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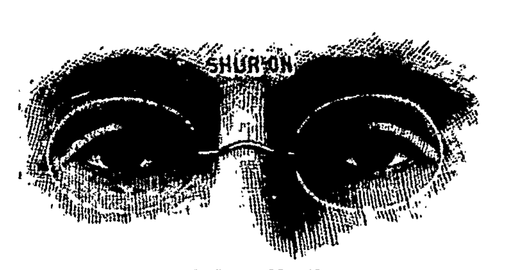

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CRUELTY OF RUSSIAN REFUGEES

Statistics Show, After Escaping Oppression, They Are Worst Oppressors.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals last year recorded the nationality of all persons arrested for inhumanity, says the N Y. Globe The figures detract much sympathy from the oppressed Russion peasant who seeks refuge in America. They seem to reveal the fact that oppression is a trait permeating the whole of Russian society

The downtrodden Russian for whom world wide pity is expressed is according to the society's experience, without pity himself He is the chief offender toward animals in New York, and heads all foreign nationalities. The figures, now for the first time made public, are

Russian, 121, Italian 88 German 56 Irish, 47; Austrian, 18, French, 2, and others, 92

Americans, being in tenfold population, and including children of naturalized foreigners, number 329

Instances are told of the chief offenders inflicting the most unspeakable cruelty upon animals such as pulling out tongues and literally clubbing horses to death Meat cleavers and adzes as instruments of torture have been taken from the ruffians who excite the pity of the whole world for the official oppression from which they flee to America

It is a common thing to arrest a Russian in the act of beating the animal with a rung from the cart or a cobble stone from the street

As merchants their methods of carrying young calves and other animals to market and binding their mouths led to special legislation

The lack of sanitary care taken of their animals has led to glanders and farcy When worn out the animals were permitted to die of starvation

"Dismal Swamp" No More.

The famous Dismal Swamp in Virginia is coming into profitable cultiva-tion [illegible]

[illegible] was a popular refuge for runaway slaves It is situated in the southeaster corner of Virginia and it extends from a few miles from Norfolk At its highest points it is only 15 or 20 feet above tidewater Its streams are so pure that their water is sought by vessels going on long voyages

It was long thought that the swamp was malarious and that white men could not live there the year round This notion has been disproved by the truck farmers seeking cheaper land who are clearing up the swamp and turning it into prosperous truck gardens New York World

A Bank on Wheels

Cincinnati is soon to have what is said to be the first automobile [illegible] in this country [illegible] steel with double [illegible] inch space [illegible] a burglar proof [illegible] ing room [illegible] tive power [illegible] and the storage battery can be charged [illegible] miles run The cost will be $5,000 The use of the [illegible] obvious to save depositors from sending to the bank headquarters Philadelphia Ledger

Quicksilver on Grappling Irons.

The use of mercury in the search for a body in the canal at Brentford this week is not altogether unprecedented

The advantage of mercury is that it finds a lower level than any other substance that could be employed for weighting grappling irons, and is of advantage in searching through mud or sand into which a body has sunk beyond the reach of ordinary dragging implements Pall Mall Gazette.

Life Among London's Poor.

As illustrating the way the people live in the "alien" districts of London's East End, a member of Parliament told this as a postman's common experience: "He knocks at the door with the first delivery; a head is put out of the first floor window and the question is asked, 'Is that letter for So-and-So?' 'Yes,' replies the postman 'Well,' says the lodger 'please leave it on the window sill; I can't get down until the people who are sleeping in the passageway have moved their beds.'"

Accuracy of Marksmanship.

Ability to shoot straight is to some extent a natural gift, and it is useless trying to make a captain of a gun of a man who does not possess this faculty. He may be a good enough man in other ways, but unless he has "a straight eye" he will never become much of a marksman. The admiralty recognizes this, and have ceased trying to make crack shots of men whose talents do not lie in that direction.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Wooden Railways.

There are several wooden railways in Canada and the United States. One of them is in the province of Quebec, and is 30 miles long. The rails are of maple, and trains are run over them with remarkable smoothness at the rate of 25 miles an hour.

After the savings accounts reach $289.50 in French banks, they cease to draw interest.

A SNAIL FARM.

A Singular Industry—Largest Snail Farm in France.

