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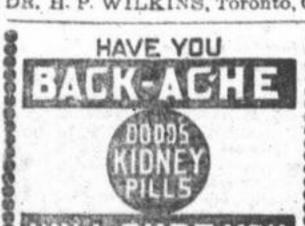
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The pessimist attempting to write your biography would take you in your weaker moods, and the picture of you on the first page of your biography would be as you looked after some meanness had been practiced on you and you were tearing mad. Now, as I am an optimist, I give you fair warning that if I ever write your biography I will take you as you looked the day your dividends came in twenty per cent. are disrobed and whipped to death larger than you ever anticipated, or the the presence of howling mobs. Offenders morning on your way to business after; hear their own flesh siss under the hot after your conversion, when heaven had |. But what are the facts? There are no rolled in on your soul. The most accursed | kinder people on earth than the Russians. homunculi of all the earth are the pessi. I and to most of them cruelty is an impossimists, who, whether they judge individual | bility. I hold in my hand a card. You or national character, and whether they | see on it that red circle. That is the Govwield tongue or pen, are filled with anathe- | ernment's seal on a card giving me per-

TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA. THE SITUATION AS VIEWED BY THE

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that there was not some Absalom who

wanted to get it. There never was a Christ

again speak of his visit to Bussia, and correct many wrong impressions concerning that empire and its ruler. After an exposition of Scripture and congregational-singing he took for his text II Peter ii, 10, "Presumptuous are they, self willed; they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Amid a most reprehensible crew Peter here paints by one stroke the portrait of those who delight to slash at people-in authority. Now we all have a right to criticise evil behavior, whether in high places or low, but the fact that one is high up is no proof that he ought to be brought down. It is a bad streak of human nature was in the time of the text a had streak of human nature, that success of they were powerful. any kind excites the jealous antipathy of those who cannot climb the same steep. There never was a David on the throne

but the world had saw and hammer ready o fashion a cross on which to assassinate Out of this evil spirit grow not only defamation. To no country has more injustice been done than to our own in days that are past. Long before "Martin Chuz-zlewit" was printed the literature of the world scoffed at everything American. Victor Hugo, as honest as he was unequalled in literary power, was so misin formed concerning America that he wrote "The most singular thing is the need of whittling, with which all Americans are possessed. It is such that on Sunday they give the sailors little bits of wood, because f they did not they would whittle the In court, at the most critical moment, the judge, whittling, says, 'Prisonin jeopardy. , are you guilty?' and the accused tran responds, whittling, 'I am not

Lord John Russell called us a "bubble bursting nationality." But our country has at last recovered from such caricature. and there is not a street in any city of Europe or Asia where the word "America" will not win deference. But there is a sister nation on the other side of the sea now going through the process of international defamation. There is no country on earth so misunderstood as Russia, and no mon arch more misrepresented than its em-Will it not be in the cause of ustice if I try to set right the minds of hose who compose this angust assemblage and the minds of those to whom, on both sides of the ocean, these words shall come! If the slander of one person is wicked then the slander of one hundred and twelve million people is one hundred and twelve

million times more wicked. For sale by all druggists, or sent by mail In the name of righteousness, and in be half of civilization, and for the encourage ment of all those good people who have been disheartened by the scandalization of Russia, I now speak. But Russia is so vast a subject that to treat it in one discourse is like attempting to run Nlagara Falls over one mill wheel. Do not think that the very marked courtesies extended me last summer by the Emperor and Empress and Crown Prince of Russia have complimented me into the advacacy of that empire, for I shall present you anthenticated facts that will reverse your opinions, if they have been antagonistic, as min-

were reversed.

