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The following is a copy of Peter the Great's will. It is interesting at the present time, because it is the key to Russian policy. It bore the heading "Copy of the plan of European domination, left by Peter the Great to his successors to the throne of Russia, and deposited in the archives of the Palace of Peterhol, near the present time, because it is the key to Russian policy. It bore the heading "Copy of the plan of European domination, left by Peter the Great to his successors to the throne of Russia, and deposited in the archives of the Palace of Peterhof, near St. Petersburg," and in the highly pietistic preamble, written in the name of the "Most Holy and Indivisible Trinity." Peter urges that, according to his views, which he believes to be those of Providence, the Russian people are called to the general domination of Europe. The European nations, he argues, have, for the most part, arrived at a condition of sentility, and must be easily and indubitably conquered by a young and new people, when this last shall have attained its full strength and greatness. To this end, he bequeaths to Russia the following instructions, which he recommends to their constant attention, as Moses recommended the tables of the law to the Jews:

Text of the Will.

1. The Russians must be kept in a continual state of war, in order to retain the soldiery in warlike dispositions. No repose, except to ameliorate the finances, to recruit the army and to wait for moments propitious for attack. Thus make peace serve for war, and war for peace, in the interest of the aggrandizement and increasing prosperity of Russia. of Russia, and deposited in the archives of the Palace of Peterhof, near St. Petersburg," and in the highly pretistic preamble, written in the name of the "Most Holy and Indivisible Trinity," Peter urges that, according to his views, which he believes to be those of Providence, the Russian people are called to the general domination of Europe. The European nations, he argues, have, for the most part, arrived at a condition of senility, and must be easily and indubitably conquered by a young and new people, when this last shall have attained its full strength and greatness. To this end, he bequeaths to Russia the following instructions, which he recommends to their constant attention, as Moses recom-

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2. By all possible means we must draw towards us, out of the best instructed nations of Europe, generals in time of war and learned men in time of peace, in order to make the Russian nation profit by the advantages of other countries without losing any of her own.

3. On all occasions we must take part in the affairs and in the discussions of any kind in Europe, above all with those of Germany, which, situated nearer to us, is of more direct interest.

4. Poland must be divided by our keeping up there disorder and perpetual selections in the order to the order to be an except to the executive the convention was the proper to the control of the order to be divided by our keeping up there disorder and perpetual selections in the control of the order to be an executive to be a control of the order to be a control of th

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innuenced an brined to act upon the elections of the kings; we must create for ourselves their partisans, protect them, send thither Russian troops and leave them there until they have found an opportunity of remaining there forever. Should the neighboring powers raise difficulties, we must satisfy them temporarily by parcelling out the country, until we can retake what we have yielded.

5.—We must take from Sweden as much as we can, and cause ourselves to be attacked by her, in order that we may have a preference for subjugating her. With this view, we must separate her from Denmark, and Denmark from Sweden, and keep up carefully their rivalry.

6.—The wives of Russian princes are always to be chosen amongst ferman princesses, to multiply family alliances, to lighten the interests and thus to bind Germany to our cause by increasing there our influence.

8. We must incessantly extend ourselves towards the north along the Baltic Sea, and towards the south along the Black Sea.

9. We must advance as far as possible towards Constantinople and the East Indies. Whoever shall reign there will be the true master of the world. Therefore, we must excite continual wars, sometimes with Turkey-sometimes with Persia; create dockyards on the Black Sea; take possession, little by little, of that sea, as well as of the Baltic, which is a point doubly necessary for the success of the project; we must hasten the downfall of Persia; penetrate as far as the Persian Gulf; re-establish, if possible, the ancient commerce of the Lovant through Syria; and advance as far as the Indies, which are the emporium of the world. When once there, we can do without the gold of England.

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10. We must carefully seek and keep up the alliance with Austria; apparently second her design for future domination over Germany; and we must excite underhand against her the jealousy of the princes. We must induce each and all of these to seek succor from Russia, and exercise a sort of protection over the country, which may prepare our future domination.

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11. We must interest the house of Austria in the expulsion of the Turk from Europe, and neutralize her jealousy after the conquest of Constantinople, either by exciting a war between her and the old States of Europe, or by giving up to her a part of the conquest, to retake it from her afterwards.

