

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Grand Duchess Sergius of Russia is a distinguished authoress, now writing the lives of the Emperors of Russia.

The latest Parisian novelty in gloves has a small purse inserted in the palm, wherein women can carry their railway ticket and small coins.

An Eiffel tower in diamonds, which has been on exhibition in Paris, may be exported in America soon. It has been purchased for exhibition in this country.

In the recent autumn manoeuvres in Germany, the fortifying of an entrenched position with barbed wire fencing was found to be very efficacious.

Polish Roman Catholic soldiers in the Russian army complain that various underhand means are taken to induce them to receive the ministrations of Greek priests.

The Emperor (William) has ordered every branch of the German cavalry to be armed with the lance as its chief weapon, though neither the sword nor the carbine is to be discarded.

The erection the other day of a monument to the Danes who fell at Oresund, in Schleswig in 1864 is regarded as the first public admission of complete reconciliation between the Danes and their conquerors.

One of the visitors to the Eiffel Tower has expressed in the Paris "Figaro" his sense of its height. "I would throw myself down from the top," he writes, "but that I am afraid of dying from hunger before I reach the bottom."

M. Nanteuil reached the Paris Exhibition after a seven days' journey from Brussels in a phaeton drawn by a pair of dogs. He is a humane man, and when his dogs were tired he went between the shafts while they mounted the box.

Gen. Faidherbe, who died recently in Paris, was almost the only French commander whose war of 1870-71 gained a distinct, undeniable advantage over the enemy, and quite the only one who in a pitched battle caused the Germans to retreat.

The postal card was twenty years old on the first of last month. Austria has the credit of first adopting the invention, though it was first advocated by the German Postmaster-General, Dr. Stephan, on Oct. 1, 1866, a "Correspondenz Karte," first burst on the astonished Continental world.

Complaint is made of the wholesale destruction of Egyptian antiquities in consequence of the permission given to Greek and Arab treasure seekers to dig, on condition that they show everything found to the Boulak Museum. As a matter of fact the museum does not see every thing they find.

A Bismarck Museum is to be opened at Berlin next April, on the Chancellor's seventy-fifth birthday. It is to contain every species of object relating to the Prince's public life, including a large collection of poems, praising, denouncing, or ridiculing him, and an immense number of caricatures.

It may be that the new powder now being invented for European use will lead to a marked change in the style of guns. The German powder is said to explode in a manner to render the gun liable to be blown out near the muzzle. The new French powder has burst several guns in the same way.

A subterranean river has just been discovered in the department of Lot, France. The discoverers worked their way down stream for a couple of miles through a succession of wonderful grottoes sparkling with stalactites. They found seven lakes on their way, and had to shoot thirty-seven cascades or rapids.

A French statistician has just ascertained that a human being of either sex, who is a moderate eater, and who lives to be 70 years old, consumes during "the days of the years of his life" a quantity of food which would fill twenty ordinary railway baggage cars. A "good eater" however, may require as many as thirty.

On the day of a general election the French, it would seem, ally their excitement by heavy eating. On Sunday, Sept. 22, they ate 432,800 pounds of oysters and 152,000 pounds of fowls. On the previous Sunday, a very fine day, they consumed 100,000 pounds less weight of oysters and 8,000 pounds less weight of fowls.

The Bank of Russia has just discovered that the new bills of 25 roubles which were put into circulation only a short time ago have already been "forged" in a very perfect way. Several hundred thousands of other forged bills are supposed to be in circulation throughout Russia. It is supposed that the bills are manufactured in England or in the United States.

It was noticeable at the Paris Exposition this summer how rapidly two-wheeled vehicles in France are supplanting four-wheeled. There were 300,000 four-wheeled and 200,000 two-wheeled vehicles in the country in 1874. The number of the former is now 1,100,000, while that of the more aristocratic conveyances remains just what it was fifteen years ago.

A circular has been addressed to the artists of the Dresden State Theatre warning them that for the future it will be considered a breach of discipline to accept offerings of flowers and other tokens of admiration, or in any way to recognize the presence of the audience during the course of the performance of serious operas and dramas. This regulation has been in force for some years at Vienna and at other places in Germany.

The German artists are still continuing their campaign against the French element in the language of the Fatherland. Finding that they cannot enjoy their cigar under that name, they have had some difficulty in finding a suitable German term to take its place. The cigar manufacturers of Dusseldorf, however, recently offered a prize for the best (Deutsch) substitute for the obnoxious foreign vocable, and their choice has fallen on a coinage of Pastor Zeller of Wabblingen—Ranchrolls.

The festivities at Athens to celebrate the marriage of the Duke of Sparta and Princess Sophia of Prussia are to be on a scale of magnificence hitherto unknown in Greece. The marriage is something more than popular among the Greeks, who now expect that the famous prophecy will be fulfilled, according to which the Motique of St. Sophia at Constantinople will be restored to Christian worship by a Greek Emperor, whose name shall be Constantine, and whose wife is to be called Sophia. The Duke of Sparta's name is Constantine and that of his bride Sophia.

Accounts have been received of a so-called snow flower, said to have been discovered by Count Anthonoff in the most northern portion of Siberia, where the ground is continually covered with frost. The wonderful object shoots forth from the frozen soil only on the first day of each succeeding year. It lives for but a single day, then resolves to its original elements. The leaves are three in number, and each about three inches in diameter. They are developed only on that side of the stem toward the north, and each seems to be covered with microscopic crystals of snow.

Prince Adalbert, the third son of the German Emperor, is not yet promoted to the dignity of prince, but he has already shown that he possesses a tenacity beyond his years. At an exhibition of the phonograph before the German court circle the other day each of the little princes were requested to say something into the receiver of the machine. When it came to Prince Adalbert's turn, instead of following the example of his elder brothers, and reciting a "verse" of poetry, he shouted into the machine which was to stereotype his utterance for far-off ears, "Will papa please give me a pony?" It is not recorded whether this reasonable request was granted.

A short time ago a young student applied for admission as pupil to the priests' seminary at Kalocsa, Hungary, and, being duly provided with examination certificates, was at once received. The new pupil led exactly the same life as the other inmates of the establishment, and showed a marked disposition for study. A few days ago Cardinal Haynald visited the seminary, and in the garden met the newcomer, who bowed respectfully, but, contrary to custom, did not kiss the Cardinal's hands. His Eminence did not notice the omission, but it led him to examine the candidate priest somewhat closely. The effeminate face of the young student turned scarlet under the scrutinizing gaze, whereupon the prelate uttered a few words in a low tone that caused the former to return quickly to the house. Five minutes afterward this mysterious personage had left the premises, and had not since gone back. Rumor says the individual was a lady, who felt an irresistible vocation to become a priest.

One Hundred Miles an Hour. Sir Edward Watkin, on behalf of the Metropolitan Railway Company, offered the manager of the Water Railway a piece of ground near London, on which to lay down a line two miles in length. We shall, therefore, soon have an opportunity to try what, if the accounts are true, must be the very poetry of motion. The carriages run on skates or slides, but between the slide and the rail is forced a film of water, which prevents all jolting, bumping, and shaking, and, in fact, makes the carriage skim along as a boat does on the sea. Then, too, the pace is a hundred miles an hour. If the new railway is really practicable for long distances, all England will be a suburb of London and Surrey will be saved from becoming a chessboard covered with what the auctioneers call "villa residences" standing in their own three acres and a half of parklike grounds. A hundred miles an hour would make Bath as accessible as Brighton is now, while Manchester could be reached in an hour and fifty minutes. —London Spectator.

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