Smileless Land.

The subjoined article, givgraphic description of the mental attitude of the hungry to f Russia, was written by a espondent of The Associated who entered Russia with the n relief workers when the pened the doors of that counfter they had been closed for than three years. The writer not visited Moscow but penetrated famine-stricken districts of and Kazan where the first Amfood was distributed and he sent by cable stirring storthe scenes he witnessed. ow, (By a Staff Corresponden Associated Press)-Russia is a ess land. In more than 2,000 of travel on Central Russian and rivers The Associated rrespondent hasn't heard a hearty laugh. The exuberance vatory of the first year of Polhave disappeared. Speakers er tell of the glories of prorule from the corner curb-Red army soldiers no longer the bourgeosie, for all have down together to the difficult getting enough to eat; and perwho have not tried existence in -day Russia have no concepof how difficult it is to satisfy the primitive human needs there. every man and woman met on w or Petrograd streets to-day is ing some sort of food parcel or ring with food dealers on the

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the housing system most perve only one room in which to eat, sleep and do washing. All talk one hears on the streets is There are laments everywhere bread allowance sn't regular frequent expression of fears famine in the Volga districts ke the bread supply of Central even worse. Potatoes at 1.000 nound are the cheapest food arket, but 1,000 rubles is a ortune to most of the populait takes a lot of oil to cook The days of political strife arently over. Russians have theoretical politics. The anti-sts no longer discuss the gov-Paper decrees are showered upon Bolshevists and nonista alike. They are too busy strife for food and clothing to

without food shops are pracerted in all the cities. The food is at once the work recreation of the public. s are lined with food wagons he people seem far more n these than in the listless ns and the little bands which casional evening concerts. ems to be no spirit of play ssia. Even the children are quiet. Recently many toy ave re-opened. The Soviet govnever requisitioned Noah's Teddy bears, so dealers in lass of goods are unboxing their tocks and dressing Santa Claus ws. Few moving picture theaters , and those are given over government propaganda pic-The opera season has not yet Dramas are offered in severmportant houses. It was in ters and in concert halls correspondent saw the only who seemed to relax and hemselves from the gloomy tmosphere. Moscow newspathe newspapers in all the ssian cities are little more ernment bulletins. Because of less of paper is given over political articles. The newspapasted upon the deadwalls. gather about them eagerly the few foreign dispatches. majority of readers show no in the political leaders. Street in Moscow present a strange ed aappearance. Unless the s sunny and warm there are pedestrians in the center of Markets which formerly ex-ar Opera Place have been abole and there are few food shops in was formerly the great shopping.
In consequence, most proders go to the food-lined boulevand the slightest threat of rain the crowds to shelter. Boots hing are too precious to be unnecessarily to the weather.

DRAB COSTUMES TOST S well-dressed men and wonever seen on the streets no starch. Therefore, soft col-shirts are a necessity, and ly all men wear dark gray ays great on uniforms. Railloyees and other civil emdisplay practically no cloth-

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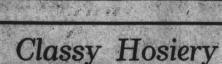


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lats, coats, waists, and even shoes of army khaki are seen everywhere ong groups of women. Tabl nask curtains, furniture covers of large-flowered cretonne, rich Persian shawls, masquerade costumes bright-colored evening gowns have een adapted to street wear. Fortunately. Russian women have such an independent bearing and are such in dividualists that they show no embarrassment whatever in wearing any clothing available in this land so sadly in need of cloth.

#### The Belles and Beaux of Nairobi.

Life is nothing if not piquant in Nairobi, writes Charles Dawnbarn, who is travelling in that country.

The latest British possession, in the terms of a Crown Colony, is a most lively infant, he says. She has had twenty years of life on one plane, but only six months on another. In the one stage she is was a Protectorate, in the other she is an appendage of the Crown of England. Of course, the second stage is more "grown up" than the first; but Kenya has no frown on her face as the result of it. Her sons and daughters are just as light-hearted as before. Though black care may ride behind the horsemen, his features are obscured. Whatever the future may have in store for Kenya, assuredly it is not a dull time. That is impossible in this vivid atmosphere, nearly 6,000 ft. above the sea. Nairobi has risen from a swamp and a few tin huts into a flourishing town of broad streets with fine avenues and solid public buildings.

And what contrasts life provides. Here is the pioneer type, bronzed of face, sturdy of limb. On his head is a cone recalling the Mexican hat; he wears a coat-skirt, khaki-colored, open at the throat and short-sleeved, with pockets in the front. His beard is black and stubby, his hair innocent of a comb. If he were at his farm, he would be spick and span of an evening, at least. But in Nairobi he seems determined to carry the atmosphere of the wilds with him. Perhaps it is a form of "swank" to show his freedom from convention.

Ladies Smoke in Public.

His wife is almost as brown as he. She is likewise dressed in khaki-colored clothes—a long coat, riding breeches and gaiters. Practically all women ride astride in Kenya, and thus adopt trousers or the divided skirt. And that very fact has an influence on behavior. Lovely women is not in the least austerish in this far-off country. Not only does she smoke in public, but in the street! I met a charming creature in the broad thoroughfare the very latest in masculinity. Upon her head was perched a mannish hat; she wore a man's shirt and coat, shorts, and polo boots reaching to the knee. The impression of the new sex was completed by the hands being thrust into the pockets of the shorts. And from cigarette. As to the natives, their motions of

ornament are strange indeed. Not only do they bind arms and legs with copper wire, which they steal from the telegraph lines (to the constant annoyance of the authorities), but they garnish the neck with the same forbidding material. Coil after coil is wrapped round the throat—a sort of perverted Elizabeth ruffle—and the outer rings fall upon the breast. The women, far more than the men, adopt this garnish. The latter generally content themselves by wrapping the wire round the forearm. Sometimes the flesh is dreadfully punished, but the wearer is as stoical as any nineteenth-century belle suffering from tight lacing. But more characteristic. They are formed also of coils of wire. The purpose is not "swank," but prevention of escape from the husband. Since the women, here as elsewhere in the black world, are workers, this wire ornament has an economic meaning.

The Kikuyu that we meet here on the further side of Nairobi, on the way to the Great Lake, are smaller and physically inferior to the rather flercelooking Masai, who inhabit the country of the great game reserve. The odd thing is that this tribe does not eat meat or hunt game, and therefore is ideal as guardian of the reserve. The scenery, too, on the way to the

Great Lake is most impressive. The railway line lies to a height of between eight and nine thousand feet. It is very cold now. We are glad of rugs and heavy overcoats to cover ourselves in our bunks. The view is superb: deep valleys and dense groves of wat-tle. At Lumbwa, the farming prospects are excellent. As we approach the Great Lake, the end of the line, we encounter new tribes, especially the Kavirondo, who are very black and quite naked. They are the most moral of any of the Lake inhabitants. Women, with figures like goddesses, wave shapely arms to us. Recently, the cult of clothes has possessed the young men, and at Kisumu (on Lake Vivtoria Nyanza itself) we hear of burglaries in which the white master's suits have formed the booty of the native Bill Sykes. This is an utterly new thing.

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