CHOPPING THE HASH.

A wide, shady porch with a weather-stained floor,
A chintz-covered chair by the low kitchen door,
Where eveward the glories aspiringly run
With flowers to the shadow and leaves to the sun.

On the sill, with a big wooden bowl in her lap
And her chopping-knife swinging a cheerful rap-tap,
With her cap-border crowned by an old-time calash,
Grandmother Grigson sits chopping the hash

The robin that lives in the lilacs close by
Cocks his head in surprise and makes ready to fly,
But lingers to listen, the wise little elf,
While Grandmother Grigson talks low to herself:

"There's beef an' pertater, an' cabbage an' beet,
That goes to the makin' of hash good an' sweet,
And ne'ry a one on 'em, take it alone,
But makes a poor meal, as you'll willin'ly own.

"There's joy an' there's sorrer, there's peace and there's strife,
That goes to the makin' of what we call life;
An' ne'ry a one on 'em, come to the p'int,
But makes a poor life, somehow, all out o' j'int.

"For joy, yes, or peace, take it year arter year,
Are tame 'thout the seas'nin' of sorrer and fear,
I've et of the hash an' I've no fault to find,
And I'm thankful that my life wasn't all o' one kind."

—Alice O. Darling, in Good Housekeeping.

HOW DESPOTS RULE.

Horrible Punishment Inflicted on Exiles in Siberia.

Living and Dying in Chains—Scourged, Starved and Frozen—The Fate of a Human Vulture—Half Has Not Been Told.

Alexander Baranoff, who was a Russian army officer, and who was sentenced to Siberia for alleged complicity in revolutionary schemes, spoke to a Boston Advertiser reporter as follows:

"Were it not for the charity of the people of Russia and Siberia no convict would ever live to see the end of his journey. The charities of the City of Moscow, from which so many prisoners start for Siberia, are great. It is the custom of the convicts to choose one of their own number as foreman when about to start on their long journey. When our company of eight hundred men and women, escorted by the soldiers with fixed bayonets, left Moscow our foreman went up and down the lines of people gathered to witness our departure. He collected alms from the crowd, the money being put into bags and carried along to the first station, where it was divided. The amount collected was so great that every man had twenty-seven dollars.

"The Government does not interfere with this alms-giving on the part of the people. In every little town through which you pass each villager takes off his hat and crosses himself, and throws in a penny for the benefit of the 'poor unfortunates,' as the convicts are termed by the people.

"All that the American people have heard and read about the sufferings endured by the prisoners exiled to Siberia is true. The half has never been told. The soldiers in Siberia have a name for the convicts which well expresses their condition. It may be translated freely as 'you are dead but not buried.' This is the truth. It is a living death.

"Typhoid fever is the worst scourge of the exiles. More convicts die of that than of any other cause. It could not be otherwise. The indescribable filth and frightful atmosphere of the crowded sleeping-places at the stations along the route are steady and sure breeders of the disease, which makes dreadful ravages among the prisoners. The fever broke out among us when we were at Tobolsk, and the prisoners died at the rate of thirty or forty a day. I was sick with the fever myself. The prisoners received medical attendance, such as it was. Tobolsk was a great stopping-place for transients, and at that time there were three thousand convicts confined in various barracks opening upon a large inclosure which was strongly fortified.

"Another thing from which the convicts suffer in Siberia is the cold. The cold of a Siberian winter is intense, and the convicts on the line of march, unable to walk fast and keep their blood in circulation because of their chains, suffer much. I remember one day, near the City of Tara, in the Province of Tobolsk, when it was so frosty that some of the baggage horses even lay down and died. We lost three women and five men that day, who, chilled through and through by the dreadful cold, succumbed and died in the road, their bodies being picked up and brought along to the next station.

"Some of the prisoners died in this way every week, especially in the Bratski steppe, and yet it was only the ordinary Siberian winter.

"Convict life in the mines of Siberia is well illustrated by our daily routine at the gold mines of Nerchinsk. We got up at four o'clock in the morning and had a breakfast of black bread and a bowl of gruel. We worked in the mines till noon and then had dinner, consisting of more gruel and black bread, and also a piece of meat. The meat was often horse meat, and young horse, let me tell you, isn't half bad, especially if you are a prisoner in Siberia.

"We worked in the mines again until dark. Supper consisted of cabbage or some other kind of soup, meat every two or three days, potatoes or other vegetables, which were frequently rotten, and black bread. In the mines we worked in true miner fashion with pick and shovel and lamp on hat. We still wore our chains. They never came off. The convicts had to live in them and die in them.

