Several Years at the Russian Court.

The Russian workman, his needs, his demands, his oppressions, stir the heart and mind of Great Britain to its depths at the present moment. What he is, and how he lives, seem a minor consideration. It may be interesting ting to see him at home, Miss M. Eagar in Pearson's

Forty-three years ago he was a slave—could be bought and like a beast. Alexander II. freed him, and we must now see what freedom has done for him. He is, above all things, pious. His religi-

above all things, pious. His religious fervor astonishes one. He is horribly afraid of the vengeance of the Saints, and for this reason the Russian calendar has never been altered—they still count old style. He is a believer in fairies, always malignant spirits to be guarded against, but who may be coaxed into good humor by little gifts. He is extremely afraid of "The Evil Eye," and many and weird are the charms practised with the object of averting it.

He will never sleep in the dark, nor will be live alone. He is nevy.

He will never sleep in the dark, nor will be live alone. He is nervous, superstitious, ignorant, but withal kindly, hospitable, generous. But he is idle. He will rarely work five days in the week, and he cannot be depended upon. Employers but he is idle. He will rarely work five days in the week, and he cannot be depended upon. Employers will understand that when they learn that hiring is done from day to day.

I was at one time in Moscow. Thaw had set in, and gangs of work-ing men were clearing the streets of noon they threw down their tools in the middle of the street, lay

AND WENT TO SLEEP!

Greatly surprised, I turned to Russian friend and said: "Can that be allowed? Those men will be kill-ed by the passing vehicles."

She merely shrugged her shoulders and said: 'Even so: it is the will of

God."

They are such fatalists. "The will of God" is always their cry. Mistresses have the right of administering corporal punishment on their

French or German will work steadily, week in and week out. The Russian is incapable of so doing, though his work is far superior to

CANNOT DEPEND ON THEM.

The head of a baby linen warehouse that did most of the sewing for the Imperial household, told me the fol-

lowing story:
"The Empress likes, so far as possible, to give the Grand Duchesses' work to Russian people, and an order for some little smocks for the children had been placed with this

THE RUSSIAN WORKMAN "She went, and did not return for six months, and the smocks lay unfinished all that time."

WHITE MEN TAKE RISKS

HIS SUPERSTITIONS, HOW HE
LIVES, WHAT HE EATS.
Written By a Lady Who Resided

finished all that time."

In the palace was an aged Englishwoman. The electric light in her room had gone astray, and a workman was brought in to see to it. It was dark, and he would not venture into the room alone with a candle, but brought a footman with him.

He presently called in a housemaid and for several days after we

mystified at the BOWING AND BLESSING BOWING AND BLESSING
of themselves that went on.
I asked the housemaid what it
meant, and was told that God had
indeed blessed the aged Englishwo-

man, and for a sign had put a fiery cross into her room. Naturally, I wanted to see it, and persuaded the dider II.
ce what
Hanging over the bed was a little
cross painted with luminous paint
The girl was utterly horrified when
The girl was utterly horrified when

ernment are trying to comfort this terrible evil, but the people are so conservative that they have a difficult task

The Russians are, as a rule, very The Russians are, as a rule, very unoriginal. Like the people of frozen snow. When the clock struck noon they threw down their tools the clock struck thing given to them.

The Russians are, as a rule, very that with the Solomon Islanders. The traders are liable to be attacked at any time.

The Russians are, as a rule, very that with the Solomon Islanders. Visited the islands, and the meaning the rule of the control of the

thing given to them.

A friend of mine had an English lamp which went out of order. She brought it to a lamp shop and ordered another. She was told that it should be made to order.

Some time clapsed, and the lamp came along the shown but she could not he induced to live there. The natives gather large quantities of cocoanuts gather large quantities of cocoanuts.

came home, but she could not light She took it back to the shop, the proprietor was much surand the proprietor prised that

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above them, for the flat system vrevals in Russia, and great nobles will cheerfully let out part of their houses.

Should the children in the cellars die, or their wives get crippled with rheumatism, the father says, with

Major van Zeyter lought in en state the Boer campaigns since 1831. At Majuba Hill he lost one son, and another was killed in the siege of

PLEASANT THINGS.

work to Russian people, and order for some little smocks for the children had been placed with this firm.

"Just two of the workers were able to do this 'English work,' as smocking is called in Russia.

"Two of the little garments were finished, when one of the workers was taken suddenly ill. For some unaccountable reason the other woman-groused to continue the work. She said she was tired and wanted a holiday. She had saved three roubles and wished to spend them.

"Vainly her employer urged upon her the necessity of finishing the work for the little Gand Duchesses, and offered her up to five roubles a day if she would only stay on for another week. The workwoman simply said: 'The money doesn't matter. I'm going to my mother's home.'