I went last summer to Russia with as many baleful prejudices as would make an avalanche from the mountain of fabrication which has for years been heaped up against that empire. You ask now,it is possible that such appalling misrepresentations of Russia could stand? I account for it by the fact that the Russian lan guage is to most an impossible wall. Ma lign the United States or malign Great Britain or Germany or France, and by the next cablegram the falsehood is exposed, for we all understand English, and many of our people are familiar with German and French. But the Russian language, beautiful and easy to those born to speak it, is to most vocal organs an unpronounce able tongue, and if, at St. Petersburg or Moscow any anti-Russian calumny were denied the most of the world outside of Russia would never see or hear the denial

DISCUSSING MISREPRESENTATION. What are the motives for misrepresentation? Commercial interests and international jealousy. Russia is as large as all the rest of Europe put together. Remember that a nation is only a man or a woman on a large scale. Go into any neighbora lawyer who has no briefs what he thinks

Why does not Europe like Russia. Besays some one, "do you mean to charge in Russia before I was asked if I had any the authors and the lecturers who have passport at all. written or spoken against Russia with falsehood?" By no means. You can lare so opposed to any other religion except find in any city or nation evils innumer. I the Greek religion that they will not allow able if you wish to discourse about them. | any other religion; that nothing but perse eminent lady of Russia outside of the imperial family. "Are those stories of religion. But what are the facts? I had cruelty and outrage that I have heard and | a long ride in St. Petersburgh and its subread about true?" She replied: "No doubt | urbs with a perfect, a brilliant, efficient some of them are true, but do you not in | and lovely man, who is the highest official America ever have officers of the law cruel | in the city of St. Petersburg, and whose and outrageous in their treatment of of. | chief business is to attend the emperor. | fenders? Do you not have instances where | said to him, "I suppose your religion is the police have clubbed innocent persons? Have you no instances where people in ! brief authority act arrogantly?" I replied, I religion?" I said to one of the highest and Yes, we do." Then she said: "Why does the world hold our government responsible for exceptional outrages? As I had a most satisfactory talk with the

soon as an official is found to be cruel he emperor about the religions of the world. immediately loses his place. in America hold the Government at Walh- and his God, and no one has a right to in ington responsible for the Homestead riots | terfere with it. or for railroad insurrections, or for the torch of the villain that consumes a block grasping of territory, and she seems to of houses, or for the ruffians who arrest a | want the world. But what are the facts? rail train, making the passengers hold up | During the last century and a quarter the' their arms until the pockets are picked? Why, then, hold the Emperor of Russia, who is as impressive and genial a man as l one monarch in Europe ruled over Eng. lation, while Russia has added during that

your faults or your virtues? All people except ourselves have faults.

matination, and who have more to say mission to visit all the prisons of St. about the freekles bu, the theek of beauty

than of sunrises and sunsets that flush it. SLANDERS ANSWERED. Calumny the First-The emperor and all the imperial family are in perpetual dread | that I was crowded with engagements and of assessination. They are practically I could not make the visitation. But do prisoners in the winter palace, and treaches with dynamite have been found dug around the winter palace. They dare not venture forth, except preceded and followed and surrounded by a most elaborate military

My answer to this is that I never saw a face more free from worriment than the States. John Howard, who did more for emperor's face. The winter palace, around | the improvement of prisoners and the rewhich the trenches are said to have been | formation of criminals than any man that charged with dynamite, and in which the ever lived, his name a synonum for mercy imperial family are said to be prisoners, has never been the residence of the impe-

to day fulfilled his promise that he would Are you an autocrat in your factory, or in your style of business? It all depends on what use you make of your power, whether to bless or to oppress, and from the time of Peter the Great—that Russian who was the wonder, of all time, the emperor who became incognito a ship carpenthat he might help ship carpenters. and a mechanic that he might help mechanics, and put on poor men's garb that he might sympathize with poor men, and who in his last words said: "My Lord, 1 am dying Oh, help my unbelief!"-I say | been driven, except in case of high treason. from that time the throne of Russia has, for the most part, been occupied by rulers | to the hardest part of Siberia, but no man as beneficent and kind and sympathetic as | is sent to Siberia or doomed to any kind of To go no further back than Nicholas,

the grandfather of the present emperor. Nicholas had for the dominant idea of his for deliberation, with your sanction, the plan to abolish serfdom throughout the small owners of serfs who are dependent serfs, and who consequently will be left wholly penniless and without any resource by the eperation of emancipation. They

