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How Russians Fought in '77.

(By FREDERICK VILLIERS.)

tury, and I left Charing Cross on the ing of that day for certainly the 9th division as they answered evening of that day for certainly the most interesting and picturesque campaign I have ever witnessed. War was officially declared by the Russians om the following day, and the sharp beaked eagles surmounting the pillars on satisfaction on their faces at the interesting of their not too welcome the Moslem capital were covered a few greats gave the troops a feeble sm the Moslem capital were covered a few hours after with black drapery to signify that "diplomatic relations with the Sublime Porte were ruptured."

Though the Russians officially threw down the gauntlet on the 24th, they commenced hostilities by crossing the Turkish frontiers on heir patron saint's day, St. George, the evening I. Turkish frontiers on heir patron, the streets for a time and once is saint's, day, St. George, the evening L. churned up the dust as the heavy

campaign in Servia. My comrade, who was always a genius in the way of equipment when starting on the warpath, had invented a remarkable travelling carriage covered with leather and fitted with sundry wells, which made an excellent habitation for two, the floor of the vehicle at hight become. the floor of the vehicle at night becoming a bed-place by a simple arrangement of the cushions. A projection from the lit of the wagon kept us perfectly dry whenever it rained, but in feetly dry whenever it rained, but in ial Guard light blue, brown, and grand light blue, brow fine weather our dormitory opened to the front. An assortment of tinned smart uniformed, field gendarmes, meats, tea and coffee, with a cooking featured gaily garbed Asiatic services, were stored in the wells, and behind was a covered rack for baggage-came a cavalcade of led horses-

rmer servant in Servian days, look- many colored plumes in their enar during the day, our wagon showed fur-ther accommodation in the shape of an and French valets. Great silver ther accommodation in the shape of an annexe, for, ingeniously arranged in a roll on its roof, was a spread of canvas, which, by undoing a couple of buckles, could be stretched at convenient angles to a pair of tent pegs in the ground. A hole for a kitchen was dug on the lee side of our movable villed and a smell folding, table and a surely without the suits of the care that the suits of the czar, but where that august personage? We discoved later that this and an impossible and a smell folding, table and a surely were capacity without the couple of camp chairs opnstituted the furniture.

war had been declared, that Forbes imposing but rather cumbersome and I, seated in the above mentioned which had just passed by. I me were caught in the current of gay and picturesque procession or ing Russians swarming toward twice later on when on Turkis wagon, were caught in the current of the Danube. We were blocked in the usual column of heterogeneous vehicles than that it was still a sort of ha which always accompanies a Russian Imperial glory without its head, fo which always accompanies a Russian army on the march—droiskies, calebroughams, sutler carts and ambulances. We had been waiting at least an hour almost choked with the drift of dust that swept along for miles in the wake of this immense army beween the prairie like Roumsnian flats and the town of Alexandria. The noontide heat was simply blistering; the w dust covering vehicles and the.

cal climate rather than which favors a Danubian protly a tall figure, with deeply ed face, large blue eyes and yellow beard, grey with grime, towering over the dust, turned in our direction and on sighting Forbes threaded his way through the crush towards us.
"What are you doing there?" said he over the lowland and Balkan do

We are looking for General Draga-

miroff. Can't you tell us where we can to know where he is, or his division either—but," he continued, laughingly, "I can let you know this. If you find Prince Mirsky you won't be far from the other general. Now Mirsky is in

