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A word about some of these warring elements, Tartars and Armenians, in the Caucasus region. In the first place, the Tartars are not "Tartars" at all, but "Tatars." The word is practically the same in Persian and Chinese, and probably means a nomad or an archer. The latter has crept into the spelling doubtless through an ignorant confusion of "Tatar" with "Tartarus," which means hell, because the Tartars were supposed to be such ferocious people. According to the encyclopedia "The term Tatar is loosely applied to certain Tungusic tribes originally inhabiting Manchuria and Mongolia." The Manchus, the reigning race in China are Tartars. In the course of the westward movement of the Mongols the term Tatar obtained vogue among the civilized peoples of Western Asia and Europe. The term Tatar is loosely applied to a little discrimination to the hordes of Mongols who descended from time to time upon the frontiers of Occidental civilization and to the civilized peoples subdued by them. Ultimately it came to be used almost, if not quite, as a synonym for Turkish. The Tartars of European Russia are of diverse origin. Most of the peoples styled Tartars are of Turkish stock, but very mixed physically. In their own tongues the Armenians call themselves "Haik," and, according to their language, they are entitled to rank as a very old branch of the Aryan stock, in some respects intermediate between the Aryans of Europe and the Aryans of Greater Asia. Physically they are of a primitive type, short and thick-set, dark-skinned and of "exaggerated brachycephalism," or short-headedness. They inhabited in early prehistoric times a considerable portion of Asia Minor, and have contributed or borrowed from Aryans of other types. Somites, Caucasians, and Semites. They are indolent and intelligent and good business men. In many cities of the East they are the principal merchants and money-lenders. Most of them belong to the Armenian Church.

Armenia at present is merely a historical conception. The ancient and medieval Armenians, the Russians and the Persians and the Armenian people have been scattered over Asia Minor and much of Europe. The revolutionary propaganda, inspired by the Russian nihilist propaganda, has attained to formidable dimensions since 1880. The news of the butchery of Armenians by the Kurds stirred Europe and America. In the years 1895 and 1896. Thousands of Armenians were massacred in Constantinople in August, 1896.

RUSSIAN JEWS IN AMERICA.

Literary Digest.

More than 12 per cent of all the Jews in existence dwell in the United States. Possibly one out of every forty-six white Americans is a Jew. Nearly every fifth inhabitant of New York City is a Jew, and Manhattan borough has twice as many Jews as any other city in the world, while the rising tide of immigration promises eventually to give to the United States a Jewish population second to that of no other nation. These weighty facts, which may be verified by a reference to "The Jewish Encyclopedia," clothe with vital interest the increasing output of literature on Jewish immigration and Jewish life in this country. The Jews are proud of their history in America. It is claimed for them by Madison C. Peters in The Sunday Magazine that the funds which enabled Columbus to fit out his caravels and discover the New World did not come from the Jewish-bank of Isabella, but from the strong-boxes of Louis de Santangel and Gabriel Sanchez, two enormously wealthy Jews, who enjoyed the favor of this famous queen and her royal mate; and also that Rodrigo de Triana, the sailor who first saw land, and Louis de Torres, the first white man to set foot on American soil, were Jews. It was, however, a long time before the Jews availed themselves of the rights which Mr. Peters cedes to them as joint discoverers with Columbus of the Western Hemisphere. Only a few Spanish-Portuguese Jews came to America. The German, Dutch and English contingents, which largely constituted the second Jewish immigration, were numerous enough to attract attention, but it was not until 1882, when the anti-Semite agitation in Russia became unbearable, that Jews began to come to America in such numbers as to give rise to a "problem." Such at least seems to be the conclusion to be drawn from a recently published book "Planned and edited" by Mr. Charles S. Bernheimer. This interesting volume, entitled "The Russian Jew in America," is a symposium of facts and figures concerning the Russian Jew subjects and their descendants in the United States. It gives a clear insight into the character of these new additions to the country's population, a graphic account of their customs and present condition, and offers some encouraging speculations on their ambitions and prospects in life. This book declares that 1,000,000 of 1,500,000 Jews now living in the United States are Russian. Their extraction defies analysis. They are Lithuanian, Valynian, Bessarabian, Galician, Polish and Roumanian. But there is no dissociation among them on "not account. In fact, they are as well informed, so faithful to Zionism as of their congeners who preceded them hither, that in spite of marked differences in beliefs, Henrietta Seid, one of the contributors to the book, ventures to predict:

"The result will be an United Israel in America, responsive as a body to the calls and aspirations of Israel the world over, showing neither rift nor seam where the disparate elements have been forged together, and strong through the presence of every modification of Jewish character, thought, conviction, and ideal."