PLEASANT THINGS.

A cheerful face is as good for an invalid as pleasant weather. Cheerfulness is health, melancholy is discussed. Cheerfulness is just as natural to the heart of a man in sound moral and physical health as color is to his cheeks, and whenever we see habitual gloom we may be sure three is something radically wrong in the animal economy, or the moral sense. Sydney Smith once gave a lady two-and-twenty receipts against melancholy. One was a bright fire, another to remember all the pleasant things said to her, another to keep a box of sweets on the mantelpiece and a kettle simmering on the hob. These are trivial things in them selves, but life is made up of these little pleasures, and none should be neglected because of their seemingly trifling nature.

TRADING WITH CANNIBALS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Traders in Constant Danger of Being Killed and

had lands is almost unknown. The reason

warlike of savages.
Carl Ribbe, a German naturalist,
has had the courage to spend two years at trading stations along the that bristles with onformation about these islands and their inhabitants. He sketches the land, the people, and the vegetable and animal life, and his book, "Zwei Jahre unter den Kanibalen der Salomon-Inseln," is

especially timely because so little has especially timely because so little has been written about this archipelago. Ribbe says that there is no more dangerous trade in the world than that with the Solomon Islanders.

and are anxious to sell them, though k it back to the shop, their commercial instinct does not she was not satisfied, trader if they catch him off his

They sell their commodities for a

about my scheme, I received every courtesy. The German Ambassa-dor insisted that I should make his house my headquarters during my gaged most of the day in spreading accommut meat for drying or helping the men folk in many other ways. Ribbe says not a white woman there is surpassed by the men in pluck and

Russian is incapable of so doing though his work is far superior to that of the German.

Trussian women, who are the best needleworkers in Europa, are nearly useless in a workshop, as you

CANNOT DEPEND ON THEM.

Rossian is incapable of so doing, though is presented author in proceedings in the process of the first process I hope that my countrymen will be in prosperous circumstances in their adopted country."

Major Van Zeyler fought in all the Boer campaigns since 1881. At the women and even little girls meet

business trip along the coasts of Bougainville, leaving their wives and daughters in the newly built cabins

They go on expeditions for no other purpose than to secure victims for the cooking pot; and as they greatly prefer to celebrate their cannibal feasts at home they sometimes tie captives hand and foot to long poles which are borne on the shoulders of the victors many miles to their own settlements, so that their families and friends may share the

The old man was often warned that though his island was uninhabited it might be visited any day by cannibals, who would doubtless kill him. He said he believed the natives would respect his white hairs and, anyway, he was not afraid.

But his confidence was misplaced, for he was killed and eaten. One day Capt. E. Pratt, who had heard

that natives had been seen paddling over to Bagga, went to the island and found that he had come fortyeight hours too late.

The house had been plundered and

PRACTISED IN INDIA.

Terms of Imprisonment for the Crime.

lighted some wheat stalks and after walking three times around the pyre applied the lighted ends as custom die, or their wives get crippled with readematism, the father says, with great submission: "It is the will of God."

Many employers prefer French or German work-people, to whom they pay a higher rate of wages than to the Russian, and with profit to the messian, and with profit to the messian and with profit to the messian, and with profit to the messian and with profit to the messian, and with profit to the messian and the present three months. I have calculated the pursuing unseen enemies.

It is remarkable that the traders take their wives and children to these islands. Not a few white families are living along these foots. The women and children to these islands. Not a few white families are living along these foots. The women and children to these islands. Not a few white families are living along these foots. The women and children to these islands. Not a few white the present three dead man. This failed the lighted ends as custom present the present of incense and the placing of lighted chips of wood that had been dipped in melted butter beneath the pyre. Meanwhile, the widow, seemingly absorbed in a pious ectasy, gave sign of fear. Just before the fl sign of fear. Just before the flame reached her she stood up and turne to the setting sun, but immediately fell back on the pyre apparently overcome by the heat and smoke. If in her agony she uttered any cries they were drowned by the

SHOUTS OF THE PANATICS.

danger.

One day two traders named Macdonald of Munia Island started on a business trip along the coasts of Bougainville, leaving their wives and Bougainville, leaving their wives and Bougainville, leaving their wives and started an investigation.

business trip along the coasts of Bougainville, leaving their wives and daughters in the newly built cabins which were not yet provided with doors or windows. A few nights later a twelve-year-old girl was a wakened by snoke blowing through the house. She thought the basic softer she stole softly to the doorway. Pushing aside the cloth that hung before it the two girls dimly saw several black figures cruched a few feet from the waste waiting for some of the immates to appear. The elder girl fired the reveal waiting for some of the immates to appear. The elder girl fired the reveal waiting for some of the immates to appear. The elder girl fired the reveal waiting for some of the immates to appear. The elder girl fired the response. But also the poper, waiting for some of the immates to appear. The elder girl fired the response or only kill strangers, but also cheerfully eat them if the opportunity occurs. Most, but not all of the natives, are inveterate maneaters.

