FRIENDS WITH A NIHILIST

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I had been doing Poland in a leisure ly way-a young Englishman who had plenty of money and could go where he pleased-when I fell into trouble at Sandowin, on the Austrian border. It is no use to tell an Englishman or an American that he must keep his mouth shut while traveling in the dominions of the czar. He sets out intending to do so, but something is sure to happen sconer or later to arouse his sympathies or indignation, and he finds himself expressing an opinion that gets

him into hot water.

Now and then as I journeyed I had heard of cases where citizens had been imprisoned or sent off to Siberia without trial, and had witnessed many incidents of autocratic power, but had come out of them unscathed. It was while I was mixing with the rather strange crowd at the hotel in Sandowin that I learned, almost by accident, of the case of a returned exile. He was a man named Ostrov, who had formerly been quite a prominent citizen of the town and had considerable wealth. It was in my own room that he told the story of his experience to three of us. He had been arrested at a minute's notice and started off for Siberla without a legal trial. His property had been confiscated, his family oppressed and driven out, and it was only when he was ready to set out on the long journey that he was told he had been sentenced to penal servitude for fifteen years for having said that taxes were too high. He had served his time and returned to find all his family dead or scattered beyond recall. He was an old man now, broken in health and having but a short time to live, and when he told us of his treatment him, and I know I used strong language and also made him a cash pres-

You will scarcely credit me when I say that Ostrov rewarded me by going was required of him, but I think he t would have meant a dungeon for i number of people making the Austrian border, and as soon as I had crossed the border the matter was my story and abusing Russia.

It was this story that brought about named Grodno. I knew at once, of course, that he was a Polander, but it was a fortnight before I learned that he was an exile and a nihilist. He was forty years old, well educated and of of a hundred other exiles. At the age every thought, he had expressed a political opinion that caused his down-



HE LED THE WAY INTO THE POLICE BUILD-

fall. He was arrested, confined in a dungeon for seven months and then without the farce of a trial was banished from the country.

Grodno arrived in Cracow to hunt up some old friends, but as soon as the police officials learned that he was an exile they arrested and insulted him and ordered him to move on. He made his way to England, learned the language thoroughly and in time became a leading nibilist. For about eight years he had spent all his time scheming and planning against the Russian government, and all the efforts of the czar's officials to locate or identify him had been futile. Grodno did not tell me as plainly as I have told you what he was, being too prudent for that, but he left me to infer it. As to his business in Cracow I did not inquire, and he did not volunteer the information. All the towns along the Polish bor-

der are under the espionage of Russian

spies, and I thought Grodno was tak

where there is not blood strength.

athletic exercises, that there cannot be permanent muscular strength strength, promote digestion and assimilation, and build up the whole system.

TEARFUL OR CHEERFUL?

Whether a woman is tearful or cheerful depends not on what she has materially, but what she is physically. Many an indulgent husband is driven almost to despair by the tearful outburst of a

has "every-thing she wants." He wants to know what's the matter. But the wife can't tell. She only knows that she is depressed and despondent. Such a

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ing great risks to show himself as openly as he did. He moved about in perfect unconcern for ten days, being most of the time in my company, and our indignation was intense. I pitied | we had no adventure. Then he asked me one morning to accompany him to the police station, where he was going to seek certain information. I noticed that he had a package under his arm, but gave it no particular atstraight to the police and reporting all tention. As we walked along the that I had said. It is possible that it street he was as chatty as usual, and he led the way into the police builddid it in a truckling way in order to ing without the slightest hesitation. curry favor. Before noon next day I It was a two story building of stone received an official visit and was and brick. There was a prison in the warned to get out of the country. I basement and onices were on the first had sense enough to realize what that | and second floors. We entered the main meant and to go. In the eyes of the room, presided over by a captain of po-Russian authorities I had become a lice on one side and an information 'suspect," and had I been a Polander bureau on the other. There were a me. I headed for Cracow, just within Grodno and I sat down on one of the benches to wait. He stepped to a window, asked a question I did not settled. While Austria is almost as catch, and then passed out, and I tolautocratic as Russia, in one way you lowed. I noticed that he was pale and are not debarred from expressing a surried, and when I joked him about free opinion about other countries. I it he said that he had seen a visitor therefore took satisfaction in telling in the room whom he thought he recognized. He had another errand, he said, and asked me to wait at the my acquaintance with a Poland nihilist | hotel for him. He left me on a street corner with a wave of his hand, and that was the last I ever saw of him. Two hours had passed, and I was still waiting in the office of the hotel. when the town was suddenly shaken good address, and his story was that as with an earthquake, and five minutes later it was known everywhere of twenty-eight, while a professor in that the police station had been blown one of the colleges at Warsaw and up. I rushed to the scene with thouwhile thoroughly loyal to the czar in | sands of others, and the sight was one never to be forgotten. The fine, large building was nothing but a smoking pile. It had collapsed, the walls block ing up the street, and the roof was ly ing on the floor of the first story. In the cells of the basement were twenty eight prisoners, all of whom escaped harm. On the two floors were thirty police officials, including the chief, and not one of them escaped death. It was a day and a night before the debris was removed and the bodies were recovered and another day before an investiga-

> at every body taken out, but his was not among them. It was only when a public investigation had begun and the newspapers were talking about nihilists and explosives that I suddenly caught my breath. In less than an hour I was speeding out of Cracow by train, and it was not until I was beyond the limits of Austria that I dared try to think it out. Grodno had come to Cracow to do exactly as he had done. He owed the police a grudge, and he left that package to blow up the building. Whether it was exploded by clockwork or by some one seeking to open it could not be told, but it certainly caused the disaster, and he had made good his escape before it happened. I learned that the investigation threw no light on the matter except that some explosive had been used, and it was not even laid to nihilists. I could have told a story; but, innocent as I was of any complicity, it would have resulted in my death on the gallows.

tion was begun. During this interval

I heard nothing whatever from Grodno. After a day had gone by I made

up my mind that he was among the

killed. It came to me that he was not

carrying the package when he left the

building, and I figured that he had re-

turned for it and had been made a

victim with the others. I got a look

Permanent Muscular Strength

There is this to be borne in mind in these days when so many young men most skilful and determined amongst are giving so much attention to physical development, in gymnastic and pector. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give blood

A NU. LON LLE.