12. We must gather around us all the disunited or schismatic Greeks who are spread in Hungary, in Turkey and in the south of Poland; we must make ourselves their centre, their support, and thus found, by anticipation, a universal predominance, a sort of royalty or sacredotal supremacy. There will be so many friends in the midst of each of our enemies.

13.—Sweden having been dismem-

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In some parts of Western America the heat at 3,000 feet is almost unbearable, while at the Calumei and Heela copper mine in North Mishigan, U.S.A., there is a rise of only 4 deg. Fahrenheit in a depth of 4,400 feet, although no artificial ventilation is resorted to. The temperature of the coal on discovery at the Rosebridge colliery in Lancashire was stated by the management to be 93 deg. Fahrenheit, but it afterwards fell to 63 deg. Fahrenheit.

A Woman of the Day.

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7. We must principally seek the alliance of England for commerce, because it is the power most in want of us for its navy, and which can be the most useful in the development of ours. We must exchange our timber and other productions for her gold, and establish continuous relations amongst her traders and seamen and ours, which will form those of this country to navigation and commerce.

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The Girl at Devil's Tower

By IZOLA L. FORRESTER

The first time that Campbell saw her she was standing in the doorway of the schoolhouse, ringing a huge, hol-low sounding bell, while the children scurried in all directions like a flock

scurried in all directions like a flock of frightened sage hens.

Campbell pulled up Cyclone and watched. There had been no school at Devil's Tower for over a year. The last teacher had been a young fellow from Kansas City. The two Chibouque boys did him up one day when he called Louis "a half breed ignoramus." Louis said he wouldn't be called any name he didn't know the meaning

mus." Louis said he wouldn't be called any name he didn't know the meaning of. The risk was too great. So he did up the teacher, and the key was turned in the schoolhouse door.

Campbell stared at the new schoolma'sm admiringly. More than that, when her flock was safe inside he rode leisurely up to the open windows and stared in them—not rudely, but interestedly.

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She looked absurdly young perched up behind the rough plank desk. She was fair. A bunch of purple wild flowers was fastened in her hair. Jules Chibouque fired a tattered hat at the row of nails back of the teacher. It fell short of the mark and struck the bunch of purple flowers. Campbell's leg was half out of the saddle when "Jules, you come here."

It was a good, commanding voice. Campbell waited. Jules stalked down beneath it in disgrace. A knothole offered golden opportunities, and Jules' tongue wagged merrily through it at

an appreciative audience.
The little schoolma'am bent forward and gave the offending member a royal slap with an oak ruler. Jules howled in pain, and Campbell rode on rejoic pline at last.

He found out at the Arrow Head ranch that she was old Colby's niece,



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and was boarding there. Also that she was nineteen, from Chicago, and her name was Ethel Maude Colby. The colby did not affect him, but all the way home from the ranch and during the week that followed the name of Ethel rang in his ears like a refrain of

half forgotten music.

Every day Campbell rode up the river read and looked in the schoolhouse window just for a glimpse of the pretty blond head. One Saturday night he started wildly for the Arrow Head ranch, and all the way home Cyclone kept pace with the joyous whis-tling, for he had been introduced to her, and she had blushed, and all the world

was full of promise.

After that night Cyclone was ridden at a breakneck speed every afternoon from Campbell's ranch down at Five Forks to the bend in the river road, there to wait patiently and peacefully until a certain figure in a trim gray skirt and white shirt waist rode down the path from the schoolhouse on a

skirt and white shirt waist rode down the path from the schoolhouse on a black pony and greeted him with sky eyed pleasure.

"Reckon Tom Campbell's shining up to ye, Ethel," old Colby said gravely when the wooing was well advanced.

The girl laughed and bent lower over her books at the kitchen table.

"It isn't anything, Uncle Ben."

The old ranchman glauced at her keenly through the rifts of smoke from his pipe.

"Ain't it? Tom seems to think it is

his pipe,
"Ain't it? Tom seems to think it is.
Got any objections to him?"
Edith laughed and shook her head,
"He's just a cowboy," she said, and
looked up to find Tom Campbell's six
foot two blocking the kitchen door.
There was a look in his frank gray
eyes she had never seen there, not of
anger or defeat, but simply determination.