In mingled with those of her husband. The authorities got wind of the bid fair and started an investigation. They were met with point blank definition at the calman three had been any to sufficient to send it through the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience in the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience was the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience was the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience was the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience in the following through the bid and carried to in sufficient to send it through the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience in the substantial facts of the living or the dead. Perjury has Lear reduced to confess the theft and make restitution.

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sprang on the edge of the trench just as and leaped about three feet in the air. Before he descended two bul- wounder lets whizzed underneath his feet, and

and went half way through the head of a man some way behind. Pristavkin was afterwards nicknamed "Sergeant Lozhka" or Sergeant Spoon."

Foppishness was the cause of Artilleryman. Zwight is church and that to which the Comment of th reant Lozhka or Sergeant Sport.

Foppishness was the cause of Artilleryman Zavodski's salvation.
Zavodski was the greatest fop in the battery. He trimmed his nails, waxed his moustache, and shaved himself under fire. While the other men were eating their dinner during the were eating their dinner during the greatest are very numerous and very well from the care are very numerous and very well are very numerous and very numerous and very numerous and very numerous and very n self ander fire. While the other men were eating their dinner during the retreat from Liaoyang, Zavodski removed his big boots, and cleaned them carefully. While he was putting a finishing touch on the second of them, a bullet from a Japanese sharpshooter penetrated the sole, TEARING OUT THE BIG NAILS, and fell harmlessly into the toe. Had it not been for the boot the bullet would have gone straight through his heart.

Gortseff, a discontented and ner-terrors. But the rous soldier, escaped death through would not hear of Gortseff, a discontented and nervous soldier, escaped death through his desperate attempt to commit suicide. While the enemy's shells and bullets were falling like hail, he hopped about, exposed himself, and altogether behaved so queerly that his comrades thought him mad.

Suddenly, amid a hail of bursting shells, he unscrewed his bayonet, put the muzzle of his rifle to his throat, and fired. The shot went harmlessly over his shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder. When his rifle was the constant of the shoulder.

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AN ACT OF DISHONESTY was the cause of Sapper Rozonoff's narrow escape. On the morning of the battle round "Kuropatkin's Eye" flat, half-pound tins of tobaccon were given to each non-commissioned officer for distribution among the men. But before it was portioned out one But before it was portioned out,

But before it was portioned out, one tin disappeared. All the soldlers denied having taken it.

When night closed the fighting, a sapper, named Rozanoff, handed the tin to the sergeant. In the top was a narrow slit, which examination proved to go through the tobacco, but not through the bottom.

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Rozanoff's tunic had a similar slit, ust above the abdomen. He admittjust above the abdomen. just above the abdomen. He admitted having stolen the tobacco. He had hidden it next his shirt. In the hand-to-hand fighting a Japanese soldier had driven at him fiercely with the bayonet. The steel had gone clean through the lid and to-bacco, but the force employed was not sufficient to send it through the bottom. Rozanoff's conscience was struck by his miraculous escape, and he had decided to confess the theft and make restitution.

The Solomon Islands lie cast of New Guinea. The two northern is lands belong to Germany and the others to Great Britain. Neither country has cone anything to device the natives are extremely lostlie and exploring parties have larged to venture far from the coasts. The islands is almost unknown. The reason is that the natives are extremely lostlie and exploring parties have larged to venture far from the lost is almost unknown. The reason is that the natives are extremely lostlie and exploring parties have larged to venture far from the locasts. The side was one of those wards and live on the shores of after islands, but rarely venture out of sight of the sea. As ships approach Bougainville, the largest island, they see many miles away the great Kronprinz Range, extending through the contains for centuries no white man has ever visited the range; because the region between it and the sea is densely peopled by the most warrlike of savages.

Carl Ribbe, a German naturalist, has had the converse of the sum of the stands and friends may share the feast.

Mr. Ribbe tells of a white victim of a white victim of cambialism. He was one of those white wanderers among the islands who are a little peculiar and lead to very strange lives.

The story of the soldier who, struck by a builet yet escaped from death owing to the interposition of a prayer-book in his breast-pocket, is as old as the hills. The present is as old as the hills. The present is as old as the hills. The present is as old as the hills of a prayer-book in his breast-pocket. The story of the soldier who, stands as the larger-book in his breast-pocket. The story of the story of the scape from death owing to the interposition of a prayer-book in his breast-pocket.