With this piece of valuable informa-tion he touched his cap and hurried Forbes gave a grunt of satisfaction and, turning to me, said: "That is per-haps the smartest officer in the Russian service. Do you know, Villiers, that fellow did a wonderful bit of work out in Central Asia but a short time back. The Russians had to enter Kholand to applied to the control of the thand to punish certain lawless acts.
The force sent was too small for the serious work to be done, for only some 1,200 Russian horse and foot crossed the ntier. They marched on the capital, their disgust, found that they could not hold it, for 7,000 Khokandians began to oppose them. The Russians had to return. On the retreat the enemy assed them so sorely that on the and I sat down under the tent third day the infantry had only fifteen cartridges left per man, and the cavalry three, and there was a day's march from Prince Mirsky to ask us fore they could hope for ny succor. tea, so we sauntered over to the before they could hope for ny succor.
General Trotsky, in command, resolved on a night attack to help him out of his difficulties, and the chief of his staff, a colonel of Cossacks, resolved to lead the attacking party himself. He would have take 150 Cossacks—you may be come from the westward. only take 150 Cossacks—you may be sure all picked warriors, for, as he visely argued, 'if we are wiped out the ioss will not count for much, and that number will be sufficient to check the enemy while the main body retreats in peace. Well, the young staff officer had his way. First of all he was lucky nough to be able to evade the enemy's outposts; in fact, they were all asleep.

Then, followed by his 150 he fired his revolver as a signal to the little force, who, yelling like flends, rushed on the "But," said Forbes, "I depen enemy, cutting and slashing at everything before them. The surprised camp | are drinking tea, and you tell was at once in a terrible uproar; but It only lasted a quarter of an hour, for the trick was done. The enemy scatterad in every direction but in that of the Russians, and in the morning; when the victors assembled, they discovered 40 dead, 37 standards, 2,000 turbans, 8,000 muskets and sabres, and heaps of let me see, what you call a fein pots and kettles. But Villiers, this is not the most amazing part of the adventure. Guess what the Russian roll

call was that morning?" Presently we all three stood on the outskirts of Simnitza, which terraced the north bank of the great river. And the many of your sketches if you see anything of this campaign."

In the grey of the dawn of June 25th, 1877, Andreas brought us steaming mugs of black coffee, for we were to be the move early, and the wagon must are the move early and the proper are the move early and the wagon must are the move early and the wagon must are the move the great river. All till Japan. It all Japan. It all Japan. It all Japan. It all Japan. It dil Japan.

It was a memorable birthday of be packed ready for the march w mine, April 23rd, in the year 1877, for I had just turned the quarter of a centre of the great crossing of the Danube. cheering from the men of the far left England.

Archibald Forbes and I chummed together in this war, as on the previous
campaign in Servia. My comrade, who

store, were stored in the wells, and bestore, were stored in the wells, and bestored in the wells, and the w

When we came to a halt hats. Behind them in the depth dug on the lee side of our movable vil-la, and a small folding table and a couple of camp chairs constituted the furniture.

It was June 23rd, two months after

ed later that this brilliant and impo-suite was generally without the peror, for he was usually trav-with a more modest staff seemi-trying his hardest to lose sight of Emperor was never with it.

More regiments of white tunion

our Rous in Jew to whip us gone under. horses and place our wagon in grimy procession under the grey of dust, ever growing denser and dense as the sweltering day wor A little after midday we sighted the haze the shadowy blue, high white uniforms of the troops suggested eau beyond the great river, the co little house was wreathed in smoke.

A moment after the white tents of these legions of white tunics about to invade. Many a soldier thinking for a moment, with won eyes staring at that distant blue. hat the Turkish encampment disappeared from the sky line. were the defenders of that ter

the sea? It had been a weary, so ing, thirst racking march, but the bore up splendidly, and there were few stragglers, for were they not few stragglers, for were they in a few hours to test their strength against the foe? They had tramped a against the foe? They had tramped a good eighteen miles and now practically faced the enemy, and a hardier, finer

would give a good account of them-selves whatever might be in store for them down below those blue leights

the gloaming, and starred the uplands from east to west. Southward

which marked the Turkish from

We camped for the night in the

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Grand Duke Nicholas, the con

er-in-chief, had announced that

must be, cost what it might, he

outside a little whitewashed

came from the westward. O immediately looked at his water

said: "Good; they have not time," and looking toward

"Gentlemen, the crossing of t

ube is now taking place." Forbe

an angry gesture, jumped to h

"Don't be anxious," continu

you, sir, being in the fight.