"Such a life, of course, sooner or later, caused the death of many convicts. The political prisoners, many of whom were of high rank and totally unused to manual labor and to such a diet and manner of living, suffered the most and succumbed generally the fastest. The ordinary offenders, thieves, common malefactors, etc., who came from the lower classes, stood prison life much better, for it more nearly resembled in its diet and daily toil their former life. I have known ordinary offenders, men from the lower classes, who were stout and strong, who had lived and worked in the mines for twenty years.

"The women prisoners at the mines were employed in scrubbing, washing and clothes-making. The delicately-nurtured ladies among them who were political offenders did not generally live long.

"Some of the severities practiced upon convicts in Siberia are justified, it must be said. Many of the convicts are the worst sort of humanity, including murderers, thieves, highwaymen and all kinds of offenders. We had one murderer in our community who had killed twenty-seven men.

"The political prisoners were forced to mingle with this class of convicts, some of them the dregs of humanity. In our company of eight hundred which left Moscow there were forty-eight political prisoners, four of whom were women. Sixteen of us were the officers of the Shleselburg Regiment, who had been court-martialed for alleged complicity with Polish conspirators. Three of us officers stuck together and worked together and finally escaped together. I do not know what ever became of the others. I suppose they are all dead by now.

"There is only one chance in one hundred of ever getting back to Russia when one is once sent to Sibera, for if a convict is suspected of having further political schemes it destroys his hope of a pardon.

"Many of the convicts, as I have said, are desperate men. Here is a story of the revenge some of them took upon a Siberian who had murdered some of their number. This Siberian was one of the Mongolian race called Bratski, and he had a farm about two hundred verstes from Nerchinsk. It lay in the way by which convicts escaping from the mine generally passed. The region was mostly a dry desert, but this Bratski farmer had a good well of water which attracted the convicts, especially the green ones who had never heard of him.

"I was this farmer's custom to call to a convict whom he saw passing by wearing a good pair of shoes or a good coat and entice him within reach, and then shoot him from a mound hut which he had loop-holed all about. He killed and robbed a number of convicts in this way.

"One day a party of seventeen convicts went by the farm, and some of the younger ones were for stopping. The more experienced convicts dissuaded them from doing this, saying that they would surely be shot. By means of a stratagem five of the convicts captured the farmer unarmed and away from his loop-holed hut. Then the best means of putting to death the murderer were discussed. Some were for hanging him, but one convict said: 'I'll show you a better way than that.' The farmer's legs were ripped up with a knife from the inside of the ankle and a lot of finely chopped horse-hair was rubbed into the wounds. The hair was obtained from the tail of a horse, which was cut off. The finely cut hair irritated the wounds much and put the victim in great agony. The convicts at Nerchinsk later heard, through the convict system of signs and communication, which is spread all over Siberia, like the tramp language in this country, that the farmer died of his wounds.

"I remember a convict at Nerchinsk named Butouska, who was an unruly fellow and often brought punishment upon himself. He used to get two hundred or three hundred lashes at a time for stealing from the other prisoners. Upon one occasion he was punished for some misdeed by being thrown into a dark cellar, the intention being to keep him there for two hours. But the overseer, who was a drunken fellow, forgot him, and he was not released.

"During the night the other convicts heard an awful yelling coming from the cellar into which Butouska had been thrown. In the morning there was nothing to be seen in the cellar but Butouska's bones. The rats had eaten the rest of him.

"I can recall many acts of cruelty to the prisoners. I remember one political prisoner, a young man of high rank who had been a Captain in my own regiment. He was much beloved by us all. Weak and run down by the hard life of the mines, he found himself utterly unable to work one day, and when they tried to make him keep at it he refused and declared he could not. He was taken to the hospital, where he died, being kept without a mouthful of food for twenty-four hours."

—The appearance upon news-stands of a dozen or more different architectural, real estate and similar publications catering to those who are thinking of building houses, is a sign of the increased interest in home making on the part of the people. Formerly such publications had only a limited and special circulation, and were never offered for general sale.

—A simple stove for warming rooms by means of solar heat has been contrived by Prof. E. S. Morse. It consists of a shallow box, having a bottom of corrugated iron and a glass top. This device is placed outside the building where the sun can shine directly into it. The rays pass through the glass and are absorbed by the metal, heating it to a high temperature and warming the air of the box. The air, which on sunny days rises to ninety degrees F., is conveyed into the room to be heated.

