BRUTALITY OF THE RUSSIAN GRAND DUKES ute or two from one to the other and grimacing. Then he threw himself into

MAXIM GORKI, THE NOVELIST, FLAYS RELATIVES OF THE CZAR.

Draws a Scathing Pen Picture of the Grand Duke Boris and the Sycophancy of Russian Officialdom .-- The Author Now Languishing in a Dungeon Awaiting an Unknown Fate.

czar must turn for advice, and it is Schestjakoff.' their advice which must be accepted. ing of nihilistic bombs, but palace walls hear?" will not guard him from the machinations they would not always be averse to his death.

have a share in the government, and of this loafer." the day of the grand dukes is over. This they know, and it is against such a possibility that they will exert every influence.

As a class, the grand dukes of Russia are not worth representing any people. As a class they are a dissolute set to Duke Boris is a fair example of the rule, and, as an illustration of his character, and of the influence of the grand dukes upon Russia, is given the following story written by the great Russian novelist, Maxim Gorki. Gorki is one you. I am quite sure I didn't." of few men who dared picture Russian conditions as they exist, and for his dar- president. "We will attend to your ining he is now languishing in a Russian dungeon, removed, sibly forever, as many a Russian hero has been before him. from friends and associates, and if not upon the Russian people may be removed. His story is as follows:

Bal pare at the Nobility club, the foremost social organization of St. Petersburg. Twelve o'clock, midnight. Five state, an admiral, a marshal of the aris- for a tete-a-tete, and your antiquated tocracy and a millionaire banker are in friends are in the way." the reading-room, dozing at the great round table over magazines and newspapers. From the dancing hall near by flowed in the subdued strains of the quadrille.

Suddenly a boisterous voice: "Follow me, girls. Here is a quiet nook, set aside for our entertainment."

A tallish man in a pink domino, a black A waiter carrying a tray of liquor bottles, confectionery and glasses, fol-

"Put it on the round table, boy, and, ladies, be seated in these excellent loung-

St. Petersburg.-In Russia the gov-1 "Sir." he stuttered at last. "you don't erning power is virtually in the hands seem to know with whom your are dealof the grand dukes. It is to them the ing. I am councillor of state, Baron

"Oh, you are, are you? A pawnbroker whether the czar would or not, for they of the highest order, I believe. Well, since are more to be feared by the Little Fa- you introduced yourself, have a drink ther than are the people. Palace walls and then once more good-by-good-by to guard him from the deputations of the all of you. You are in my way. Myself working classes and prevent the plac- and friends desire to be alone. Do you

By this time the insulted gentlemen of his relatives, the grand dukes, and had risen, and all spoke at once. The masked man seemed to know them, for he addressed them by name and heaped They can rule only so long as Russia insults upon each. The admiral was remains an absolute monarchy. Once saying: "I never encountered such imlet reform get a start, let the people pudence. We must make an example

"Loafer?" shouted the man in the mask. "Take a care that I do not pulverize you, admiral, and now, out with you, or I will have you fired head foremost '

Meanwhile one of the ministers had sent for the president of the club, who whom country, society, morals, must entered, still red with the excitement be sacrificed on the altar of their de- of the dance. "Leave the room at once," There are exceptions to this he demanded, "and when sober prepare rule, but they are not many. Grand to pay for your intrusion with expulsion. Waiter, remove the glasses and bottles and report to the board of governors for insubordination."

"Now, what are you up to?" laughed the man in the mask. "I didn't send for

"Leave the room at once." shouted the sults later."

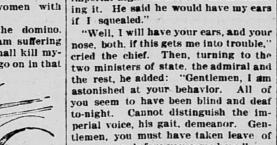
The masked man leaned back in his chair, crossed his legs and quizzed the president leeringly.

"See here, fellow," he said, slowly, in to meet death, then to suffer exile to an ironical voice. "Come to think of the Siberian mines that his influence it, you are not as useless as I first imagined. Being the president of the club, you have full power to remove these fossils from my sight. Do so quickly, and I'll promise to forget the incident. But don't be all day about it, venerable members, two ministers of Ivan. The ladies and myself are eager

> "The master of police happens to be in the ballroom," cried one of the ministers. "Send for his excellency." The president himself went to look for the official gentlemen, who appeared almost immediately, having been attracted by the rumpus.

