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HER COMPLAINTS.

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Frenchmen of the North.

TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS OF FINLAND.

Whether in the new Siberia or the old India, whether in progressive Alaska or savage Europe, Mr. Harry De Windt is always a delightful impressionist of travel, and one is glad to see a second edition of "Finland as It Is." In this book the author is distinctly hostile to St. Petersburg, and cites as "one of the saddest sights" that he ever saw in his life the picture of a young Frenchman who, fired by the glamour of the Franco-Russian Alliance, had come to the Russian capital in search of a Slav Lutetia. His visit extended over two days, and most of this time was spent in the reading-room of the principal hotel, "immersed in the antediluvian volumes of 'Punch,' which formed the sole literary solace of unhappy guests."

Chance took Mr. De Windt to Finland, where he found everything except the climate and the military uniform changed. With the exception of Moscow and Odessa, he had found the great Russian towns depressing, some of them almost squalid, so that Finland proved a veritable transformation. "Viborg is barely eighty miles from Petersburg, and yet I awaken to-day in another world, in a cosy bedroom worthy of the Gordon Hotels." He found the people as delightful as their country, but rather inquisitive. Here are some of the questions that are considered perfectly normal from traveling acquaintances of a few minutes' standing: "Where is your home?" "Where are you going?" "Are you married?" "Is your wife good-looking?" "Have you any children?" "What is your income?" The author adds, in justice to this pleasant people, that they are perfectly willing to give information on their own private affairs at the slightest opportunity. And he goes on to note a far more important point, namely, that Finland, with the possible exception of France, is one of the very few countries in Europe where the peasants do not expect remuneration for any act of courtesy which may have involved a slight expenditure.

The Finlander likes to be called the "Frenchman of the North," and Mr. De Windt claims that he deserves the title, for he knows how to enjoy himself with the spontaneous gaiety of France. Finland, indeed, is not a mere province of the Russian Empire, but a delightful country, with an individuality which it is only too passionately anxious to preserve. Most of us in England know very little of this country, of which, prior to his visit, Mr. Harry De Windt admits that he himself was wholly ignorant: "Many a time in British seaports have I watched some clumsy, weather-beaten barque from the eastern shores of the Atlantic discharge her cargo, and picturing her return to some squalid, desolate settlement in the Far North, never dreaming that she had sailed away from a crowded city, with stone buildings and boulevards, tramcars, and electric light!" The Grand Duchy has two languages, Finnish and Swedish, the former of which is spoken by no less than eighty-five per cent. of the whole population. "Finnish," says the author, "completely differs from all other European languages, and it is even more complicated and difficult than Russian. It has a soft, musical sound, well adapted for music and poetry, while its extensive vocabulary consists of over 200,000 words." The politeness of the Finns was conspicuous during the whole of the author's visit, and was as prevalent in the country as in the town. "Drive along a country road, and every peasant will raise his hat to you, not deferentially, but with the quiet dignity of an equal. The high standard of education, almost legally exacted from the lowest classes in Finland, is unusually high, for the most illiterate plow-boy may not marry the girl of his choice until he can read the Bible from end to end to the satisfaction of his pastor, and the same rule applies to the fair sex."

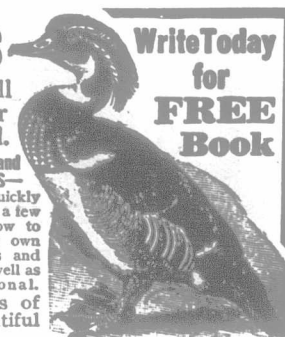
Finland has not yet been Russianized, and the author prophesies that it will

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