The emperor replied in words that will last as long as history, "Gentlemen, if I should die because of my devotion to such' a cause; I am willing to meet my fate," When, under an attack of pneumonia from exposure to severe weather in the service of his people, that emperor put down his head on the pillow of dust, Rus sia lost as good a monarch as was ever crowned. Then came Alexander the Second, father of the present emperor. Amid the mightiest opposition and innumerable protests, he, with one stroke of his pen, emancipated twenty million serfs, practi cally saying: "Go free. Be your own masters, and this is for you and your children

On the day he was basely assassinated (and I will parenthetically say that I saw his carriage in splinters, as it looked when he stepped from it, not to save himself. but to look after some poor people of the street who had been hurt, and I saw the bed on which he died, the mattress yet crimson with his life's blood)-on the day he was assassinated he had on his table found afterward, a free constitution that proposed to give the right of suffrage to the people of Russia. If it had not been for the assassination he would have soon signed that constitution, but that horrible violence put things back, as violence always does.

What a marvelous character of kindness was Alexander the Second, the father of the present emperor so that the present emperor, Alexander the Third, inherits his benignity. Alexander the Second, hearing that a nobleman had formed a conspiracy against his life; had him arrested. Then the eyes of the criminal were bandaged and he was put in a carriage, and for some time traveled on, only stopping for food After awhile the bandage was removed, and supposing that he must by that time have been almost in Siberia he found that he was at the door of his own home. But

this punishment was sufficient. And now comes in Alexander the Third doing the best things possible for the na tion which he loves and which as ardently loves him. But what an undertaking to rule one hundred and twelve million people, made up of one hundred tribes and races, and speaking forty different languages! But, notwithstanding all this things there move on marvellously well and I do not believe that out of five hun dred thousand Russians you would find more than one person who dislikes the emperor, and so that calumny of dread of assassination drops so flat it can fall no

ESPIONAGE AND RELIGION. Calumny the Second-If you go to Rus sia you are under severest' espionage, stop ped here and questioned there, and in dan hood of America and ask the physician who | ger of arrest. But my opinion is that if a has a small practice what he thinks of the | man is disturbed in Russia it is because he physician who has a large practice. Ask ought to be disturbed. Russia is the only country in Europe in which my baggas of the lawyer who has three rooms filled | was not examined. I carried in my hand, with clerks trying in vain to transact the | tied together with a cord so that their titles superabundant business that comes to could be seen, a pile of eight or ten books, him. Ask the minister who has a very all of them from lid to lid cursing Russia, limited audience what he thinks of the but I had no trouble in taking with me the books. There is ten times more difficulty in getting your luggage through the Ameri cause she has enough acreage to swallow can custom house than through the Rusall Europe and feel she had only half a sian. I speak not of myself, for friends meal. Russia is as long as North and intercede for me on American wharves. South America put together. "But," and I am not detained. I was several days

Calumny the Third-Russia and its ruler I said at St. Petersburg to the most | cution and imprisonment and outrage in tolerable await the disciples of any other that of the Greek Church?" "No." said he; "I am a Lutheran." "What is your most influential officials at St. Petersburg. He said, "I am of the Church of England. and he thinks and feels as you and I do, Then I bethought myself. Do the people | that religion is something between a man

Calumny the Fourth-Russia is so very United States have taken possession of everything between the thirteen colonies and the Pacific ocean, and England, during the same length of time, has taken possession of nearly three million square miles, and by the extent of her domain has added two hundred and fifty million poputime only one-half the number of square miles and about eighteen million of population-England's Advance of domain by two hundred and fifty million against Russia's advance of domain by eighteen million. What a paltry Russian advance of domain by eighteen million, as compared with the English advance of domain by two hundred and fifty million! The United States and England had better keep still about extravagant and extortionate enlarge-

ment of domain. Calumny the Fifth-Siberia is a den horrors, and to-day people are driven like dumb cattle; no trial is afforded to the suspected ones; they are put into quick silver mines, where they are whipped and starved, and some day find themselves going around without any head. Some of them do not get so far as Siberia: Women, after being tied to stakes in the streets,