He walked up to the masked man, and, assuming an authoritative tone, velvet mask before his face, a lady in said, curtly: "Leave the room this inelaborate evening dress upon each arm. stant, sir. and take the women with you.'

> "Polizeimaster," cried the domino. "don't you know that I am suffering from heart affections? I shall kill myself laughing at you if you go on in that



followed.

asked, sharply.

your senses before you came here." The ministers, admiral, bankers, president, etc., were profuse in excuses. One confessed that he was "excited," another that he couldn't see well under artificial light, a third that he suspected the dentity of his imperial highness, but his protest was overheard.

While Boris and his friends were

laughing to split their sides the polizei-

"You knew that the masked gentle-

"Yes, at your excellency's orders," re-

ported the trembling Ganymede. "His

imperial highness forbade me mention-

man was his imperial highness?" he

master interviewed the waiter.

"At any rate, the all-highest gentleman would have stayed probably no longer than half an hour or an hour. Why could you not oblige him? Why in thunder must you read newspapers at 12 midnight?"

The five old gentlemen departed singly or in groups whispering to each other with the air of persons who had just escaped some great disaster. When their wives and daughters on the floor heard what had happened they were loud in denunciation of husband and father. "He never knew where to stop, and would make them all unhappy." Some families went home abruptly, and army officers and officials separated ostentatiously from civilian members.

At two o'clock his imperial highness, Grand Duke Boris, issued from the li brary with heavy step. His face was red as a lobster's, his hair disheveled, his clothes in disorder. His women companions remained behind, stretched out in their chairs, fast asleep.

The grand duke ordered several gentlemen he met to assist him to the music stand. He took a seat by the side of the bass drum, his head dropped upon his chest, and he began to snore audibly. Immediately the bandmaster dropped his baton. "All quiet, his imperial highness deigns to sleep.'

He slept one, two, three hours, while he club members, their wives and daugh etrs, a thousand all told, looked on without daring to stir. However, the persons most interested in Boris' slumber were the two ministers of state, the admiral, millionaire banker, marshal of the aristocracy and the president of the Nobility club, desperately bent upon wiping out the insults they had innocently heaped upon the imperial loafer.

At last the marshal of the aristocracy took courage to step up to Boris and whisper in his ear.

His imperial highness moved his lips as if trying to blow away a fly perched on his nose. "Will your imperial highness deign

to permit me to attend you to your palwineroom. And be good enough to with- body brought foolscap paper, ink and ace, or is your imperial highness pens, and the polizeimaster was about to pleased to order me to fetch the car-

Boris mumbled something: then. awakening, bawled out with a yawn: Yes, I am about ready to go home, and you shall have the honor to conduct me, fellow."

The marshal's face gleamed with happiness; he was once more sunning himself in the radiance of right royal favor. But the admiral, the president, the two ministers of state and the banker wanted their share, too. They crowded around his imperial highness with com- gloomy, nor "Grand Duke Boris!" "His imperial pliments, offers of service and petty talk. us-houses highness!" "W are lost!" whispered Finally, they half carried him to his our souls to

It Is to This That Russia Bows.

and president of the club looked at one | fossils, as your imperial highness called

Boris, we are all agreed that you played your part to perfection. To mystify a

couldn't do better. Of course, I saw the

joke at once, and entered into its spirit

Never laughed so much in my life, and

jests with their excellencies. I never

saw such a dumfounded parcel of fools!

a big arm chair and held his s' les while | whole club for an hour-old Coquelin

I tell you that myself and friends decided how I enjoyed your imperial highness'

The chief of police, the two ministers I shall not forget, in a hurry, the hap-

of state, the admiral, marshal, financier piness of this evening, and those old

indulging in another fit of laughing.

"Well, are you going or not?" he de-

manded, after awhile. "How often shall

to dispense with your precious com-

another, bowed low and tiptoed out them, won't, either. Meanwhile, the "fossils" held an imlike so many whipped schoolboys. At the door the chief turned and came promptu meeting in the library, from forward once more "to pay his respects where Boris' lady friends had been to the ladies." And the rest meekly gently removed.

