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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES. It is reported that Minister Hanna has negotiated an extradition treaty with the Argentine Republic.

Several gentlemen constituting a committee of Western Senators have called upon the Commissioner of Agriculture at Washington recently with grievances in connection with the recent report of Statistician J. R. Dodge. The Commissioner defended the Statistician from alleged improper influence.

Comptroller Tarnowski has received a telegram from President Wallace, of the Sumpter, S. C., National Bank, announcing that Charles E. Bartlett, the cashier of the bank, had absconded. The amount embezzled was not stated.

It is now definitely settled that President Cleveland and members of his Cabinet will go to Philadelphia on the 17th of September to attend the centennial constitutional celebration. Mrs. Cleveland will probably accompany the President.

The President has appointed Almar F. Dickinson, of Massachusetts, to be Consul of the United States at Genoa. Henry P. Kittledorf, general appraiser of merchandise for Boston, Mass.; Michael P. Curran, assistant appraiser of merchandise in the district of Boston and Charleston, Mass.

SECRETARY FAIRCHILD bought in over \$1,000,000 of bonds on the 24th. Mrs. Clara and her mother, Mrs. Folsom, returned to Washington on the 24th, after an extended pleasure trip.

ALLEN RUTHERFORD, a lawyer of high standing in Washington, has been arrested upon a charge of receiving records stolen from the Pension Office, and Richard Bremer, a clerk in the Pension Office, has been arrested, charged with stealing the records in question.

The President has appointed Commodore Bancroft Gerhardt to be Rear Admiral in the navy, to take the place of Rear Admiral Franklin, retired. Rear Admiral Gerhardt was recently Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

CORNELL University lost the Fisk-McGraw lawsuit, which involved the validity of legacies amounting to over \$1,000,000. This threatened trouble over the legacies in the Pennsylvania coke region has been averted by a compromise.

THOMAS McDONALD was killed on the railroad two miles west of Binghamton, N. Y., the other night. He was an old soldier, and his sixty-third birthday was celebrated at Home at Bath to visit his sister in New Jersey.

The New York Tribune recently charged that Comptroller Durham had been careless in auditing accounts for surveys in California and that claims had been certified by him after having once been paid. Durham denied the charges.

A. J. VANDERPOOL, the noted New York lawyer, dropped dead in the streets of Paris of apoplexy on the 22d.

A riot occurred at Glen Lyon, near Nanticoke, Pa., on the 21st due to an attempt to enforce the Sunday law. Miners of all nationalities attacked the posse sent for the purpose and pandemonium reigned. Sixty persons were seriously hurt, some fatally.

The committee investigating the Ward Island Insane Asylum mismanagement placed the blame on the Board of Charities and Board of Apportionment.

TROUBLE was stirred in the ranks of the Brooklyn Ancient Order of Hibernians on account of Division No. 3 inviting Dr. McGlynn to deliver a lecture.

HENRY S. IVES has been required by the Court of Common Pleas of New York to produce his missing books.

The Edwards Manufacturing Company, of Augusta, Me., recently closed its mill except the weaving department, there being an over-production of yarn. Four hundred men were thrown out of employment.

THOMAS G. TOMLINSON, who was prominent in the Henry Clay campaign in the homestead legislation and with Peter Cooper in the anti-slavery movement, died suddenly at New York on the 23d.

P. E. TARTY, of New York City, has been appointed superintendent of the Indian training school at Grand Junction, Col., vice W. J. Davis, resigned.

The Cincinnati express on the Panhandle jumped the track fifty-five miles west of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 23d, and went over an embankment. The engineer was fatally scalded and two other trainmen seriously injured.

The Chicago & Alton railroad, one of the roads boycotted by the trunk lines on account of paying commissions, on the 24th began picking up ticks in the hands of brokers in New York State, through whom war will be waged. The Rhode Island and other boycotted roads were expected to follow the example.

GENERAL JOHN C. BLACK, Commissioner of Pensions, a guest of the New Hampshire veterans at the residence of the ill with inflammatory rheumatism at the residence of Hon. Stilson Hutchins at Weirs, N. H., on the 24th.