Petersburg, as I had expressed a wish in that direction. As the messenger handed this card to me he told me that a carriage was at the door for my disposal in visiting Hiscook's greeny. the twisons. It so happened, however,

you suppose such cheerful permission and a carriage to boot would have been afforded

earth as they have been described to be? But how about Siberia? My answer is, Siberia is the prison of Russia, a prison throughout Christendons, declared by The last one hundred years have invoice and pen that the system of transporcreased the need and capacity for work tation of criminals from Russia to Siberia was an admirable plan, advocating open

after witnessing the plan of deportation of criminals from Russia to Siberia, commended it to England. If a man commits murder in Russia he is not electrocuted as we electrocute him. or choked to death by a halter as we choke him to death. Russia is the only country. on earth from which the death penalty has Murderers and desperate villains are sent punishment in Siberia until he has a fair

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ment, and also because it was taking all

offenders hundreds of miles away from

their evil companions. John Howard,

THE CEAR'S CLEMENCY. The merciful character of the present administration the emancipation of the serfs. When it was found that he premeditated the freedom of the serfs he received the following letter of threat from | ent emperor, standing in the snow that a deputation of noblemen: "Your Impe- awful day when the dynamite shattered to rial Majesty-We learn that the conneil | pieces the legs of Alexander the Secondand senate of the empire have before them I say the man who supervised all this fled from St. Petersburg and quit Russia. But after awhile the man repented of his crime, Russian empire. We are perfectly willing and wrote to the emperor asking for forto abide by your majesty's decision in this giveness for the murder of his father, and matter and to loyally support your will. | promising to be a good citizen, and asking but there are in Russia a large number of | if he might come back to Russia. The emperor pardoned the murderer of his father. for actual subsistence on the labor of those | and the forgiven assassin is now living in Russia unless recently deceased. STOP DEFAUATION.

But you ask how will this Russophobia will then undoubtedly resort to desperate | with which so many have been bitten and measures, and in the extremity of their poisoned, be cured? By the God of Jusdespair will put the life of your majesty | tice blessing such books and pamphlets as are now coming out from Professor de Arnaud, of Washington; Mr. Horace Cut. ter, of San Francisco; Mr. Morfill, of England, and by the opening of our American gates to the writings of some twenty-four of the Russian authors and authoresses, in some respects as brilliant as the three or four Russian authors already known-the translation of those twenty-four authors, which I am authorized from Russia to offer free of charge to any, responsible American publishing house that will do them

Let these Russians tell their own story. for they are the only ones fully competent to do the work, as none but Americans can fully tell the story of America, and as none but Germans can fully tell the story of Germany, and none but Englishmen can fully will the story of England, and none but Frenchmen can fully tell the story of

And may the blessing of God the Father, and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost be upon all the members of the imperial household of Russia, from the illustrious head of that family down to the princess, seven years of age, who came skipping into my presence in the palace of Peterhof last summer! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men!

HOW FISHES EAT.

Some Curious Modes of Mastication Among the Finny Tribe.

The curious way in which fishes eat is quite a study. Some fishes have teeth and some have none at all. In some the teeth are found upon the tongue, in some in the throat, and in some in the stomach. Some draw in the food by suction; the sturgeon is one of this class. The jelly fish absorbs all its food by wrapping its body around the prey it covets. The star fish fastens itself to its victim, turns its stomach wrong side out, and engulfs its dinner without the formality of swallowing it through a mouth first, much less of asking permission. Then there is a peculiar little crab, which chews up its food with its legs or claws before it passes the morsels over to its month; while other crabs and lobsters masticate their food with their laws and afterwards complete the work with an extra row of teeth located in their

So there are all sorts of methods for those regularly toothless, and the fishes which have teeth show almost as great a diversity in the number, style and arrange ment of them. The ray or skate has a mouth set transversely across its head, the jaws working with a rolling motion like two hands set back to back. In the jaws are three rows of teeth set like a mosaic, and between these rolling jaws the fish crushes oysters and their mollnscs like so many nuts. The carp's teeth are set back in the pharaynx, so that it actually masticates its food in its throat; while the sea urching has five teeth surrounding its stomach and working with a peculiar centralized motion, which makes them do as good service as if numbering hundreds. These are only a few of the odd methods in which fishes eat .- Yankee Blade.

