of physical training called jiu-jitsu, which, it is claimed, enables the weak to master the strong.

Knok—Why? Are the strong barred from learning it?

Too Grabby.

"Some of the young girls nowadays," said Miss Ann Teek, "are positively terrible. The idea of a girl being engaged to two young men at once! It's shameful!"

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(Chicago News.)

"That singer gets $500 a week," remarked the critical patron of the vaudeville show, "yet she has a voice like a buzz saw."

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SWITZERLAND IN CANADA.

At a point 15 miles north of Toronto, on the Grand Trunk Railway System is reached one of the most magnificent districts in the Highlands of Ontario, and which has been named by many world-wide travellers "the Switzerland of America." The region is known as the Lake of Bays district, and comprises a series of connected lakes, over which large steamers are navigated. What greatly adds to the Lake of Bays value as a health giving and sporting resort is the unmatched purity of the air one breathes upon its heights. The cranky grumbler, unless h eis a confirmed dyspeptic, forgets his ills under its reviving influence in less than a week, and sees life's problems in a smoother light if he only has the sense and capacity to enjoy the good things in this life which Nature and Providence have prepared for him. The whole region is placed high above the level of Lake Ontario, and its bracing morning breeze which rivals the celebrated atmosphere of Pike's Peak, Col., imparts new lung power and fresh vitality.

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How It Strikes Us.

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Above station in New York is situated on corner Fourth avenue and 42nd street, and the New York Central is the only trunk line whose trains enter it.

It Does Seem that Way.

(Cattaraugus Times.)

Licking a boy to make him go to Sunday School is a first-class way of leading him to the devil.

HEAVY LIFE INSURANCE.

It is a tossup, since the last policy was taken out, which woman carries the heaviest life insurance, Mrs. Leland Stanford, of California, or Mrs. James Dunsmuir, of Toronto. The odds are in favor of Mrs. Stanford, for she is now rated as insured for "over" a million, whereas Mrs. Dunsmuir is put down at an even $1,000,000. There is no question they are the most heavily insured women on the American continent and far ahead of any of their sisters in the east. The next nearest is Mrs. Basil N. Duke, of Durham, N. C., who has policies amounting to $385,000.

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(Kansas City Journal.)

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"Only one time."

"What did he look like?"

"You reckon I waited ter see?"

MOTHER OF A FAMOUS SON.

In the old thatched cottage of Bockhampton, near Dorchester, in which she had spent nearly all her life, the mother of Thomas Hardy, the novelist, has just passed away at the age of 90.

From all parts of the world admirers of her son had gone to visit her, and she always received them kindly. To the last she remained simple-minded and generous-hearted.

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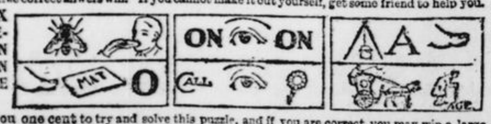

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