

THE TOLLBRIDGE KREPP.

I live here by the tollbridge. Content, without a wink. My bridge this morning shone. New Hampshire and Vermont. The big Connecticut below. My bridge this morning shone. I'm acquainted with the river. That's acquainted with the world.

grating tones he had just mimicked issued, calling him to get up and proceed to the study, his wife as a matter of fact. His audience took it for a crowning triumph of his art, and applauded it loudly, with the result of getting 500 lines a piece all round and of leaving the doctor's arm to an unusual strength during his interview with Jack in the study.

wondering over his father's probable reception of it, and killed the intervening day as best he could, being under a promise to Mrs. Maple not to attempt to see Alicia until he had received his father's sanction. When the answer arrived he tore up the envelope with shaking fingers, and for a minute or so his eyes were so dim that the blurred characters swam meaninglessly before them.

bristling with anger. A part with ten cents in his pocket, and a part with something for, but to be told to leave her own drawing-room in that fashion!

THE RUSSIAN HUNGER

Two weeks ago at the kitchen, and the cost of this, first included, is from 30 kopecks to one ruble, 30 kopecks a month for each person.

The Causes and the Remedy. Editor of American Edition of "Free Russia." The famine now ravaging in Russia extends to eighteen provinces, the area of which is equal to that of France, Belgium and Switzerland together.

APPROPRIATE PERFORMANCE.

Up to his three-and-twentieth year Jack Marsden was failures. At that age, by a quiet natural evolution, he became a disgrace to his family. His family said so, and it ought to have known. It said so with emphasis, and also with unanimity. It consisted of one person only.

"HE SAYS ALICIA WOULD MARRY HIM."

for? You've got plenty, and I'm your only child." Mr. Marsden gasped. "It really isn't a hard line of life, sir. Actors are just as well thought of as any other sort of people, and if they succeed they make heaps of money. Look at Irving! There's Bob Costello, Sir Robert Coombe's son. I was at a party with him. He's got a stage, making \$10 a week, he told me; and he goes into just the same set he knew before he went into the profession."

AUX ITALIENS.

At Paris it was, at the opera there: And looked like a queen in a box that night. With the wreath of pearl in her hair, and the brooch on her breast so bright.

AT A RELIEF STATION.

ure of the crop, and in the light of the latest events it is seen that their figures were correct, their details accurate. Their requests for immediate aid were lost in a tangle of red tape, and in consequence the Russian empire would have been insufficient to meet all demands.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK.

money from America for the famine-stricken? Is the idea not repugnant to liberty-loving Americans sending money to support and strengthen and help to continue in power this despotism. It would be like giving money to the Italian railroad to support the Italian laborers whose blood they sucked, or like sending money to a thief to aid his victim.

"I AM GOING ON THE STAGE."

part woman to whom he was seventeen and sixpence, can quite fairly be called an all-round failure. What his seniors meant was that by an earthly means it ever occurred to them to try could the things they taught be got into Jack's curly head, that at 12 years of age he didn't know the multiplication table, and if cornered would construct three lines of Virgil. Nobody who met the boy took him for a fool, and the result of half an hour's talk with him was only to increase one's wonder that a boy of such capacity and quickness should be so dull at tasks which boys far less clever learned easily enough, however unwillingly. He knew the names, habits, haunts and breeding places of every bird and every quadruped discoverable for miles about the city.

THE EMPEROR.

The emperor there, in his box of state, looked grave, as if he had just seen the red flag wave from the city walls. Where his eagles in bronze had been. The empress, too, had a tear in her eye. You had heard that her fancy had gone back to the old glad life in Spain.

THE AMERICAN CONSOLE.

has not given one-third the amount subscribed at the beginning of the famine. As a result the people of Russia are losing faith in the government, and secret societies are being organized to liberate Moscow and St. Petersburg, to show the Russian government that despotism must not stand in the way of the relief at such a time.

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me to conclude that heart-rending as are the accounts thus far received, the suffering is very much greater than we have yet any idea of. The Russians are a patient people, and do not complain overmuch, nor are their hardships zealously noted about by the press. I know some of the stricken districts, and have often traveled in them days at a time without seeing a sign of human habitation. Russian villages are like tiny islands which winter cuts off from the world by wastes of impassable snow. From isolated communities like these it is a week's journey or more, even in summer, to a big town or administrative center. In these winter months the people die of hunger in one village after another, and elapse before news of it reaches the next. Not a few of the afflicted settlements are in this way winter buried, and for them, if imagination counts for anything, Russia must soon become a vast charnel-house. To reach these places and supply adequate relief demands an amount of energy, systematic work and resources which the government is entirely unequal to. Not only do the sufferers lack food today; they are also in want of the necessities of life, since they cannot raise grain for themselves till the next harvest. Was any help in January, February and March—the three most terrible months of the Russian winter—nobody can afford. But it is safe to say that unless relief reaches Russia from abroad both promptly and in abundance the population of life will make this famine not only the greatest calamity of the Russian national life, but also an event wholly and terribly unique in modern history.

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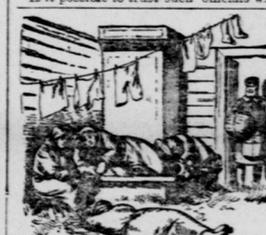
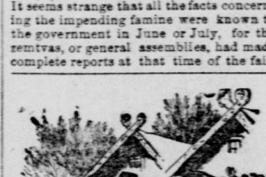
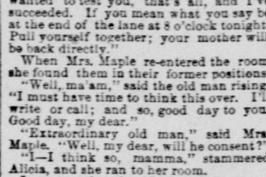
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