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## A May Blossom.

In my dim room, above the city street,  
I sat at work . . . yet all about  
me grew  
Bright reaches of the fields, so cool, so  
sweet;  
I heard the pretty talk of building  
birds,—  
Poem, for which no poet hath found  
words,—  
And whir of wings, that swept the sun-  
shine through.  
I felt soft touches of the wind, at play,  
Lift from my tired brow loose slips of  
hair,  
And kiss my cheek . . . the tear  
that trembled there.  
Oh, strangest charm! . . . I did not  
dream, but still  
The magic of a dream entranced the day.  
Some one had placed upon my window-  
sill  
A tiny crystal cup, and in it lay  
A single white sweet blossom of the  
May!

## Russian Wisdom.

The wisdom of Solomon prevails to  
some extent even among the judicial  
dignitaries of Russia. This is evident  
from the following ingenious device  
invented by one of them to discover on  
which side truth and justice lay in a  
rather difficult case that came before  
him recently. In the university town  
of Dorpat, a prosaic, plodding farmer  
complained to a judge that he had  
been defrauded by the defendant of  
twenty roubles—about three pounds  
sterling. "I bought a cow from him—  
he is a peasant, your honor," he ex-  
plained—"and I first paid for the ani-  
mal, and then asked him to drive it  
from the market-place into my yard.  
This he agreed to do. Well, when he  
had the cow close to my barn, he re-  
fused to budge a step further unless I  
paid him twenty roubles, saying that  
he had received nothing from me. This  
was a bare-faced lie, because I paid him  
the money a few minutes before."  
"Where are your witnesses?" asked the  
judge. "Witnesses! I have not a single  
witness. What are witnesses for?  
Doesn't he know right well that I paid  
him?" "Did he pay you the money?"  
asked the judge of the defendant. "I  
never saw the color of it, your honor.  
Why, if he had paid me, do you think—"  
"That will do," exclaimed the  
judge; "the plaintiff's claim, un-  
supported by witnesses or evidence of  
any kind, is null and void. He seems  
an honest fellow, though, and has  
evidently lost his twenty roubles. Let's  
make up a little subscription for him.  
I head the list with five roubles. Won't  
you give something, too?" inquired the  
judge of the defendant, who had won  
the suit. "That I will," eagerly ex-  
claimed the triumphant suitor, "with a  
whole heart! Will three roubles do?  
Here's the note!" The judge took the  
three-rouble note, examined it critically,  
looked suspiciously at the giver, and  
said—"You dare to utter false money  
in an imperial court of justice! Where  
did you get this forged money?" The  
man turned red and white, gave a series  
of explanations that contradicted each  
other, muttered and floundered from  
lie to lie, till at last in despair he cried  
out—"If you want to know the whole  
truth, here it is! This forged note be-  
longed to the plaintiff. He did pay me  
twenty roubles for the cow, the rascal,  
but he paid me in forged notes, and  
that's one of them! It all amounts to  
just what I said—that he didn't pay  
me at all, and it's he that must go to  
Siberia for uttering forged notes, not  
I! I am as innocent as the babe un-  
born." The dishonest defendant, by his  
own confession an infamous perjurer,  
was astounded to learn that the notes he  
had received were as good as the best  
that came into the empire of the Tsar.  
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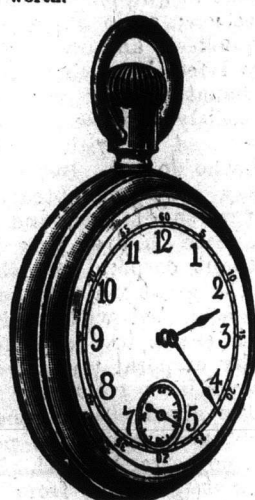


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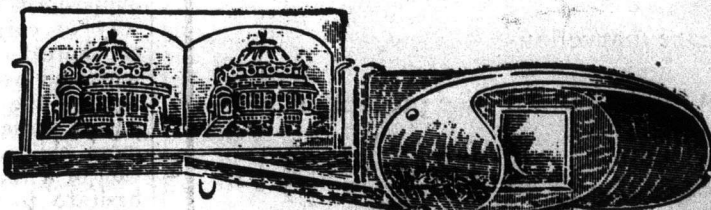
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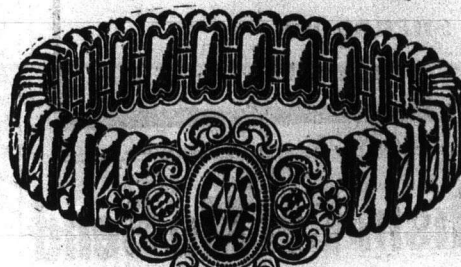
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