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Remarkable Success of the Mennonites in Kansas.

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Quick as are Americans to criticise the manners and customs of Russia, and inferior as the subjects of the czar are frequently considered, the settlers on the western prairies might well learn a lesson of the Russians who have their unique settlements among them. The Mennonites, exiled from southern Russia because of their religion, made as systematic an exodus as did the Israelites of old, says a Kansas correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. They sent out their agents to spy out the land, and purchased one hundred thousand acres of the Santa Fe and Kansas Pacific railways for homes. Then the people packed up their household goods and came to America. On the depot platforms they landed, wearing sheepskin coats, the woolly side out, and black kerchiefs over their heads. They carried iron teakettles and regarded the gazing Americans with as much curiosity as they themselves attracted. They built their villages of yellow limestone, the houses having queer hip roofs, green blinds and double doors like those seen in a mill. Curious ovens in which prairie hay or straw could be burned overcame the lack of fuel, and a street looked for all the world as though it had dropped out of an illustration in a Siberian sketch. Such names as "Catherine stadt," "Leberthal" and "Pfeiffer" grace their towns, and no man not of Mennonite persuasion is allowed inside the limits as a resident, though visitors are cordially welcomed.

The Menonnites number several thousand, but they are never heard of in politics. They are busy tilling their one hundred thousand acres, raising stock, planting orchards and piling up wealth. The wide-awake westerner, standing on the street corner explaining the "contraction of the currency" to a knot of listeners, sees a half-dozen odd-looking wagons come toiling up the road. They are loaded with wheat and solemn-faced Mennonnites, who guide the soberer teams, pocket the payment and trudge homeward. The orators hold forth in the country schoolhouse, and the eager real estate agent plats additions to the towns, but the Mennonites pay no attention to either. They keep on selling wheat and corn and cattle until they have become the richest class of farmers, probably, their number considered, that Kansas affords. They take few papers, they do not vote, they care nothing whether the government is republican or democratic in its management. They are as isolated as though they were upon a sea island, except as they bring their produce to the station.

It is noticeable that nearly all the lands are in the much discussed "arid belt," yet the Mennonites never ask aid or seed wheat. They prosper every year, and their homes are veritable storehouses of garden and field products. To step into them is like a visit to the land of Volga. Curious furniture, strange garb and peculiar habits impress one with the feeling that he is in another land and another age. The houses are for the most part surrounded by stone walls and old country fashions in fencing barns, and implements are everywhere apparent. They have their own minister, their own church and their own schools. When a "higher" education is desired (and some of the young people are as forward in their ambition for learning as American youth) there is plenty of money in the village bank to send them to Europe or to some eastern college to acquire it. During the last year, when common complaint of hard times went up from the dwellers on the plains, when seed wheat has been sent by the thousand bushels to American settlers, the Russians have continued to thrive. Their old-fashioned vehicles have come regularly to the railroads, and car-load after car-load of wheat has been sent east. Lumber dealers in the towns where they do their buying say that there has been no diminution in their purchases, and that by far the larger portion of their yards' sales have gone to their Russian customers. There is an important lesson in their success. They have shown by their works what industry and frugality can accomplish upon the prairies, and what can be done with the right kind of effort. Still it is doubtful if the American settler could bring himself and his family to the grinding economy of European peasant life which the Mennonites have transplanted in their settlements.

ECCENTRICITIES OF GENIUS.

Queer Doings and Ideas of Some of the World's Greatest Men and Women.

We often hear people offering objections to certain of their acquaintances because they are "queer." Eccentricity, however, is oftener allied to genius than not, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Among the musicians there have been found some of the most whimsical of men.

Haydn could not compose satisfactorily to himself without first having put on his best suit of clothes and powdered his hair. Nor could he get his ideas in form until he had placed upon his finger a diamond ring presented to him by Frederick II. Another composer, Sacchini by name, declared that he never had any moments of inspiration excepting when his two pet cats were sitting upon his shoulders. In other lines than music we find that Tycho de Brahe, the celebrated astronomer of the sixteenth century, dropped to the ground whenever he caught sight of a hare or a fox. Ladislaus, king of Poland, took to flight against a bowl of an apple. Henry III., king of England, could not bear to be in a room where there was a cat, even though he might not see it. Erasmus, of Rotterdam, one of the most enlightened men of the period, was thrown into a fever at the sight of a fish. Bacon, the great English chancellor, fainted while gazing at an eclipse of the moon. John II., grand duke of Moscow, fell into a swoon at the sight of a woman—surely the strangest peculiarity ever noticed in a man.

Chevalier de Guise was similarly affected by the sight of a rose, even without smelling its fragrance. Maria de Medici, the wife of Louis XII., fond as she was of flowers, generally speaking, could not disguise her repugnance to roses, even painted ones.

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BLANK SHOTS.

Young Lady's Experience with a Photograph Camera.

A good story is told of one of Omaha's belle young ladies who recently returned from a summer's outing in the mountains of New York, says the Omaha World-Herald. Before leaving home she purchased a kodak, which she proudly exhibited to admiring friends, promising each one of them a photograph of some mountain scene.

The young lady's friends anxiously awaited her return, being eager to see the views she had promised them. Upon her arrival at home her friends called upon her and asked for their views. "I have just sent the negatives down to have them developed by a photographer," she said. "It is much more pleasant than developing them myself."

Down town a photographer was wrestling with the machine with the agony of despair. Do what he would no picture would develop. At last he sent for the young lady and she came to the studio.

"Are you sure you understand how to use a kodak?" asked the photographer, after explaining his inability to produce a picture.

"Certainly I do," was the reply. "I read the instructions until I committed them to memory."

"Well, how did you set about to take a picture?" asked the still doubting artist.

"Oh, I pulled that little string and pressed the button, just as the instructions read."

"What did you do with that little leather cup over the lens?" asked the photographer.

The young lady looked, blushed and fled from the studio. She had actually spent a month taking snap shots in the Adirondacks without uncovering the lens.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY.

Instances Illustrative of the Ignorance of Foreigners Concerning It.

The confusion which foreigners make of our geography is well illustrated by a German poem which appeared several years ago, says the Youth's Companion. The poet, with utter unconcern about locations and distances, makes such amusing blunders that its literary value is entirely lost. The argument is something as follows:

Under a palm tree on the shore of Lake Erie the hero is devoured by an alligator. The heroine, hearing of his fate, rushes from her home in the Everglades of Florida on the banks of Lake Superior, captures the alligator, extracts the hero's body and buries it with magnificent pomp in Greenwood, in the city of New York in the state of St. Louis.

Another German, who really wished to know the geography of this country, fell into the mistake so common with Europeans of not appreciating the rather large scale on which nature has dealt with us in the matter of area of land and water.

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