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## GRAND DUKES AMONG THE NIGHT PROWLERS OF PARIS

By A. W. L'Amoureux.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The death of the Grand Duc Alexis recalls the one famous "Tournee des Grands Ducs" of which the deceased was a leading figure. For years past "Duc Alexis," as Parisians called him, was a constant visitor to this city. He delighted to roam about the Latin quarter or in the hilly streets of Montmartre, and even in more disreputable districts of the capital, which he, with other aristocratic companions, first visited under the protection of French detectives.

That takes one back a good many years, as Detective Jaume remarked to a press representative to whom he confided his recollections of those nocturnal rambles about Paris slums, ultimately popularized under the name "La Tournee des Grands Ducs." Rossignol, as famous a member of the French police as Jaume, is now living a retired life in the country village where he was born, but Jaume, though no longer in active service, can not tear himself away from Paris, its mysteries and crimes.

**Began With a Supper.**

Reverting to the past, he related how the historic "Tournee des Grands Ducs" commenced with an exquisite supper chez Laperouse, Quai des Grands Augustins. Thence the whole party went to the notorious Chateau Rouge, in the Rue Galande, one of the most dangerous slums in Paris. The aristocratic visitors, under the protection of Jaume and a colleague or two, were introduced into the various dens composing the Chateau Rouge, which, despite its pompous name, is in reality a lodging house of the lowest class, and the professed haunt of night prowlers and criminals.

There was at that time, as there still is, the "dark room," specially set apart for drunkards of both sexes, who are left there without light or fire till they are sobered down. On the first floor the grand ducs were shown the sleeping accommodations provided for applicants who could pay only a couple of sous. For this sum they had a right to stretch themselves on the straw-strewn floor and to remain there till 2 o'clock in the morning, when they left the hospitable "chateau" in quest of an odd job at the central markets, or something of a less reputable description. Before leaving this haunt Detective Jaume relates that a liberal distribution of tobacco and beer was made, the "ladies" in the establishment being treated to cherry brandy or some such delicacy.

**To Frodin's Hotel.**

From the chateau the next move was to the notorious cabaret of Pere Lunette, which still exists, although it has become somewhat more modern in its aspect and surroundings. Here among a motley crowd were long-haired poets and minstrels, who recited verses to pass the time, or for a couple of francs took the portrait of any visitor with half an hour's leisure at his disposal. A short halt followed in the Rue Maitre Albert, where at the time a most curious "brasserie" existed, in which, on payment of a few cents, one was shown a distinctly original collection of women from all parts of France, women of the most degraded type, who, after weeks, months, or years of imprisonment, had come to the capital in the hope of finding among the criminal class protectors or chums.

Thence a move was made to Frodin's "hotel," where the ostentatious thief, or the assassin could pass the night on payment of four sous. Of course the place was always exposed to the danger of being raided by the police, but the landlord of the den was a sharp fellow who had all his wits about him, and knew how to hustle down into the cellars such gentry as might be wanted by the police. Individuals who were thus "protected" by the landlord were expected to reward him handsomely out of the produce of their first successful robbery.

**Leaves Sinister Impression.**

The grand ducs with their escort, says M. Jaume, were never molested in such places as these. At Frodin's "hotel," for instance, so numerous were the lodgers of a night that people in rags were sleeping side by side on the floor, and on every step of the dilapidated staircase was a human being. Although the visitors in their passage necessarily disturbed some of the sleepers, they were neither sworn at nor cursed in the foul language so common in the slums. Towards daybreak the nocturnal ram-

blers were led by Detective Jaume in the direction of the central markets, where a number of infamous, horrible dens used to exist in the underground regions, which have now been swept away. After a brief stay at these disreputable dens the nocturnal expedition was brought to a close by a halt at the "Monkey's Island," situated not far from the Gobelins and just behind the Boulevard Arago.

A narrow, crooked lane leads down to the borders of the Bievre, an unsavory stream, on which the so-called "Les des Singes" is situated—a most wretched place, as M. Jaume recalls, with oil lamps lighting up dilapidated houses, windowless, doorless and inhabited by the very poorest of the poor. There was, M. Jaume remarks, nothing to retain the grand ducs in this melancholy spot, whether they had been brought merely on account of the peculiar and almost sinister impression it leaves on one's mind.

**Every Precaution Taken.**

In undertaking to pilot the grand ducs through the haunts of misery, vice and crime all requisite precautions were taken, says M. Jaume, to protect them not only from personal harm, but from any too unpleasant adventure. In point of fact, he remarks, in the dens frequented by Apaches, prostitutes, night prowlers and the like, it sufficed to let it be known the police were escorting the visitors to insure them being treated with respect. Men and women with villainous, scowling faces would surge around the grand ducs, but merely to beg for tobacco, cigarettes or a franc to spend on drink.