The Best Road Argument.

In Parke County, Indiana, much improvement in this line has been shown and the practical results of good roads have created a general demand for their extension in other parts of the country. It used to be the custom of farmers in that section to "work" the roads in the same manner and with the same ignorant attention to the work in hand, that had been given it by their fathers and ferefathers They went out on that streak of disturbed oil, which by force of custom they call's 'road," and under pressure of annual assessment proceeded to scrape and maul the soil for three or four hours per day. When the farmer was too busy to indulge in this annual diversion with the neigh bors, it was permitted that two of his boys were allowed as a substitute for their father, and one of these "substitutes, writing at a later day, says: "It was as good as a holiday." One day it came to pass that two or three theorists and eranks began to talk to the people of Parke County about constructing turnpikes and gravel roads. They were met by arguments which the good people of Parke county would be ashamed have repeated here, and they made few converts. Finally one of the enthusiasts in the county built a mile of gravel road, and paid for it out of his private purse. He was a radical on the road question and wished to convince his neighbors; but they only made fun of his efforts and plunged along in the mud until it became apparent that there was only, one mile of good road in the entire country. This mile of good road preached a powerful sermon. It was a better argument and made more con verts than all that had been talked and written to the people for generations, so says a writer in Good Roads. A wave of ommon sense rolled over into Parke county, which contained at that time the the muddiest roads in the State. A few enterprising people led the movement for an improvement of their road, and in a short time a solid highway was completed over which the farmers drew their loads with ease, pleasure and profit. This road was the second convincing argument in that part of the county and it routed the

Notes of the Curious. Some of the railroads are now employing sectric shovellers for excavating purposes. It is said that superficial neuralgia can be relieved by throwing upon the part affected a beam of light from an arc lamp. A physician in Switzerland declares that he cures certain forms of throat disease by | Mr. Smythe, what would life be making his patients yawn several times a | coffee?

Varying Beliefa But One Result. Both the Kurds and the Connacks believe that Ararat is guarded by an unearthly being and that no man can ascend the peak and live. They have a somewhat outrary opinion, however, as to what Ity rich in petroleum, kind of spirits are on guard, the former ciaiming that the devil is guard supreme, the latter that angels are on watch.

Armstrong's new eners, one door below

THE MOBERN OPTIC PUT TO USES UNDREAMED OF BY THE ANCIENTS.

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upon small objects near at hand. One of the questions cocurring to the mind is, de these different and increased demands bring increased facility and capacity to the human eye? Eyes are now used in ways never imagined by our remote ancesiers, possibly never dreamed of in the oriental countries. Whatever there may have been in the way of sculpture among the Greeks demanding artistic and accurate vision, there was no typesetting, no electric telegraphy, no atcongraphy and no typewriter. The eye of the patriarch Job was consti tuted at birth and went through life to old age very much such an optical instrument as that of the English squire who devetee himself to an outdoor life in the sighteenth or nineteenth century; but Job had no printed books to beguile the tedium and pain of his sest in the sand and ashes. The examination of the mumniles in the Egyptian mansoleums shows that there has been no change in the anatomical conformation of the human ear in 4,000 years, and there is no evidence that there has been any in that of the human eye; but the difficulty of preserving the eye for examination centuries after it has ceased to see prevents us from proving this A writer in the Cosmopolitan thinks it is safe to say that it has not changed in any essential of anatomical form during the time of the human race upon the earth. But, as we have just intimated, the demands upon it and its occupations are much more exacting and very different from those that obtained among the classic Greeks and

