

TITLES OF THE ROMANOFFS.

Alexander III. Was Proud to Be Called the Peasant Emperor.

The late czar of Russia is now known as Nicholas Romanoff in the great land over which he held autocratic sway. It is not the title by which he expected to go down to posterity.

M. de Biowitz, the famous correspondent of the London Times at Paris, was responsible for putting on record a story regarding Alexander III, the father of Nicholas, which is worth recalling in this connection. The czar and his courtiers had been discussing by what added title he should be known in history. His father had been called Alexander the Liberator and Alexander the Martyr. What should the son be called? "Alexander the Just," suggested one. "Oh, no," replied the czar. "I am and shall remain the peasant emperor. So some of my nobility have styled me in derision, scoffing at my affection for the moujik. But I accept the title as an honor. I have tried to procure for the humble the means of livelihood, and this, I think, is the best and only means of keeping the world going. \* \* \* My greatest ambition is to deserve to bear to the last the title of the peasant emperor."

Little could Alexander III. have thought that the world was so near the time when his son would run the chance of becoming the "last of the emperors of Russia."—Dundee Advertiser.

THE FIREPLACE.

Social Importance of Its Position in the Home.

The center of hospitality in the home is that point about which the family itself gathers most often. This point is in most homes the fireplace; hence its location and construction are of vast importance in building a home.

The fireplace, if there is only one, should be in the living room, for there the family and friends can enjoy it most. It should be located in the center of a wall space, either on one side or at one end of the room. Select the space which will permit the greatest number of people to sit around it.

In the construction of the fireplace you must not forget that its chief purpose is for a fire. The more simple the lines of construction the better taste is displayed and the more room the open fire receives.

There is a great variety of material suitable for a fireplace, and your individuality and taste can be well expressed in this important factor of the home. Brick, tile, wood and many the substitutes may be used. These offer great possibilities both for good color and design and lend themselves to any style of architecture.—Farm and Fireside.

The Value of Birds.

Without birds' successful agriculture would become impossible and the destruction of the greater part of all vegetation would take place. New York state now pays an annual insect tax of \$10,000,000, and birds are the chief agents in keeping this tax from increasing yearly. As consumers of weed seed a single species, the tree sparrow, is estimated to consume about 600 tons in New York state each year. The ravages of field mice and other rodents are kept in check by hawks and owls, and the farmer upon whose land a hawk or owl stays is saved upon an average \$20 a year by each owl or hawk. The damage done by some few species of birds to growing crops is more than offset by the benefits of their work in destroying insects, rodents and weed seeds.—New York Sun.

The Sea of Space.

The mind cannot comprehend what is meant by the four little words in the expression "the sea of space." If the volume of "space" included within our solar system—which is perhaps but a single train of planets among hundreds of millions of a similar kind—were occupied by one single globe 5,000,000,000 miles in diameter it would be but as a feather in the marvelous spread of "vacancy" surrounding it. In fact, it has been calculated that in the space occupied by our solar system 2,700,000,000,000,000 globes of the size of our earth could revolve, each at a distance of 500,000 miles from the other, and the whole business would be nothing, for there is no wall to the treasure vault of heaven.—Exchange.

Personal Responsibility.

There is such a thing as personal responsibility which cannot be delegated to another. In the navy, for example, we dock ships, and the docking officer is held personally responsible. Disbursing officers in the navy are personally responsible for every payment made not only by themselves, but by their assistants. They cannot delegate responsibility to the pay clerks even for the petty cash.—J. C. Coburn in Industrial Management.

The Operation.

Putting on one's overcoat is sometimes so much of an effort that one is disposed to agree with the old negro who said:

"Fust yo' puts in one arm, den you puts in de uthah arm, an' den yo' gibs a gen'ral convulsion."—Exchange.

Sure Enough Expert.

"You claim to be a food expert?" "I do," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "I'm the kind of a food expert that can raise the stuff instead o' talking about it."—Washington Star.

Under Water.

Willis—Where is Land's End? Gillis—It is where that lot which I bought from the real estate company begins.—Puck.

Freedom from out of a wound shall rise.—Sidney Lanier.

Carlisle, Iowa.—John Slack is not a stacker. Just because he didn't happen to have the ready cash for a Red Cross contribution didn't bother him. He drove a good sized wagon load of corn into town and donated it to the Red Cross.

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**The Coffee Percolator.**

When the glass top of the coffee percolator gets broken it is not necessary to discard the percolator or even go to the expense of getting a new top. Take one of the small glass funnels that cheese comes in and insert it in the percolator. By doing this you will find that you will have a percolator ready as good as a new one.

Writing newspaper paragraphs when inspiration comes slowly is like the old saw about the cat's tail—It's "fun" to the end.

**A Bachelor's Advantages.**

A bachelor is known by the company he keeps out of. He is not likely to be so lonesome as a married man. And then, again, when he falls ill he can select the kind of trained nurse that he wants to wait upon him, whereas the married man has to put up with the kind of nurse his wife selects for him.—"The Bachelor" in Life.

**Local Color.**

Office—Are you Brown?  
New Recruit—No, not yet, sir, I've only been down here a week.—Campbell's Saturday Journal.

**Croup at Midnight; Well in Morning.**

"A few nights ago one of my patrons had a small child taken with croup about midnight," writes M. T. Davis, Bearsville, W. Va. "They came to my store and got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Before morning the child was entirely recovered. The father's name is C. C. Craven." Isn't it wise to experiment with unknown cough medicines when you can get the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar? Best for coughs, colds, croup and laryngitis. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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