

Wichita Daily Eagle BARBERS TO ROYALTY.

MEN WHO CUT THE HAIR OF THE CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE.

One Knight of the Razor Was Offered a Reward to Cut the Czar's Beard—His Descendants Are Now Honored—The German Kaiser Is Changeable.

A despot should wear a full beard or shave himself. No matter what the chance at the czar of Russia with a razor, at least in the guise of a barber. The autocrat has his whiskers carefully trimmed, but with scissors. Even this is treated as a responsible and important function, and of the four "grand masters of the court," as they are called, one always attends the czar when his majesty is under the barber's care; not that any doubt is felt as to the fidelity of the tonsorial artist. The family of Guelabowski have been barbers to the imperial house of Romanoff from the time of the czar Paul. The first of the name, Michael, was employed when a youth in the palace at St. Petersburg, and one of his occasional duties was to shave the emperor. The nobles who conspired the death of Paul offered the young barber a reward that must have seemed dazzling to him if he would cut the emperor's hair. Michael pretended to decline, but took the first opportunity to inform the imperial chamberlain, Count Troubetzkoi.

The latter in vain, warned the weak minded czar of the conspiracy against his life, and Paul, history tells, was murdered in his bedchamber by the nobles who had plotted to destroy him. When Alexander I came to the throne he was reminded by Count Troubetzkoi of the fidelity of young Michael, and in recognition of his devotion to the imperial family, Alexander, by a special decree, appointed Michael Guelabowski and his descendants to be barbers to the czar and his household.

A TONSORIAL SPINX. Alexander was in the habit of being shaved, and during his reign of a quarter of a century he never hesitated to intrust the task to Michael, whose grandson now holds the place by right of descent. As before stated, the office is a good deal of a sinecure with the present czar, so far as shaving is concerned.

It is the duty of the imperial barber to attend his august master every morning immediately after the czar has risen and performed his ablutions for the purpose of dressing his hair and beard. This is done in the presence of one of the grand masters of the court. To the outside world the Michael Guelabowski of the present day is a spinx. He has never been known to reveal the secrets of the Romanoff toilet, or whether he talks to his majesty or is occasionally honored with a remark from the lips of the monarch. He is as silent as the laws of the Medes and Persians.

It is safe to presume, however, that Michael cultivates the virtue of silence in the imperial presence as well as out of it, and that he never asks the czar whether he wants a shampoo or would like a little cosmetic on his mustache. Michael never leaves the czar's travels, and it is through the occasional visits of the Russian autocrat to his father-in-law at Copenhagen that the barber's personality is known to the world, there being much less ceremony and secrecy in the Danish palace than at St. Petersburg.

The two former kaisers of the German empire both wore full beards. In Prussia the barber has never been an official personage, the selection being intrusted to the marshal of the house, at present the Baron von Lyncker. The aged Kaiser William had a constant and faithful personal attendant in Ludwig Kanitz, the son of a Brandenburg peasant, who from performing ordinary menial duties in the palace grew to be the confidential servant of the king and emperor. Kanitz was inseparable from his master in war and peace, and he is credited with having given memoirs to the world as interesting in some respects as those of Bismarck.

The prolongation of the czar's life to a great age was no doubt due largely to the faithful ministrations of this humble personage, who never shared in the honors or the state crowded others less intimately associated with his master. Kanitz did not long survive the emperor. He was dismissed with a pension sufficient to support him in comfort, but he soon died and was buried in the churchyard of his native village in Brandenburg.

It is said that the present kaiser is changeable as to barbers to whom he gives more employment than his predecessors in the empire. At present, strangely enough, he is being shaved by an Alsatian, a man whose name is not known outside the court, but who was for some time employed as one of the kaiser's barbers. There the Alsatian attracted the attention of Count Stolberg, who recommended him to the marshal of the house. As he has attended to the kaiser for three months he is supposed to give satisfaction. It is said, however, that he has had at least four predecessors, who were relegated to menial services in the palace.

IN THE AUSTRIAN COURT. The kaiser has an extremely tender skin, and as he insists on giving audience and orders while being shaved, it takes a clever artist to escape drawing some of the Hohenzollern blood. This is believed to have been the trouble with the barbers who lost power.

The Austrian court does everything magnificently, and the toilet of the emperor is presided over by the Chevalier de Haker, a descendant of the noble general who led the attack on the Turkish garrison at Pesth in 1686, and whose posterity has figured honorably in nearly every great war in which Austria has since been engaged. Even the barber, a term by which he is never known, is a nobleman, the Count du Faucon having been raised to this title in the palace for no other reason than that he is a nobleman, can lay hands on the Austrian emperor.

The Count du Faucon is not a native of Austria, but a Saxon by birth. He was trained by the former imperial artist, who was also a man of title, and he is said to be one of the most expert of his trade in the world. He is of course of plebeian origin. He is something of a doctor as well as a hair trimmer, and the kaiser is said to spend many an hour under the soothing influence of his manipulations.

Since the death of Prince Rudolph Francis Joseph has been particularly subject to headaches and similar ailments, and his barber's ministrations are more effective than a physician's in driving away the pains that oppress him. The Count du Faucon has apartments in the palace, both at Vienna and Buda, and is treated as a prominent, although not a leading, court official. As Francis Joseph wears a full beard there is very little use for the razor.

