

**Russia's Free Press.**  
 Liberty of the press seems not to have been abused during the sessions of the duma, except perhaps in the case of a few incendiary sheets that would be suppressed in most countries. Commenting upon the new evidence of discontent among the troops early in July, *Nashi Lobzin*, published at the end of the month as an organ of the Liberals, spoke as follows:

Last year we heard a good deal about the "infection" of the army through the events of October and November. Now this "infection" is actively spread and developed by the accounts of the duma proceedings and by the activities of the peasantry, at last aroused and conscious. As the Russian soldier is a peasant and the village atmosphere is his atmosphere, the new influences are much more dangerous than those of last year. From all parts of the country come reports of revolts and discontent among the troops. This is a terrible symptom. It may mean that a peaceful issue from the present situation has become impossible.

The organ of the ministry frequently published violent attacks upon the duma as a treasonable body, asking the czar to dissolve it. Against this the leading organ of the Constitutional Democrats, the *Riech*, uttered a dignified yet mild protest as being an effort to discredit the parliament and incite civil war. This paper opposed appeals to force, saying, "Let the blame for bloodshed rest upon the government," and also urged the duma to accept concessions made by the government. The *Riech* and its still more moderate contemporary, the *Strana*, insisted upon a responsible ministry freely acting with the duma and not plotting against it, equal rights, honest protection of life and liberty and "severe punishment of official conspirators, organizers of racial wars and of wholesale butchery." With a press so capable and earnest Russia should soon have an organized public equal to the task of maintaining social order and at the same time doing battle vigorously in defense of political rights.

**SIREN AND SONS.**

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Premier of England, is a noted French scholar.

Lord Tennyson has become president of the League of the British Empire in place of Lord Strathcona, resigned. Jason Brown of Akron, O., and Salmon Brown of Salem, Ore., are the only two surviving children of John Brown, the abolition leader.

Russell Arnold of Barre, Mass., is a Mexican and civil war veteran. He fought in thirty-four battles. Recently he celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday.

Charles Francis Brush, the electrician, has on his office door in his building in Cleveland, "Office hours, 11:30 to 12." He is always there promptly and never works overtime. Most of his time he spends in his laboratory alone.

Henry F. Coehens, who is in the race for congress from the Fifth Wisconsin district, has the reputation of being the best all around athlete and student Wisconsin university ever produced. He is a graduate of Harvard Law school.

John Schumann-Helink, a son of Mme. Schumann-Helink, one of the foremost opera singers of the day, is working in a jewelry store at Springfield, Mass. He will study music in Texas under an Italian master next winter.

James Naismith, the inventor of the popular game of basket ball, is now physical director at the State University of Kansas.

city of Kansas. The idea came to him when he was trying to devise an indoor game that should be exciting and at the same time should not be rough and dangerous.

Senator Clark of Montana is probably the largest individual railroad builder in the world. He is now operating the new line from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, said to have been built from his income, and is at work on another line 225 miles long from Las Vegas, N. M., to Tonopah, Nev.

Baron Komura, who succeeds Viscount Hayashi as Japanese minister to London and who represented his country in the peace conference at Portsmouth, has had a long and brilliant diplomatic career. He has been minister at Washington and St. Petersburg, charge d'affaires at Peking, civil administrator at Port Arthur and occupied the position of foreign minister at Tokyo when the Russo-Japanese war broke out.

**THE HOUSEHOLD.**

Not only the bathtub, but the wash-bowl, can be quickly cleaned of the dark rim showing the water line by using a cloth moistened with gasoline, especially when hard water is used.

Prepared dyes are used at home with complete success, and a wonderful amount of doing over they make possible. Everything will dye black that will dye at all, and a black dress is always useful, genteel and unobtrusive.

However small the hall, it always should contain in addition to the hat rack or hooks for outer wraps and umbrella stand at least one seat. If it is only a servant or messenger boy he should have the chance to rest in waiting.

A bag for soiled handkerchiefs is as indispensable as a dust bag where there are children. It teaches them to care for their handkerchiefs, and they are easily counted for the laundry and less liable to be lost than if placed in the hamper with other clothes.

**THE TIPPING EVIL.**

Ten years ago the tip tariff averaged 5 per cent. Now it is said to be often nearer 25 per cent and tends constantly to increase.—Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.

A ten cent tip three times a day amounts to \$109.50 per year. That is an addition to the cost of living of sufficient importance to justify serious consideration.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The tipping habit is primarily a bribe on the part of the tipper to secure priority over his fellow guests, but the spineless acquiescence in the custom has made it a nearly universal tax.—Poughkeepsie Star.

Even the man who is not a snob is not endeavoring to create an impression which he cannot sustain is sometimes bothered to determine just what he might be expected to give as a tip. No man likes to be regarded as niggardly.—Elmira Advertiser.