I was also standing up an

quite as indignant as Forbes,

bably looked it, for Mirsky im

don't worry. What you hear

where. Now go and get some

I will send you a guide in the morn-ing who will take you to the veritable

ly reassured us by saying:

crossing is taking place."

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.) raining, and he carried business me-

The girl looked startled. "I'm not much as a lover," he added, 'but I guess I'll make a pretty good husband. I might give you a whole lot of soft talk, but what's the use? Marriage is a contract and should be set-tled on a business basis. When I want anything in business I go after it I generally know what I

her composure. perly and dispassionately." "I'm glad to find you so sensible," he

a second option," she said. "What!" he exclaimed. "I might tell you that I am conscious already engaged," she explained.

very sudden, would be the sentimental way, but I will merely say that the first option is already taken." "Then there is no hope!" "How foolish," she commented. "As a business man you ought to know that a first option does not necessarily mean a closed contract. If you don't want to take a chance on a second option, say so; if you do, I'll drop you a line if I find myself on the matrimonial

market again." "That's sort of cold-blooded," he 'That's business," she asserted. "I—I don't believe I like business as well as I thought I did," he remarked. "Very likely," she returned. "I'd rather have a first option."

methods.

ITALIAN DISAPPEARED.

bare ridge. A mile to the left along this sky line the white bell tents of a Turkish encampment dotted the ridge and spread down the slope of the tary custom house with a red tiled ver-andah stood on the edge of a chine tom of which was a little cove in which the swift muddy river dipped. Between this cove and Sistova, Turkish field guns were enplaced, and on the immediate right were guns of a heavy calibre in a strong earthwork. (All the Moslem pieces were giving tongue, and fiercely firing in the direction of a little fleet of boats slowly moving to-wards the cove of the green clad chine. From the mud flats which streaked the river on the Roumanian side, flashes mouths of numerous Russian cannon trying to silence those angry tongues of the Turks, molesting the landing parties and the plucky little boats regiment of Mirsky's supporting division with batteries following werestruggling ankle deep in the tenacious mire towards the river's edge, and arriving there sought the sparse shelter of the meagre fringe of willows down by the water's edge.

The white tents of the Turkish encampment over on the ridge looked as grim and lonely as tombstones. Not a feet the dawn the Turkish battalions had left their camp standing and marched down to the chine with the intention of stopping the Russian invasion, and returning later to the cool shelter of the canvas, but the Moscovites had already gained a fairly firm footing under General Yolchin, of Caucasian fame, and the younger Skobeleff, and were busy driving the Turks up towards the red tiled house with the verandah. One could see the flecks of fire gradually

the Turks were now striving to cut off ns the Russian supports crossing the river, while they hoped to exhaust the tenacity of those already landed. On the other side the Russians were simcould be brought into action to smash the Moslem batteries opposite, and it certainly took time to do this, though their guns were far the superior in number and in practice. In spite of the deluge of shot that the Russians poured into the Turkish positions, the enemy's shells still hissed and sputtertheir guns were far the superior ed as they broke the glassy surface of the river. But all the heavily freighted boats passed through this hell unscathed with the exception of a pon toon containing two guns and their mplement of gunners. There was a sudden flash of light in the centre of the craft as if a giant match had been struck, then one large puff of smoke, and when this cleared there was simply a ripple on the water. The boat,

the guns, and the gallant crew had gone under.

"That's one against us," said Forbes.
"But look, the Turks are getting it rather warm over there," and he handed me his glasses.

"Great Scott!" I cried, "they are beaten back to the Douan Station*"
And immediately the verandah of the

"By Jove!" I exclaimed, "those fellows know how to strike tents," and Forbes agreed that he never saw anything done so quickly.
"It's all over," he said. "Now look here, Villiers, have you got your sketch

"Why, no! You don't think an artist can do a quadruple page as quickly as Turks can strike a camp, do you?"
"Well, I'll give you twenty minutes," said he. "I am off in that time for Geurgavo to catch the Bucharest train with my telegram."