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shovel with tar, and was about to plaster the face of a man named Tsibuilin, who was dozing in the trench, when a shell unexpectedly fell on the parapet and exploded.

"The sapper and every other man within ten yards radius was killed by splinters. But Tsibuilin survived. His face was somewhat flattened and blackened by the shovel, the front of which was scratched and scored by splinters. Had it not been for the shovel his face would have been cut to pieces."

Illustrate a London Telegraph correspondent. The two are now watching the once powerful frame of a Cossack, which shudders from time to time as if convulsed by an electric shock. "What's the matter with him?" asks the journalist. "He received a bullet in the spinal column, poor fellow," the physician explains, "and he is in great pain. The cover?" The doctor puts his lips close to the correspondent's ear and correspondent to time as if convulsed by an electric shock. "What's the matter with him?" asks the journalist. "He received a bullet in the spinal column, poor fellow," the physician explains, "and he is in great pain. The cover?" The doctor puts his lips close to the correspondent serving the correspondent of a Cossack, which shudders from time to time as if convulsed by an electric shock. "What's the matter with him?" asks the journalist. "He received a bullet in the spinal column, poor fellow," the physician explains, "and he is in great pain. The cover?" The doctor puts his lips close to the correspondent serving the correspondent of a Cossack, which shudders from time to time as if convulsed by an electric shock. "What's the matter with him?" asks the journalist. "He received a bullet in the spinal column, poor fellow," the physician explains, "and he is in great pain. The cover." The doctor puts his lips close to the correspondent serving th the shovel his face would have been cut to pieces."

Another Russian escaped death through boastfully proving that he did not fear it. A Lithuanian was continually popping up his head and shoulders, with the words,

Slowly the Cossack opens his big street words, and wider and

Slowly the Cossack opens and Signature of this, the soldier next him jeered, "I'd like to see you showing for? You think I don't know what your whole body."

The Lithuanian took the challenge, rench just as well as if you had spoken the aloud. Three times I have been bul-wounded and in hospital.

AND NOW I AM DVING

lets whizzed underneath his feet, and lodged in the earth behind. Had he been in his usual position they would have gone through his chest.

A pewter spoon saved the life of Sergeant Pristavkin at the battle of Shaho. Pristavkin was dining on buckwheat gruel, and had the spoon at his lips, when it was struck by a spent bullet which glanced aside, and went half way through the head of a man some way behind. Pristav-

death thereupon lost most of terrors. But the Orthodox mo

solely for their own co-religionists the Siberian Cossacks, and they were living at their own expense

intended for his throat.

A Japanese soldier escaped bayonetting by his knowledge of Russian.

During the assault on Nanshan Hill,
he, with about a dozen comrades,
succeeded in reaching the Russian the attackers were slaughtered the Jap student. Two men, made no apswer. District the patient, over the but this time did not pass away made no apswer. with ferocious cries of "Tchort!" (the devil), attacked him. He calmly parried a thrust, and with a grim laugh repeated their own cry. "Tchort!" "Tchort!"

The Russians were so much astonished by hearing the familiar word that they dropped their bayonets, and took him prisoner instead of butchering him.

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The city of glasgow, Scotlar owns a public library of 160,000 v umes and is erecting a number district libraries; conducts se model lodging houses—one for word—which shelter 2,430 persons even night and pay 5 per cent. owns twenty-seven blocks of lings, containing 200 shops and buildings, which shelter 9,000 ple; public banks, including K banks for Jews, and also washb in which hot water is furnished a trifling price for family work; gas and electric li power works in which 3,000 employed; the street railway sy which employs 3,500 men and cover 170,000,000 people and Furthermore it owns nine public is kets, including one for old clot a telephone system that pays 15 cent. on the invested public cap a labor bureau and a home for

Bishop Potter tells of a young

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ferior at \$2.5 Prices for hogs per cwt. There v market. H. P. had contracted f on Tuesday at cars, selects at fats, \$6.25; fed : fed and watered MONTREA

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East Puffalo, Mar 3400 head; active; steers, \$5.50 to \$5.7 butchers', \$4.50 to \$5.7 butchers', \$4.50 to \$5.0 cows, \$3 to \$4.35; b and feeders, \$3 to \$ to \$3; fresh cows good to choice, \$45.5 \$30 to \$42; common Veals—Receipts, lower: \$4.50 c \$5.0 Veals—Receipts, lower; \$4.50 to \$8. Hogs—Receipts, 10c higher; heavy, \$5.65 to \$5.70; yorl \$5.30 to \$5.35; rough \$3.25 to \$4. Sheep and Lambs, \$8 to \$8.25; yearlin, \$6.25 to \$6.50; eve-mixed, \$2.50 to \$6.

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Baron Von Ha Berlin, March 21 erstein, the Prus Interior, is dead