**The Serpent.**

The Roman goddess of health always bore in her hand a serpent. The serpent was the emblem of Esculapius, the deity of physicians, and in Roman folklore it is said that during a great pestilence in Rome he appeared in that city in the form of a serpent and stayed the plague.

**"Left Handed" Lions.**

It was the belief of Livingstone that nearly all lions were "left handed." He watched them closely, and when they desired to strike a fierce blow they always used the left paw.

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La Peyrouie, the physician who attended Louis XV. of France, received an enormous fee. The king gave him an estate comprising five villages and 207 farms, which produced a yearly income equal in purchasing power to \$31,000 of our money. His majesty had only a slight fever.

**Corks.**

Corks for bottles were first manufactured in Spain and Italy some time during the fourteenth century. Cork screws were contemporaneous with corks.

**The Chinese Way.**

In China any one writing an objectionable book is punished with a hundred blows from a heavy bamboo rod and then banished for life. Any one caught reading such a book gets twenty stripes with a lighter rod.

**Buenos Ayres.**

Buenos Ayres is located about the same distance south of the equator as Memphis, Tenn., is north of it, but it is never warmer than Boston or colder than Washington. Its climate is mild and bracing in the winter, spring and fall months, while in the summer it is seldom as disagreeably hot as New York, Paris or Berlin.

**The Diving Bell.**

The diving bell was used in Phoenicia B. C. 320, but not used in Europe until about 1500.

**Early Bedtime.**

The majority of grown people as well as the children in ancient Rome rarely lighted a candle unless at dawn. The bedtime in Rome, Athens, Egypt and other parts of the Mediterranean shore was between 7 and 9 o'clock in the evening, according to the season.

**The Slippery Elm.**

The slippery elm contains in its inner bark a great quantity of mucilage, which gives it its peculiar property and name.

**James Crichton.**

James Crichton, better remembered as "the Admirable Crichton," could read, write and dispute in twelve different languages. He was an expert swordsman, a civil and military engineer, a mathematician, a dramatist, and, although but twenty-three years old at the time of his death, he was the master of all the science and learning of his age.

**Hair.**

A strong microscope shows the single hairs of the head to be like coarse, round rasps, but with teeth extremely irregular and jagged.

**Astrology.**

Astrology was the invention of Chaldean and Egyptian priests. There is reason to believe that astrology was practiced in connection with astronomy in Chaldea and the valley of the Nile between 4000 and 5000 B. C.

**Glass Eyes.**

The making of glass eyes, says a writer in *London Health*, is now so fine an art that an artificial one in a human socket cannot be detected except by an expert. "The most peculiar thing I know of in the trade relates to two of my regular patrons—a man and his wife. They have been married now three years, and to this day neither of them knows that the other is deficient of an eye."

**Breathing.**

All children should be taught to breathe through the nose and to keep the mouth tightly closed. Many disease germs enter through the open mouth, while if the mouth is kept closed the air becomes purified while passing through the long, moist passages and tempered for the lungs.

**Palimistry.**

Palimistry has been practiced in the east from time immemorial. The palmists' claim that several allusions in the book of Job indicate knowledge of this art.

**The Korean Family Shrine.**  
 The rooms of a Korean woman are as sacred to her as a shrine is to its image—indeed, the rooms of a wife or mother are the sanctuary of any man who breaks the law. Unless for treason or for one other crime he cannot be forced to leave those rooms, and so long as he remains under the protection of his wife and his wife's apartments he is secure from the officers of the law.

**No Use.**

What's the use o' kickin'  
 When the air is soft an' warm  
 An' the sky is blue above you  
 Without a hint o' storm?  
 When the waves are softly singin'  
 As they sparkle in the light,  
 What's the use o' kickin'  
 'Cause the fish don't bite?

The fun of goin' fishin'  
 Is to find a good excuse  
 To sit and watch the ripples  
 When the line is hangin' loose,  
 To feel the breeze blowin'  
 An' feel such calm delight  
 That you never think o' kickin'  
 'Cause the fish don't bite?

There's many an ambition  
 Which is but a fruitless quest,  
 But this world is full o' sunshine  
 An' o' beauty an' o' rest,  
 An' we've had the fun o' livin',  
 Though we ain't successful quite,  
 An' there ain't no use o' kickin'  
 'Cause the fish don't bite?  
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8:20 8:20 6:20 EAST PORT 7:10 7:55 6:55	
8:35 8:35 6:35 CLATSOP 6:34 7:26 6:41	
8:45 8:45 6:45 FAIRVIEW 6:40 7:25 6:30	
8:50 8:50 6:50 TROUTDALE 6:55 7:20 6:25	
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