

## SERVIA AS A NATION.

It Originated in the First Half of the Seventh Century.

The birth of Serbia as a nation, settled in or near its present home, may be dated in the first half of the seventh century. About 600 A. D., when the Avaric empire of desolation was established on the Danube, two tribes, the Croats and the Serbs, retreating before the ravages of the Tartar horsemen, settled in the countries now known as Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia.

They were Slavs, but the Croats perhaps had, like the Slavs of Moscovia in later years, adopted the name of a Tartar tribe. Both, fleeing from the Avars, were naturally hostile to them, and it is possible that they settled in the empire with the consent or even at the invitation of the Emperor Heraclius I. At any rate, they appear to have been considered as vassals of the empire. Their first settlements lay rather westward of the country now called Serbia, the Drava, the present western boundary, being the dividing line between Bulgaria and Serbia in the eighth century. Here the Serbs dwelt more or less uneventfully for three centuries. They generally formed a loose confederacy under chiefs called zupans. They were commonly, in a loose fashion, loyal to the eastern empire mainly through fear of their dangerous neighbors, the Bulgarians. About 840 they united under a chief named Vlastislav to repel the latter.

The country rose to great heights under Stephen Dushan, the czar of the Serbs, but after his death Murad I. conquered the country, and it was not until 1815 that the Serbs partially threw off the Turkish yoke.—Exchange.

## PRECIOUS MUGS.

The Crucibles Used in the New York Assay Office.

In the government assay office on Wall street, New York, there is a corner that looks very much like a mug rack in a country barber shop, where every customer has his individual mug highly decorated in gilt letters.

On this rack are perhaps fifty crucibles for melting down gold. The crucibles are decorated with crude initials and numerals and are the property of the biggest gold mining corporations in North and South America.

The reason for the individual mugs is that the clay of crucibles takes up a considerable quantity of gold in the process of smelting which otherwise would be lost to the customer bringing the gold to the government to be refined. After two or three smeltings the clay is saturated and takes up no more gold. When it is finally succeeded by a new crucible it is returned to the customer to be broken up for its hidden gold.

Mugs that are used for melting down random lots of gold are carefully preserved by the government refiners and

sent Uncle Sam pockets the proceeds, as in these random lots there is no way of computing to what amount each of perhaps twenty customers may be entitled. It is only the smelting concern that sells the government enough gold at one time to monopolize a single melting that obtains the right to a mug on the rack. — New York Tribune.

## Ice Cream and a Nerve.

Why do we sometimes get an ache in the nose when eating ice cream. There is a nerve running along the back of the nose which doctors call the anterior palatine nerve. This has a branch running along the base of the nasal cavity and another branch running along the palate. The ends of these branches join through finer branches which run through openings in the palate near the front teeth. When we get some ice cream in the mouth and keep it in front for a moment so that the irritation produced by the cold reaches the fine connecting branches the sensation may be carried to the branch in the nose. It

citation of this branch produces the sensation of pain. We get the same sensation when breathing very cold air.—New York American.

## Meredith and Words.

George Meredith, according to the London Chronicle, "employs that abominable contraction 'alright.' It can't be a printer's error, for it occurs more than once. And he uses it as early as 1861, so that the abusers of our language may now claim Meredith of all men as their prophet. This is one of those things that baffle explanation, particularly from a writer whose use of words was meticulous and who always refused to delete the first 'e' in 'judgment' always spelling it 'judgement' in his novels. Some of us, however, will fight 'alright' to the bitter end."

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## Historical.

"Children," asked the visitor who was addressing the school, "how many of you can tell me what it was that Napoleon's soldiers used to call him?" Nobody answered. "Think a moment. 'Little'—Still nobody spoke up. 'Little Corp'— 'A little corpulent' shouted the children.—Chicago Tribune.

Do you wish to know if anything is the Lord's work? See if it is a work among the poor. Charles Kingsley

## Taming a Fox.

Foxes as a rule are treacherous and shy, yet I soon found that they responded to gentle treatment and affection. I became quite friendly with four foxes and used to go in and out of their cage several times a day and invariably took with me a handful of raisins. I found they were very fond of any sweet fruit, especially raisins, and it was not long before they would eat them freely from my hand. At first I had to approach cautiously and not dare to attempt to place my hand on them. But by and by I petted them almost as freely as I would a dog, and they ceased to show any fear in my presence. It was the same with the coyotes and the lynxes or wildcats.—Detroit Free Press.

## Application For Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1913, must be filed in my office at Bend, Oregon, on or before February 20, 1913. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request. M. L. Merritt, Supervisor. 45, 48, 49

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