Russian Social Life.

It is naturally to be expected that, in a land so backward in modern civilization as Russia, the social life of the people should present to the stranger points of novelty and quaintness even beyond what is usually met with in an unfamiliar land. In the primitive there is always something of the picturesque, and there is much of the charm of antiquity in the manners and customs of a nation whose habits have practically undergone but little change for centuries.

Although serfdom is abolished in Russia, traces of the old feudal system which so long prevailed there are still strongly marked, and the gulf between the upper and the lower classes is almost as wide as ever. Even now the peasant has virtually no remedy at law against the noble who wrongs him; for a small grievance it is hopeless to proceed against his superior in rank, while, if the great man seriously injures the poor one, the matter can easily be settled by the former paying a few roubles to the local magistrate. The result is that the peasantry often take the law into their own hands against their oppressors, by acts of petty and secret malice, such as rickburning, which of late years has become terribly prevalent in Russia.

Nevertheless, it cannot be said that the lower classes of Russia are an unhappy people. The peasantry are industrious and ingenious, and though their service can no longer be commanded gratuitously by the landowners, they are always ready to work for the rich for a small consideration. And the Russian peasant can turn his hand to many things. One day he will be at the plough, the next he is weaving cloth or cotton, on the morrow he will help to build a house, and the following day he will be ready to mount the box and drive four horses with admirable dexterity, if some great man should need an extra coachman.

He is generally well fed and well dressed, his costume consisting of a red shirt, fastened around the waist with a leather belt, a pair of loose trousers tucked into boots reaching half way up the legs, the whole being covered in winter with a warm overcoat of sheepskin, worn with the wool inside. His hair he wears parted at the top and down the middle, and cut evenly all around the neck, to which it descends, though he generally ties a band around it, to prevent its falling into his eyes when he is at work.

But by far the most sightly class of people to be met with in Russia are the famous singing gypsies of Moscow. These people, who are generally well-to-do, and are not accustomed to wander about like others of their race, dress with great finery, but yet with a natural eye to artistic effect. Their songs, which nearly always consist of an air with a chorus, and are usually accompanied on the *balalaika*, a sort of guitar, are greatly admired by travellers. In fact, it has been said of them that if they are not the best singers in the world there are no other singers in the world at all like them; and there is a story current that the famous Catalani was once so delighted with a certain female gypsy vocalist, that she threw around the shoulders of the singer a costly shawl which she herself had lately been presented with by the empress.

Another peculiar and exclusive order of people to be met with in Russia, though of a widely different sort, are those strange patriots known as the Old Religionists. The Russians are not much given to change, but these people are as conservative as the Chinese themselves. They detest all modern manners, insist upon wearing the old Russian *caftan*, and never cut their beards, allowing them to grow to prodigious length, from purely pious motives, because "man is made in the image of God." But still more singular is their religious objection to tobacco, for they look upon smoking—so common in Russia—as a sin denounced by Scripture in the text, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." One would think they might get over the difficulty by consuming their own smoke; but, as a matter of fact, the Old Religionists are so particular in this respect that there are special *traktirs*, or tea-houses, exclusively kept for them, and where the "fragrant weed" and the "pipe of peace" are rigidly tabooed. Yet these queer folk are only a few degrees more behind the age than most other children of the Czar, and probably several generations will have to elapse before Russia better deserves to be called a civilized nation than that Turkey whose barbarism she denounces, and is endeavoring to make the pretext of a war of ambition.—*Home Journal.*