GROVSTEIN & FELL, stock brokers of New York, made an assignment on the 24th. Assets and liabilities not stated.

W. A. GRAY, lumber dealer and boat owner of Kittanning, Pa., has made an assignment with unknown assets and liabilities. He is rated at \$100,000.

The New York and Brooklyn crockery dealers have taken steps to put a stop to the selling below cost and giving away of crockery by tea dealers.

PHILIP CONNELL and two Hungarian trackmen were killed on the Lehigh Valley Railroad near Scranton, Pa., the other day. They had stepped off one track to avoid a train, when an extra came along the other way.

CAPTAIN JAMES P. MURPHY, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Kittanning, Pa., was struck by the Buffalo express on the Allegheny Valley railroad, the other morning, and instantly killed. Captain Murphy was born in 1796, and resided in Armstrong County, Pa., nearly all his life.

TERRIBLE excitement was caused in the fatal No. 1 shaft at Nanticoke, Pa., on the 25th by the breaking away of the earth barriers and the sudden precipitation of a large body of water into a gangway where over 200 miners were at work. The men were rescued after great difficulty, but sixty mules perished.

The First National Bank of Danville, N. Y., has closed its doors. At a meeting of stonemasons of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City on the 25th, it was unanimously decided to leave the Knights of Labor and go into the International Association of Bricklayers and Stonemasons.

THE WEST.

The two large barns of William Mies & Sons at Hastings, Minn., were struck by lightning the other night and burned to the ground. Twenty Norman horses perished in the flames and 700 tons of hay burned. Total loss, \$30,000.

The steamer Whitney and schooner Ashland, loaded with iron ore, went ashore one mile this side of Port Hope, Mich., the other night during the thick weather.

OLD LEVI ROSENFIELD'S will was read on the 23d at Chicago. The will was so arranged that the creditors of Maurice Rosenfield have been unable to obtain anything.

REV. CHARLES T. GOSS, pastor of Evange list Moody's old Chicago church and a defender of working girls, has been forced to resign because of divisions in the church.

The three eldest children of the late A. A. Talmage, manager of the Wabash railroad, have agreed to contest his will. Talmage left his property to his wife, the stepmother of the contestants.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON and four sailors, composing the crew of the schooner Gessine, were found the other morning clinging to the outer breakwater with seas constantly crashing over them, at Michigan City, Ind. The vessel had gone to pieces.

THE Aurora, the largest wooden vessel on the great chain of lakes, was launched at Cleveland, O., recently. Her beam is 41 1/2 feet wide, her length 310 feet and her depth 20 1/2 feet. She is equipped with a 20-horse power steam and cylinder engine.

GOVERNOR BARTLETT, of California, was said to be hopelessly suffering from a stroke of paralysis on the 23d. He was elected to the office last November on the Democratic ticket.

The trial of the Bald Knobbers on trial at Elmore, Mo., pleaded guilty on the 23d to whipping various persons. Others also pleaded guilty to acts of lawlessness.

A PASSENGER train was derailed near Lincoln, Ill., recently, on the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville railroad. No one was hurt. On examination it was found that miscreants had removed the fish plates and spikes.

Two thousand quarrymen working near Youngstown, O., struck the other day for increased wages and semi-monthly payments.

THE two-master Manistee went ashore near Millers, Mich., recently. No trace of the crew had been found.

The largest comet that has appeared for many years was visible on the northern sky from points in Indiana on the night of the 24th.

LOW Republicans, in convention at Des Moines on the 24th, renominated Governor William Larrabee. For Supreme Judge, George S. Robinson; for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Henry Sabin. No endorsement for the Presidency was made.

The completion of the Manitoba road to Fort Benton has ruined river traffic on the Upper Missouri. The only river traffic that will amount to anything will be between Bismarck and Sioux City with headquarters at Pierre, Dak.

THE Toledo, Peoria & Western officials have refunded the amount expended for Niagara excursion tickets to persons in the Province of Ontario who were in the Chatsworth wreck. No suits for damage to person or effects have been commenced by any survivors in Hancock County.

