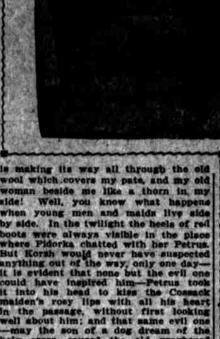
had was a gray svitks with more holes in it than there are gold pieces in a Jew's jacket.

And that was not the worst of it, but this: that Korsh had a daughter, such a beauty as I think you can hardly have chanced to see. My deceased grandfather's aunt used to say—and you know that it is easier for a woman to kiss the Evil One than to call anybody a beauty, without malice he it said—that this Cossack maiden's cheeks were as plump and fresh as the pinkest poppy when just bathed in God's dew: and glowing, it unfolds its petals and coquets with the risins sun: that her brows were like black cords, such as our maidens buy nowadays, for their crosses and ducats, of the Moscow peddlers who visit the villages with their bankets, and evenly arched as though peeping into her clear eyes; that her little mouth, at sight of which the youths amacked their lips, seemed made to emit the songs of nightingales; that her hair, black as the raven's wing, and soft as young flax, fell in curls over her waist.

Eh! may I never intone another alleluis in the choir if I would not have kissed her, in spite of the gray which





Drawings from the London Illustrated News show how the Russian mechanic in St. Petersburg lives. The upper left hand panel shows half a room, the home of a workingman's family. The other half is occupied by another family. The upper right hand picture shows box stalls rented by the month in the municipal lodging house, for sleeping quarters. The picture at the bottom shows a group of workmen est-

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## The Use of Convicts In Road Building

bepartment of Agriculture.)

\*\*Examination of the conditions that exist in Multnoman county affecting the prospects for building good roads, has moved to offer some suggestions to the copie, based on somewhat extended obvestion and considerable experience have it in mind to present some fundamental facts that will bear on the situation here in this county, and, indeed, applicable to most of the counties Oregon.

care of the convicts and shirks the responsibility, leaving the temptation of
excessive gain on the part of the contractor unchecked. The contract system,
by which the labor of the convict is
awarded to the highest bidder, has been
most severely condemned by the New
York state commission of prisons in
their report for 1898. The piece price
system is also condemned, as in all these
cases the price paid is barely sufficient
to pay cost of maintenance of the con-

How to utilize this great army of criminals, numbering, according to the list census, over 75,000, and have their work productive and yet not come in direct conflict with free labor, has long been a perplexing question. How to produce the most beneficial results to the people at large with the least detri-

been a perplexing question. How to produce the most beneficial results to the people at large with the least detriment to the convict, naturally suggests the application of this labor upon public works, so that no prison manufactured article of commerce will be allowed to compete with the product of free labor. The labor should not be applied to the construction of public buildings, which would otherwise be built by free labor.

How, then, should it be applied? The answer naturally suggests itself—apply it to the improvement of public high-

E. W. Cambela, Boad Expert, U. E. Decople, and, in its ruins was buried a lone by compelling the prisoner to proposed and for the benefit of the people, the natural avenues of combining point it would otherwise be.

There can be no question of the injustice of permitting prison labor to of the world must first be transported and that we are, step its rappet that we are, step its problem is evident to all structures and facts that will bear on the situal facts that wi

What can be more entrancing than drive over a beautiful boulevard, a mountains towering above you on side and on the other a beautiful a reaching away to the sea, a grand nue of commerce, with vessels is with the products of your factories with the products of your factories.