"His imperial highness nodded to me in quite charming fashion," said the master of police, "as he passed out." "And our good grand duke had the supreme kindness to press my hand gently as I helped him into the royal

coach," cried the financier. "I am sure he forgave us," said the two ministers of state. "He laughed most happily between hiccoughs as he sat on the music stand, with one foot in the bass drum."

"Gentlemen," announced the president of the Nobility club, "I secured the drum as a memento of this unhappy. happy evening. The spot where the inperial leg and foot rested shall be framed in silver."

"Bravo," cried the polizeimaster, the two ministers of state, the admiral and the financier. And the latter added: "I secured the names of the ladies who ac companied his imperial highness to the club, and have ordered two immense flower pieces for them, to be presented early to-morrow morning.'

"Not early," decided the polizeimas ter. "Wait at least until one in the aft. ernoon. Their ladyships might not wish to be disturbed before that hour. MAXIM GÖRKI.

SPIDERS TRAINED TO CHEAT Taught to Weave Webs Among Bottles and Sold to Corrupt Wine Dealers.

"This is my spiders' school," said the young woman, and with a little stick she brushed a few webs from the wall, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. 'Not much to look at, is it? Only a dozen rows of wine bottles, a great many spiders and a great many webs. I make, nevertheless, a little money out of the school.

"Spiders' webs are in demand among surgeons and among the maliers of certain astronomical instruments, the surgeons using them to stop hemorrhages with, and the instrument makers using them on certain very delicate instruments - instruments wherein, strange to say, a human hair would not take their place, because a hair is neither fine enough nor durable

enough to serve the required purpose. "Besides selling the webs, I also sell the spiders. A corrupt class of wine dealers buy the spiders. These men put them among bottles of new wine. I train the spiders to weave on bottles only-I tear down webs woven anywhere else-and it is amazing how quickly these well schooled pupils of mine will cover a case of port or claret with cobwebs, giving to the wine an

appearance of great age. "Six spiders in a week will add two years to the aspect of a dozen bottles of wine. Hence you will readily see how valuable the ugly little creatures are to wine merchants of a certain type.'

He had been told that her father had nothing but "rocks," so he proposed. was accepted and in due time they were mar-

But when too late, alas! he discovered his mistake. True, her father had the "rocks" all

right But they were in a sman stone quarry

-his only possession.—Chicago News. Beautiful Thoughts.

Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts. None of us yet know what fairy palaces we may build of beautiful thoughts, proof against all adversity, bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories. faithful savings, treasure houses of precious and restful thoughts which care o nnot disturb nor pain poverty take away from uilt without hande for ve in.-John Ruskin.

president, polize master, the ministers of state, the admiral and banker. Boreis enjoyed their confusion, looking for a minute or two from one to the other and boris, we are all agreed that you played

Chicago bowlers captured a considerable share of the honors at the fifth annual



bowling tournament just closed at Milwaukee. It was anticipated that several records would be broken. and although conditions were favorable the anticipations were not reathers. No. 2. of Chi-

cago, went the five men championship with a count of 2.795. which is second to the 2.819 made by the glanced merely at the surface of things; O'Leary's at Indianapolis three tournaments back; Rolfe and Stretch of Chicago won the doubles with 1.213 which is third on the list, the 1,237 of Steers and McClean at Buffalo in 1902 being high; while individual honors went to C.M. Anderson, of St. Paul, with 651. The last named mark is a creditable one, but Daniel Jones put up 683 at Indianapolis. One record, that for high game, was tied by Williams of San Francisco, who scored 269, a total-made at Indianapolis by Kettenacher of Cincinnati. While the winning of any championship is to some extent a matter of luck, it was in general results that the great strength of the representatives from Chicago were seen. Landing no less than 16 prizes in the five men event, they took away \$1.747.50. nearly 40 per cent. of the whole amount. In doubles they annexed 34 of the awards and a total of \$1.595.83, or 43 per cent. of the total. In the individuals 45 prizes were won, amounting to \$1,211, or 35 per cent, of the total. Chicago's nearest competitor was Cleveland, which carried away \$975.75. Detroit won \$685, Milwaukee \$440, Philadelphia \$387.50 each, Toledo \$380, Cincinnati \$387 and Lauisville \$344.25. Plans were laid at the tournament that will undoubtedly bring back New York city into the congress next year, and the next tournament should be larger than ever. New Yorkers were granted the terms they asked in nearly every respect, only the rule providing against loading balls being denied them. As a result, beginning next September, square gutters from the head pin back will be regulation. Balls must weigh not more than 16 pounds, but may be composed of any substance. New York gets home rule and Louisville was awarded the 1906 tuornament after it had been has been indorsed for 1907.