The Russian Jews have invariably settled in the cities. We find that there are only about a thousand Jewish farmers in the West. Four hundred in New England, and a few hundreds more in New Jersey. The points which attract the greatest numbers of immigrants are New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, where they have established their "Ghettoes," which if not the most crowded, are at least the most populous spots on the continent. They are crowded quarters they live and thrive, and displaying all those qualities of heart and mind which have enabled them to endure centuries of torture, persecution and adversity. One writer says that the Jews in New York are the "healthiest and longest lived class of the population." The diseases which they are most subject to are nervous disorders.

A physician declares that "the vast majority of Jews are neurotics, and that nearly all the women are hysterical."

organism in adaptation to new conditions, defending himself against his medieval persecutors who mercilessly gloated over his agonies, torturing him with a fiendish glee of hate and intolerance, have left him a physical wreck as far as external appearance is concerned. But on the other hand, these intemperate conditions have also had other effects on the Jew's organization. Partly by weeding out, either by death or baptism, all those of the Jew who, by reason of physical, mental and intellectual inferiority, could not withstand the ban of poverty, abuse and persecution, and partly by keenly sharpening the sense, and by developing the functional activity of the brain of those who were sufficiently brave, stubborn enough to remain Jews in the face of that brutal persecution, natural selection has left behind a race which is at present fully equipped with means to resist poverty, misfortune, and even death more easily than other races who have had no such struggle for their existence. Only those most resistant to the effects of disease, the healthiest who could easily adapt and acclimatize themselves to new conditions, in brief, only the fittest have

A Source of Wealth.

Montreal Gazette.

According to the calculations of a New Hampshire statistician, in the last four years, 3,213 summer homes have been constructed in that state, at a cost of \$2,006,825; the sum of \$2,668,000 has been spent upon betterments of buildings and lands, and 221 new hotels and boarding houses have been erected, at a cost of \$5,014,250. In all over \$10,000,000 has been spent in providing for the summer rest of city dwellers, and these latter are now alleged to pay three-quarters of the taxation of the state, and to spend \$3,780,000 in New Hampshire annually. These figures are rather amazing, but they probably come somewhere near the truth; for it is a well-known fact that thousands of the abandoned farms in New Hampshire and Vermont have been purchased by people from the cities in search of quiet and restful dwelling places for the summer. They are not making money out of their agricultural investments, but they have added markedly to the profits of those who will till the soil for a living.

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We also learn from Mr. Bernheimer's book that this lack of proper physical development is the reason why so few Russian Jews become laborers. Their bodily weakness incapacitates them from doing hard manual labor, and so the lower classes become peddlers and tailors, while the more intelligent among them enter the trades and the professions. "The transition period from the junk pedlar to the retail or wholesale dry goods merchant, from the cloakmaker to the cloak manufacturer, is comparatively short." A no insignificant number of the successful and prosperous teachers, doctors, lawyers, real estate agents and bankers in New York and in the other large cities are Russian Jews. But in spite of their commercial and industrial activity, which is improving their economic conditions so rapidly, Mr. Bern-

heimers by using our best endeavors to establish a strong government. "Hereafter, the princes, dukes and masters of the eight banners must all earnestly practice military art, and attain the utmost proficiency, which will leave no time for the observance of mere forms; and we order all officials in future not to carry the bow and arrow when they attend state ceremonies, nor are imperial bodyguards or the palace guards to use them, but the best weapons must be provided for them. Let the board of war draw up the necessary regulations for the proper testing of military efficiency for the soldiers, and let the said board report thereon."