

Journalism in Russia.
"The style of Russian Journalism," says Stephen Graham, in "Changing Russia," "is most refreshing. The brevity of the sentence and the paragraph has been developed to the absolute limit. I opened Satirikon one day to find the first article on the first page: 'Split in my eye, reader! Split right in my eye!' There is nothing in English or American Journalism equal to that. But such a sentence is not exceptional. It sets the tone of the paper, and Satirikon is read by every one, from the student to the Russian soul should look at Satirikon. . . . It is horrible, but it is instructive. It is even powerful and refreshing if you can enter into its spirit without losing your own. It is forceful, brutal, cynical, Rabelaisian. . . . Despite its monstrous pictures and its style, which permits all things, it is yet a family journal. There is nothing in it that the Russian woman finds objectionable."

Daniel O'Connell's Blarney.
Daniel O'Connell, says the British Weekly, spoke once to over 100,000 persons at an open air meeting in Birmingham. In those days women worked in the mines, and two or three rows of grim, stalwart damsels, black and robust, with a blackness and robustness hardly ever seen now, formed themselves in front of them. O'Connell rose and began, "Surrounded, as I am, by the fair, the arts and the good"—Up went the grimy arms, and the grimy throats roared applause. The fair, the gentle and the good cheered every sentence after that, and as they almost alone in the vast audience could hear what was said, their cheering was of some importance, because when they applauded the people behind applauded, and so on, till the outermost ring was reached, which rendered its tribute to the concluding sentence of the speech some time after it was over.

Merry Moving Time In Quebec.
May day is scarcely a merry one in the province of Quebec. Yearly leases prevail and expire April 30, so that the 1st of May is removal day. In Montreal and other large centers of the province many quaint scenes are to be witnessed, and it is held that you will see more furniture knocking about the streets May 1 than you ever saw in any second hand dealer's emporium. Many peculiar customs have come into being through this habit of the Quebec Canadians of fitting or removing at the same time. One of the most remarkable is that for the first three days of the month houses are held in common—that is to say, if the people into whose house you are moving have been unable to get away before your arrival you may all live together until May 3, when you can compel your predecessors to make their final exit.—London Spectator.

Good Pay For Hermits.
Hermits were a century or more back regarded as a picturesque feature of country houses. Samuel Rogers records that "Archibald Hamilton, afterward Duke of Hamilton, advertised for a hermit as an ornament to his pleasure grounds, and it was stipulated that the said hermit should have his beard shaved but once a year, and that only partially." Mark Powys, the squire of Marcham, in Lancashire, offered £50 a year for life to any man willing to live as a hermit on his estate for seven years. He was to be well supplied with provisions and books and other comforts and in return had to abstain from straying beyond his hermitage and from cutting his hair, beard or nails. The offer was accepted by a man who abode by the conditions for four years and then threw up the job.—London Chronicle.

Care of the Teeth.
The teeth should be washed in tepid water inside as well as outside with a fairly stiff toothbrush in the morning and the last thing at night. This helps greatly to preserve them, as the primary cause of dental decay is the decomposition of particles of food left between the teeth after a meal. Washing with a stiff brush dislodges these particles, and rinsing the mouth freely afterward with some warm disinfectant mouth wash completely removes them.

He Perpetrated It.
The Doctor—The janitor of the building where I live says his father and grandfather made their living by working at similar jobs in the old country. The Professor (slightly irritated)—Well, what do you want me to say—that he follows in the footsteps of his progenitors?—Chicago Tribune.

Experienced.
Ad Vertyson—We want a man who knows both how to keep his mouth closed and how to stave off the curious. Applicant—I think I would suit you. I used to be clerk in an information bureau.—London Punch.

Reason Versus Passion.
Edmund Burke said, "Taking the whole view of life, it is more safe to live under the jurisdiction of severe but steady reason than under the empire of indulgent but capricious passion."

An Exception.
Bridges—They say that two heads are better than one. Griggs—That's all a mistake. Both my wife and I want to be head of the house, and it doesn't work at all.—Boston Transcript.

