

### Russian Records.

Wealthy Russians are often buried in glass coffins. The income of the late ex-Tsar was £16 per minute.

Russians speak English better than any other foreign nation. The deepest lake in the world is

Lake Batkal in Stheria The suffix "vitch" at the end of

Russian surnames means "son of." The rouble is a silver coin, worth two and tenpence in English money. The Russian equivalent to our "How de you do?" is "How do you live on?"

There are twice as many blind people in Russia as in the whole of the rest of Europe. Religious images are forbidden in Russia. Hence the "lcon" or sacred

painting. In Siberia a dissatisfied husband tears his wife's cap or veil off and

that constitutes a divorce. Russian law permits a man to marry only four times, and he must marry before eighty, or not at all. Russia has no national floral em-

dem corresponding to our rose, Ireland's shamrock of France's lily. Russians are not great smokers. The average amount of tobacco smoked, per inhabitant, is but 1 lb. 3 oz. In Holland the consumption is 7 lb. per

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# Concerning the Flea

It is said that the entomologist Charles Rothschild has a private col-Jection of fleas numbering 100,000 at his establishment in Tring, near London; that there are over 400 different species of flea already classified, and that it is known that there are other species not as yet scientifically cata-

It appears that there is not much Prospect that the birth rate will diminish, since Mme. Flea lays her eggs the year round from one to five at a time. But, like many other insects and mammals, she is callous s to the fate of her offspring, for she takes no interest whatever in her eggs and leaves her young to shift for themselves from the day of their

Certain fleas, it further appears, are niore catholic in their tastes than others. Some seem to be strictly confined to one host, aithough at the same time it should be borne in mind that no fleas are more than what are called temporary parasites, which means that they pass but a portion of their lives on their hosts, hopping on and off at intervals. All fleas apparently proceed from host to host.

But although they may occasionally pass from one species of host to another, they do not, for the most part, seem to flourish in unaccustomed quarters. For that reason a "human" flea is only sometimes found on cats and dogs, and "cat" and "dog" Meas only occasionally on human beings. One of the most curious facts regarding animal fleas is that all leasts of prey are sometimes found

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It may be mentioned, too, that only one instance is on recod where a flea was found on a reptile. This was on a brown enake which was captured near Perth, in West Australia, and which was probably derived from some small mammal devoured by the shake. The flea was firmly fixed between the scaly plates of the reptile

The history of the flea would seem to go back many centuries, but the only fossil remains of a flea that have

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so far been found is a single insect in a bit of Baltic amber. The flea is admirably preserved by its semitransparent surroundings, and is in the collection of Prof. Clebs.

When we consider how remote are the chances that a flea should get embedded in amber and should subsequently be detected and described by a naturalist, we may well understand that the owner seked, but without success, \$5,000 for it.

There is a very serious as well as a curious aspect to the study of the flea. The scientific study of fleas has been ascertained that tthey are active agents in spreading disease. It is forthis reason that the ecientists devote some part of their time to an investigation of the life and habits of the clusive little fellow.

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# THE FALL WEATHER HARD ON LITTLE ONES

Canadian fall weather is extremely hard on litle ones. One day is warm and bright and the next wet and cold. These sudden changes bring on colds. cramps and colic and unless baby's little stomach is kept right the result may be serious. There is nothing to her oration again when her questionequal Baby's Own Tablets in keeping er continued: "No, no. How much the little ones well. They sweeten the have you in your purse? We must stomach, regulate the bowels, break up colds and make baby thrive. The equally in our wealth." Reluctantly Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The ed and found to contain twenty dol-Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville. Ont.

# OUR COFFEE.

We Drink It But Are Not Authorities On Flavor.

In part the high price of coffee is attributed to a frost in parts of Brazil, but various causes have contributed. Puerto Rico, for example, which never is touched by frost had last year a small crop, and the price of coffee in the island has increased 100 per cent. This has been ascribed cometimes to prohibition, but it is doubtful whether Puerto Rico could drink much more coffee than, it was drinking before prohibition went into effect; its consumption of alcohol was extremely moderate and its consumption of coffee large, as is apt to be the case in the tropics.

It is noteworthy in this country that many of the plans for a substitute for the saioon call for the provision of coffee as a substitute for alcoholic drinks. In the cafes of Europe the two go side by side, on an equal footing; at the same table one person may be drinking coffee and another beer. It might also be said that Europeans drink wine or beer with their meals and take their coffee in public, while Canadians drink coffee with their meals and take their alcohol in secret. This materially affects the position of cof-

fee as a substitute. If the coffee house is to be stored to the position it once had. considerable changes will need to be made in national habits and tastes. Used in moderation coffee is a relatively harmless stimulant, but it cannot be consumed so freely as beer. and most coffee drinkers take already quite as much as is good for them. To make coffee available as a social substitute for alcohol, therefore, the Canadian public would need to cut down its home drinking, so that the

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increase in national consumption as has betn predicted.

