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THE FIRST RUSSIAN CONGRESS.

The present struggle between Russia and Japan will probably result in improved conditions in each empire. Russia has more to gain from the general shakeup than has Japan, simply because Russia is the more backward country.

One of the most important events that has come as an accompaniment, of the recent struggle is the upheaval in Russia looking to popular rights. Russia has no popular assembly worthy the name. The nearest thing to such an assembly is the meeting of the Zemstvos or delegates from the Zemstvos or districts. These delegates can meet and talk, provided they meet when they are asked to do so and talk about affairs in an unobjectionable way. Since Prince Mirsky has come into power as minister of the interior to succeed Van Plehve, assassinated, the Zemstvos have received much encouragement.

Under the new regime the Zemstvos have held what may be called the first Russian congress. They presented a memorial on constitutional government to the czar, and were accorded an audience by him. The czar is personally inclined to deal liberally with his subjects in such matters as pertain to government. But the Russian "system" forbids his doing much.

Any way the cause of constitutional government is moving forward perceptibly even in the land of the czar, and those now living may see important political changes in the great northern despotism.

NO SET BACK FOR REFORM.

Developments since the election have shown that the stand-pat policy did not win at the polls on the eighth. The majority of the people of the country demand reform—reform of the tariff and reform in the method of trust regulation, reform in governmental matters generally.

For some reason or other the majority of the American people chose to commit this reform to Roosevelt and the Republican party rather than to Parker and the Democratic party. Reform is on the boards, and it must be carried out to the satisfaction of the people, or there will be another landslide next November and the Republican party will be the sufferer.

It is a question whether President Roosevelt will yield to the reformers within his party or stand by the stand-patters. The latter class seems to have the upper hand at present, and there will be a "merry old time" before they give in if they do at all. The Republican leaders are afraid that if a breach in the tariff wall is once made it may not know where to stop until all schedules have been overhauled and made reasonable.

The people are averse to changing administrations in comparatively prosperous times. But if certain well defined changes are not made they will no longer hesitate.

It seems that John D. Rockefeller, who once said that he would give a million dollars for a stomachic, has come into his own again. Since 1889 he has suffered from indigestion, and for quite a while has been compelled to live on stale bread and skimmed milk. His Standard Oil millions availed him nothing so far as the Thanksgiving turkey dinner is concerned.

But this year Mr. Rockefeller was permitted to indulge in the Thanksgiving bird. He has probably paid a million dollars for the cure of his indigestion.

An expenditure of \$5,000,000 will soon be made in an effort to develop the Yadkin river power plant near Salisbury. That speaks for progress, and a lot of it.

Doesn't Respect Old Age.
 It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, jaundice, fever, constipation will yield to these perfect pills. 25c. at H. Dunn & Co.'s drug store.

A Best of Disposition

(Original)

There is no period in man or woman's life so full of uncertainties, innocent deception as the wedding period. I met Miss Corinne Kennedy in the country during the summer and was thrown with her for one week only, but since every hour was spent in "dreaming the happy hours away" the seven days counted for a good deal. We lived in the sunshine, walking through fields teeming with chirping insects through woods alive with singing birds, drove over hill and dale and floated on water that now sparkled in the sun, now flowed languidly under overhanging trees.

When we parted I had asked Miss Kennedy to be my life companion, and she had consented conditionally. "This is not the fountain of life," she said. "Here all is so ordered, I wish to see if you, having arisen on a gloomy winter morning, dressed in a cold wind, with your eyes in a piercing wind blown with snowflakes, been harassed by business details during the day, will be cheerful and companionable during the evening."

There was so much good sense in all this that I acquiesced at once and asked her for her plan.

"You shall take up your residence in our house in the city for one month. During that time we will live under the same roof, and our dispositions will be laid bare to each other."

To this I agreed and after a dozen or more kisses left her, not to see her again till the middle of November, when I was to spend the trial month at her house.

I am an amiable man when nothing occurs to irritate me, rather impatient and irascible for the moment, though cloud is followed by sunshine in quick succession. During the month I spent in Miss Kennedy's home I confess I was always on my guard. I made it a point to come down to breakfast in a happy mood, and on returning in the evening from business, no matter what had been the annoyances of the day, I was in an excellent humor. It occurred to me that the test was a farce because I was always prepared. The feminine stupidity of my ladylove in considering it of value was very charming to me.