RECENT EVENT AT AN HOTEL.—"Who's there?" There was no answer, and the queer noise stopped. "Anybody there?" No answer. "It must have been a spirit," he said to himself. I must be a medium. I will try. Aloud—"If there is a spirit in this room, it will signify the same by saying ay—no, that's not what I mean. If there is a spirit in the room, it will please rap three times." Three very distinct raps were given in the direction of the bureau. "Is it in the spirit of my sister?" No answer. "Is it in the spirit of my mother?" Three raps. "Are you happy?" Nine raps. "Do you want anything?" A succession of very loud raps. "Will you give me any communication if I get up?" No answer. "Shall I hear from you to-morrow?" Raps very loud in the direction of the door. "Shall I ever see you?" He waited long for an answer to his last question, but none came. The spirit had gone; and, after thinking about the extraordinary visit, he turned over and fell asleep. On getting up in the morning he found that the spirit of his mother had carried off his watch and purse, his trousers, and his great coat down stairs in the hall.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.—The *Journal's* Washington correspondent says the action taken by Sec'y Sherman last week with respect to the purchase of gold with 4½ per cent. bonds, for the purpose of facilitating specie payment, leaves no doubt as to the policy he intends to pursue. The purchase of $5,000,000 of gold, it can be stated upon the most excellent authority, was the first step toward the accumulation of a fund of $100,000,000 in gold or legal tenders, or both, as a condition precedent to the resumption of specie payment Jan. 1, 1879. Secretary Sherman considers that this plan is not only authorized but is directed by the Resumption act, of which he himself is the author. At that time there will be at least three hundred millions outstanding, and Secretary Sherman does not think that it would be practical to commence resumption with less than one hundred millions. There is no doubt that his policy will be that of accumulating this amount of gold or legal tender, or both, between now and that date.

"You go to Shecaggo, hey?" said a gentleman from Germany. "Vell, you pe bretty garful about dat vater dere. Ef you dogd vant to ket seek, you trinke node of dat vater dill you ket used to him."—*Rochester Democrat.*

Bird Story by Thomas Edward.

In the many long years that Thomas Edward spent in intimate fellowship with animate nature, he was a witness of manifold curious incidents happening in the history of birds and beasts, which he narrates in a spirited and picturesque manner. Among such anecdotes which Mr. Smiles has introduced into Edward's biography, one of the most interesting is that illustrating the surprising degree of feeling which the tern is capable of entertaining. Edward was, one afternoon in August, watching the evolutions of a flock of these birds, which were engaged in fishing in the Fryth of Boyndie. He was seeking an opportunity to bag one of the beautiful creatures, when, as if in answer to his desire, a noble specimen directed its course to the shore, fishing all the way as it came. In the midst of a vivid description of the habits of the bird in pursuit of its prey, Edward relates—

"Once more he soars aloft on lively wing, and, having attained a certain elevation, and hovering, kestral-like, for a little, with quick, repeated strokes of his pinions he rapidly descends. Again, however, his hopeful victim has made its escape; and he bounds away in an oblique direction, describing a beautiful curve as he rises without touching the water. Shortly after he wings his way nearer and nearer to the beach; onward he advances with zigzag flight, when suddenly, as if struck down with an unseen hand, he drops into the water within about thirty yards of the place where I am standing. As he righted and sat on the bosom of the deep, I was enabled distinctly to perceive that he held in his bill a little scaly captive, which he had snatched from its home, which struggled violently to regain its liberty. Its struggles were in vain; a few squeezes from the mandibles of the bird put an end to its existence.

"Being now within my reach, I stood prepared for the moment when he should again rise. This he did as soon as the fish was despatched. I fired and he came down with a broken wing, screaming as he fell into the water. The report of the gun, together with his cries, brought together the party he had left, that they might ascertain the cause of the alarm. After surveying their wounded brother round and round, as he was drifting unwittingly toward the shore with the flowing tide, they came flying in a body to the spot where I stood, and rent the air with their screams. These they continued to utter, regardless of their individual safety, until I began to make preparations for receiving the approaching bird. I could already see that it was a beautiful specimen; and I expected in a few moments to have it in my possession, being not very far from the water's edge.