In the present day, with modern changes and modern improvements, several of the haunts visited by "Duc Alexis" and his companions have been swept away or so completely transformed as to have lost all their former characteristics. The Pere Lunette, for instance, is the very incarnation of desolation. The foreign tourist of high degree no longer visits it.

**BREAD THAT MAKES MEN DRUNK**

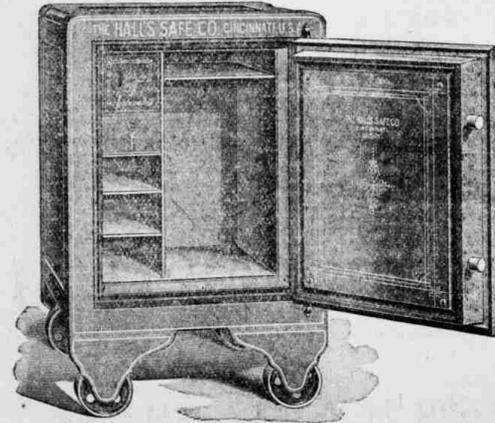
Since you don't live in Siberia, you need not be afraid, says M. Narrien, a Russian, to get drunk through eating ordinary bread. A hardened toper would, on the other hand, think that Providence had played him a nasty trick in not allowing him first to see the light of day in Siberia.

In Far Eastern Siberia, in that region which lies between the sea and the river called Mssuri, the humidity of the climate, as well as of the soil, is remarkable. Vegetation is here distinguished for its wonderful exuberance, to such an extent that the soil never dries up. The result is that the inhabitant, in order to prevent putrefaction of the roots, sows their corn upon a series of layers of the soil. Nevertheless, in certain districts, the humidity is so intense that there grows upon the ears of corn a kind of fungous matter made up of microfungi.

As a result of this sporadic exuberance, the bread made from the corn in question gives all the results of an overdose of alcohol. In very humid climates the phenomenon is likewise known, though to nothing like the extent of Eastern Siberia, where whole districts are affected by this strange kind of "alcoholized bread."—Montreal Standard.

Forestry officials of several New England States have adopted a joint plan which they hope will materially diminish the losses by forest fires which were so extensive this last fall. They have agreed to ask their respective legislatures that railroads or individuals proved responsible for fires shall be liable for the cost of extinguishing them; that portable mills shall not be operated or brush fires be set except under official permits; that the railroads shall establish patrols among the dangerous sections of their lines whenever the states deem it advisable; that a law be passed governing the carrying of firearms into the woods during the closed season for game, and that each Governor be authorized to issue, under advice from the state's chief forest official, a proclamation prohibiting sportsmen and others from traversing the woods unnecessarily.

"Dennis," inquired Mr. Hogan, glancing up over the door of the post-office building, "what is the meaning of this letters, 'MDCCCXCVIII!'" "They mean 'eighteen hundred and ninety-eight,'" "Dennis, don't it strike you that they're carryin' this spellin' reform entirely too far!"—Everybody's Magazine.



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He sat far away in a sorrowful state  
And his frown was distressing to view.

"Pray tell us why you are so pensive," they said,  
"What memories sad come to fret?"  
"I'm thinking," he sighed, with a shake of his head,  
"Of the things I forgot to forget!"

"They tell me, with tears, how the faraway years  
Hold fond recollections and sad,  
But with an intelligence trained, it appears,  
Your feelings need not be so bad,  
And it's due to my own inattention that now  
My mind is with trouble beset;  
They are tracing deep wrinkles of care  
in my brow,  
The things I forgot to forget."  
—Washington Star.

### STREETCARS WITHOUT PLATFORMS.

Streetcars without platforms in the ordinary sense of the word are being operated in Montreal. The means of entrance and exit consist of side openings somewhat to the rear of the center, while in addition to this there is a small exit at the forward end of the car, to the rear of the motorman's box. The passengers enter the car through the central platform, and, after depositing their fares in the box, move either front or back, the interior of the car being divided by a partition. The rear part of the car is designed for smokers. The doors are operated by the conductor through compressed air mechanism.—Kennebec Journal.

On December 3 the State of Illinois was ninety years old. Already Chicago newspapers are talking of a big centennial celebration in 1918. On December 3, 1918, as school children may learn from their history books, Illinois was admitted into the Union as a state. Two years later the census gave her population as 55,211. Chicago, chiefest among her daughters, was born in 1837.

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