

### Asked to be Killed.

One of the most remarkable trials that ever came before a German Court and which almost ended in the passing of an unjust sentence of death, came to a sudden close in Berlin. During one of the periodical raids on places of ill-fame, the Berlin police arrested a murderer named Mulberg. A very valuable watch and chain and a number of thousand mark notes were found in his possession, and when he was taken before a judge and charged with having committed a murder in order to get the property, he told a story that no one in the Court could possibly believe. Mulberg declared that while crossing the Tempelhofer Field (an expanse of waste land on the outskirts of Berlin) on his way to work, he was accosted by a man who asked him whether he would like to earn a few thousand marks. Mulberg replied in the affirmative, and the man then told him he had contracted an incurable disease during the war, and had reason to fear insanity. Consequently, he would like to commit suicide, but lacked the courage. If Mulberg would approach him from behind and smash his skull with one of the large stones lying in the field, he would leave to him his watch and chain, and a purse filled with thousand mark notes. Mulberg agreed to kill the man, who then sank on his knees and prayed while he awaited the death blow. But, at the last moment, Mulberg himself lost courage. He threw away the stone, grabbed the watch and chain and purse, which the unknown man had placed on the ground beside him, and bolted. As might be expected, such a story was credited by no one, and Mulberg went before a jury on a charge of murder. Whilst the purse was being passed to the jurors for inspection, one of the men felt something pliable in the lining. The purse was ripped open, and a visiting card bearing the name of a doctor, who is also a manufacturer, was found. The proceedings were suspended whilst the doctor was sent for, and two hours later, when he came into court, he declared that every word of Mulberg's story was true. The doctor fully confirmed Mulberg's story, and the judge soundly rated him for not having come forward voluntarily. Mulberg was discharged, and, with the consent of the doctor, money and watch was handed to him.

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Many Battles for Constantinople.

A city so placed, and drawing to itself its tribute of the riches of the world, is in an exposed position, an object of the conqueror's desire. It was taken many times. It was taken by the Persians and the Spartans, by Alcibiades, Lyssander, Alexander, Septimius Severus, and Constantine. After Constantine its emperors presided, with the majesty of Augustus, over the dying Roman Empire. Probably they did not hasten its fall; more likely they kept life in it long after its normal time to die. They had their proportion of great men and sometimes the name of a Constantine or a Paleologus is almost fit to shine with those of some of the western Caesars. They had a hard part to play. Through the Middle Ages civilization was not rising for them; it was going down, authority was weakening, the barbarian was coming closer every decade.

There was a lively trade in the ninth century, and before, between the Russians and the Mediterranean world, through Constantinople. A fleet of rude boats annually visited it with slaves, furs, honey and wax, hides; and returned with wine and oil, Indian spices and Greek manufactures, to the enrichment of the brokers and warehousemen serving this profitable business. But the Russians coveted the riches of the city even then, and within two centuries tried four times to take it; and inasmuch as neither human nature nor geography undergoes much alteration, whoever holds Constantinople must look out for the Russian. It was believed that a statue in one of the squares was inscribed with a prophecy that Russia should one day be master of Constantinople, and this encouraged Russia's hope. That hope still lives, supported to some degree by a sort of legal claim arising out of the marriage of a prince of Moscow with an heiress of the Eastern Empire. As in many cases of the sort, it is largely a matter of getting possession, but the present tenants are hard to evict, and the neighbors will not help.

### Why She Was Cross.

"What is the translation of the motto on the inside of your engagement ring?" she asked her fiancé. "Faithful to the last!" he murmured. "How horrid! And you've always told me before that I was the very best!"

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### PAINFUL HISTORY.

You would forget unpleasant things, and so would other men, so don't dig up old smarts and stings, with idle tongue or pen; he is no loyal friend who brings remembrance back again. Since I was pinched for hitting some fifty miles or more, I must each day with sorrow say, "The topic makes me sore; my friends still pass the bitter cup, and make my life a bore. 'I hear, you served a stretch in jail,' my neighbor cries, at dawn, when I got forth with hose and pail to moisten down the lawn, yet he must know his jest is stale its point forever gone. And when is tolled the evening bell, and I sit down to rest, I hear the passing voter yell, 'You like your freedom best? This thing of living in a cell is certainly no jest.' They mean no harm, I realize, they think their humor fine; and yet they fill with poignant sighs this aching breast of mine, and force up to my weary eyes the waves of scalding brine. I would forget the sixty days I spent in durance vile, but harmless, well-intentioned jays combine to stir my bile; my Berserk ire their daily raise, and do it with a smile.

### After Him.

Lucy, the new maid, was not very good-looking, but she thought she was. She came back from a shopping errand and declared excitedly: "Oh, my, a young gentleman has been following me!"

"Indeed!" said her mistress. "Yes," said Lucy, "I know he was following me, because he kept looking round to see if I was coming."

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### The Tragedy of Tolstoy's

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Vladimir Chertkov and Alexandra Tolstoy are both Americans to send them funds of relief of those Russian Tolstoy who are "conscientious" against the present regime of the country. Those individuals attempt to carry out and show Tolstoyan doctrines of non-violence in Russia to-day look to Alexandra Tolstoy and V. G. Chertkov, spiritual heirs of their father, appeal to these two people to distress.

Chertkov for many years was Tolstoy's closest friend and at the same time regarded by the Tolstoy family as her most intimate. For many years Chertkov was the custodian of Tolstoy's diary after a struggle between his wife, Tolstoy and Chertkov, lasted for years and which ended Tolstoy's life so that at last his family, Tolstoy took them out of Chertkov's hand and put them in a bank as a sort of repository.

Alexandra Tolstoy was her secretary for many years and closest friend and sympathizer. The members of his family, he willed his literary properties to Alexandra with the express purpose preventing the Countess Tolstoy controlling these rights. After Tolstoy's death, the Countess had the will set aside in her favor but was unsuccessful. The poignant human drama which Tolstoy, the Countess and Chertkov were the protagonists has up till now never been to the world in its entirety. Huebsch will publish the biography of the Countess Tolstoy which this peculiar story is terms that will move even the indifferent reader.

### The Problem.

"Mr. Anderson," said the man to the butler, "I want your advice."

"What's wrong?" "The master left me a letter to call him at six this evening, he didn't go to bed till he can't puzzle it out."



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