He does not lack an almanac whose youth is in his soul.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Tippling in Austria.
"You know the value of tips in the United States," writes a man from Prague, who visited this country for the first time two years ago, "and you are more liberal than we are in that respect, but such a thing as tippling a railway conductor is not known to the tourist in America. Here in Austria the custom is so well established that the refusal of a conductor on a Bads Innsbruck train to accept a thimbleful from a passenger who had been allowed to ride alone in a compartment has caused unusual comment. The title 'White Raven' was conferred on the conductor, who emphasized his displeasure at being tempted by having the passenger summoned before a magistrate on the charge of attempted bribery. Do not let that trouble you, however, when you come here, because the tipping malefactor was discharged, and the magistrate's contemptuous look at the conductor indicated that his opinion of a man who would not take a tip was unfit for publication"—New York Tribune.

Cooked Meats.
Boiled meat may lose some of its best foodstuff properties if too much water is used in its boiling or if it is taken from the water in which it is boiling, instead of allowing it to remain and recover by absorption some of its valuable properties. Eight pounds of beef after it is boiled will weigh six and a half pounds. After it is baked it will lose two pounds and six ounces. After it is roasted it will lose three pounds and ten ounces. Other meat loses almost in the same proportion when it is cooked. It will be noticed that roasting meat causes it to decrease considerably more than boiling. One great trouble, of course, in boiling meat is that it loses nearly 45 per cent of its mineral matter and 12 per cent of its fats and nearly 8 per cent of its proteins. Housewives should not worry over this, however, when it is known that there is a greater percentage of nutriment in cooked meats, notwithstanding the loss by cooking, than there is in raw meats.—New York American.

Satisfied His Curiosity.
Bayard Taylor's widest fame was won as a traveler and a lecturer on his travels. He prided himself on his poetry more than on his prose. One can imagine therefore the sort of grim amusement he felt in telling this story—and he often told it to his friends: "I had delivered a lecture in a rural town out west, and several of my auditors were accosting me with expressions of their satisfaction. One person in particular was effusively eager, saying: 'I am delighted, Mr. Taylor, to make your acquaintance. I have read everything you have ever written and have greatly enjoyed it all.' This was pleasant to hear, and as he grasped my hand with evident friendship, I responded with a request for his opinion of my poetry. A look of overwhelming astonishment and perplexity came into his face. 'Your poetry!' he exclaimed. 'Have you ever written any poetry? This, I need not tell you, fully satisfied my curiosity.'—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mad Paul of Russia.
Russia's first Paul was no less insane than his father, Peter III, although his madness was longer in manifesting itself. So violent was his hatred of the revolutionary round hats, a fashion imported from France, that one day he sent 200 police and dragoons to scour the streets of St. Petersburg and tear them from the heads of all who wore them. He banished all the hahmen from his capital because one of them was found with a pair of pistols on him? Hundreds of his officers and courtiers were sent in chains to Siberia for a glance or a word that displeased him, many without any charge at all, and he sent an entire regiment on a 2,000 mile march because in drilling it had failed to understand one of his indistinct words of command.

Aerial Analysis.
If the late Wilbur Wright ever had a romance he managed to keep the secret, and no one seemed to know. However, he was not without views on the subject. A reporter once asked him why he had never married. "It's the easiest thing in the world to drive an aeroplane," he answered, "and it's just as easy to get married." Then he added, "Women and aeroplanes are so much alike that you can't analyze either until you get them going."

Bending the Truth.
His wife (at the other end)—Well, if you've already asked Mr. Low to dine with us I suppose I'll have to manage with us I suppose I'll have to manage somehow, but you know I don't like him. He (at this end)—She says everything's all right and she'll be tickled to death to see you.—Exchange.

Strong Woman.
"Father," said little Herbert, "why doesn't mother travel with the circus?" "What could she do in a circus?" "She might be the strong woman. I heard her tellin' grandma this morning that she could wind you around her little finger."—Judge.

Advance Information.
"Young man, we need brains in our business." "I know you do. That is why I'm looking for a job here."—Baltimore American.

The Fourth Dimension.
Tommy—Pa, what is the fourth dimension? Father—The one that fits in with your fashion. Your mother has it.—New York Sun.

Since we cannot get what we like let us like what we get.—Persian Proverb.