The University of Michigan has a student from the far distant orient who

ranks with the best in class work, oratory and athletics. He is K. S. Inui of Japan, at present a junior "Lit." Inui is candidate for pitcher on the 'varsity team, and twice each day he reports to Coach McAllister, and under the leader's instructions he has devel-

oped more speed

with safety when the catcher doesn't from destruction. know just where it is going. Inui is also ing a reputation. He is also an orator of gan in the Northern Oratorical league is the causes of the Japanese-Russian war. in student politics at the university. He | energy and magnificent courage. has taken a lively part in several of the is considered one of the "fat" ones of college life. The young Japanese is thoroughly Americanized except that he still whenever opportunity offers.

43 to 20, has passed Espy's bill prohibiting pool selling or wagering on a horse race and providing a fine. The Ralston anti-prize fight bill has been passed by the senate, on reconsideration, by a vote of 23 to 11.

Albert Herrnstein, of Chillicothe, O. former halfback of the Michigan football team, has been elected as coach of the Purdue university team for the coming season. He has been coaching the Haskell Indians for the last two years.

James Smith, known widely to Yale graduates and followers of Yale sports as 'Pop," died suddenly at his home at New Haven, Conn., of heart disease. He was 87 years old. For a quarter of a century or more he figured as a mascot at various Yale athletic contests, traveling extensively with the football and baseball teams especially.

Of the Conventional Kind, Mistress-Verena, what kind of meat have you in the pantry this morning. Cook-There's some scraps of beef. ma'am, an' a little boiled ham, an' what's left of the roast pork we had yesterday.

"Well, work them up into a chicken salad for dinner."-Chicago Tribune.

The Benefactor. Bilkins-Have you ever done any

hing for science? Bluff-Yes, I've worked all my life on the theory of how to get the most out of life for the least effort.—Detroit Free Press.

Pa Was Willing. "Your daughter has promised to

marry me, sir, the moment I can support won't egg you off the stage,-Chicago "Well, don't let that worry you."-Daily News.

her.'

Life.

THIS ARTICLE DEALS WITH WHY NO MATTER OF THEY ARE NECESSARY.

There Is Strong Logic on Their Side -Their Aid Inestimable to Man Not Alone of Value to the

Feathered Tribe.

Part 1.-Why They Are Necessary. How frequently we hear the expression "a freak of nature." Yet there is absolutely no truth in that expression, for nothing could possibly be less freak ish than nature. If we think otherwise on occasion, it is because we have if we go deep enough we shall find that nature is never capricious; for every single effect there is a good and sufficient cause, and precisely the same effect, every time. In the perpetual the subject. Automobile and h struggle for existence in which we are all engaged, men, rattlesnakes and three-toed woodpeckers alike, every act we do has a definite result—a definite effect on our chance of survival. Na-

more consequence to her than a bull

frog or a nine-banded armadillo. If he

goes out to meet a tiger, armed with a



WHY WE NEED AUDUBON SOCIETIES and a good shot, the chances are that he will kill the tiger; if he goes unarmed, the tiger will kill him just as sure as eggs are eggs.

Man has to seriously consider then, under what conditions he is most likely to survive. In the case of the personal encounter with a tiger, a rifle was one granted to Philadelphia, while New York of the conditions: where he is confronted with enemies against which a rifle is not effective, other conditions are necessary. It is a well-known fact that the welfare of the people of this country at is to be made under the inspection and least is dependent on the success of the several crops of grain and vegetables and fruits, and anything which tends to make these crops a failure, must be combatted as an enemy, not only of the agriculturist, but of the nation.

