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outhouses, pens, etc.

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A REIGN OF TERROR.

The Kind of Life They Lead in Baku,
In Southern Russia.

Henry M. Nevins, a British news-
paper correspondent, writes as follows
of present day events in Baku, south-
ern Russia: "You parasite! When
you open a letter at breakfast and find
that written at the top instead of
'Dear sir' or 'My darling love' your at-
tention is immediately drawn to the
contents. But here in Baku, if you
happen to be the hardworking man-
ager of a rich field with lots of wells
yielding some 200,000 pounds of oil
apiece every twenty-four hours, you
will not be so much surprised. You
will know at once what is coming, and
your first thought will be a visit to
your banker's. 'Our agents,' the letter
goes on, 'will call on you tomorrow
afternoon at 5 o'clock and you will
give them the sum of \$750. Should
you refuse you will be killed tomorrow
or next day. Should you betray our
agents or give the smallest hint to the
police the whole of your family will
share your fate. Signed and sealed on
behalf of the committee.' The seal is
a rubber stamp in red, sometimes bear-
ing the words, 'Social Democratic Fed-
eration' sometimes 'Anarchist Com-
mune.' The sum demanded varies con-
siderably. I think it is seldom over
\$1,000, for one must be reasonable in
these matters, and usually it is less. I
have known a popular and capable
English manager to get off with \$25,
which is a ludicrous exchange for life.
But when the agents ring at the door
and ask the servant if you are at home
and disengaged, the only thing to do
is to pay.

"For there is no pretense about the
threats. Refusal or betrayal means
death without pause, probably within
the day. It has been proved over and
over again. It was proved last week
in the case of a well known and pow-
erful manager who was murdered
with revolvers. It was proved the day
before yesterday when a Russian man-
ager was disemboweled with knives
and lived a horrible time. Anyhow, if
you think it worth while to live a little
longer here below, you must pay and
try to reclaim from the company.
Whether the company will ever get
anything by reclaiming from the Rus-
sian government heaven knows. The
government is too busy with the trou-
blesome and expensive task of shoot-
ing its political opponents or sending
them to Siberia to undertake the pro-
tection of commonplace citizens who
have no perilsous notions about free-
dom.

"Most conspicuous men employ armed
retainers to protect them or avenge
their death. Some publish from time
to time in the local papers a list of the
men who will be at once assassinated
if anything happens to themselves.
This is thought very efficacious and
certainly helps to preserve the peace.
I know one manager who boasts he
has 200 men in his pay, each pledged
to kill some one if the manager is mur-
dered. Pride may have exaggerated
the number, but there is no doubt
about the system."

A Cigar Store Secret.

Every tobacconist has on his counter
a machine for cutting off the ends of
cigars. These machines are popular
for the reason that they pay for them-
selves many times over every year.

The ends that smokers cut off are
carefully gathered from the counter,
and it takes but a few hundred of
them to make a pound of good tobacco.
This can be sold for 40 or 50 cents.

Some cigar store clerks are very so-
licitous to see that the patron does not
overlook the cutting machine. They
push it toward him, and he is much
impressed with their politeness. These
clerks have for a perquisite the ma-
chine's cuttings. This adds several dol-
lars weekly to their salaries.—New Or-
leans Times-Democrat.

WHEN HER BACK ACHES

A Woman Finds all Her Energy
and Ambition Slipping Away.

Grants Pass women know how the
aches and pains that come when the
kidneys fail make life a burden.
Backache, hip pains, headaches, dizzy
spells, distressing urinary troubles,
all tell of sick kidneys and warn you
of the stealthy approach of diabetes,
dropsy and Bright's disease. Doan's
Kidney Pills permanently cure all
these disorders.

Mrs. S. Collins of 679 High St.,
Salem, Ore., says: "Troubles with
my kidneys and backache have caused
me much annoyance for several years.
Although I used a good many
remedies I obtained no positive relief
until my attention was called to
Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured
them at a drug store. They soon
brought me effective benefit, ceased
the bearing down feeling through the
back and loins and banished the ach-
ing and other symptoms that had an-
noyed me so long. I have since
learned of others who think the world
of your reliable remedy and I gladly
recommend it to all suffering from
backache or kidney trouble."

