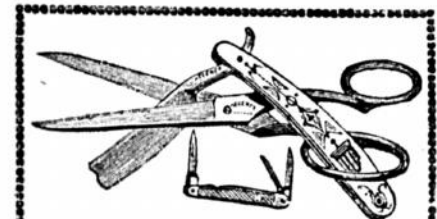


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BOUGHT THE QUAIL.

A Story Showing the Absolute Authority
of Russian Despotism.In Mr. Barry's "Russia in 1870," the
author remarks upon the unlimited and
irresponsible power which the proprie-
tors of large estates had over their de-
pendents in the days of serfdom. One
proprietor caused a man who had of-
fended him to be locked into an iron
cage, and confined him in it for a
length of time. Happily, however, the
proprietor himself was a man under au-
thority, and his day of reckoning final-
ly arrived.While the oppressor was absent on a
journey, the case of his wretched pris-
oner came to the knowledge of the gov-
ernor of his province. The governor
caused the man, cage and all, to be
brought to the government town, and
at the same time sent a messenger to
intercept the tyrannical proprietor on
the road, with an invitation to dinner.
The proprietor was flattered by the
courtesy, and presented himself at the
government house at the time appoint-
ed.There was then a curious fashion in
Russia of keeping live quails, whose
notes were greatly admired by con-
noisseurs. The governor was famous for
his collection of these singing birds.
The dinner was good, the company
merry.After the cloth was removed, the gov-
ernor addressed his guest."Now, Ivan Simonovitch, I know you
are very fond of quails, and I have a
beauty which I don't mind selling you."
"Very well, your excellency, if the
bird is not too dear, I will buy it of
you.""Bring in the quail," said his excel-
lency to the attendants.A very ordinary sort of bird, in a
wooden cage, was introduced."I want to sell you that bird for ten
thousand roubles," said the governor.
The proprietor could not understand
the joke, but declined the bargain, as
he thought the bird a little too dear."Well," said the governor, "I will
show you a better bird than that, and
I think you'll buy him. Have the other
quail brought in."Folding doors flew open, and the iron
cage with its miserable captive was set
down before the astonished guest."Now," said the governor, "what do
you think of that for a quail? But
this is a very expensive bird; I want
twenty thousand roubles for him.""All right," said the alarmed proprie-
tor, "I will buy this one. Send him
down to my works without the cage,
and your messenger shall bring back
the amount."History does not add that the poor
peasant profited by any part of the
twenty thousand roubles. — Youth's
Companion.

ROBUST ENGLISH WOMEN.

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Out-Door Life.Of course the English climate has
something to do with her fresh, clean
skin and her fine physique. But still
more depends upon the English life:
contrast it with continental habits and
customs if you would learn how ex-
ercise, led by the Englishwoman in the
country, is an old story, though one
which can not be told too often. But
less is said of her out-door life in town,
which is really of more importance.
To go out to amuse one's self in the
open air, is obviously a necessity in
town. In the country, in town it
becomes a luxury, but one
with which few Englishwomen will
dispense. The average London woman
is as careful to get her daily or weekly
supply of fresh air, to take her allotted
amount of exercise, as she is to attend
to her household and social duties. We
should be putting our Anglomania to
good use, if in our American towns, her
example were followed more closely.I have never been on the Thames at
any hour or on any day that I have not
found a fair proportion of women, and
that they were not working as actively
as the men. You see them sculling,
putting, and paddling, and equally
sharing the work which is really the
best of play. It stands to reason that they
are the better for this breath of pure
air, the better for the healthy exercise
which develops their muscles and
strengthens their system, sending them
back to London in good condition to
stand the wear and tear of town.In winter the river must be given up.
But there is always tennis, which can
be played in a covered court as well as
on an open lawn, and the average
Englishwoman plays it with a persis-
tency which the greatest tennis enthu-
siast at home can not rival. Whoever
doubts its good effects has but to see a
group of Englishwomen at their five
o'clock tea after a game of tennis, and
he will at once be converted. — Eliza-
beth Roberts, in Chautauquan.

TO REACH THE POLE.

One Has Only to Get in the Current and
Drift There.We may seem fully entitled to draw
the conclusions that a current is con-
stantly running across the polar region
somewhere north of the Franz Josef
land and the sea north of the Siberian
coast, and Behring strait, and into the
sea between Greenland and Green-
land. Since such a current exists, the
most natural way of reaching the north
pole, or a point quite near it, must be
to enter the current on the side where
it runs northward, that is, somewhere
near the New Siberian islands, and let
it carry one straight across these
unknown regions which it
has prevented so many from
reaching. I shall build a wooden
vessel as small and strong as possible;
it shall be just big enough to carry
provisions for twelve men for five years,
besides the necessary coal; a vessel of
about two hundred tons will suffice.
The most important feature of the ship
will be that she will be built on such
lines as will give her the greatest pow-
er of resistance to the pressure of the
ice. Her sides must not be perpen-
dicular, as the sides of ships generally are,
but must slope from the bulwarks to the
keel; or, to use a sailor's expres-
sion, her "dead rise" must be made
great, so that the floes shall get no hold
of her when they are pressed together,
but will glide downward along her
sides and under her, thus tending to
lift her out of the water. With this
strong and well-picked men, besides an
equipment for five years as an ad-
vance, I think the enterprise has a good
prospect for success. — Dr. Fridj, in the
Forum.—Swell—Very sorry, my man. Got
no coppers." "Tramp, 'Ah, himd
I would be a fatter suppin' than a gin-
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Meanwhile the women go on em-
brodering their tea cloths with rose
wreaths and Dresden garlands, and
"bracing up" on cups of tea in all times
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tom that the ubiquitous, incorrigible
small boy when asked by his sister's ad-
mirer to tell him the age of the lady re-
plied: "I don't know; but she's got to
where tea rests her."—N. Y. Sun.The Gambler of Forty-Nine.
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aspirations; it was proud game he hunt-
ed, and he put his own life into the
chase. The law being to play fair or
die, and the finest distinctions of the
man and team being defined by the
pistol, it is easy to understand that
there were honest gamblers in San
Francisco in '49; in fact, I will go so far
as to assert that, as a class, no others
were so strict and punctual in all their
dealings. No investment was safer or
more profitable than a loan to a gam-
bler; no rightful claim was more easy
of collection. Nor were these men,
though most dangerous on certain
points of professional prerogative, by
any means habitually quarrelsome. On
the contrary, they were often the peace-
makers of a fierce crowd whose ex-
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terchange of confidence that might bet-
ter be kept sacred.
Meanwhile the women go on em-
brodering their tea cloths with rose
wreaths and Dresden garlands, and
"bracing up" on cups of tea in all times
of depression. So prevalent is the cus-
tom that the ubiquitous, incorrigible
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