



VACATION DAYS.—CAMPING.

millionaire Colodovnikoff, where he lived among his decrepit sticks of furniture with an old housekeeper. Here he would sit shivering through the cold winter days, too miserly to allow himself a fire or even to brighten the dark house with the light of a solitary candle. For twenty years he was known to wear only one suit, a 'thing of shreds and patches,' scarcely a vestige of the original cloth remaining. And yet this sordid living hermit was one of the greatest landowners and railway magnates in all Russia, a man who left behind him a hundred million rubles. Far wealthier than many kings, he led a life from which most peasants would have shrunk.

"A few years ago there was no wealthier man in all Paris than Mons. Colasson, who for a generation had lived as a pauper in two rooms of his magnificent palace in the Rue Galilee. During all this period he never once left his splendid prison, and no one was ever allowed to enter it except his one faithful attendant, who kept him supplied with his daily food of bread and eggs. As in Mr. Dering's case, it was the death of a father that consigned him to his hermit life, so with M. Colasson it was the tragic death by fire of a loved nephew and heir, in 1874, that decided him to forsake the world and all its vanities.

"Within a few weeks of the death of Mons. Colasson there died in an attic in a Berlin slum one Herr Schwarz, who was known and pitied by his neighbours as the poorest of the poor. He sallied out daily into the fashionable quarters, dressed in rags and carrying a sack in which he collected crusts.

"He lived alone and died alone, a mere bag of bones, surrounded by riches, for in his room were found £80,000—in gold coins, stored in scores of jars and bottles, and in bank notes, with which his pillow and mattresses were stuffed."



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M. THOS. J. PARKES,
Gérant, Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada,
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Monsieur,—J'accuse réception du chèque de \$1,260.10 que vous m'avez adressé ce matin.

C'est le fruit d'une police d'assurance à 20 ans dans votre excellente compagnie. Je vous remercie. Je vous félicite de la diligence que vous avez apportée à faire ce beau paiement. Je souhaite que nos jeunes suivent mon exemple et prennent dans la Sun Life chacun une police à 20 ou 15 ans.

Je demeure, Monsieur,
Votre tout dévoué,

F. N. SÉGUIN, Curé.