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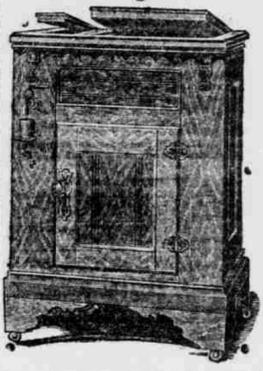
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One Suit for Six. Writing in Century Dr. C. B. Gillespie relates this incident of a Sunday in Colorado, Cal., in 49: A group of half a dozen Indians especially attracted my attention.

He Wasn't Dead After All. Twice during my career have I been given up as "gone over to the majority." In the advance of Hicks Pasha's army against El-Obeid, in the western Sudan, when I was walking down Fleet street, London, I was followed by a crowd of people.

The Too Teachable Parrot. I heard the other day an absurd story concerning a parrot which I think merits recording. The Baron de Rothschild, of Paris, so runs the tale, was desirous of sending to his kinsman at Frankfurt, whose birthday was at hand, some acceptable token of remembrance.

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SLAUGHTER OF GIRL BABIES. Two Hundred Thousand of the Innocents Killed Every Year in China. In China tens of thousands of recently born girls among the poorer classes are thrown out to perish, and at Shanghai I saw a tower formerly used to facilitate this infanticide, says Dr. Joseph Simms, who has recently returned from a long trip of the Flowery Empire.

The Butcher Bird. Says a California horticulturist: "The butcher bird is the most sagacious and at the same time the most cruel of birds. A pair will follow you while plowing, and if you overturn a rat's nest they will immediately pounce upon the wretched creature, kill them or drag them away and spike them in the sharp thorns of an orange tree, to be devoured at leisure. The other morning I saw a butcher bird with a snake fully a foot long. He hid him by the back of the neck, and with it flew up into an orange tree. He then called the reptile on to a ladder and sat and watched it. He let the snake almost wriggle off, when he flew as if it would fix it more firmly.

A Prety Sick Man. One of our physicians received the following letter from a country physician: "Dear doc I have a patient whose physical signs show that the windpipe has ulcerated, and his lungs have dropped into his stomach, he is unable to swallow and I fear his stomach tube is gone. I have given him everything without effect, his father is wealthy and influential, he is an active member of the church and God no I don't want to lose him, what shall I do and by returne mail, yours in need."—Fairfield (Me.) Journal.

Monk's regiment (now Coldstream guards) was the first to wear red coats with green facings, in 1629. At the Battle of Marston the national color of the British army, and except in the case of the Irish brigades, the Swiss guards and perhaps a few other instances, red has been the distinguishing color of the English forces.

If a poison has been accidentally swallowed, instantly drink a pint of warm water in which has been stirred a teaspoonful of salt and one or two of mustard. A half glass of sweet oil will render many poisons harmless.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

FOUND IT AN EXPENSIVE LESSON. A Little Discernment on the Use and Misuse of a Polite Expression. "There's that V I love you," he said as he pulled a bill from his pocket and passed it over. "Ah, yes; thanks." "What?" "Thank you." "What for?" "For the V."

"But it's yours." "Yes, yes. Of course it is now." "It was before. It never was mine. You simply let me have it as an accommodation." "Of course. But I'm obliged to you for its return." "Didn't you expect it?" "Certainly I did."

"Then why so much agony?" "It's merely an expression of gratification." "Why should you be gratified to learn that I am an honorable man? Didn't you think I was?" "Why, yes, of course I did."

"If you buy a wagon load of furniture do you express gratitude to the man who delivers it?" "Certainly not." "It would look as though you expected to be beaten out of it if you reval because he turned it over to you, wouldn't it?" "It might."

"You didn't get any interest on that V, did you?" "No." "Then you're no reason to be grateful to me for coming to you for it?" "No, I can't see that I have."

"Favor was all on your side!" "Yes." "Then why in thunder do you intimate that I have done you a favor in giving it back? Why didn't you say 'Thank the Lord.' It would be about as complimentary as I can get of a stickler on etiquette."

"So I see. I'll be more careful in the future. I'll see that this doesn't happen again." "That's right." "Safest way is not to let you have any more V's."

"Hold on there! You misunderstand me." "Oh, no. I might be betrayed into thanking you when you returned them, and then you'd feel insulted." "No, no. Never in the world, old man." "I wouldn't insult you for anything."

"Of course not. I understand that perfectly." "Of course you wouldn't say anything about it, but I might make a slip some time, and then you'd feel hurt."

"No, I wouldn't; honest." "Oh, that's all right. You're trying to be nice and courteous about it so's not to hurt my feelings, but I know your sensitive nature. The safest way is the best way. If I don't let you have any more there'll be no danger of my making any of these frightful blunders. Much obliged to you, my boy, for putting me up."

"That night a young man walked all the way to his home, nursing his wrath as he went, and when he got in the house he took down a treatise on 'The Use of Polite Phrases' and tore it up and stamped on it and then threw the pieces out of the window, and none of the phrases he had read during the entire time could have been printed in the book if it were to go through the United States mails.—Chicago Tribune.

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