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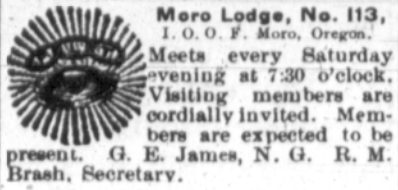
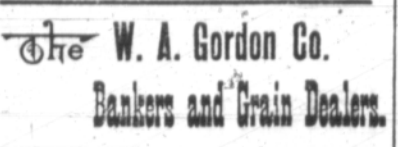
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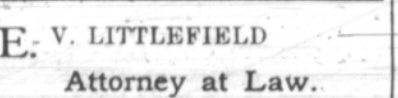
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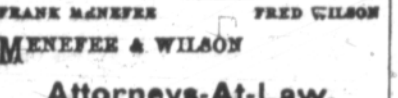
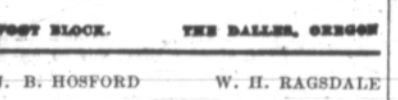
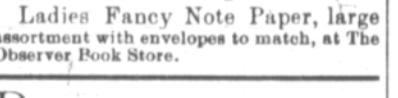
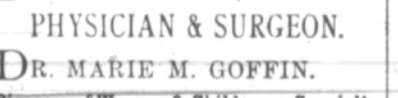
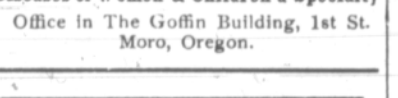
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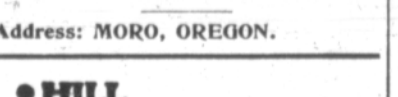
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A Royal Romance

(Original.)

The hand of a former czarowitz of Russia was offered through the Russian prime minister to Margaret, a German princess, who was ordered by her father and sovereign to accept a husband who brought with him a probable crown. The princess was a spoiled girl and not amenable to an order, even from such a source, without her own consent. However, she accepted the czarowitz, whom she had never seen, on condition that she should be invited to spend the winter at St. Petersburg. The invitation was given, and the princess was the most admired of all the women that winter at the court of Russia. The czarowitz, who was destined soon to rule the empire, took a deep interest in the problem confronting the state and seemed to have no time to devote to his fiancée. Margaret apparently accepted the situation as well as the attention of such men of the court as dared risk offending the heir apparent. One of these, Count Demidoff, seemed to be the favorite.

One afternoon in December there was a skating party on the Neva. Neither the czarowitz nor the count was present, and the absence of these—the one the imperial betrothed and the other the supposed lover—gave other men opportunity, and the princess was much sought. The days are short in winter in St. Petersburg, and the sport was kept up after twilight. At dusk a man in the uniform of a captain of artillery came upon the ground—rather the ice—and skated by himself, for no one seemed to know him. He was generally to be found somewhere near the Princess Margaret and as the gloom deepened kept continually in her wake. While she was skating with a prominent court official a bit something white fluttered from her muff. The officer, who was but a few yards behind her, stooped and picked it up. Immediately after this he left the ice.

That night at 11 o'clock a carriage emerged from the court and the palace. It was driven to a railway station, and a lady closely veiled stepped out and entered the station. She had been there but a few minutes, pacing impatiently back and forth, when the officer of artillery who had skated that afternoon on the Neva entered. Approaching the lady, he courteously lifted his hat and handed her a note.

"Pardon me, madame. I should have returned sooner which you dropped while skating today."

"You must have read it or you would not have known where to find me at this hour."

"I—I knew you to be the betrothed of my imperial majesty."

"I would confront your lover, Count Demidoff."

"And what interest have you in Count Demidoff?"

"I wish to insult him and settle this affair by the code."

"I do not see how it can concern you."

"It concerns my imperial master deeply."

"The czarowitz?"

"Yes. In his name I demand to know if it is Count Demidoff you are to meet here tonight?"

"I do not care to tell you whom I expect to meet here."

"Nevertheless I shall learn, for I shall wait for him."

"For what purpose?"