—Professor Hartley, of London, has been trying to find out why the sky is blue. His experiments show that the color arises from the action of ozone upon the rays of light. The result of his examination of ozonized air goes to prove that it is impossible for rays of light to pass through so little as five miles of air without the rays being colored sky-blue by the ozone commonly present, and "that the blue of objects viewed on a clear day at greater distances up to thirty-five or fifty miles must be almost entirely the blueness of ozone in the air.

VICEROY OF IRELAND.

In Recent Years His Duties Have Become Mainly of a Social Nature.

The Lord Lieutenant is the direct representative of the sovereign in Ireland, and acts as her deputy. Ever since Ireland came under English rule some official—or in some instances several officials acting together—has thus served in Dublin as the King's or Queen's representative.

In old times this official was called either the General Governor, the Lord Justice, or the Lord Deputy. When two or more persons performed the duties of the executive office, they were usually two or more of the Lords Justices of Ireland, and they were said to act for the sovereign "in commission." The chief official was, indeed, often called the "Lord Deputy," but it was sometimes the case also that the Lord Deputy was one who acted in the place of an absent chief official, whose title was "Lord Lieutenant."

This title only came into vogue about three centuries ago, the Earl of Essex, under Elizabeth, having been one of the first to bear it. The last occasion on which "Lords Justices" in commission exercised executive power was in 1789, just one hundred years ago. Since that date a single ruling official of Ireland has always borne the title of Lord Lieutenant.

The Lord Lieutenant is invariably a nobleman of high rank, and usually one of great wealth. He resides in much state at the ancient Dublin Castle, in Dublin, and he has a salary of twenty thousand pounds (one hundred thousand dollars) a year—double that of the President of the United States. Yet such are his social duties that he is said often to spend much more than the amount of his salary in a year.

The Lord Lieutenant is often called the "Viceroy of Ireland," which means that he is there in the place, or stead, of the King or Queen.

In his hands are all the purely executive powers in Ireland. He is the commander of the troops and of the constabulary. He issues proclamations. He presides over the various branches of administration, and the appointments of inferior officials in Ireland are, in many cases, nominally made by him.

But in recent years the duties of the Lord Lieutenant have become mainly of a social and ornamental nature. He holds levees and gives state banquets, on occasion, at Dublin Castle, and sometimes makes journeys to different parts of the island.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland sometimes is, and sometimes is not, a member of the British Cabinet. The Duke of Marlborough sat in the Cabinet.

The principal executive duties in Ireland have gradually come to be performed by an official nominally inferior to the Lord Lieutenant; that is, by the "Chief Secretary for Ireland," an office now held by Arthur J. Balfour.

The Chief Secretary is always a member of the British House of Commons, and is included in the Ministry, and sometimes in the Cabinet. Mr. Balfour is a Cabinet Minister, and so was John Morley, his predecessor.

Not only does the Chief Secretary have a principal share in managing affairs in Ireland, but he represents Ireland on behalf of the Cabinet on the floor of the House of Commons. He has charge of bills relating to Ireland, and answers questions put to him in respect to Irish subjects. Practically, he is the responsible Minister for Ireland.

Many famous men have held the offices, both of Lord Lieutenant and of Chief Secretery. Early in the century the great Duke of Wellington, when Sir Arthur Wellesley, was chief Secretary; and later, two of his brothers—the Marquis Wellesley and the Earl of Mornington—held, the one, the post of Lord Lieutenant, the other, that of Chief Secretary.—Youth's Companion.

INCENSE FOR HOMES.

An Oriental Custom That May Well be Imitated in This Country.

The agreeable fashion of burning pastilles and fragrant herbs in rooms that are apt to grow "stuffy" in damp weather is almost a substitute for a fire on the hearth, which purifies and cheers the whole house. Ever since the mania for Japanese decorating came in there has been a demand for the delicious pastilles, or "reeds," which are the condensation of Eastern fragrance, and their use has brought about a greater love for aromatic odors of a refined and purifying nature. The subtle sweetness permeating articles that come from China or Japan will last for years and affect the atmosphere, not merely of the room they are in, but of the entire house. There is not a Rimmel or a Lubin in Europe than can produce this intoxicating, and, if one may say so, high-bred perfume from the Orient, try as he may. A bunch of Japanese pastilles, smoldering one at a time in a little incense burner, will last several weeks, while for olfactories disliking any perfume, however delicate, a bit of gum camphor or a little stack of pine needles produces a most refreshing odor while burning. Pine needles can be gathered by the bushel and kept all winter to be thrown on coal fires in city houses or burned by themselves in one of those little chafing dishes for which Japanese art is famous.—Chicago Herald.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—Tin and glass have found a rival in paper as a material for making kerosene oil cans. The latter, it is claimed, will not rust and leak like tin or crack like glass.