MCHENRY & Co., dealers in gas fixtures, Cincinnati, have been caught for \$60,000, which they gave on a mortgage to Mitchell, Vance & Co., of New York, who failed recently.

The annual meeting of the National Editorial Association has finally been fixed for Denver, Col., September 13.

The union seamen of Chicago have made a demand for \$2.40 per day.

GALESBURG, Ill., is shaken up at the appearance of a peculiar disease among cattle. The cattle are taken ill suddenly and will stagger around for a few moments and then lay down and die.

ALL the wires of the Postal Telegraph Company have been removed from the Chicago Board of Trade. The president of the Board of the Chicago Board of Trade, and the president of the Chicago Board of Trade, are not only defying the board by continuing to furnish market quotations to basket shops, but was preparing to extend its business of that class.

THE schooner Clara, of Manistee, was driven ashore in Lake Erie recently and her wreck was struck along the beach for several miles. Captain O'Brien, the master and owner, and one of the sailors lost their lives.

PROF. H. S. WHITNEY, of the Excelsior Academy, on the shore of Lake Minnetonka, Minn., was drowned in the lake the other afternoon. Three children were playing on a raft which went to pieces, and he swimming out to save them, became entangled in the weeds and was drowned. Two of the children were rescued alive, the third was drowned.

GOVERNOR MARTIN, of Kansas, has revoked his quarantine proclamation against Illinois cattle, except in so far as it applies to Cook County. Cattle shipped from Cook County will be held in quarantine at Kansas City ninety days.

TEXAS fever has broken out among the cattle at Fieschman's distillery, Riverside, near Cincinnati, and seven have died. Twenty more are sick with the disease and twenty more are likely to be killed.

The thirteenth annual convention of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections opened at Boyd's Opera House, Omaha, Neb., on the 25th.

IMMENSE numbers of cattle were reported dying in the Upper Panhandle of Texas owing to the drought.

By striking a calf near Temple, Tex., the other night, a passenger engine was completely wrecked and the engineer, fireman and conductor probably fatally injured. No passengers were hurt.

The Virginia State Republican Committee recently issued a lengthy address to voters. The address was in answer to that of the Democrats and was taken up principally with local questions, the principal being the funding attempts of the State administration and failure to arrive at an understanding with the British bondholders.

MRS. SARAH JACKSON, wife of Andrew Jackson, Jr., and mistress of the White House during President Jackson's second term, died at "The Hermitage" near Nashville, Tenn., on the 23d.

The Standard oil works, Pearce's distillery and Swan's marble works were destroyed by fire at Nashville, Tenn., the other night. The loss will aggregate nearly \$1,000,000. Insurance very small.

GENERAL.

It is understood that General Salamanca's appointment to the Captain Generalship of Cuba will be cancelled by a decree published in the Official Gazette if he persists in his refusal to resign.

Two Russian families living in the suburbs of Berlin have been expelled by the German authorities.

A DISPATCH from Zanzibar, says: It is reported that the negotiations between the Sultan and Portugal for establishment of boundary lines between Zanzibar and the Portuguese province of Mozambique have collapsed. It is also said that England and Germany have suggested to the King of the Netherlands that he should act as arbitrator between Zanzibar and Portugal, but the advice has not been accepted.

A TELEGRAM from Mary says the life of the Amir of Afghanistan is despaired of. One of his feet has been amputated owing to gangrene and it is feared the shock will result in his death.

A MASS meeting was held in the Rotunda at Dublin on the 23d for the purpose of denouncing the Government for proclaiming the Irish National League.

THE prospects for the Russian crop of both winter and summer wheat are favorable in most of the districts. The Government reports of one of the districts, however, are unfavorable.

MESSES. LEFEBVRE and LaFleur, accompanied by a German vessel named the children, were crossing the river near Boucherville, near Montreal, the other day, when their boat upset. The men went ashore, but the women and children were drowned. Six bodies were recovered.