"Why, no! You don't think an artist can do a quadruple page as quickly as copy of the questions for verification. This he did at a cost of \$30, which he paid with a check on which payment had been stopped.

The questions were by the professor in charge of purse of the professor in charge of th

THE BUSINESS-LIKE GIRL.

There was no sentiment about the oung man. His had been a business "Will you be my wife?" he asked

want, too, and I want you." She gasped, but presently regained "Fortunately," she said, "I've had a little business training myself, so we can discuss this proposed contract pro-

"I can give you nothing better than of the honor you do me, but that I am "That, with a suggestion that it is

few mornings ago the customary sig-

"A first option never has been, and

HE curse of mankind is constipation. Nine-tenths of the ailments we have can be tenths of the ailments we have can be traced to constipation. The bowels are for no other earthly purpose but to cleanse and keep clean and in working order our systems. Constipation is more prevalent among women than men, but it is too common in both. You may imagine you have dyspepsia, or chronic headache, or rheumatism, or heart affections, or bad blood causing eruptions—you may feel dull and ambitionless. Unless your case has been diagnosed and you know otherwise, the chances are your trouble is constipation.

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FIVE PRINCETON MEN

EXPELLED. Students' Committee Finds Them Guilty of Cheating in the Examinations.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 6.-Four reshmen and a student irregularly connected with the university have been ally of the young lovers distracted her tried by the student committee on a attention, Frank Abrams and his six-

that had been to the copy to his father. The latities of the copy to his father. The latities the copy to his father the copy to his father the copy to his father the copy the copy that the copy the copy that the copy the copy that the copy the copy the copy that the copy the copy that the copy the copy that the copy that the copy that the copy that the copy the copy that the copy that the copy that the copy that the copy the copy that copies of the questions.

Certain members of the freshman class were approached with a proposition to buy the list of questions, and finally five men accepted the offer.

News of the treaspation, very soon.

News of the transaction very soon came to the ears of the student committee in charge of such violations. A man was sent as a student to obtain a

long a time as he chooses; he is only required to sign a statement on his required to sign a statement on his reamination papers that he pledges his horr as a gentleman that during the examination he has neither given nor received assistance.

Under the "honor system" it is understood that violations either of the letter or spirit of the rules is included, and that it covers any unfair means whatsoever, such as procuring examination papers before examination, etc. The student committee in charge is composed of the presidents of the four respective classes, with two others selected from the senior, and junior classes. The system was adopted as a student movement and is maintained entirely as such. Any violation of the

An editor in one of the San Francisco morning dailies relates an incident which, though somewhat comical, has a dash of the pathetic and goes far to show that love of country is still a reality and tingles alike in the breasts of all men. The editor had a breasts of all men. The editor had a Japanese servant employed at his home who gave entire satisfaction and seemed well pleased with the position. A

nal to breakfast was not received and a visit to the Jap's room showed that he had vanished in the night. Pinned to his pillow was the following note, which is given literally: "Dear Master:
"I go home. I go kil Rusa. My
brother go. My cosin go. My friend
go. All go kik Rusa all hell. Kil

ESCAPED WITH HIS BRIDE.

While Mother-in-Law's Attention Is

Distracted Young Couple Flee From Court.

charge of cheating in examinations, and being found guilty, were today expelled by the faculty.

The testimony taken by the com-The testimony taken by the committee shows that a son of John mittee shows that a son of John Thompson, who is employed in a printing office where examination papers are prepared obtained a copy of questions for a subsequent examination that had been accidentally mislaid and the copy to his father. The later was born in 1887

the custody of her mother. A young woman approached her and said that she would like to speak to her. While her back was turned, Mrs. Abrams and

selected from the senior adopted as a classes. The system was adopted as a student movement and is maintained by with this note:

"Honored sir: I cannot find words "Honored sir: I cannot find words of the system is felt by every man in the university to be a personal matter.