The Minutest of Shells.
Among the minute existences upon the face of the globe that have been elevated by means of the microscope into an honored position of independence are the foraminifera, mostly marine atoms inhabiting many chambered cells. At one time they were considered mollusca, at another they were ranked among the infusoria, and eventually they were settled comfortably in the subkingdom protozoa. The calcareous shells have in the past formed vast deposits of chalk. They are often today congregated as realms of sand. These animals are not always minute, but generally they are subjects imperatively demanding the lens. An ounce of sand has been known to contain 8,000 of their shells, and in the West Indies the figure once ran into millions. Your object under the naked eye seems to be merely a patch of brown sand, under the microscope you have a great variety of the loveliest illipidan shells, representing every variety of form known to the conchologist.

Postcards In Inquisitive India.
India is the only country perhaps in which the postcard may be said to be a real success, remarks a writer in T. P.'s Weekly of London. In India it is exactly supplied a want. The card is cheap (it costs only a halfpenny), and it is complete in itself. Stamps and envelopes have to be wetted. The gum may have been made of the hoofs or horns of the cow, and the thought of possible defilement of caste comes in. The postcard has no drawback in its publicity, which makes English people dislike it, is not considered a disadvantage by the Indian. He reads other people's letters as a matter of course and expects other people to read his. I have often seen a postman seated by the street side sorting out his postcards, surrounded by an interested little crowd. He and they are reading as many of the post cards as there is time for, and no one appears conscious of irregularity in the proceeding.

The Scleroscope.
This little invention has been described as a kind of mechanical finger intended to discriminate by delicacy of touch between various substances submitted to it. The ready detection of the degree of hardness and elasticity of various surfaces is its special function. It consists essentially of a little weight, like the hammer of a pile driver, which is allowed to fall inside a tube placed upright on the surface to be tested. The bottom of the hammer, which weighs only a few grams, is finished with a blunted diamond, intended to give it the requisite hardness. After a fall it rebounds, and a carefully graduated scale on the tube, indicating the height of the rebound, shows the degree of hardness of the surface experimented with. On a piece of ordinary steel the hammer rebounds nine-tenths of the height of its fall.

The Clocks We Wear.
The three marks on the back of a glove and the clocks on a stocking are due practically to the same circumstance. The glove marks correspond to the fourchette pieces between the fingers, and in other days these pieces were continued along the back of the hand, braid being used to conceal the seams.

A somewhat similar origin is assigned to the ornamental clock on the stocking. In the days when stockings were made of cloth the seams occurred where the clocks do now, the ornamentation then being used to conceal the seams. The useless little bow in the leather hand lining a man's hat is a survival of the time when a hat was made by taking a piece of leather, boring two holes through it and drawing it up with a piece of string.—Exchange.

Nettle Postage.
Mr. Pepps was regaled with nettle porridge at the house of a friend and found it "very good." The same delicacy is referred to by Evelyn in his diary. The nettle in fact, which the ignorant dismiss as an unpleasant weed, is capable of doing all sorts of things for man. A Scot was able to boast that he had eaten nettles, slept in nettle sheets and dined off a nettle tablecloth. Spring nettle tops boiled in portage, according to an old authority, "consume the phlegmatic superfluities in the body of many that the coldness and moisture of the winter leave behind."—London Standard.

Candor Gone Mad.
An English labor agitator and ex-M. P. denied in New York that he advised murder as a strike weapon. "Such advice on my part," said he, "would be candid indeed, wouldn't it? It would be candor gone mad. It would be like the well dressed lady in the department store who approached the floorwalker and said candidly: 'I have kleptomaniac. What would you advise me to take for it?'"—Exchange.

Good Excuse.
He (to his wife, who has not been feeling well and who has consulted a physician)—Well, what did the doctor say? She—He thinks it is not very serious. But, do you know, dearest, one can never tell. At all events I shall go to Ostend.—Flegende Blätter.

Good Luck For Him.
"Jimmy is a shiftless fellow." "That's true. His idea of a stroke of good luck is being able to strike somebody for a loan."—Houston Post.

Mutual Sorrow.
"Harold, papa calls you a fortune hunter. I'm sorry I'm rich." "So am I. Everybody will say that you bought me."—Life.

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