—Experiments in welding wire rope by the electrical process show that the strength of the finished welding is within eighteen per cent. of the normal strength of the cable.

—"Linotypes" are photographic prints mounted on linen. Washes of color are applied to the back of the prints, so that they can be used as colored transparencies with excellent effect.

—In Paris the saccharine or sugar made from coal has been unanimously condemned by the medical profession, because it seriously troubles digestion. In consequence of their recommendation a law has been enacted prohibiting the use of coal sugar as an article of food.

—There wouldn't have been any milk in the cocoanut if some dairymen had had the construction of it.—Texas Siftings.

—Mr. Frills—"What were *you* when I married you? *Nobody!*" Mrs. Frills (serenely)—"Well, that's a good point; you're nobody's fool."—Puck.

—A good many men who are talking very bitterly about the difficulty of getting into a church have never tried it.—N. Y. World.

—Artist—"I am thinking seriously of presenting one of my paintings to some public institution. Which one would you suggest?" Candid friend—"The asylum for the blind."

—"Pawn me honah, me deah boy." "Don't," interrupted his friend, "I beg of you, don't; you couldn't raise enough on it to buy a cord for your eye-glass." And the conversation was not resumed.—Michigan Farmer.

—To cut up a victim to find out what is the matter with him after he has been doctored a year is a dead give-away on the part of the doctor, who should know what is needed when he gives the medicine.—N. O. Picayune.

—In the street car.—First lady (seated)—"Madam, please remove your umbrella from my lap. I'm not an umbrella stand." Second lady (standing)—"O, indeed! Well, now I take a good look at you, I see my mistake."

—"Do you like the Greek Poets?" asked Miss Theodosia Thuddington, of Brown, who is not in the least literary." "Yes; better than any of the modern poets." "For what reason?" "Principally because they are all dead."—Merchant Traveler.

—Cadley—"The great point of a jest is that it should be spontaneous. It should be as quick as a flash, you know. Now, I never think a joke over before I utter it." Bagley—"No; if you did, you wouldn't say it all, would you?" Cadley—"Certainly not."—America.

—"Mrs. Spitfire (handing her husband a photograph): "How do you like my pictures, John?" "Who is it?" "Why, it's me? Who do you suppose it is?" "I wouldn't have known it. I never saw you look that way before." "What way?" "Pleasant."—Chicago Herald.

—A timely caution—Husband—"Don't worry, my dear, if I get home a trifle late occasionally, now that I've joined the Athletic Club. I used to be a great athlete when I was a boy, you know, and it seems like renewing my youth to go through with the old exercises again." Wife—"No, John, I won't, but when you get home at two a. m., as you did this morning, please don't renew your youth by standing on your head in the front porch, nor climbing through the transom, because it's apt to excite remark, you know—that's all, dear."—Enoch.

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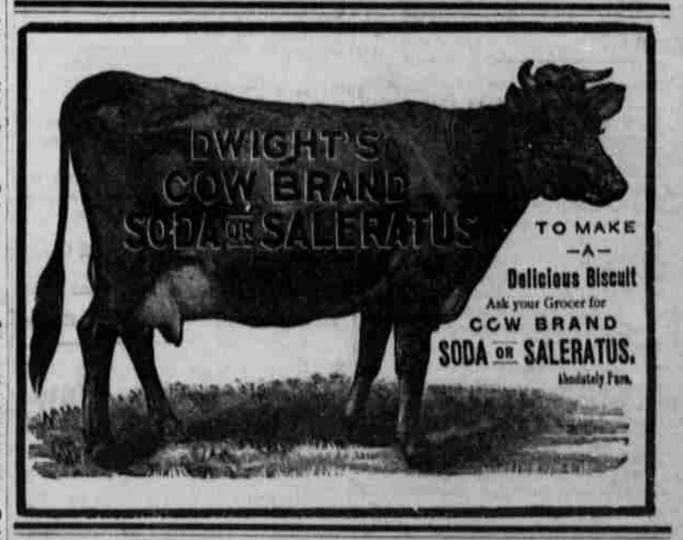

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