Snail farming will no doubt strike readers as a very singular industry, and probably many will now learn for the first time of its existence But to appease the quaint taste of the French for the slimy mollusk there are hundreds of farms dotted all over France where snails, and nothing but snails, are farmed in their millions much as poultry and cattle are farmed elsewhere Indeed, so great is the demand for snails in France Paris alone eats ten tons in a year, representing about 200,000,000 snails that farms have been established in Germany, Switzerland and Italy

One of the largest snail farms in France is situated at Orgelet in Jura where one gazed over a vast expanse of what looked like innumerable boxes ranged in rows across a ten acre cabbage field There were hundreds of these boxes each measuring six feet in length by three in width A distance of a yard separated them one from another while there was a space of two yards dividing the rows So it will be seen that of the total area the boxes occupied just one half They were the cradles of the growing snails, which, though not visible at the moment, were there in their millions, for a family of 2,000 occupied each box

Examination of the boxlike erections proved they were not really boxes but shelters with wooden sides and roofs Inside the earth was covered with a bed of bone dry moss wherein the snails reposed from the heat and glare of the sun during the day emerging only at night to feed They feed to some purpose, too for in wet weather a hundred thousand of them will demolish in a single night a market wagon load of cabbages that two horses could not easily pull

As the [illegible] have to be maintained from three to four years before they attain a salable [illegible] at good prices it naturally follows that to cover the ex[illegible]

[illegible]

Se[illegible] to the [illegible] living in the neighborhood of the farms and whole families engage in it earning a good living The collectors men women and children set out at daybreak carrying big baskets and iron hooks They search along the foot of hedgerows and under the ivy covering trees and walls With good luck a good collector can secure from 1,000 to 1,500 snails a day which means a weight of from 20 to 30 pounds This earns about $1.25 a day which is good for those localities B[illegible]n Eagle

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[illegible] ing but [illegible] skimming [illegible] swift kayaks canoes made of skin or flying over the snow and [illegible] in sledges drawn by dogs, then when weary of these creeping on hands and knees through the hole which serves as doorway to their huts and rolling themselves up in furs for a doze The summer dwelling of the Eskimo is usually a tent of sealskin, his winter abode may be a hut of wood, or more often of stones and moss, banked about with snow Sometimes when traveling from place to place he builds a temporary dwelling of blocks of snow That sounds very inviting for a hot summer's day, but most of us would not think it the pleasantest kind of a home when the thermometer had left the zero mark and gone so far below that nobody could find it

Fine clothes or styles do not trouble the Eskimos at all; men and women alike wear high boots, trousers and a jacket with a hood which can be drawn up over the head Their clothing is made of furs and skins of birds. These simple minded people in spite of their dull lives, are naturally cheerful and happy and manage to get as much pleasure in their way out of life as do the majority of people. They are almost invariably kind and friendly to strangers and scarcely know the meaning of warfare.

Feared the Worst.

Friday Vizer, a familiar negro about town in a certain part of Mississippi, had been found dead, and he being a member of no church or lodge—very unusual for a negro—there was no one to pray for his soul in the great beyond. A few old intimates, however, carried the body to the cemetery in a rude pine coffin, and Bob McRaven, one of the number, an old "befo'-de-wah darkey," was called upon for a few remarks. Bob removed his hat and stepped reverently and sadly toward the open grave, and in solemn funereal tones said:

"Friday Vizer, you is gone. We hopes you is gone whar we 'spects you ain't."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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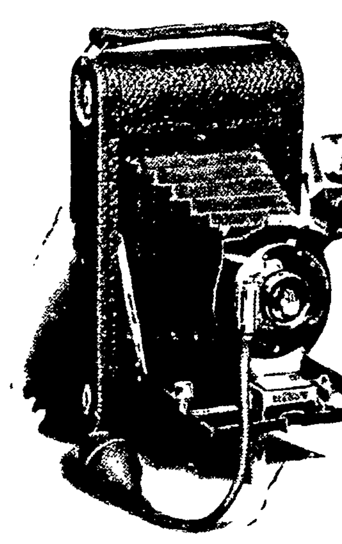

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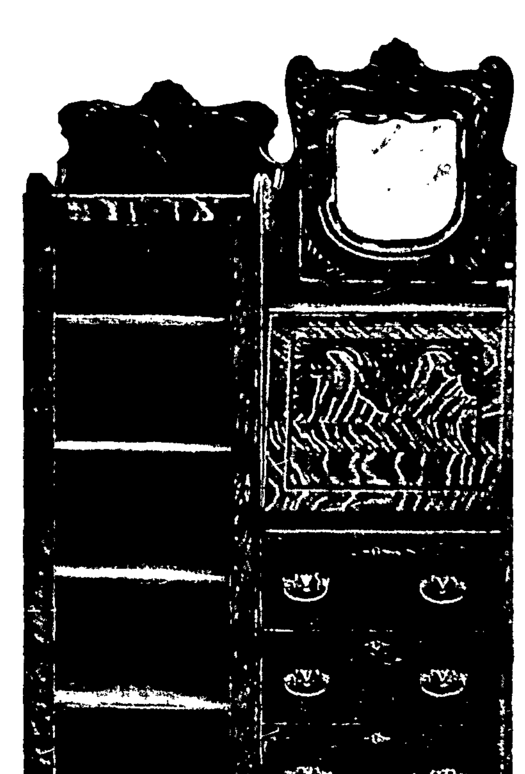

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