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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

WHILE it may be a sort of advertisement to attract attention to the State Fair, the announcement that a successful cotton picking machine will be exhibited there, will interest the farmers. The announcement is made that an acre of cotton fully open will be set in the fair grounds and that a successful cotton picking machine will be operated. If such a machine is really a success, it will revolutionize some things in the cotton states.

ARM a man with a bottle of whiskey and you have created a condition that makes possible many an evil. Indeed whiskey is one of the most potent weapons of evil in the land. The union printers in Charlotte have joined the general printers' strike for eight hours work with nine hours pay. The employers in Charlotte have resisted the strikers' demands and the latter are out of jobs while the papers are coming out all the same. The Charlotte News of 28th ult. gave the following bit of experience, which shows how wickedly men will employ whiskey: "Yesterday after The News went to press one of its new men went to a restaurant to get dinner. A few minutes later one of the office force went into the restaurant and found a member of the Charlotte Typographical Union with a bottle of whiskey in his hand endeavoring to get the other fellow to take the whiskey with a view to getting him drunk, and in that way depriving this paper of the services of this man."

GLORIOUS October, the red leaf month, is here again. This is the month of matchless charms when hill and dale, mountain and glen are all covered with nature's great kaleidoscope of beauty; and when the cool breezes of gladsome autumn time remind us to say farewell to sultry summer and welcome the bracing atmosphere of fall and winter. It is the joyous harvest time when he who has faithfully and laboriously tilled the soil since the opening of the spring can now realize the results of his year's exertions and rejoice in the plenty that comes to him who has been diligent in the business to which he has for months given thought and labor. With the chatting groups of children who go running over the hills and the sun-tanned toilers in the ripened harvest fields there is gladness and joy in glorious October. One other charm about this good month of October is the fact that it is the busiest month in the year. For the most part there is less hindrance by reason of heat or cold or rain; and so the round of toil goes on undisturbed. Then there are fewer holidays in October than in any other month. The whole blessed sunny days are given to busy work and the results of this month count more for the people, perhaps, than of any other month of the year. Again we say glorious October, and good cheer to all the land throughout this most delightful month.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt was a great hero with all men but a few days ago because of his good offices in bringing about reconciliation between Russia and Japan whereby the slaughter of human life by war was stopped. To-day there is a question with the American people whether Mr. Roosevelt knew about how the Equitable life insurance company used the people's money for his election in the last presidential campaign. Recent developments have shown that the managers of the Equitable appropriated large sums of money which belonged to its policy holders for the purpose of aiding the Republican campaign. This was very wrong and not only the policy holders in the Equitable insurance company, but the American people as a whole, condemn it. Yesterday the people were praising President Roosevelt for his great work in bringing Russia and Japan to terms of peace; to-day they are asking the question, Did Mr. Roosevelt know about the unrighteous use of the people's money for his own election? Now, what will President Roosevelt say about it? Surely he will have something to say; for the people almost demand it. If such a great question were before the people concerning a Congressman who might be canvassing for a reelection, the people would fire questions at him if he would not discuss it otherwise. We believe the people are waiting to see what the President will say about this great insurance scandal which figured in his election.

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THE DIVINING ROD A COYOTE AND BOARS

THEIR ANTICS WATCHED BY ERNEST HAROLD BAYNES.

THE USE OF IT SOMETIMES CALLED DOWSING.
Writer Believes That Not Infrequently Men Employing This Bit of Magic Honestly Have Faith in It.

From time to time during the last 240 years the so-called divining rod has been the subject of public controversy throughout the civilized world. Periodically a newspaper correspondence arises like an epidemic and then dies away, to be resuscitated a few years later as if it began for the first time.

I append some brief notes on the subject, tracing the forked rod from its earliest recorded use in history down to the present time.

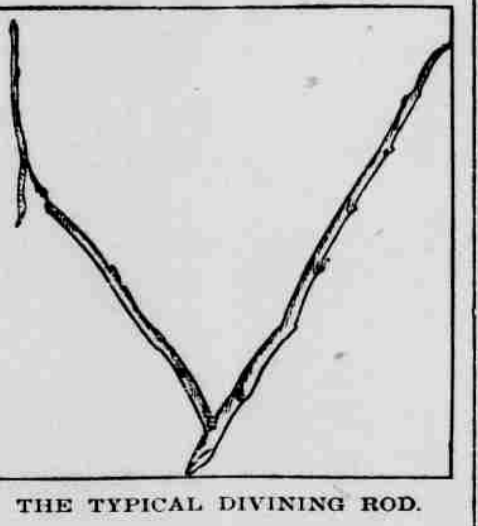
The origin of the word "dowsing" is obscure. I am inclined to think it arose from the translation of the colloquial German name of the rod--



Schlag-ruthe, striking rod--into the Cornish Celtic or Middle English (M. E. duschen--to strike or fall), when the German miners were brought over to Cornwall in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It was they who doubtless introduced the use of the rod into England for prospecting the mines of Cornwall and Somerset. Nearly 100 years later it was used for finding underground water in Somerset, where a domestic water supply is in many places most difficult to obtain, owing to the nature of the secondary rock formation there; the water existing in fissures or hollows, and not in large beds, as it does in many other places.

The next question was, What was the function of the dowsing or divining rod? This is of use simply as an index of an unconscious muscular spasm which occurs in the dowsing when he is in the neighborhood of underground water, metallic ore, or any other object for which he is accustomed to search by means of the rod. Hence many dowsers do not use a rod at all, trusting entirely to the sensations they experience. These sensations often produce a serious malaise on the part of the dowsing when at the object of his search. For two centuries dowsers in all countries have asserted the existence of this malaise.