"While matters were in this position, I beheld, to my utter astonishment and surprise, two of the unwounded terns take hold of their disabled comrade, one at each wing, lift him out of the water, and bear him out seaward. They were followed by two other birds. After being carried six or seven yards, he was let gently down again, when he was taken up in a similar manner by the two who had been hitherto inactive. In this way they continued to carry him alternately, until they had conveyed him to a rock at a considerable distance, upon which they landed him safely. Having recovered my self-possession, I made toward the rock, wishing to obtain the prize which had been so unceremoniously snatched from my grasp. I was observed, however, by the terns, and, instead of four, I had in a short time a whole swarm about me. On my near approach to the rock, I once more beheld two of them take hold of the wounded bird as they had done already, and bear him out to sea in triumph, far beyond my reach. This, had I been so inclined, I could no doubt have prevented. Under the circumstances, however, my feelings would not permit me; and I willingly allowed them to perform without molestation an act of mercy, and to exhibit an instance of affection which man himself need not be ashamed to imitate. I was, indeed, rejoiced at the disappointment which they had occasioned, for they had thereby rendered me the witness of a scene which I could scarcely have believed, and which no length of time will efface from my recollection."

Feelings of a Mad Dog.

It is no pleasure to a dog to go mad. Dreadful as hydrophobia is to the human being, rabies is worse to the dog. It makes its approach more gradually; it lasts longer, and it is more intense while it endures. The dog that is going mad feels unwell for a long time prior to the full development of the disease. He is very ill, but does not know what ails him. He feels dissatisfied with everything, vexed without a reason, and, greatly against his better nature, snappish. Feeling thus, he longs to avoid all annoyance by being alone. The sensation induces him to seek solitude. The light inflicts upon him intense agony. This induces him to find out the holes and corners where he is least likely to be noticed. If his retreat be discovered, and the master's voice bids him come forth, he leaves his hiding-place, anxious to obey the loved authority; but, before he has gone half the distance, a kind of sensation comes over him which produces an instantaneous change in his whole appearance. He suddenly darts back into his dark corner. If let alone, there he will remain, drinking a great deal of water, but not seeking food. His appetites are altered. Hair, straw, dirt, filth, rags, stones—the most noisome substance the poor dog longs to swallow, in hopes to ease a burning stomach. He is now altogether changed. Still, he does not desire to bite mankind; he rather endeavors to avoid society. He takes long journeys to vent his restless desire for motion. He does not walk, he does not run. He proceeds in a kind of trot. His eyes do not glare or stare, but are dull and retracted. His tongue hangs dry from his open mouth, from which there drops no foam. He cannot stay to bite. If, nevertheless, anything oppose his progress, he will, as if by impulse, snap—as a man, in a similar state, might strike, and tell the person "to get out the way." If he return home from these excursions, he seeks the darkness. His thirst increases, but with it comes swelling of the throat. He will plunge his head into water, but not a drop can he swallow. The throat is enlarged, so that nothing can pass. His state of suffering is pitiable. He flies at, and pulls to pieces, anything within his reach. He emits the most hideous cries. The noise he makes is incessant and peculiar. It begins as a bark; is quickly changed to a howl, which is suddenly cut short in the middle; and so the poor wretch at last falls, fairly worn out by the terrible disease.—*N. Y. Illustrated Weekly.*

A PRETTY reply of a French mother: "Which of your children do you love most?" "The one that is absent."

Singularities of Great Men.

Suetonius tells us that, "During the winter, Augustus would wear four tunics beneath a thick toga; to these were added a shirt and a woolen undergarment; his limbs also were as carefully protected. In summer he would sleep with both doors and windows open, and frequently even under the peristyle of his palace, where jets of water refreshed the air, and where, moreover, was posted a slave, whose duty it was to fan him; he could not endure the sun—not even the winter sun—and he never walked abroad without a wide-brimmed hat on his head."