A JAPANESE LEAVE TAKING.

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The hour arrived; also a maintained by with this note:

"Honored sir: I cannot find words fitting—I do not know how to convey to you—I stand speechless, sir, aghast, sir—but, ah, fatal 'but!'—but I was driven—forced— compelled— again to pledge my evening garments as collapsed to the sum of \$2. Retent to the sum of \$2.

Eugene Field was once visiting the house of his friends, the Stoddards, in New York, of which he sang—

Their home in Fifteenth Street is all so That, when I once get planted there, I don't know when to go.

During the evening a certain wellknown physician dropped in. He is a serious man, and a bit pompous. The "'On the contrary!" cried Stoute

FOOTBALL VERSUS PUGILISM. Statistics Show Gridiron Is More Dead-

ly Than the Prize Ring.

Love laughed at an obdurate motherin-law in the Gates avenue police
court, Brooklyn, yesterday. While an
ally of the young lovers distracted her
attention, Frank Abrams and his sixteen-year-old bride escaped.

Mrs. Mary Foreman, of No. 1,766 Pacific street, Brooklyn, was summoned

Which is the more destructive to life
and limb football or pugilism? Statistics gathered by the New York
World show 124 deaths from prize
said an English immigrant at the Immorning. The dearth of farm labor in
the present year. Last year the prize
the present year. Last year the prize
ring had seven victims; in 1901 the
number was eight, and it was ten in
enced men becoming in the West of Which is the more destructive to life ring had seven victims; in 1901 the number was eight, and it was ten in 1900. For some of these deaths men have gone to prison, but the great majority of the men who gave the death blow were not arrested. The figures show conclusively that the "sport" of the prize ring is brutal and deserves repression. It is happily not a nonular "Canadian farmers pay \$200 a year."

Facts collected by Professor E. E.

Dexter, of the University of Illinois, from 60 American colleges show that in the last two wars are provided in the last two wars. had been stopped.

The questions were promptly strested. In default of \$1,000 to make the professor in charge of study, and Thompson a may were promptly strested. In default of \$1,000 to make the professor in charge of larcenty, and the professor in the last experience of American colleges show that in a respectable citizen. I worked in a graph's store in London for a while, the valued highly because he could war the valued highly because he could war the valued highly because he could war the professor in the last experse of th

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WHY ENGLISHMEN COME TO CANADA

The Difference in the Social Conditions is a Great Attraction Here.

the prize ring is brutal and deserves repression. It is happily not a popular sport in this country, thanks to unfriendly laws, and does not attract the unfavorable attention that is given to football. The latter sport seems, however, even more objectionable, if account be taken of the number and character of the victims. The World notes that the football season is barely six weeks in length, and the number of players is fully 20 per cent. greater than that of puglists. "These two facts," the World says, "in consideration of results, indicate that the perfacts," the World says, "in consideration of results, indicate that the percentage is against the football player."

The is in more danger than the pugilist.

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them to come. I shall send them the word in the spring."

WHERE HORSEWHIPS ARE PROHIBITED.

A writer who has spent some time in Russia says: "Speaking of horses, there is a notable law in effect in most of the large Russian towns concerning them that deserves special mention.
Among the curious things that arrest the attention on arriving in Moscow is the entire absence of whips among of vehicles. On enquiry I was informed that there was a law prohibiting their use. I do not believe there is a single whip in use in Moscow. The excellent condition of the horses attests the benefit of this humane law. Nothing can exceed the beauty of the sleek and well-groomed horses used in the carriages of Moscow."

BOLD ROBBERY IN BOSTON. BOSTON, Feb. 12.-Horace M. Harmon, proprietor of a restaurant in Port-land street, was kicked down as he was night and robbed by two men of \$1,-