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replied Mr. Cumrox. "I couldn't tell
him right out that Gladys has a sharp
temper, but I thought I'd sort of hint
to him that she might have inherited
one."—Washington Star.

Objection Overcome.

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play soldiers on Sunday.
Tommy—Oh, this is all right. It's
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down upon the sofa and held his head.
"Why don't you blow it out?" ab-
sent-mindedly asked his roommate.—
Lehigh Burr.

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"How is the new bookkeeper on fig-
ures?"
"Always runs to the window when a
good one goes by."—Louisville Cour-
ier-Journal.

Mild Way of Saying "You Lie!"

Hobbs (telling a tall story)—I as-
sure you, old man, if I hadn't seen it
myself I wouldn't believe it.
Dobbs—Then you'll understand why
I don't.—Boston Transcript.

Natural Effect.

"I wish, ma, you wouldn't call me
your lamb before people."
"Why not, Willie?"
"Because it makes me feel so sheep-
ish."—Baltimore American.

Seems Probable.

"There is still said to be shortage in
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"Um. Another white Christmas."—
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Farewell to the Cossack



HERE is nothing very literary
about the average man's con-
ception of the Cossack. This
formidable individual is ordi-
narily looked upon as a member of
an elite, redoubtable, savage cavalry,
who are absolutely insensible to any
such emotion as fear. And, to be
sure, the present war has provided
both ample opportunity for the test-
ing of that fearlessness and proof of
its steadfast refusal to be intimidated.
The Cossacks have faced every mur-
derous resource of the twentieth cen-
tury science with the same courage
that has distinguished them from
their earliest days, writes Dr. I. Gold-
berg in the Boston Transcript.

Their fire, their spirit, their abso-
lute recklessness through fire, water
and steel are those of a military com-
munity which at one time bade fair to
become a nation all its own, but the
role of a modern, purely warrior state
was left by history for the Prussia of
Frederick the Second.

War, however, endangers literature;
the warrior needs a Homer for his
Iliad. And so, if the Cossacks have
themselves been too busy fighting to
have time for the production of any-
thing but a rude literature, they have,
on the other hand, inspired genuine
works of art in England, France, Rus-
sia, Poland. The last-named country
owes very much indeed to the inspi-
ration of the wild men of the steppes.

The original meaning of the word
"Cossack" is that of free marauder,
brigand, nomad. "The Steppe," says
Gabriel Sarrazin, in his work on the
great romantic poets of Poland, "en-
genders Cossacks." Here, in the mid-
dle ages was the place of refuge for
all manner of criminals, vagabonds,

down upon. Every true Cossack must
bristle with a fierce independence,
must burn with a passion for war.
And thus in the tale of the Cossack
and his sweetheart, when we find Os-
tap ready to thrust aside the sword
for the love of Marienka, we must
see in his abandonment of the fight
the greatest sacrifice possible to a
Cossack. We come to the marriage of
Ostap and Marienka. At this mo-
ment a troop of Cossacks is going by,
within Ostap's hearing. The latter,
despite all vows, seizes his white
steed, jumps on his back and makes
a mad dash across hedges, ditches and
reaches the plain where the Cossack
army is on the march. The war-god
has claimed his own. Day by day
Marienka watches for the return of
her sweetheart, and at last the army
comes back. But Ostap is no longer
alive. Marienka takes one look at
the corpse, brought back with full
honors. She smiles sadly, sighs, falls
and expires.

For to Cossacks the war passion is
even stronger than that of love. Most
of the regular Cossacks, Pascal tells
us, form really a celibatory corpora-
tion. Not that this should betoken
any continence on their part. It is
the freedom from domestic ties rather
than any absence of sensuality which
is thus denoted.

So strong is the appetite for drink
that to gratify it a Cossack is often
led to sell his horse. And their
horses are really part of their very
selves.

But mere plunder is not for the Cos-
sack. For he has written somewhere:
"He who desires nothing has nothing.
Let the Tartar be content with simple
pillage. As for the Cossack, he must



COSSACKS OF THE DON

refugees and fugitives, who banded to-
gether into a confederation.

Cossack life and that of Poland have
time and again interpenetrated, now
in combat against each other, now
joined side by side in a fight against
a common enemy. The attack of
Bohdan Chmielnick (1648-1657) is the
subject of Sienkiewicz's widely-read
novel, "By Fire and Sword." The
Cossacks of the Don gave Russia no
little trouble. Under the leadership
of Stenka Razin, who promised free-
dom to all who would follow his
standard, the Cossacks rallied faith-
fully to battle. As with all such fig-
ures, legends have grown up around
Razin, one of which imputes to him
a felt cap which rendered him invis-
ible. He was finally captured in 1671,
dying by torture without so much as
a murmur.

For a long time the death of the
famous leader was doubted, and leg-
end has it that he made various ap-
pearances, now among Russian sail-
ors, among Persian prisoners and on
the Caspian sea. He is here repre-
sented as a white-haired old man.
One hundred years later it was be-
lieved that Pougatcheff, who then
played a role similar to that of Ra-
zin, was really an incarnation of the
adventurous bandit and good fellow.