********* nails back of the desk.

He came over and leaned on the

"No, you mustn't. Wait till it lets up a bit." He lifted her pearl handled pen tenderly and curbously, as if it had been a stray feather dropped from an angel's wing. "That's a mighty pretty thing ain't it?" He met her eyes suddenly. "Say, I want to know if you meant what you said youder, what we have the stray below to be supported to the stray below to the sum of the su

if you meant what you said youder, about my being a no account, rough and tumble cowboy?"

"I didn't say that."

"But you meant it." Her lashes drooped guiltily under his steady gaze.
"I don't blame you, I know I'm different from your city breed, but love comes the same to a man whether he's a professor or a cowboy you know. a professor or a cowboy, you know. I'd make you mighty happy, Ethel, if you'd let me." His voice was low and tender. "Seems as if I don't want anything in life but you."

He bent nearer over the narrow roughly painted desk, his eyes on level with her own, but she looked away from him out of the little side window. It was splashed and blurred outlines of the hills that lay like barrier between the range country and the outer world. She had always hoped to go back some day, but the spell of the open and the glory of freedom stole over her with the low music of his voice. Somewhere in her beart she caught the echo to his own words and "Seems as if I don't want anything

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A crash of thunder shook the little frame building, and she rose unstead-

"Will you please bring Gypsy from He hesitated.

"If you do, I shall go too. The dam up at Caribou run broke at 4 o'clock, cascade."

It was nearly two miles to the old log bridge that spanned the river. Campbell did not try to talk. He took her silence and reserve as his answer but his face looked almost stern in the beside the black pony. As they neared the log bridge a vivid flash of lightning made both herses rear, and he caught Gypsy's bridle.
"We can't cross the river," he said.

"You'll have to turn back."
"I can't," she answered over her shoulder, as the pony shook herself free. "The bridge is safe."

Before he could stop her she had rid-len forward on to the frail logs, that shuddered and strained at the shock. There was a sudden rending, crushing sound, and the next instant the logs had parted and swept away on the foathing waters with Gypsy's terrified head and pawing hoofs showing be-

One cry for help reached Campbell's

"Tom! Tom!" she called, and he headed Cyclone downstream in a race with the swollen, rushing river. As he came abreast of her he raised bimself in his stirrups and swung his lariat straight for the pony's head. It fell straight for the ponys head. It tell and drew taut. Cyclone braced for the shock, as he had in many a roundup capture, and in a few seconds the black pony was stumbling up the bank, drenched and half strangled, but with

one brief instant she seemed all pale, sweet lips that had so nearly rained the cup of death.
"Mine," he whispered beneath his

reath. "Mine, just for now."

'I'm glad you're a cowboy."

The Cheap Watch Habit.

"When cheap watches first came out," said a jeweler, "a man who carried one was as chary about showing it as he would be about exhibiting a white 'dickey' front to hide a fiannel shirt. Now it's different. A man with a nickel watch will walk right up to a chronometer exhibited in a jeweler's window, pull out his timeplece and regulate it with as much pride and regulate it with as much pride and earnestness as though it was a Jurgensen. The fact that other men are looking over his shoulder regulating gold watches does not feaze him.

"A man came in here with a dollar

gold watches does not feaze him.

"A man came in here with a dollar watch to be repaired. 'It will cost you fitty cents,' I said.

"'Oh, go ahead,' he 'replied. 'I'll save fifty cents anyhow. I've got a gold one at my uncle's. Every little while I drop around to take a look at it and pay the interest. I suppose I'll take it out some day. Meanwhile, I've got mightily attached to this one.'"—New York Press.

Trout Poachers.

A favorite method of trout thieves is to take a sack or bag, weight it with stones and place it, mouth up stream, in the narrowest part of the brook. Then one of the rascals comes down stream, wading, poking under the banks with a stick and scaring the trout, who rush down stream into the sack. This sort of thing, varied now and then by exploding dynamite under the water and gathering the dead or stunned fish, which float, has cleaned out some of our public trout waters. In other words, these thieves have robbed the public and have sold the proceeds of the robbery for their own benefit. The game laws are not nearly stringent enough. Fines never deter such rascals from attempting to reimburse themselves. Imprisonment at hard labor is the only antidote.—Harper's Weekly.

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