TROUBLE over railroad and other matters was reported from Manitoba. The Dominion authorities were determined to enforce the Federal laws in conflict with those of the province.

THE Southern Pacific Railway Company has decided to reduce the present four cent per mile rate to three cents, five cent rates to four cents, and six cent rates to five cents on all lines throughout the country controlled by the Southern and Central Pacific Railway Companies.

THE City of Montreal's missing boat has been picked up, and the seven passengers and six members of the crew who were in it are safe and well. The rescue was made by a German vessel named the Mathilde, which arrived at Falmouth, Eng., on the 24th, with the thirteen survivors on board.

ADVICES have been received to the effect that Ayoub Khan, with his principal followers, had escaped from Persia, where he had been held as a prisoner of state, and was hurrying toward Herat. Troops were in pursuit of the fugitives.

With very few exceptions English newspapers declare that England can not allow the use of Canadian troops in enforcing the orders of the Manitoba courts and demand that steps be taken to prevent the Dominion authorities from committing the mistake of authorizing military interference to discipline the Manitobans in the Red River valley.

THE Ennis (Ireland) Board of Guardians has adopted an official resolution defying the Government proclamation against the National League, and exhorting all boards of guardians to advance the principles of the league.

PRIESTS are to be sent to Macedonia to instruct villagers desirous of joining the Catholic Church.

WINKELMEYER, the giant, who was eight feet six inches tall and said to be the largest man in the world, died recently in Austria.

In the House of Commons the other day, Sir Henry Holland, Colonial Secretary, replying to Henry Tyler, said that he had information that Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, intended to ask for British troops for service in Manitoba.

ON the 17th of August, in the mountains near San Carlos, Mexico, a party of thirty bandits, under one Mauriano Resendez, were overtaken after a chase of fifteen miles and killed by a company of British police and troops. The fight resulted in the capture of mules and horses laden with smuggled goods.

DESTITUTION at Fort Chipewyan, in the British Northwest, last winter was terrible, and several cases of cannibalism are reported. One old woman at Little Red River admits having eaten her own and her husband's family. Starvation and cannibalism are also reported from Mackenzie river.

A TERRIBLE explosion occurred in the engine room of Herbert E. Johnson's corn-canning factory, in Gorham, near Portland, Me., at ten o'clock the other morning. One man was killed and a number of others seriously injured.

VISCOUNT DONERAILE, of Ireland, who was bitten by a fox some time ago, has died of hydrophobia.

THE autopsy at New York on the body of the sailor of the bark Robert Moore, from Guadaloupe, who was said to have died of yellow fever, shows that the cause of the death was malarial fever.

It is reported that on August 20 another attempt was made to assassinate the Czar. A nihilist, disguised as an officer of the guards, twice fired a revolver at the Emperor. The first shot went wide of his mark, but the second perforated the Czar's coat. The assailant was promptly seized and dismissed.

GLADSTONE'S resolution deprecating of the Salisbury Government in proclaiming the National League was defeated in the British House of Commons on the 24th by a vote of 272 to 194.

Two yachts were capsized in England on the 25th, one on the Thames and the other in the Bristol Channel. By the accident on the Thames, twelve persons were drowned and by that in the Bristol Channel fifteen lives were lost.

A BATTLE took place between Kendall's men and Colorow's braves on the 25th, four miles below Keeler. Several Indians were reported killed. Deputy Sheriff Ward was killed and several more wounded.

THE owners of the fishing schooner Lydia T. Crowell, of Beverly, Mass., have given her up for lost. She was ninety-five tons burden. It is believed all on board are lost. She was in charge of Captain Moses Lavin, of Nova Scotia, and had a crew of fifteen men.

The President has appointed Alexander McCue, of New York, the present Solicitor of the Treasury, to be Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, to succeed the late Prof. Baird.

The office is not a salaried one, the law simply providing for the appointment from among the civil officers of the United States of a person of proved scientific and practical acquaintance with the fishes of the coast.

FIFTY-ONE girls employed in Brace Bros.' laundry at Pittsburgh, Pa., struck the other day on account of the discharge of eleven of their number for organizing a Knights of Labor assembly.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) throughout the country during the seven days ended August 25, numbered for the United States 123 and for Canada 33.