On the evening before the month was up I came home from business after dark to find the house unusually cold and cheerless. The lights had not been lighted and some one had left a window up in the drawing room, for I could feel the raw air pouring in. I went into the room and started to go across the floor to put down the window. On the way I ran my instep—a very tender spot—against the rocker of a chair.

I am not habitually used to swearing, but the pain on this occasion drew forth an oath. I was terror stricken at remembering that some one might have heard me. I listened, but could not hear a sound in the house.

"All out shopping, I suppose," I muttered. "But why they wanted to leave such an uncomfortable house for a man to come home to I can't see."

I pushed forward, struck a table and heard the cracking of broken glass on the floor. I knew that I had knocked over a lamp globe of considerable value—and I—well, I swore.

Stepping on the broken glass that cracked again under my feet, I went on toward the window and struck one of those delicate stands used for bric-a-brac. I cursed that idiosyncrasy of women which leads them to put such fragile articles in men's way, and by this time it seemed impossible for me to find words lurid enough to express my dissatisfaction.

I made up my mind to first close the window, then strike a light, then clear away the rubbish. Suddenly remembering that I was still on trial, I braced myself to be ready when the ladies came in, with a smile at my countenance and a quiet, well modulated reference as to what I would do to make good the loss. Unfortunately, before the window, a south exposure, were a number of plants perched on rostrs especially fitted to be knocked over, and, reaching for the sack, I upset a flowerpot, which broke to pieces and, I knew, covered the floor with earth.

Since there was no one to hear me, I showed my wrath, closed the window and started away from it to strike my nose on the edge of an open door. The pain I suffered brought forth more expletives. Feeling faint, I felt my way along the wall to the sofa and was about to throw myself upon it when I put my hand against a soft, warm cheek.

"Is that you, dear?" asked Miss Kennedy, as if awakened from slumber. I stammered a reply, wondering if she had been sleeping during the exhibition of my "disposition" and hoping she had been.

"Why, it's dark," she said. "Having a headache, I went to sleep under the afghan, with the window up for fresh air. I must have slept more than an hour."

I never knew whether Miss Kennedy had been awake during the episode till the day of our wedding, when she told me she had laid a trap for me and was conscious of the whole of my exhibition. When I asked her why, since I had not stood the test, she had still accepted me, she replied:

"Love doesn't require that people should be angels. During your stay at the house several things occurred to try my own equanimity, and I made a very bad showing. Fortunately I was able to conceal my irritation from you. I saw that in the main your disposition was good, but I was unwilling to let you go without forcing you to show that you were human."

THOMAS BARBER JUDSON.

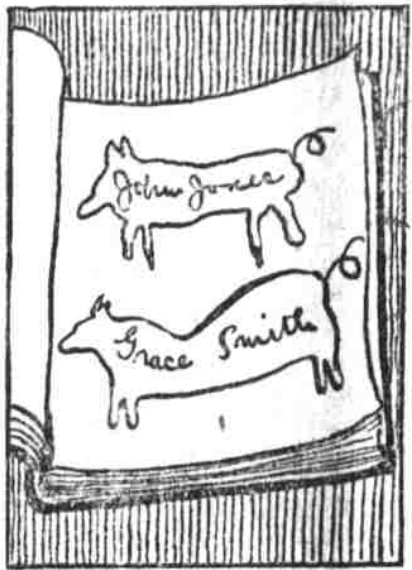


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A PAGE OF THE BOOK.

ed until the drawing is finished, and then the artist will see the queerest looking thing you can imagine as a result of his or her efforts.

Each artist should sign his or her name to the pig, which will look like almost anything else but a pig. The book is a most interesting thing to keep, and when its pages are full of pigs, drawn and signed by all your friends, it is a curiosity indeed and a treasure which will be of interest to you all your life.—Exchange.

AN ODD GAME.

How a Race Can Be Run With Drops of Water.

This game can be readily made in a few minutes by any boy or girl. As is well known, if a drop of water be placed on a piece of paper it will be at once absorbed by the paper, but if the paper is oiled the drop of water will remain intact and slide gracefully over the paper.

The first thing necessary is to get four or five books, one smaller than the other, and rest them on their edges on the table.