Inter bisness ez a sage I seem goin'. Ez my wiskers wite with age Keeps a-growin'.
Wen filks pass the time o' day.
"Uncle Jed," they often say,
"How'll the weather be terday—
You'll be knowin'."

Yisterday ez Denham's bar I will passin.'
Seen a crowd of fellers thar,
Jest a-guessin.'
"How's the 'lections," feller said,
"Which side's comin' out ahead,
Now we'll hear from Uucle JedQuit yer sassing.'

Ef a hoss the staggets gits, Taint uncommon, Or a kid is took with fits, r a woman, the doctors ain't to home, An' the doctors ain't to home, It's ter me the neighbors come, Thinkin' I kin help 'em some-Mus' get some one

Somehow jest by stayin' round In one section, Keepin' long enuff 'bove the ground Fur inspection, Feller seems to kind of rise, Ez time goes, in folkses eyes Bimeby they think he's wise— I've no 'bjection.

Inter bisness ez a sage I seem goin', Ez my wiskers wite with age Keeps a-growin'. Thar's one drawback, I mus' say, It's a bisness that don't pay, Some o' these days p'raps it may— Thar's no knowin'. -Phillips Thompson.

CAPE RETURN CARGOES. skins and Wat:le to Be Sent to Canada as an Experiment,

A copy of The Times of Natal, which was received the other day, contains an interview with Mr. J. G. Jardine, the Dominion Government's trade agent in South Africa. Jardine enumerates many lines of manufactures Canada could export to South Africa. In reply, however, to the question, "What about exports to Canada?" he replies:

"That is at present the difficulty. When the new direct line is running we shall, of course, want a return cargo, but so far the prospect is poor. We can take any quantity of your goat and sheepskins, and I am in hopes of introducing wattle into Canada. At present our tanners have to use hemlock, and we import American oak leather from the States. Sir Benjamin Greenacre is interesting himself in the project, and the first ship of the new line will take back with her a hundredweight of wattle to each of the principal tanning firms in Canada. If the experimental cargo proves a success. there is no reason why the trade should not develop."

Regarding the feasibility of Mr. Jardine's ideas, Mr. A. R. Clarke of the firm of Clarke & Co., Toronto, sent Canada doesn't trade in them very much, but conditions would be altered if they could be imported as cheaply as return cargo. The reason London receives so large a proporalso. There is another special rea- that speaks. however, why the bulk of the Cape sheep skins go to London, Cape wool is very fine, and is largely used in the manufacture of tweeds by the arge factories near London. We have not the factories that could handle the wool and turn out such fine cloth. Still, there is considerable trade in Cape sheep and goat skins in New York, and we ought to case was in progress, one of the lawbe able to do something in that way, yers being an eastern man who was

"I have had no experience of wattle for tanning," continued Mr. honor?" he asked will Clarke, "but I understand that it had been submitted. gives a fair, light russet color. Yes, that is just what our tanners want. It might be handled as a powder or an extract in order to save freight. It's altogether a, matter of cost. The cost is reckoned on the percentage of tanning obtained. Hemlock is used because it is indigenous to the country. It is, however, becoming scarce, but not so scarce that wattle could good, unless freight rates were very dia and sumac from Sicily. Why not wattle from South Africa?"

Then, after a few moments' thought ipon the matter, Mr. Clarke added: Yes, I think there might be, on the whole, considerable business worked up in those lines."

A Grizzly's Revenge

On Friday, July 25, a Kootenay Indian named "Big Jim," who was of the Wild Horse creek, a of the Kootenay, ran hunting up the Wild Horse creek, a ributary across a large grizzly bear and fired at him several shots. The bear got away and the Indian thinking might have wounded him, as he found blood on the trail. followed, and in passing along was set upon by the bear, who had cached himself in some underbrush. The grizzly knocked the Indian down, tore away nearly all of the face, broke the under aw in several places and made deep gashes on his shoulder and legs, leave ng the poor Indian insensible. Fortunately he had a good dog with him that attacked the bear and

drove him away, or the Indian would have been killed outright. He was afterwards found by his ompanions, who carried him several niles to the wagon road, and from here brought him to Fort Steele, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Brodie' who at once pronounced it a case for the hospital. He was removed to St. Eugene's, where he was operated on by three doctors, but it is doubtful if the man will

The Indian was a noted bear hunter, and was considered one of the most skilful and determined amongst

What Ind He Mean? She-Good-bye! Remember me to memory for old faces!-Sydney Town If I all all and Country Journal.

S OF APPETITE



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> No Charge. A group of representatives were one

day telling stories of their experience in court when one of them contributed this incident from Arizona, says a western newspaper: Out in one of the border towns a

new to the country. "Will you charge the jury, your honor?" he asked when the evidence

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