"The count is a gentleman. I shall challenge him to fight under the code. He will meet me."

"And the czarowitz?"

"You know me?"

"I knew you from the moment you entered."

"I shall assume all responsibility. The count will meet me as my peer."

Now and again a pair of strange and rare birds began to sing in England, but how many sportsmen except Mr. Wells' clergyman can claim to have shot an angel? One such man exists, though it is doubtful whether he is real, but his skill is a nightingale, and he was passing Crayford parish churchyard with his gun over his shoulder when he saw what he took for a ghost. He leveled his piece and fired, but his aim was wild. He had failed to wing his quarry. Investigation showed that the ghost was a sculptured angel on a tomb, and he had shot off one of its toes!—London Chronicle.

TRAINING DOG POLICE.

Breaking in of the Police Patrol One of the Sights of Paris.

The training of the young Newfoundland dogs that are periodically added to the staff is one of the sights of Paris. It takes place in the headquarters of the agents plougeurs, a small building on the quayside not far from the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Dogs and men enter into the exercise with zest, and there is usually a crowd of onlookers. "Only dummy figures are used, but the 'rescue' is nevertheless a very realistic affair. The big dogs know perfectly well what the exercise means, and they wait with comic enthusiasm until the dummy is thrown into the water and an agent plougeur rushes out on hearing the splash and the outcry of spectators. While the men are busy with lines and life buoys the dog plunges into the water, swims to the dummy, watches with rare intelligence for an opportunity to get an advantageous hold, and then it either swims ashore or waits for its master, who brings to the rescue long poles, cork belts and the like. The more experienced dogs, however, will easily effect a rescue from first to last without human assistance, and it is an inspiring sight to watch them looking for a foothold on the slippery sides of the river bank and pulling the heavy dummy into a place of safety.

It takes about four months to train the dogs efficiently. They are also charged with the protection of their masters when attacked by the desperate ruffians who sleep under the arches of the bridge in summer. Thus in Paris the police dogs are a proved success.—Century.

A GREAT BEER HOUSE.

Munch Owns the Oldest and Largest Saloon in the World.

The Hofbrauhaus of Munich is perhaps the oldest and largest saloon in the world, owned by the king of Bavaria and patronized by an average of 12,000 customers a day. On holidays the number often runs up to 15,000 and 16,000. Nothing like watching them looking for a foothold on the slippery sides of the river bank and pulling the heavy dummy into a place of safety.

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Elderly Spinster—You know, doctor, I'm always thinking that a man is following me. Do you think I suffer from hallucinations?
Doctor—Absolutely certain you do, ma'am.

Jolting Him.



Rude Little Boys—Now do be careful, mister, and mind you don't fall down that hole.—Sketch.

Unhappy.



"Hardup is a bad egg."

"Yes, and the worst of it is he's generally broke."—Philadelphia Press.

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A FAMOUS DIAMOND.

Curious Incident in the History of the Kohinoor.

The Kohinoor fell into the hands of the ruler of Lahore and on the conquest of the Punjab became a possession of Queen Victoria in the year 1850. The first authentic mention of this matchless gem is by an eastern monarch who refers to a "jewel valued at one-half the daily expenses of the whole world." A century or two later the Persian conqueror of India, seeing the diamond glitter in the turban of the unfortunate rajah, exclaimed, with rough and somewhat costly humor, "Come, let us change our turbans in pledge of friendship!" The exchange was promptly effected. The stone fell at last into the hands of the British, and pending its delivery to the crown Sir John Lawrence, afterward Lord Lawrence, was made its guardian.

His biographer, Bosworth Smith, relates a curious incident of its custody. Half a century ago Sir John thrust it, wrapped up in numerous folds of cloth into his waistcoat pocket, the whole being in an insignificant little box. He continued the work upon which he was engaged and thought no more of his precious treasure. He changed his clothes for dinner and threw his waistcoat aside, still forgetting all about the little box contained in it.

Some weeks afterward a message came from the viceroy saying that the queen had ordered the jewel to be immediately transmitted to her.