What, then, gives rise to the spasm and twisting of the rod? Is it a physical force like electricity? Nearly all the diviners or dowsers themselves say it is electricity, just as they would explain boiler explosions, or anything out of the common, by electricity. To test this question at all, I made a series of experiments on insulated and uninsulated dowsers, and found that whenever the dowsing thought he was insulated the rod would not work, and vice versa, though, as a matter of fact, I had, unknown to the dowsing, reversed mat-



ters--that is, he was in conducting communication with the earth when he imagined he was insulated, and was insulated when he thought he was not. After much tedious investigation and experiment I came to the conclusion that the motion of the rod in a genuine and successful dowsing is due to involuntary muscular motion on his part, and that the stimulus which excites this motion is a reflex action, like that which excites sneezing, hiccup, blushing, or palor.

The issue was, therefore, narrowed down to the origin of this nervous stimulus. Further inquiry showed that it is due either to (a) a subconscious detection of surface signs of underground water, which would link the phenomena of the divining rod to other well-known psychological and physiological phenomena; or (b) it is sometimes resembling the unexplained instinct of many homing birds and animals; in fact, something new to official science, resembling what is called "lucidity" or "clairvoyance."

W. F. BARRETT.

THE RUSSIAN BOZIAK

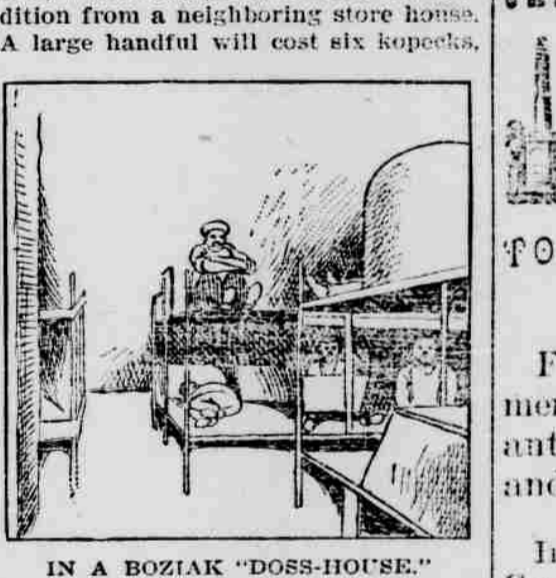
MISERABLE CLASS LATELY INTRODUCED TO PUBLIC.

Existence Little Higher Than That of Brute Beasts, They Are Dangerous and Violent and Constantly Under Police Surveillance.

Ask anybody who has been to Moscow whether he has heard of a "Boziak," and he will probably look at you in amazement, shake his head, and possibly even deny the existence of this interesting sect. But not only in Moscow, but over the whole of the Russian empire, these people are to be found scattered in their thousands. It is, perhaps, as well to explain what a "Boziak" really is. To convey the real meaning of the term is somewhat difficult, but if we gave as an analogy our tramps and vagabonds, we should be getting nearer to it than would be possible in any other way. The "Boziaks" are destitute people, absolutely devoid of any education, and with very little intelligence. In fact, one might almost refer to them as the line of demarcation between animalism and civilization; they are the indirect outcome of the emancipation of the serfs.

"We find ourselves in the city of Moscow, meet one of these creatures, and allow ourselves to be led by him wheresoever he may go. As a matter of fact, we should find that presently we should get to a large square in which is an open shed. This square is known as the "Khetu Klenok." Here we should be met by the very extraordinary sight of hundreds of similar individuals gathered together, many of them standing about in groups and talking; others, too tired for such business, lying down on the hard stumps wrapped in sleep.

Thousands assemble here, and the police circulate freely among them, preventing them gathering into groups and creating any disturbance, and, what is more important, stopping them from going into the streets of the city. It must be understood that these people are really very dangerous, for the abject state of poverty into which they have fallen, and their ferocious nature, combined with their gross ignorance, make them willing to commit almost any deed of violence for the sake of sufficient money to procure them a little food and some vodka. For food they, as a rule, are content with eating the entrails of some animal, which they purchase in a hot condition from a neighboring store house. A large handful will cost six kopecks,



and should they have been successful in their day's begging they will supplement this with as much vodka as they can afford. Perhaps they may have had a very good day, in which case they will take off their boots and hand them over to a cobbler who works under the shed. In one of our pictures we have an illustration of this cobbler at work. How their existence is a puzzle, for their charges are so small that it seems almost impossible that he can even provide the materials for his work.

As night closes in, these creatures are compelled by the police to seek shelter in the "doss houses." For the sum of six kopecks they are enabled to obtain a lodging for the night. This consists of nothing more than a space on a slightly inclined plank. As a rule, the rooms contain accommodations for 40 people, and the largest number gathered together in one house may be put down at 250.

There is, however, a still more destitute class than these poor creatures who are absolutely without a kopeck. These find accommodation in what is known as the "free house"; the accommodation provided by this house is considerably larger than that of any of the houses to which the inmates have to contribute; in fact, its full capacity amounts to 1,000 lodgers, and each room is capable of holding 250 people. The women, of course, are kept separate from the men; nor is there in this place any provision made for married couples. There is considerable competition to get in here; in fact, the entrance to the house is besieged by the "Boziaks" hours before the doors open. In the summer the doors are opened at 7 to 8 o'clock, and in the winter at 6 o'clock.

These people have come into some prominence through the instrumentality of the Russian author, Maxim Gorky, who has written one of his best-known plays around them. He knew them perhaps better than anyone else did; for not only is he credited with having been one of them, himself, but he was endowed with an almost poetic insight into the abjectness of their condition.

ARTHUR V. KENAH.

Just Suited Uncle.
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