"Ferdinand II, Grand Duke of Tuscany, who died in 1670, "says the Abbe Arnauld, in his *Memoirs*, "was the slave of his health. I have frequently seen him pacing up and down his room between two large thermometers, upon which he would keep his eyes constantly fixed, unceasingly employed in taking off and putting on a variety of skull caps of different degrees of warmth, of which he had always five or six in his hand, according to the degrees of heat or cold registered by the instrument. This, I can assure you, was a mighty pleasant sight to behold, for there was not a conjurer in all his dominions more dexterous in handling his cups and balls than this prince in shifting his caps."

The Abbe de St. Martin, who, in the seventeenth century, rendered himself so ridiculous with his pretensions and his manias, always wore nine skull-caps upon his head to keep off the cold, with a wig over all, which, by the way, was always awry and dishevelled, so that his face never appeared to be in its natural position. In addition to his nine skull-caps, he wore also nine pairs of stockings. His bed was made of bricks underneath which was a furnace, so constructed as to impart the precise degree of warmth that he might require; this bed had a very small opening, through which the abbe used to creep when he retired to rest at night.

The Jesuit Ghezzi, a writer of the eighteenth century, used to wear seven skull-caps beneath his wig. The learned French mathematician, Fourier, had returned from Egypt a martyr to rheumatism, and with a constant sensation of cold; he suffered dreadfully whenever he was exposed to an atmosphere lower than twenty degrees below Reaumur; a servant followed him everywhere with a mantle, in readiness for any sudden change of temperature. During the latter years of his life, exhausted by asthma from which he had been a sufferer from his youth, he kept himself, for the purpose of writing and speaking to his friends, enclosed in a species of box, which permitted no deviation of the body, and left at liberty only his head and hands. The Florentine sculptor, Donatello, who died in 1466, among other singularities had the habit of keeping his money in a basket which hung from a nail in the wall of his room. Into this basket his workmen and friends used to dip at discretion. Beethoven, the composer, had two imperious habits, by which he was constantly swayed—that of moving his lodgings, and that of walking. Scarcely was he installed in an apartment ere he would discover some fault in it, and commence looking out for another. Every day after dinner, despite rain, hail, or snow, he would issue forth on foot and take a long and fatiguing walk. The French astronomer, La Caille, had contracted the wearisome habit of reading and writing with one eye only; the other eye was especially reserved by him for the purpose of telescopic observation. By this means, however, he succeeded in obtaining very interesting results; for instance, he was enabled to discern with ease and precision the heights of the stars above the horizon of the sea; an observation generally very uncertain, on account of the difficulty of clearly distinguishing the horizon in the obscurity of night. It does not appear that any astronomer since his time has sought to confirm himself to so difficult a practice.

SPICER was wading wearily through a pile of work which had accumulated during a brief absence in New York, when a stranger banged the inner office door, placed his lighted cigar conveniently on the corner of the desk, and, spitting gracefully in the waste-basket, said:

"Mr. Spicer, I presume?"

The paragrapher suppressed a smile at a joke he was reading in the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, inhaled about three cents' worth of his guest's five-cent cigar, and replied "Yessir" in one time and three motions.

"The fame of your journal has reached us in New York State," continued the visitor.

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THE SIMPLE SECRET.—Twenty clerks in a warehouse—twenty hands in a printing office—twenty young men in a village. All want to get along in the world, and all expect to do so. One of the clerks will rise to be a partner, and make a fortune. One of the compositors will own a newspaper, and become a prosperous and influential citizen. One of the apprentices will become a master builder. One of the villagers will get a handsome farm, and live like a patriarch. But which is destined to be the lucky individual? Lucky! There is no luck about it. The thing is almost as certain as a rule of three. The young fellow who will distance his competitors is he who masters his business, who preserves his integrity, who lives clearly and purely, who never gets in debt, who gains friends by deserving them, and puts his money in a savings' bank. There are some ways to fortune that look shorter than this old, dusty highway; but the staunch men of the community, the men who achieve something really worth having, good fortune, good name, and a serene old age, all go this road.

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