The salesmen of Pittsburgh and other Eastern cities are agitating a National Assembly of the Knights of Labor.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction has made the following annual apportionment of the State school fund:

Table with columns: County, School population, Amount apportioned. Lists counties from Allen to Wyandotte with corresponding figures.

Miscellaneous.

KANSAS Veterans are to have a one-cent rate to the National Encampment after all, the Rock Island road having made a cut on the pool rate.

The annual assembly of Knights of Labor, held at Topeka recently, after a lengthy discussion, almost unanimously endorsed General Master Workman Powell.

CHARLES A. HENRY, editor of Labor Chief, was elected delegate to the National Assembly at Minneapolis and was instructed to refuse to accept Powderly's resignation if offered. The following officers were elected: S. M. W., W. S. Anderson, Atchison; S. M. P., J. H. Eschelman, Lawrence; S. M. J., J. A. Schmitt, Topeka; T. D. W. E. Henderson, Topeka; S. S. C., A. Henrie, Topeka; S. A., William F. Flint, Atchison; S. J., A. Muir, Alma; S. J. A., F. P. Lewis, Atchison; S. C., W. B. Devaux, Troy. Legislative Commissioners: George Kite, C. A. Henrie, A. L. Stillwitz. Executive Committee—A. L. Stillwitz, J. H. Eschelman, Charles A. Henry, J. W. Adams, J. H. Thelma, S. M. Allen.

TOPEKA sent to President Cleveland and wife, by express, a handsomely engraved and bound invitation to extend their visit to that city. The invitation contained the signatures of the invitation committee, all city officers, the officers of the various G. A. R. posts of the city, the officers of the Board of Trade and many others.

The cannon ball passenger train ran into the rear of a freight train as it was entering Dodge City the other morning, derailed and tearing into splinters the cars and wrecking three cars. The conductor, J. N. Elliott, who was in the caboose, was seriously injured, and there were no hopes of his recovery. No passengers were injured.

DR. A. A. HOLCOMB, State Veterinarian, recently said that information received by him indicated that the outbreak of Texas fever which two or three weeks ago threatened the cattle interests of Kansas has been placed under control. He does not fear that there will be serious trouble. The officers have secured the co-operation of all the railroads in the matter, and he thinks the shipment into the State of prohibited cattle from Texas has been practically stopped.

SINCE the Rock Island has made a one-cent rate to the St. Louis route, several other roads have done so, and it is thought all the roads in the State will finally make a uniform rate of one cent per mile to St. Louis. This will insure a large attendance of Kansas veterans to the National Encampment.

THE contract has been let and rails and ties are being delivered for a dummy railroad to run from Fort Leavenworth to the Soldiers' Home. The road is being built by Memphis capitalists, and will be constructed by October 1.

It was recently reported in Topeka that Mayor Metzger would appoint Mrs. M. E. De Geer, the well-known female lawyer, as police judge.

PATENTLATELY granted Kansas inventors: J. Y. Burwell, Chico, and F. Mammel, Roxbury, car coupling; H. B. Davis, Douglas, sawing machine; Charles Matson, Russell, fire escape; C. L. McKesson, Longton, cloth measuring machine; J. F. Murphy, Plainville, speed regulating machine; W. S. Phelps and C. D. Drake, Miltonvale, churn; A. P. Weldon, Edgerton, hog or hay rack.

ATCHISON has a colored school for Kansas. It is being granted to Mrs. W. S. Evans, Mrs. C. Berkley, former widow of Everson J. Hunter, Manhattan. Originals—Nathaniel R. Hutchinson, Wilson; Napoleon Masoner, Hillsdale; John A. Elliott, Goodall; Bernard L. Hine, North Topeka; Joseph Harris, Lebo; Dennis Humphrey, National Military Home; David W. Shuman, Hollenberg; Francis M. Exendie, Galena; John H. Storer, Castleton; John Scharpf, Dubuque; Thomas J. Whiteside, Cariboo; Thomas J. Ridgeway, Cicero; Joseph H. Allen, McPherson. Increase—Edward E. Spencer, Clyde; George W. Goodlander, Fort Scott; John A. Kellest, Fawn.