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The shoemaker, striking for shorter hours, may complain that his job is awi work and no play.

establishment of coffee exhausted, and all hands with an aphouses might not involve so great an petite. Then the trio pushed forward again after the first meal in almost a month, because half way across the white wastes the party discovered ten Indian families slowly starving, with no one to go for food and no one to

> months, but could not leave without doing something although pitifully little-for the starving Indians. Another careful calculation was made and each of the three consented to live on the least possible ration and take a chance on accident or loss of supply by storm or other means. All except what the party believed would sustain life against the cold was left with the Indians, and when the travsupply of the dogs could not be refuced, as the only hope of safety for humans ate practically nothing while northern snow fields is familiar in modern fiction, but occasionally a marrative of fact as in this case presents reading that maintains the essence of adventure and romance quite as well. The spirit that surrenders food to starving savages or barbarians, midway of a 900-miles journey over endless snow with no surer guarantee of safety than the willingness of a team

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"Here's a critic that takes the view that Hamlet was mad." 'Well, I don't think he was any too well pleased myself.

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bring any to them. The sledge party was provisioned to the ounce for its trip of almost two ellers reached the first outpost they were strenuously hungry. The food the party was in the "huskies," so the the dogs got their regular allowance. The story of the long drives across the

of dogs is that which underlies the world struggle in Europe.

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Facing the lady orator, he said: This is all the money I possess. will halve it with you," and he held out the seventy-five cents. She had to take it, and was about to commence now divide that, since we are to share she produced her purse. It was openlars. The man pocketed ten dollars of this ,thanked her for her interesting lecture and withdrew.

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SHARED UP FOOD

With Starving Indians Though in Peril.

The day of adventure, romance and sentiment in the wilds is recalled by the arrival at Quebec recently of two men and a woman, the wife of one of the men, after a 900-mile drive by dog sledge across the Ungava in fifty will. One scientist has found that a days. When the party arrived at the first outpost on the brim of civilization the first act was to replenish food supplies, which were completely sturdy growth.

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That On Preserved Fruit, Under Microscope.

plant is a most lovely creation. an unreasoning prejudice has dethey do accompany decay, but, as the lily rises above the foulest pond, so a mould may develop its frostlike daintiness and cleanliness, its exquisite coloring, in the midst of putrefaction. Mould plants will thrive also in the cleanest soil, and they are

The most common of the moulds is the Penic'llium glaucum, well known to housekeepers as the fungus against which a fight is made at canning time. It first forms a greyish green mat and, if removed, gives forth a fine, powdery dust. Under the microscope it is a wonderful thing, but housekeepers are probably less interested in its form than in methods of combatting it.

plants are very hardy and obstinate. and nature has provided them with a way of upsetting the most careful plans for their undoing. The spores, which take the place of seeds, sometimes for a reason thus far unknown to science, pass into a resting stage. Instead of sprouting at once, they lie dormant for an indefinite period and germinate apparently at their own spore may lie quiescent for two years and then, under favorable conditions of heat and moisture, develop into a

# MOULD IS LOVELY

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Beware of Compromises.

One temptation in making difficult decisions is to compromise. You exen't sure which way is the best, you seek to combine the advantages of bothand many a time merely combine aff the disadvantages .To be sure, there are times when a compromise is the wisest course, but there are just as many times when it is cowardice and weakness. How can one tell which times are which? Well, that is simply another decision for you.

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THE LORD MAYOR.

Something About London's Historic Civic Head.

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The first two centuries remain misty. However, John Carpenter, town clerk, wrote his copious book in 1419, giving a full account of the Corporation. It is interesting to observe up to what priviliges the London Mayor fought. He was a century and a half getting othe itle of lord, with all its meaning. Most readers will be surprised with what he has gaimed.

Within the city proper the Lord Mayor ranks next to the King. He is even technically before the Queen Consort, met to mention such dignitaries as the Premier (who has no heraldic rank), the Lord Obancellor, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Lord Mayor takes precedence of the Lord Chancellor as First Judge of the Criminal Court. Neither of them enters upon "details" there, but it must be remembered what the outranking means when liberties had to be fought for.

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