Courier trial subscription, five
weeks, 10 cents in stamps.

NATIONAL ROAD BODY

Consolidation of All Highway In-
terests Suggested.

HOW SCHEME WOULD HELP.

Alfred Reeves Thinks More Effective
Work in Securing Improved Roads
Could Be Accomplished by One Big
Body Than by Many Small Ones.

Alfred Reeves, general manager of
the American Motor Car Manufactur-
ers' association, advanced the sugges-
tion recently that all of the good roads
or highway committees of the different
sport and trade automobiling organiza-
tions be consolidated, says the New
York Sun. He thinks that if all the
various committees be brought to-
gether in one big committee the work
of rousing good roads sentiment in the
United States would make much faster
progress than is possible under exist-
ing conditions, when of necessity so
much ground is covered by several
committees. Not only does he think
such a body could and would command
more attention at Washington from
congress than would be possible for
any of the present committees, but it
is his firm belief that such a plan
would prove more economical and far
more effective than any other.

He points out that there are six or
more organizations alone which have
committees working for good roads,
these bodies being called good roads
committees in some cases and highway
committees in others, but in all cases
their purpose is the increase in the
number of miles of improved highways
in the United States.

While these committees have done
good work and can keep on doing it,
Mr. Reeves thinks that more could be
accomplished if they were consolida-
ted, as expenses would be reduced, and
it cannot be disputed that a delegation
representing these six organizations
could do more effective work in se-
curing favorable legislation at Wash-
ington, for instance, than could be done
by delegations from each of the six
bodies.

A consolidation would also be advis-
able, because an executive board of
half a dozen members could be readily
selected made up of men thoroughly
posted on the subject who had gained
their knowledge after years of experi-
ence. By following out this plan it
would be a far simpler matter to se-
cure men able to give some of their
time to the work than it is to pick out
such a committee from any one of the
organizations named. Under present
conditions such committees are fre-
quently composed of men living in
widely separated parts of the country
who of course are unable to hold fre-
quent enough meetings to properly
handle the work they are trying to do.

It is not Mr. Reeves' idea that only
the six motoring organizations named
should combine forces, but that all na-
tional organizations of road users
should be included. He would include
the big associations of farmers in dif-
ferent parts of the country and also
the good roads workers who recently
had a convention at Oklahoma, as well
as any other big organization which
has appointed a committee to advance
the cause of improved highways. He
thinks it a very necessary point for
the fullest success of such a plan that
the farmers be invited to participate,
as their influence would count so heav-
ily in the matter of securing favorable
legislation, both national and state.

As an evidence of what may be ac-
complished by consolidation, even on a
small scale, Mr. Reeves cites the case
of the Highway Improvement associa-
tion, which was formed in New York a
few years ago.

It was made up of the Road Drivers'
association, the Associated Cycling
Clubs of New York, the Truck Own-
ers' association and the Automobile
Club of America. There was one dele-
gate from each organization, and they
were able to do a great deal of effec-
tive work.

They secured the laying of asphalt
strips along many poorly paved or
rough streets and put an end to the
unnecessarily lavish sprinkling of
streets, in addition to doing a great deal
of other good work. Mr. Reeves thinks
that this same idea could be followed
out in national road affairs with corre-
spondingly greater results.

Sunday Dyspepsia.

"Sunday dyspepsia—that is what you
have," said the doctor, smiling.
"Sunday dyspepsia?"

"Yes, and it is not a rare complaint
either. It is due to this bad habit of
eating foolishly and gluttonously on
Sunday. Through the week you eat
like a sensible man—a moderate break-
fast early, a light luncheon and a
good, substantial dinner at the end
of the day. But on Sunday you eat
a heavy breakfast at 10 or 11. At 1 you
sit down to an enormous dinner, stuff-
ing yourself without appetite, and at
6:30, when you are really hungry, you
eat light, unsatisfactory food, like Sar-
atoga chips and lettuce sandwiches—in
a word, a Sunday supper. The result
of this change for the worse, made
once a week by millions of men, is
Sunday dyspepsia, an ailment for
which I always prescribe a 6 o'clock
Sunday dinner."—New York Press.

Advertise in Home Papers.