SUPERINTENDENT LAWHEAD has just received the revised school laws, and they are being delivered to county officers.

WOMEN AS TALKERS.

Remable Advice on the Secret of the Art of Conversation.

In spite of the reputation that women, as a sex, enjoy of being great talkers, comparatively few of them cultivate to any decided degree the art of conversation. They are apt to become so accustomed to their daily household life as to consider it the whole, not a part, of their existence, and they lose, as it were, their own identity and merge themselves into a housekeeper, or nurse, without any individuality of their own remaining. By many the fine arts of which they have previously made themselves masters are neglected and gradually fall into ignoble disuse. Why is it that so many as soon as they begin their married life discard their music or singing and never bestow a thought upon those accomplishments which soothe and elevate us and seem to rest a spirit fretted by the ceaseless turmoil of life? It is on this account that some women are apt to be tiresome when talking, for they rarely allow the stream of conversation to rise above its allotted banks of the commonplace. If the subjects be children, servants or dress the feminine tongues wag glibly, but turn the current aside from the well-worn channel and we soon perceive there are rocks in the flow that disturb the smooth, pleasant course. It is impossible for one to be interesting in conversation who wishes to see in the minds of others a mere reflection of their own; whose aim is, not to evolve some new idea or open fresh avenues of thought, but to present a constant repetition of nothing.

Of course it is not to be denied that a woman's proper sphere is her home; that the better she performs her duties to her family and friends the truer is she to her vocation in life. But it ought not to follow as a matter of course that because a woman is a good wife and mother that her whole conversation should savor of the meat that forms her daily diet. Women are apt to talk "shop," and the shop generally consists of their domestic concerns. As a consequence there are a great many needless bores in the world; needless, I say, because unless there were some we could not appreciate persons who are really entertaining. Of the different specimens of the genus "bore" there is none more distinctly marked than the woman who imagines she is eloquent. The small animals of the same kind, even the inevitable and long-winded gossip, pale into insignificance beside her. She is generally known as dealing largely in the flowers of rhetoric, lavishing metaphor and simile with a prodigal hand, abounding in quotations and having a glowing look in the eyes, as if she wished to be considered the inspired Pythia of Apollo's temple, or a bare-back rider on the winged Pegasus. For a good, old-fashioned, death-dealing, wound-up-for-a-whole-week and don't-stop-on-Sunday bore, commend me to the woman who tries to be eloquent in ordinary conversation. Like the ancient Miriam, she "holds you with her glittering eye," and there is no escape from the ordeal.

Next to the feminine Demosthenes comes the gossip who knows more about other people's affairs than they do themselves. There is not a skeleton hidden in a family closet but it is raked out and held up in the glaring light of publicity and exposed to the gaze of thousands of inquiring eyes.

What a woman should aim at in conversation is not only to entertain by giving her own thoughts, but at the same time to draw out those of others, especially the bashful and particularly bashful men. Nothing pleases a man so much, nothing gives him such an idea of his superiority, as to allow him an opportunity of imparting information, though he may not have penetration enough to discern that it is the fact of the woman that entices him into talking about what perhaps he knows less than she. I remember hearing it remarked of Mrs. Cleveland that she was a charming conversationalist because she always chose topics which she knew would interest others, and in this lies the whole secret of the art of conversing. A celebrated French woman, who had neither wealth, beauty or position to elevate her in social circles, rose to the highest rank among the court during the latter day of royalty simply by her art of pleasing in her conversation. Brilliance in conversation is not the essential characteristic. Some of the most charming talkers are any thing but witty or learned; but the truth is we love to hear those speak who really feel what they say, whose words are choice without being studied and natural and easy without being childish or slangy. We love to listen to those whose minds, whose nobility of character, whose purity of soul shine in their conversation, and we feel that words are but the personification of the beauty within.—Chicago Times.