In a moment the fact of his carelessness flashed across Sir John, but he slipped away to his private room and with his heart in his mouth sought for his old bearer, of whom he asked, "Have you a small box that was in my waistcoat pocket some time ago?"

"Yes, sahib," the man replied. "I found it and put it in your chest of drawers."

"Bring it here," said Sir John. "Open it," he ordered when the little box had been produced, "and see what is inside."

He watched the man with tense anxiety as he folded after fold of the rag was taken off.

"There is nothing here, sahib," said the old man at last, "but a bit of glass."—Sunday Magazine.

DINING TABLES.

The Transition From the Festive Board of Primitive Man.

The first dining table was probably just a block of stone or a piece of wood, but even primitive man must soon have discovered that these devices did not provide for the comfortable disposal of his legs and have set about taming all his ingenuity to invent something else. It is probable that as the result of his cogitations a rough hewn piece of board supported on two big stones came into fashion among the elite in these far prehistoric times.

The early rustic table which was used in the beginning of the fifteenth century consisted of a parallelogram of wood, fashioned into a board, resting upon two or more pedestal-like supports. And we have a reminiscence of this movable kind of table in the expression, "A seat at the board," today, while that of "taking the chair" is obviously a survival of the time when a chair was the place of honor reserved for the master of the house or given by the grand seigneur to the guest whom he wished to honor, the other guests sitting upon rude benches placed at the side of the table.

One can imagine the inventor seated at the head of his own dinner table, clad in his best beskin and surrounded by a select and admiring company of his intimates, who ate roast flesh literally off the festive board and who drank the first toast at this first primeval dinner party in his honor in cold water from a stream hard by. From this stage to planks resting on rude trestles would be an easy transition, and civilization had of course made considerable progress before the supports and the board were joined as one piece of furniture.

"Studo" is one of the many foreign words that have acclimated themselves in the English language. It is a recent import from Italy, unknown to Johnson's Dictionary and apparently not occurring before the nineteenth century, but it has supplanted a want "Study," which is the real English for "studio," suggests a room for reading and writing, and "workroom" lacks distinctiveness. The French get along with "atelier," which literally means a place in which small planks are prepared—in other words, a carpenter's workshop.

The Middle Class in Novels. Is it true that the modern English novel reader insists upon hearing about the rich or the great? I can hardly think so when I remember the many successful works of fiction dealing with costers and Scottish ministers, journalists and typists, actresses and novelists. The Disraeli type of novel seems almost extinct, and the great bulk of works of fiction deals with the middle classes.—London Lady.

Laying For Him. "There's a new young man calling on Miss Maud this evening," said the fox terrier, "and he seems real nice."

"Yes, I heard her and he was nice enough to eat," replied the bulldog on the lawn. "That's what I'm waiting for."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Woman's Part. "What part of speech is 'woman,' pa?"

"Woman isn't a part of speech, ma son. She's the whole speech."

He is truly rich who desires nothing, and he is truly poor who expects all.—Solon.

THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

Road of a Thousand Wonders—Books Advertising the Beaver State.

According to Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in this state, the O.R. & N.Co., the U.P.Ry. and the S.P.Ry. will redouble their efforts to advertise Oregon in the east in future. Notwithstanding the excellent advertising given this state by the Harriman system in the past, new features and new advertising departments will be added to all the railroad publications issued by the Harriman people on the Pacific coast. Mr. McMurray has secured a number of hunting and range photographs from Maj. Lee Moorehouse, and in the forthcoming edition of The Road of a Thousand Wonders, and The Overland Route, to be issued by the above named railway corporations, the hunting advantages of Oregon will be featured.

Thousands of eastern hunters come west every year in search of good hunting, and heretofore this feature of Oregon has been neglected in all advertising. The Harriman people will now place this feature prominently before the east and photographs and views of hunting scenes will have a prominent place in all forthcoming publications. Maj. Moorehouse had a number of excellent mountain scenes which Mr. McMurray found suitable for the forthcoming books, and these will appear, with suitable