

NEW SHORT STORIES

Inconvenient Conventionalities.

"In London I met General Henry Clay Evans," said a Washingtonian just returned from a European trip. "Mr. Evans, although a man of democratic simplicity, is adapting himself to the life of the British capital and subscribes to the adage about adopting Roman customs in Rome. Recently a wealthy American visiting London was invited to an affair of some importance and was perplexed as to what he should wear. Evening dress was an abomination to him, and as for the knee breeches and gaitered slippers, which he had never worn, might be the proper thing, the traveler swore he would not don them. He looked up the consul general and placed the matter before him.

"My friend," said Mr. Evans, "you must learn to adapt yourself to the conditions of the hour. Where custom decrees a certain kind of dress it is mistaken independence to appear in anything else. All this opposition to dressing with conventional propriety for a young man reminds me of a young fellow in Tennessee who was about to start barefoot for a Saturday night party. 'Where are you going?' demanded his mother. 'To the party,' he responded. 'Well, afore you go,' she ordered, 'you go right down to the creek and wash your feet.' 'Don't want to,' he retorted. 'See here,' exclaimed his mother, 'if you don't wash your feet you don't go to that party, that's all!' Suddenly the young man slunk toward the place of ablution. 'If I'd a knowed there was goin' to be such fuss over gettin' ready,' he growled, 'I wouldn't hev agreed to go to the pesky party at all.'"

The Czar's Old Lamp Cleaner.

When Czar Nicholas was promenading in the park of Zarskoe Selo one morning recently he was surprised and somewhat taken aback by a voice over his head.

"Your majesty—little father!"

Nicholas looked up and saw a white haired soldier cleaning a lantern.

"What do you want?" asked the czar.

"I beg to ask whether we old soldiers have to work to the day of our death?"

"I forget the regulations, veteran. Ask the poltzei master."

"The duce I do! He would have me thrashed for my impudence."

The czar grew thoughtful and asked the veteran's name, regiment, etc., proceeding to the following:



"WHAT DO YOU WANT?"

paring to let them down on his cuff; but, though he twice repeated the question, the veteran sullenly held his tongue.

"Well, I can't wait here all day," cried Nicholas. "My wife is waiting and may get impatient. You will now tell me your name without delay."

"Provided you promise not to tell the poltzei master, little father."

"I promise."

"Cross your heart?" queried the man on the ladder suspiciously.

"Cross my heart, old fellow."

Only then the czar's demand was complied with.

"How many years have you served me and my fathers?" continued Nicholas.

"Thirty-seven, little father. Never endured punishment nor even a reprimand, as the records show."

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It is stated that the Presbyterian board of foreign mission is hampered in its plans for the coming year more by lack of men than of money. It has appointed 47 missionaries and has as yet work and means for 34 more.

In Australia, under a new law, no contract can be made for the carrying of mails by any steamship line which allows a colored man to work on any of the ships. The mail steamers hitherto have been largely manned by dark skinned British subjects from India.

The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung says: "Japan has two extraordinary allies: Russia's ill luck is one, Russia's slovenliness is the other. It is deeply rooted in the whole Russian system. It caused Russia to be unprepared when the war began, and it is responsible for the wearing away of the Russian fleet."

"There are," said Thomas Taggart, the democratic leader in Indiana, "three rules of deportment which should be the guiding stars of all politicians: First, never take a drink, for fear of promoting intemperance; second, never refuse a drink, for fear of making bad friends; third, never worry about what happens—unless it happens to you."

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For further information about the Quarterly, address GEO. H. HIMES, Asst. Secy., Oregon Historical Society, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

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