To Preserve Ropes.—To preserve ropes exposed to the weather from mold and mildew, one prepares a bath of soluted copper-glance and water in the proportion of one drachm of soluted copper-glance to three and one-half pints of water. Let the ropes soak in this mixture for four days; they will then be covered with a coating of copper-glance that effectually preserves them from all kinds of animal enemies as well as from mold and mildew. To fix the muriate of copper one dips the ropes in soap-water (seven ounces to three and one-half pints of water).

The Poultry Yard advocates quick fattening for fowls when they are intended for table use, and recommends milk in any state, from fresh to thick. This should be fed in connection with a grain diet.

AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS.

Strange Meeting of a Professor and a Former Student in Siberia.

Our Odessa correspondent reports a Siberian incident narrated by a civil engineer, just returned from Central Asia, where he has spent the last six years. The monotony of his residence in those remote provinces was broken by an occasional hunting expedition into Siberia. One of these trapping expeditions, which included a younger member of one of the Grand Ducal families, the party were one evening belated in a pine forest and at some distance from the day's bivouac. They were utterly astray.

A stentorian view-halloo reverberating through the silent recesses of the forest depths brought to the assistance and guidance of the party a wood-cutter—an old man of some threescore years, with tangled locks, coarse kaffan and bark-swathed feet. Under the old man's guidance the party found a rude hut, a charcoal fire and some simple cooking utensils. The engineer noticed that the old wood-cutter, when unobserved, scanned his face rather anxiously. He took a quiet opportunity of asking the old man if he observed in him any resemblance to some one he had previously known. "A very strong resemblance," was the reply. "Were you not some fifteen years ago a student of the Richelevsky Gymnase in Odessa?" The engineer answered affirmatively. "And do you remember Prof. —?" "Certainly; he was a man beloved by every student in his class. I shall always remember kindly the amiable and learned professor who disappeared so suddenly and mysteriously from Odessa. But what do you know of him?"

The old wood-cutter for the first time smiled, the heavy mustache and beard had hidden the lines of the mouth in repose. The young engineer had not forgotten the peculiarly sad sweetness of his old professor's smile. The ragged and picturesque wood-cutter and the former learned professor of Sanskrit and comparative philology were the same. "The encounter," continues our correspondent, "was, under the circumstances, naturally at once both pleasing and painful to my friend, to whose immediate and anxious inquiries the old man replied sadly: 'All God's will, my boy. As to the suddenness and mystery of my disappearance from Odessa the secret police might have explained. Nothing beyond an unfounded suspicion of disaffection to our Little Father and preposterous charge of disseminating a revolutionary doctrine have sent me to this life-long banishment. But I do not repine. I have sufficient philosophy left to apply myself to the felling of pine-trees with the same zest that with which I formerly delighted to pursue a knotty philological problem. Am I not wise in my generation and old age?'"

BASE-BALL BATS.

Nearly a Million of Them Made in This Country Every Year.

The manufacture of base-ball bats is an industry of which few people outside of base-ball players and dealers have any knowledge. A reporter was asked by a Nassau street dealer the other day to guess how many bats are turned out in America every year, and replied "a hundred thousand." "A hundred fiddlers," returned the dealer. "The product last year was eight times that amount. Nearly fifty-five thousand cords of wood were worked up into bats. The majority are made for amateur players, and are wrought of American willow. This wood is lighter than ash, and is consequently more popular with young players. Michigan heads the list in the manufacture of bats, for in that State the best wood is found. The bats used by professional players are made almost entirely of ash. This wood is found to be the strongest and most elastic. Only the best quality of ash, however, is of use, for the strain put upon it is tremendous. Then, too, it must be perfectly seasoned.

"Bats are made in nearly every State in the Union. The largest and most noted factories are in West Virginia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Michigan. The goods are turned out by machinery, uniform in size and pattern. A lathe and the right kind of wood are the only requirements for their manufacture. The factories of the United States furnish the world with bats, for orders are received almost daily from Europe, Australia and Japan."—N. Y. Mail and Express.