It is quite within the range of possi-
bility that if the local merchants
would advertise a little more in the
local paper the local people would buy
many things from them which they
now buy from the mail order houses.

THE HALL OF FAME.

Earl Grey, governor general of Can-
ada, receives a salary of \$50,000 a year.
Fifty-seven years ago Hon. Moses A.
Safford was a page in the Maine house
of representatives. He is now a mem-
ber of the house.

William I. Cook, who is the dean of
the newspaper fraternity in Baltimore,
was seventy-six years old on Jan. 26.
He was born in Chambersburg, Pa.

John H. Thompson is the oldest navy
yard employee in the country. He took
a position at the Portsmouth (Va.)
navy yard in 1854 and has remained
there ever since, excepting a few years
during the civil war.

Probably the only man in the United
States to have a mahogany sidewalk
in front of his residence is William H.
Tripp of Janesville, Wis. The walk
was made of the staves of oil barrels
shipped from the West Indies.

Vice President Fairbanks nearly al-
ways walks from his residence to the
capitol and back and often, after dusk,
goes for long strolls through the north-
western section of Washington. These
tramps usually consume an hour or
more, and Mr. Fairbanks rarely has a
companion, preferring to be alone.

M. Touny, director of the Paris munic-
ipal police, had attended the re-
hearsal of "Julius Caesar." The mur-
der of Shakespeare's hero disturbed his
professional instinct. He said to a
friend: "See here. There's a great er-
ror in this drama on the part of the
poet. Julius Caesar should have been
protected."

The regents of the Smithsonian In-
stitution filled the vacancy which has
existed since the death of the secre-
tary, Dr. Samuel P. Langley, on Feb.
27, last year, by the unanimous elec-
tion of Charles Doolittle Walcott of
New York, who for twelve years has
been director of the United States geol-
ogical survey.

Oscar Hammerstein, the New York
theatrical manager, is as original in his
business methods as in his theatrical
enterprises. In spite of the extent of
his undertakings, he has no system of
bookkeeping. All that he does in that
way is what his check book shows.
Thousands pass through his hands ev-
ery week, and he never loses accurate
knowledge of all his complicated busi-
ness affairs.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Mr. Klöbauch has written a new
play for H. B. Irving entitled "A Loyal
Rebel."

David Belasco is writing a new play
which is said to be intended for David
Warfield.

Henry Arthur Jones is to write a
play of modern life for Otis Skinner.
The piece is to be produced next fall.

Kingsley Benedict, who has the lead-
ing role in Ned Wayburn's "Futurity
Winners," is a native of Washington.

Henry W. Savage has added a fifth
prima donna to the list of those en-
gaged for the role of "Madam Butter-
fly."

Henry B. Irving and Miss Dorothy
Balrd, with the English company,
closed their American tour in Boston
recently.

Harold MacGrath, the novelist, is said
to be writing a new play for Max Pig-
man, in which the latter is to starred
next season.

Mr. Sothen and Miss Marlowe will
give a series of performances of "When
Knighthood Was in Flower" during
their New York engagement.

Sir Charles Wyndham has abandoned
his plans for an American tour this
season. He is planning to try Hubert
Henry Davies' new comedy, "The Mo-
louse," in London in the spring.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

There is in Paris a small theater for
the deaf and dumb.

Up to the revolution of 1789 public
executioners usually performed surgi-
cal operations in France.

M. de Vaillyer, who established a pri-
vate penny post in Paris in 1633, is also
said to have invented envelopes.

The largest theater in the world is
the opera house in Paris. It covers
three acres of ground, its cubic mass
is 4,287,000 feet, and it cost 100,000,000
francs.

The financial position of the munic-
ipality of Paris was in a somewhat un-
satisfactory state at the close of last
year, and to meet the situation it is
proposed to raise a loan of 315,000,000
francs (\$63,000,000), which will enable
the municipality to undertake some im-
portant works that have long been con-
sidered necessary.

PRO AND CON.

Booth Tarkington, whose hair is un-
usually thick, thinks that strong, rich
food—plenty of meat three times a
day—gives vigor to the scalp.

George Bernard Shaw imputes his
fine and beautiful gray hair to his veg-
etarian diet. Vegetables, he holds,
keep the hair in a glossy and superb
condition.