Among the most dangerous of these enemies may be included floods. droughts, many species of insects, many species of small mammals, and noxious weeds. If the agriculturist had to de pend entirely upon his own efforts, even with the aid of a gun, to keep these enemies in check, he'd have no time for agriculture, and the enemies would not be than any other twirler in the squad. Inul checked to any appreciable extent, after has also acquired some curves and shoots all. He must therefore depend to a that are likely to prove puzzling to oppos- large extent upon certain allies to fight ing batsmen. His great difficulty, how- his enemies for him, and it would seem ever, is lack of control. Owing to his that as a matter of ordinary common

wildness few of the 'varsity players care sense, not to mention common decency to attempt to receive his delivery, as the and fairness, that he in turn should do ball he throws is too speedy to handle all in his power to save these allies In fighting the first two of these ene-

versed in the science of jiu-jitsu. Several mies, man has no more powerful allies of the students here have taken lessons | than the forests, which tend to prevent from him in the Japanese system of phy- both flood and drought. Against all the sical culture, and as interest in it is grow- others mentioned, the strongest allies ing among the students it is likely that are the birds, and it is for the purpose of regular classes will be formed soon. Not seeing that this great army of unpaid only as an athlete, however, is Inui gain- workers-soldiers, if you like-get something approaching fair play, that a no mean ability. Last year he was second great society has arisen, with branches in his class contest, and this winter he in many states. Most appropriately it is took first honors in it. This achievement | called the Auduhon society, after the puts him in the finals from which the rep- great John James Audubon, who devotresentative of the University of Michi- ed his life to the study of American birds and quadrupeds, but chiefly to the to be selected. He has delivered over 100 former, of which he has left hundreds of lectures in various parts of the state on | powerful descriptions and hundreds of wonderful drawings as a worthy monu The young foreigner has also mixed up | ment to his remarkable ability, tireless

The founding of the Audubon society elections recently, and is now a candidate was made necessary by the rapid settlefor the office of president of the Students' ment of our country by people who had Lecture association next year. This place | not been taught the value of birds, and who could not believe that the enor mous feathered population of a hungred years ago could ever be diminished. prefers the flowing robes of his native And with reasonable care there would land to the close fitting garments of occi- have been no appreciable diminution for dental civilization, and wears them a long time to come. But birds of all kinds were slaughtered without the slightest thought for the future-this The California assembly, by a vote of one for food, that one for the milliner, until species after species has been ex tinct or nearly so. This work of destruc tion was assisted materially by those who made extensive collections of eggs. bird skins or mounted birds, and by those who captured song birds to be put into cages. It was seen by certain thoughtful persons, that unless a halt was called many sections of the country at least were going to be practically birdless, and that the entire country would have to pay the penalty. So, the Audubon society was organized, and is now a great power for good in the land. Next week I propose to tell the story of Bring Up Their Children Second its organization and give an account of some of the work it is engaged in for the

benefit of bird and man.

Proved Genuine.

Mrs. O'Durfey-'Tis an iligant sunburst yez do be afther wearin', Mrs. Murfey. Ar-re th' di' mun's ginoowine?

Mrs. P. Murfey—Av coorse they are! that the wife of an American in a Japanese town was seen f'r th' siven av thim-an' him gittin \$1.50 a day now .- Cleveland Leader.

He Won Out. "Do I squint, Charlie?" asked the rich

"A little, Maude," he said, tenderly "but who wouldn't with your eyes? If family found the aselves b "but who wouldn't with your eyes: It missionary's occupation a mine were as beautiful as yours, I'd be missionary's occupation a for his influence her his are trying to look into them myself."-Tit-

Jaygreen-My friends have egged me on to essay the role of Hamlet in our amateur theatricals.

Willknox-Well, here's hoping the

TEREST TO THE

Manuacturers of Bieyeles mobiles Pushing the A Aid of Federal

Long a Vexed 6 day, which has behind it at ences and apparently an popular sentiment, is that of ment aid in making good ro

out the country. This proposition is supported by many financial interests, also by ma ers of bicycles and automobiles, in ad-dition to the manifest interest which the farmers and the business men of towns and villages necessarily feel in manufacturers favor the measure cause good roads contribute to the extension of their trade, and are therefore profitable. Their support comes as a simple business proposition, and joins ture has no favorites; a man is of no with other influences to advance the