Then get a sheet of strong paper, hold it over a lamp till it is thoroughly blackened by the soot from the flame, and then oil it. This done, you lay it over the tops of the book covers, holding it down with a plate or other small vessel at the end. Take a spoon and let a few drops of water drip on the paper, and they will slide along like so many living things until they fall into the plate. The game is to see which drop of water gets there first. It can be played by any number of boys and girls, but a careful watch must be kept on the various drops of water, as they slide very quickly. By coloring the water and having each player own a differently colored drop they can be readily kept track of. The one who gets the greater number of drops in the plate first wins the game.

Trained Tortoises.

Japanese and Korean showmen, in addition to their skill as jugglers and acrobats, display a truly marvelous skill in teaching animals tricks. They not only exhibit educated bears, spaniels, monkeys and goats, but also trained birds, and what is most astonishing of all, trick fish. One of the most curious examples of patient training is an exhibit by an old Korean boatman of a dozen drilled tortoises.

Directed by his songs and a small metal drum, they march in line, execute various evolutions and conclude by climbing upon a low table, the larger ones forming of their own accord a bridge for the smaller, to which the feet would otherwise be impossible. When they have all mounted they dispose themselves in three or four piles like so many plates.

The Walnut Tree.

The walnut is valued not only for its fruit, but also for its wood, which is used for many purposes. The black walnut was until lately much used in the making of furniture and was much prized. The wood takes on a very high polish. The so called English walnut is really a native of Persia. The nut of this tree is much superior to that of the black walnut. In Kashmir the oil of the walnut is used in preparing food and for lighting purposes. The wood of the Persian walnut is valued for making gunstocks and is largely imported into Europe from Asia.

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 They're very apt to overflow.

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 Remember not to pout or glover,
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REPORT OF Bank of Kinston

at close of business Nov. 10, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$280,863.63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,019.73
Stocks, securities, etc.	2,100.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,108.41
Due from banks and bankers	82,303.90
Checks and other cash items	2,717.37
Gold coin	2,060.00
Silver coin	5,754.04
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	19,026.00
	\$353,953.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	30,352.26
Individual deposits subject to check	233,896.54
Demand certificates of deposit	38,121.00
Due to banks and bankers	719.88
Cashiers Checks outstanding	863.48
	\$353,953.11

State of North Carolina, County of Lenoir, ss:

I, R. C. Strong, Cashier of The Bank of Kinston, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the condition of said bank to best of my knowledge and belief.

R. C. STRONG, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Nov. 1904.

E. J. BECROFT, Notary Public.

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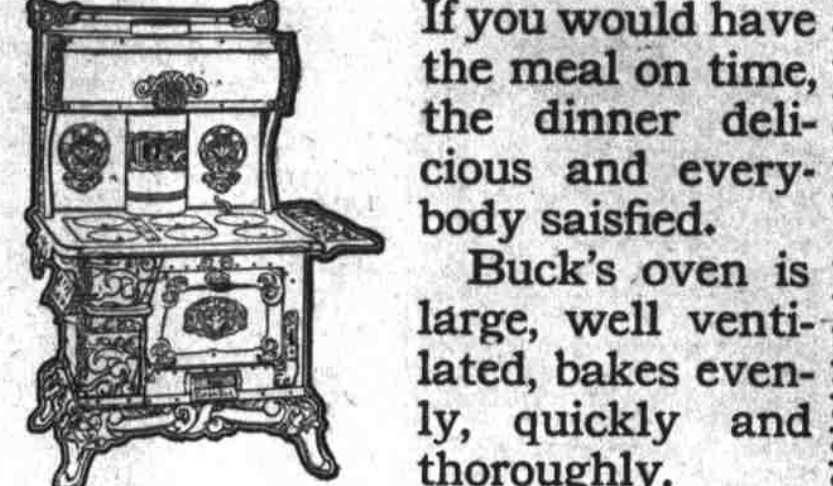
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Third Annual Statement OF THE Citizens Savings Bank, OF KINSTON, N. C. At close of business June 30, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$173,401.75
Overdrafts	2,346.06
Bonds	1,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	8,954.59
Due from Banks	63,757.42
Cash	17,774.78
	267,234.60

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	15,711.82
Dividends Unpaid	4,000.00
Deposits	193,479.16
Cashier's Checks	188.59
Due Banks	3,855.03
	267,234.60

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