Soldiers First of All.

Felicien Pascal, writing in one of
the leading European magazines of
the Cossacks and their effects upon
the literature of the surrounding na-
tions, points out that in the novel of
the Pole Michael Czajkowski, entitled,
"The Zaporog's Sweetheart," the life
of the Cossack and the ideals for
which he lives finds one of its most
effective and realistic settings.

First of all, as one by this time may
easily guess, the Cossack is a soldier.
For battle he is born, and in battle he
finds his most glorious death. To la-
bor is a calamity, and work is looked

astonish the world. If there were a
ladder to heaven itself, or a staircase
to hell, the Cossack would find his
way thither and revel in his con-
quests!"

Sorcerers and Superstitions.

There was among the Cossacks no
constitution or legislative body for
the steppe. Custom was the only
guide. A conference usually elected
the chief. They are firm believers in
magic and sorcery, and not even the
introduction of Christianity has
wholly succeeded in stamping out
superstition. In Czajkowski's Cossack
tales there is a characteristic scene
where a witch is visited for informa-
tion. We find her with her associ-
ates, Maruska the cat, and a rooster.
Fire and wax complete the magic out-
fit. She lights a fire in the cave and
calls the cat forward. Maruska makes
a circle around the fire, all the time
mewing softly. The witch then melts
her yellow wax and places the ques-
tioner in the magic circle described
by the cat. Strange letters are writ-
ten down, followed by a good deal of
hocus-pocus, and while the rooster
crows and the cat slinks into a cor-
ner, the witch pronounces a terrible
horoscope of love, blood and damna-
tion.

The steppe is the symbol of silence,
of dreams and melancholy. The Cos-
sacks have their type of lyric ef-
fusion, which represents, as Chofejki
has written, "bitter voluptuousness of
suffering intoxicated with itself." But
this is true, concludes Pascal, only of
the more intimate songs. For their
warrior ballads reveal the true Cos-
sack, with their wild pulsation of the
joy of combat, and their ardent pas-
sion for the life of strife.

This in a way is a farewell appre-
ciation of the Cossack, for the pres-
ent war has demonstrated the com-
parative uselessness of cavalry, and
the Cossack soldier is above all things
a cavalryman.

A Lawful Revenge.

"I'm laying for that motorist that
almost knocked me down, and when I
catch him, I'm going to give him such
a pair of black eyes he can hardly see
out of them."

"Aren't you afraid of being arrested
for assaulting him?"
"How can I be? Hasn't the law said
motorists must have their lamps
dimmed?"—Baltimore American.

Acts as a Shield.

"I don't like to have my husband
prop up a newspaper at the breakfast
table. Do you?"
"Oh, I don't know. It keeps the
grapefruit from spattering as far as it
otherwise might."—Louisville Courier-
Journal.

Incredible.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned."
"I don't believe it," replied the man
who likes to disagree. "No violinist
with Nero's political pull would have
permitted a pyrotechnic display to go
on as a rival performance."—Washing-
ton Star.

Useless Question.

"Would your wife vote for you as a
candidate for office?"
"I don't think there's any use of my
bothering my head about that," re-
plied Mr. Meekton. "I don't believe
Henrietta would let me run in the
first place."—Washington Star.

State of Preparedness.

"Do you approve of preparedness?"
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "I
haven't got the encouragement I'd like
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can ever say that I wasn't prepared
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Mrs. Subbubs—I wonder where little
Willie and David are? Did you see
anything of my jewels as you
came along, Mr. Nextdore?
Nextdore—Yes, I did, ma'am. Your
jewels are in soak. I saw them swim-
ming in the river.—Boston Transcript.

Wifehood Her Aim.

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Their Utility.

"If everything has a use, what are
idiots good for?"
"Well, if it wasn't for idiots, there
wouldn't be anybody to look for gas
leaks with a lighted candle or to rock
boats."—Baltimore American.

Of Course, There Were.

"Pop, in the days when people used
to fall down and worship the sun—"
"Well, my boy?"
"Were there a lot of heat prostra-
tions?"—Baltimore American.

That's Different.

"It doesn't pay to argue with your
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Next Door.

"How's your marksmanship?" asked
the bandit chief.
"Improving," replied the trusty lieu-
tenant. "I tried out a man this morn-
ing in a shooting-across-the-border
test."
"Did he hit his mark?"
"No. But he came close. He aimed
at New Mexico and hit Arizona."—
Washington Star.

His Device.

"Hallo, Tom! What's this I hear
about your having some labor-saving
device?"
"It's true, all right. I'm going to
marry an heiress."—Boston Trans-
cript.

Touching the Doctor.

"Oh, doctor, I feel funny inside!"
"What have you been eating?"
"That's just the trouble, doctor. I
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"Ol, Ol!" chortled Casey, "an' did
Maloney give yez th' black eye?"
"He did not," retorted Murphy with
dignity, "he gave me only th' black.
Ol hod th' oye aht th' time."—Medley.

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