The propriety of the federal government entering into this scheme is widely questioned, but there are cogent arguments in its favor. If a merchant can not send his goods upon the waterways of the nation, on account of shallows or sand-bars, the government removes the obstructions without expense to the merchant. If farm products cannot be brought readily from the farm to town. on account of impassable roads, why. it is asked, should not the government extend a helping hand? Local methods, long tried, are found to be inadequate. The almost universal habit of allowing the farmers to work out their road tax, instead of paying it in money, results probably in a loss of at least 50 per cent, of the nominal amount of such

The plan proposed by bills now pending in congress is cooperation between the national, state and county governments. Provision is made for an appropriation of \$25,000.000, to be distributed among the states on condition that they respectively provide for at Jenst an equal amount. Thus if the share of one state should be \$1,000,000,it must provide at least another million. The state in return offers to each county its share, conditioned on its raising at least one third as much. By this means every dollar furnished from the United States treasury will, it is assumed, secure as a rule, nearly three dollars, cash expenditure, on the roads. As this expenditure supervision of government officials, the supposition is that the best possible re-

sults will be derived therefrom. The value of good wagon roads to the commerce of a country must be con-ceded, when we remember that 35 per cent. of all the trade handled by the railroads and steamships is first carted over the country roads. Hence the enormous aggregate waste, due to the fact that it may require four horses to haul a load which two horses should haul if the roads were good, or that it requires two days to haul what could be



THE FARMERS' LINE OF TRANS-PORTATION. giving one-had his time, so employed, to the bad roads cause.

It is estimated that the average far mer loses at least \$100 a year to the cause of bad roads. This injures not alone the farmer but the village storekeeper, because the farmer might earn \$100 a year more and have that much more to spend.

If one were called upon to de which of the great American industries had in the last 40 years been most favorably affected by legislation, he would be obliged to say that farming was that industry. Much of this legislation has been only of indirect benefit, but it has all resulted in the farmer's favor, from the railroad subsidies, which open up vast territories for settlements, to the tariff schedules, which have amazingly developed our manufacturing interests and made home markets for agricultural products. All this favorable legislation has been of benefit to the whole people as well as to the farmer. Now if by improving the common roads of the country, another direct and manifest benefit can be conferred upon the agricultural population, who is there so blind to the general welfare as to interpose an ob THE SENTRY.

JAPANESE SPARE THE ROD. Without Beserting to Cor-

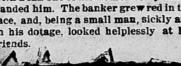
porel Punishment. The high regard in which the Jan hold children is well known. The father or mother who would strike a cl

would be considered an utter barb says Cassell's. In illustration of this fact it

one of her children for so That was sufficient for the 2 domestics in the establishment left the place abruptly, and the

ary's wife was servantions when the act of cruelty, as the considered it, became n for his influence departed.

for what 'RBORG Coffence ST. JOHN, ASSE that



files of papers and threw them under

this is the library of the club, not the

The intruder burst out laughing, while

the women giggled. "Library!" he cried,

fiddlesticks for your library. I would

turn the library of the winter palace into

a wineroom if I were czar. Don't look so

Suiting the action to the word, the dom-

ino knocked down the financier's paper

with a fan one of his women companions handed him. The banker grew red in the up to his full height and threw off his face, and, being a small man, sickly and mask in his dotage, looked helplessly at his

High Revelries at the Nobility Club.

ing chairs." Then, turning to the old | way, and particularly if you insist upon

gentlemen: "And you, there, move up using green hair dye, as you did this

One of the ministers of state rose and bled with rage. "Send for the secret

said in dignified tones: "Sir, you seem to service men," he whispered to the presi-

grumpy," he added. "Rather have a unhappy for the rest of my life? Send me

drink with us, and then kiss yourselves to Siberia or cut off my ears? Don't do

With that he grabbed several back hair of a mermaid."

forget yourself. Let me inform you that | dent. "This is going too far."

This is no time for reading, any- evening. Your beard looks like the

The master of police grew very red

Several officials responded. Some-

take down an account of the incident.

when the masked man interrupted the

It cannot be your intention to make me

it, I say. You won't listen to my prayers

Well, take my commands, then, slave!"

II.

Saying this, the speaker drew himself

'What are you doing, polizeimaster?

proceedings by shouting:

in the face, stamped his feet and trem-

good-by, grandpas."

the table.

draw at once."