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The Unknown Bridegroom.

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the tide to recede, for both men felt sure now that some accident—a fall, perhaps—had happened to him, rendering him unconscious, and helpless, and thus he had fallen a prey to the hungry waves.

Nevertheless, the search was kept up for several days longer, but with no satisfactory result. Then Mr. Carrol, feeling that he had done all that was possible, returned to London and sadly renewed his duties.

Upon their arrival at Worthing Towers Sir Walter found Sir Walter with an elegant broughy drawn by a fine pair of grays in silver-mounted harness, and with a driver and footman in livery.

Mr. Carrol was greatly disappointed to find that the carriage he had been told of was not his own, but that of the three or four weeks used on his way, and related legends and scraps of history connected with the place, although his basket was missing.

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THE DISEASES OF POULTRY.

Some Common Troubles—Prevention and Treatment.

The Poultry Division, Ottawa, points out that the treatment of poultry diseases seldom concerns the farmer. If the healthiest and most vigorous fowls are kept for breeding, if the chickens are reared under satisfactory conditions, fed on wholesome food and not overcrowded, there will rarely be disease amongst them.

Leg Weakness—Leg weakness is found among chicks that are housed in badly constructed brooders, overfed with unsuitable food, or not allowed sufficient exercise on an earth floor.

Worms—Worms may be removed by the fumes of sulphur or coal tar, or by dropping one or two drops of spirit turpentine or kerosene on a saucer into the windpipe.

Worms in the windpipe. The windpipe becomes inflamed, and this, together with the worms, is apt to cause suffocation of the chicken.

Worms in the crop. The crop becomes inflamed, and this, together with the worms, is apt to cause suffocation of the chicken.

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PEOPLE IN RUSSIA NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH THE WAR PARTY.

(London Times Correspondence.) It is not easy for a foreigner to gauge the real feelings of the Russian people or any section of them concerning the war.

The newspapers give one, as a rule, a very erroneous idea of the general trend of opinion, especially those published in German or French.

It does not require a very long stay in the country, or a very deep insight into its life, to realize how very unpopular the war is among all classes save the officials.

In St. Petersburg the official world is predominant, and largely influences public opinion, and one learns a good deal of the chauvinist view that Russia is bound to conquer Manchuria and humble Japan, and that the war will be over in a few months.

It is in Moscow, where the commercial world is more influential, one hears a very different story. As a general rule the war is spoken of as a misfortune, like the plague or a famine, and as likely to go on until it pleases God or the Government to stop it.

There is no trace of pro-Japanese feeling in Russia, but they realize that the country's great need is for internal reform from top to bottom, and that demands of the Government.

These ideas are still more strongly expressed in private conversation, and it is not uncommon to find people secretly cursing the war, and being more likely to bring about internal changes.

The present situation in Russia bears considerable resemblance to the state of affairs at the time of and after the Crimean war. Before the war the great majority of educated Russians justified the reactionary methods of the Government under Alexander III.

CHASING BY A WHITE WHALE.

Spouting and thrashing the water with his big tail, the monster white whale, which has been sporting off the north shore from Lynn to Rockport for two weeks, gave two Beverly fishermen a chase.

Friday Capt. John Haskell, who commands the steam yacht Aurora, owned by Dudley L. Pickham, a Beverly summer colonist, was out fishing when the whale came up near him.

The whale began to hit up his speed, and Capt. Haskell began to bend to the east. Hoping to stop the fish, Capt. Haskell threw one of his extra oars overboard, and then bent down again.

He did not watch to see whether the fish swallowed the timber or not, but pulled hard for the shallow water and was soon out of the danger.

Former Ald. Fred W. Trow, of Beverly Farms, also had an experience with the monster which he does not care to repeat. He was out fishing off Pride's crossing when the whale suddenly appeared, leaping directly into the boat.

The former alderman concluded that discretion was the better part of valor and began to bit up a fast stroke toward the beach. He also swam the fish by running into shallow water, the whale being unable to follow him in.

The whale is a good-sized one, and Gloucester fishermen are talking of organizing a whaling party and hope to capture the white prize.—New York Herald.

Zadkiel of the Almanac. The original "Zadkiel" was an interesting person. His name was Richard James Morrison, whose father is described as "a gentleman pensioner under George III."

INVASION OF THE SEA.

The alarming extent to which the sea is diminishing the area of the British Isles is hardly realized.