Romans or the patriarchal Arabians. The tendency of the Scople of our civilization to live in large towns, in the bad air, and with the absence of light incidental to such life, may have brought the hu- We have them all man eye into many more dangers than those that come to it in a rural occupation. Yet accidents to the human eye in In great variety. rural life are not at all rare. It may be that civilization generally attains the loftiest plane in large cities, where intellectual activity is most intense. With this come increasing demands upon the visual power, and often under improper conditions. But if the nineteenth century civilization of great towns has brought great dangers to the night, it has also achieved great triumphs in the matter of examining the eye, so that we may determine and increase its power for work and find out and cure its diseases. It is perfectly possible, by means of the instruments of the nine teenth century, to exactly learn the optical condition of an eye, to decide just what glasses, if any, are needed for its perfect working; and it is also possible to look in upon it, and by the appearance of its tissues and its blood vessels to decide as to the existence of serious disease, when there are few other symptoms that point to it, when there may be none besides it to be

found in the body that positively prove it. I may mention two classes of disease, one constitutional and the other local, which illustrate this latter statement; the eye mirror opthalmoscope is the instrument by which such things are settled. Bright's disease, a name carrying dread to many a household, is the constitutional disease to which I refer. In not a few cases the diagnosis of it is made by the examination of the retina by the eye mirror. The expert will make no mistake if the eve gives evidences of it, for its signs are positive, in minute bleedings from the blood vessels and peculiar fawn-polored spots on the retina. The surgeon dreads to find them, because they are evidence of an advanced stage of the malady which prematurely destroys so many lives. fright's disease is, in fact, a degeneration f many of the tissues of the body, the walls of the arteries being among them. n no part of the body can this degenera tion be so readily detected as in the retina

Strength of a Bird's Wing. The muscles of a bird's wing are particuariy strong in proportion to the weight of its body. As a rule, small birds that have come very far across the sea have been blown over the water during violent gales. and many of them arrive on land in a half dead condition. One reason for the fact that in fair weather small and weak birds make long journeys successfully over considerable tracts of ocean is that they are carried on the backs of the larger ones. When passing the autumn in Crete a writer asserts that he distinctly heard the twittering of small birds when flocks of sand cranes were passing overhead on their way to southern shores. On another occasion, when firing a gun, he saw three small birds rise from the flock and disappear again among the cranes. A native priest assured him that they came over from Europe with him, while it has been found that small birds, never before seen in certain parts. have been brought thither at times of migration. Another cause is that small birds do not make their journeys in one flight. They generally rest during the day search

ing for food, and thus proceed to their destination by easy stages. - Brooklyn Eagle. Simple Christmas Gifts. Again the holiday season approaches, and we must find expression for the "goodwill" and love we feel. But as we plan what we should like to do, a discouraging sense of the small amount of time and money at disposal may be felt, but remem bering that "love is what counts," and a simple gift may be as truly an expression of it as the most costly one, we will get together not only all the odds and ends of handsome material in the home, but the homely as well, for there is many an overworked housewife who would be pleased with the gift of a supply of holders, dishcloths, towels, etc., and nothing makes better stove-cloths and ironing holders than old denim overalls and colored skirts.

-Country Gentleman. A Hustler. Stuttering Old Gentleman (entering der tist's office) -I wu wu would like a to

Young Dentist-Quite right! (Seizes visitor, shoves him into operating chair and grabs forceps)-Which is-Ah, I see! Out she comes! (Pulls tooth). One dollar, Old Gentleman .-- But, eue-cue-confound you sir, I dud-dud-I dud-didn't want

tut-tut-tooth pulled! Dentist-Well, what did you want, then? Old Gentleman-I am Mum-Mum-Miss Brisk's fuf-fuf-I'm her father, just retuttut-returned from abload. Sh-Sh-She has tut-told me abub bub-bout your pur-proposal of mum-mum-marriage, and I came up to huh have a tut-tut-a ten minutes' that with you about it. Dentist (regretfully)-Then, I suppose this settles it. I love her, but can hardly expect, you to give your consent after-Old Gentleman-Wu-Wu-Well, I don't know about that. It was pup-pup-it was pup-pretty tough on me. But I gug-gugguess you'll be able to su su support her in gug good style. You are achu, hu hustler,

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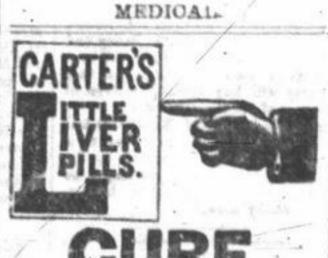
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