Water has not touched Mme. Patti's
face for seventeen years. She holds
that water makes wrinkles and for her
smooth skin thanks the cold cream
with which alone her facial ablutions
are performed.

Mrs. Cornwallis-West (Lady Ran-
dolph Churchill) imputes her splendid
bloom to cold water and to her repudi-
ation of all creams and cosmetics,
which clog, she claims, the pores and
make the skin dry and yellow.—Phila-
delphia Bulletin.

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home—not a concert of one instrument or voice alone, but a con-
cert of band and orchestra music, vocal solos, grand opera as well
as comic opera—anything you like. The world's greatest artists
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keep this wonderful instrument, you may send it back to us and
we charge you absolutely nothing for the free trial. If you like
the instrument with its marvelous variations of entertainment,
including the latest popular songs, side-splitting minstrel dia-
logues, beautiful operatic airs sung by the greatest artists, its
dreamy waltzes and stirring two-steps, its orations and elocution-
ary recitals, you may keep the instrument and send either cash
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DRAWING THE ROAD.

How the Highways Can Be Improved
at Small Expense.

In writing of the road drug in Motor
News D. C. Wing of Missouri says:

It takes a courageous man to start
something new in a farming commu-
nity. As a class we farmers resist in-
novations almost to the extent of mak-
ing ourselves absurd in the eyes of an
intelligent public. It is surprising with
what buldog tenacity we hang to tra-
ditions, old methods and scrub stock.
But the drug is sweeping us toward a
brighter day.

Dragged after each rain, when the
mud works nicely and does not stick
to the drag, a road will acquire during
the season such a thick, compact
"hide" that it will turn water, resist
the action of frost and remain hard
and smooth throughout the year. The
more it is traveled the better it will be,
provided it is dragged after each rain.
Every time the dust paste is spread
over the surface and then beaten down
and hardened the road is improved.
The writer has a piece of road that has
been dragged for two years. Its shell
is so thick and hard that it can scarce-
ly be cut with an ax.

You can wager that the bottom will
not fall out of this road, no matter
how wet the spring may be. It was
tested the last spring by weeks of
rainy weather, but it held its own.
Other roads were impassable. Their
bottoms fell out, and they would mire
man or beast. Instead of turning the
water, they absorbed it.

A good earth road must be hard,
smooth and oval or convex. A road
will acquire these fundamental char-
acteristics and retain them if it is
dragged after each rain. By riding the
drag the driver can regulate the
amount of earth moved toward the
center. The best applications of the
drag will merely knock off the rough
edges, fill in the ruts and provide for
more effective work in the future.

Posters, placards, dodgers, all sizes
and kinds, printed at the Courier office.
Legal blanks at the Courier office.

WOMEN PAY MORE

Why Insurance Companies Dis-
criminate Against Gentle Sex.

If one is to believe the medical ex-
aminers the reason a woman pays
more for the privilege of life insur-
ance is that she is much more com-
monly a victim of indigestion and
stomach troubles and the fatal ail-
ments that spring from these causes.

It is not the acute attacks of disease
that influence the insurance examiners
alone, but the constant feelings of
weakness, headache, indigestion and
stomach trouble. These things,
physicians say, kill more people than
many of the serious diseases.

For curative power in all stomach
troubles nothing else is as safe yet
effective, nothing else can be so
thoroughly relied upon to relieve all
troubles of indigestion, as Miona. It
is unlike any remedy heretofore un-
known; it is not a mere digestive table-
t; it strengthens and restores to
natural action, the stomach and
bowels and makes a complete cure in
even the worst form of stomach
troubles.

Demaray sells Miona in 50 cent
boxes under a guarantee to refund the
money unless it does all that is
claimed for it.

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Alexander Benton, who lives on
Rural Route 1, Fort Edward N. Y.,
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my best earthly friend. It cured me
of asthma six years ago. It has also
performed a wonderful cure of in-
cipient consumption for my son's
wife. The first bottle ended the
terrible cough, and this accomplished,
the other symptoms left one by one,
until she was perfectly well. Dr.
King's New Discovery's power over
coughs and colds is simply marvelous."
"No other remedy has ever equaled
it. Fully guaranteed by all drug-
gists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle
free.