

# MAKING A UNIFORM

### It Was For the Czar, and He Wanted It in a Hurry.

### A SCARED CRIMEAN TAILOR.

When Pounced Upon by His Majesty's General, Who Cloaked His Mission in Mystery, the Knight of the Shears Thought His Time Had Come.

By special permission of the court authorities an amusing account is published of the circumstances attending the ordering of a military uniform by the czar from a little tailor in the Crimea, Khalm Kurichkess by name, who lived at Simferopol, the headquarters of the Crimean dragoons.

When the imperial family came to Livadia, and some days before the annual fete of the Crimean dragoons, the czar told the colonel that he had in store a gift for him and the regiment—the czar had consented to become their chief. His majesty added: "I shall be there when you and your officers are presented to the empress and shall wear your uniform. The only thing is, I believe I haven't the uniform of the regiment. But that doesn't matter, there is time, if you hurry, to have one made. You seem to have an excellent tailor. Your uniform fits beautifully. Who made it?"

The colonel gave the name of Kurichkess, whereupon his majesty asked him to arrange that Kurichkess should make a uniform for himself, adding, smiling, "Tell him to do his best and to turn it out as well as yours."

There is next given a seriocomic description of the alarm occasioned among the Kurichkess household, consisting of father, mother and nine children, when a handsome motorcar stopped outside their door and a cloaked general officer descended.

The general said in staccato sentences: "You must come with me. Don't be frightened. You'll know later where I'm taking you. I can't leave without you. We've lost much time already. Get dressed quickly."

The tailor obeyed, went with his cap and was absent for four days. Miss Kurichkess was doubtful whether she was a wife or a widow.

Eventually the tailor turned up safe and recounted his adventures. The drive with the general had lasted two hours and a half. During the whole journey the general did not address a single word to him. When they reached their destination, Yalta, all he said was, "Khalm Kurichkess, get out and follow me."

He was assured that he need not be alarmed; he would be provided with lodging and with food, and the next day he would be told why he had been brought to Yalta and what he had to do. He was told he need not try to escape, as he would be watched.

His fears were dissipated when a colonel entered the room, and the "general of generals" addressed him to the following effect:

"Great good fortune has fallen upon you. His majesty the emperor wishes you to make for him a uniform of the Crimean dragoons. But it must be as good as that of the colonel of the regiment. I hope you won't make a mess of it. I will take you at once to the palace, where you will be admitted to the czar's study to see his majesty's figure."

When the "general of generals" took Kurichkess to the czar's study his majesty was standing reading a document with his back to the door. Some minutes elapsed before he turned around. In the meantime Kurichkess was rooted to the floor.

The czar on realizing his presence forced him and said: "Oh, you are here already! You are Khalm Kurichkess, the tailor. I want you to make me a uniform of the Crimean dragoons. Do your best and see that it is a good fit. Get to work at once."

Kurichkess went on to describe how God had helped him in his work and how satisfied the czar had been with the uniform and thanked him for it.

Kurichkess refused to accept anything in payment, but "his" general insisted that, according to law, he was obliged to receive 50 rubles for his expenses. Moreover, the general added, the minister of the court was aware that Kurichkess was in debt, and he gave the tailor an envelope containing 500 rubles from the minister to discharge his obligations.

Kurichkess was driven back in a motor to Simferopol, and some days later an imperial messenger brought to his shop a case containing a gold watch and chain. The double eagle was engraved on the watch, which also bore the inscription, "To Khalm Kurichkess for Zeal."—Argos.

### A "Lady" is Defined.

The definition of a gentleman has puzzled many, but what of the lady? A depositor on opening an account described herself as a factory hand. When withdrawing money she gave her description as "lady." The postmaster was asked to be careful as to identity before paying the money. His reply was, he was quite satisfied—it was the depositor's way of saying she was out of work.—London Spectator.

### Two Classes.

"The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something and those who sit and inquire. 'Why wasn't it done the other way?'"—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### Primrose Cures.

The primrose of old was credited with a medicinal as well as a superstitious value. Even now in some country parts of England a decoction of primrose leaves is supposed to restore a failing memory, and in 1654, when Culpeper wrote his "London Dispensatory," the primrose was regarded as an almost universal panacea, curing "convulsions, falling sickness, pabdes, etc.," and strengthening "the brain, senses and memory exceedingly." And even the healthy did not disdain to eat it, for primrose pasty was once a popular Lancashire delicacy.—London Standard.

### "Pleased to Meet You."

The Americans have a polite habit on being presented to a new acquaintance of uttering the words, "Pleased to meet you," although upon what the pleasure can rest, or how they know that it is a pleasure, or why an ordinary incident which is not the fulfillment of any anticipation and which may turn out to be very disagreeable, should be pronounced at sight to be pleasant I have never been able to understand.—London Saturday Review.

### Taking Their Turn.

"Why station a policeman beside this park bench?"  
"It is newly painted."  
"He can't keep people from testing fresh paint."  
"No, but he can keep 'em in line."—Kansas City Journal.

### So It Is.

"Pop, is an abys anything sleepy?"  
"Of course not, child. What put that into your head?"  
"Well, it's always yawning."—Baltimore American.

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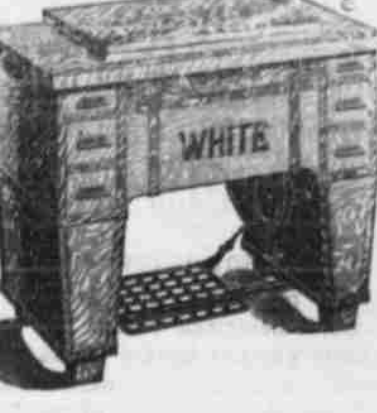
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