



**THE BAD BOY AND HIS DAD GO TO RUSSIA TO STOP THE WAR—THEY MEET A LITTLE AND DAD GETS LASHED WITH A COSSACK'S WHIP—HE TAKES A HITCH ON THE GRAND DUKE'S SLEDGE, BUT DOESN'T RIDE VERY FAR.**

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St. Petersburg, Russia.—My Dear Groceries: Well, sir, I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me in Russia, but there was no use talking when Dad said he was going to St. Petersburg if it was the last act of his life. He got talking with a Japanese in Rome and the Jap said the war in the far east would last until every Russian was killed, unless America interfered to put a stop to it, and as Roosevelt didn't appear to have sand enough to offer his services to the czar, what it needed was for some representative American citizen who was brave and had nerve to go to St. Petersburg and see the czar and give him the benefit of a good American talk. The Jap said the American who brought about peace, by a few well chosen remarks, would be the greatest man of the century, and would live to be bowed down to by kings and emperors and all the world would doff hats to him.

At first dad was a little leary about going on such a mission without credentials from Washington, but as luck would have it, he met an exiled Rus-



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sian at a restaurant, who told dad that he reminded him of Gen. Grant because dad had a wart on the side of his nose, and he told dad that Russia would keep on fighting until every Japanese was killed unless some distinguished American should be raised up who deemed it his duty to go to St. Petersburg and see the Little Father, and in the interest of humanity advise the czar to call a halt before he had exterminated the whole yellow race. Dad asked the Russian if he thought the czar would grant an audience to an American of eminence in his own country, and the Russian told dad that Nicholas just doted on Americans, and that there was hardly ever an American ballet dancer that went to Russia, but what the czar sent for her to come and see him and dance before the grand dukes, and he always gave them jewels and cans of caviar, as souvenirs of their visit.

Dad thought it over all night, and the next morning we started for Russia and I wish we had joined an expedition to discover the North Pole instead of coming here. Say, it is harder to get into Russia than it would be to get out of a penitentiary at home. At the frontier we were met by guards on horseback and on foot, policemen, detectives and other grafters, who took our passports and money, and one fellow made me exchange my socks with him. Then they imprisoned us in a stable with some cows until they could hold a coroner's inquest on our passports and divide our money. We slept with the cows the first night in Russia, and I do not want to sleep again with animals that chew cuds all night, and get up half a dozen times to hump up their backs and stretch and belch. We never slept a wink, and could look out through the cracks in the stable and see the guards shaking dice for our money.

Finally they looked at the great seal on our passports and saw it was an American document, and they began to turn pale, as pale as a Russian can get without using soap, and when I said, "Washington, ambassador, minister plenipotentiary, Roosevelt, Hot Time in the Old Town To-night, E Pluribus Unum, whoopla, San Juan Hill," and pointed to dad, who was just coming out of the stable, looking like Washington at Valley Forge, the guards and other robbers bowed to dad, gave him a bag full of Russian money in place of that which they had taken away, and let us take a freight train for St. Petersburg, and they must have told the train men who were, because everybody on the cars took off their hats to us, and divided their lunch with us.

Dad could not understand the change in the attitude of the people towards us until I told him that they took him for a distinguished American statesman, and that as long as we were in Russia he must try to look like George Washington and act like Theodore Roosevelt, so every little while dad would stand up in the aisle of the car and pose like George Washington and when anybody gave him a sandwich or a cigarette he should show his teeth and say, "Deo-lighted," and all the way to St. Petersburg dad carried out his part of the programme and we were not robbed anything so bad since they fumigated our house by the board of health after the hired girl had smallpox.

Well, we got to St. Petersburg in an awful time, and went to a hotel, suspected by the police, and marked as undesirable guests by the Cossacks, and worked at by the walking delegates and strikers who thought we were non-union men looking for their jobs.

## DEGENERACY HERAS RARE SUICIDE

By DR. E. S. TALBOT,  
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The woman of to-day is physically unable to provide sufficient nourishment to her offspring after bearing four or five children. Her strength is greatly exhausted in the majority of cases, and without proper nourishment the child, when it comes into the world, is imperfect in one part or another, and as it grows there is arrested development in some portion of the body. It may be that the mind will not develop properly, or the development of the face may be arrested, or the degeneracy may take the form of physical deformity.

One of the greatest causes of present day degeneracy is the society of entertaining young women about to be married. For a period of two or three weeks before her wedding the young society woman is entertained and fecked continually. She indulges excessively and when she is married her nervous system is completely tired out.

Though degeneracy is usually caused by arrested development arising from nervous disorder, it is sometimes caused by excessive development. Excesses are the usual causes of degeneracy. Generally the public has an idea that a degenerate is a criminal or an insane person. This is a false idea. The deaf, the dumb, the insane, constitutional liars, egotists and oversmart business men whom we find in all walks of life are degenerates.

The nervous conditions that produce degeneracy come from excessive use of alcohol, coffee, tea or excessive eating. Many degenerates become so through excessive eating. Overeating produces a condition of the arteries which causes arrested development in some portion of the body or the brain, which later results in apoplexy or heart lesion.

sort of a sleigh, with three horses abreast, and I yelled to dad to take a hitch on the sledge, and he grabbed on with his feet on the runners, and a man in the sledge with a uniform on, who seemed to be a grand duke, 'cause everybody was chasing him and yelling to head him off, hid in 'the nose with the butt of a revolver, and dad fell off in the snow and the grand duke picked dad up and carried him on their shoulders because they thought he had tried to assassinate the duke, and we were escorted to our hotel by the strikers.

We didn't know what they were, but you can tell the laboring men here

self-same fence. Morrison is afraid of nothing with horns and hoofs on it, but he has had a very wholesome respect for cow buffaloes, ever since the day when he did not get over the fence quite fast enough, and a savage mother lion pinned his legs to the boards, and caused him to go on crutches for three months afterwards.

After we had taken a few more pictures, it was decided to capture the calves which I was to bring up by hand. First of all it was necessary to separate them from their mothers, who otherwise would, of course, kill anyone who laid a hand on their babies. In order to separate them, it was necessary to drive all the cows and calves from the buffalo yards to a series of cattle pens about a quarter of a mile away, and as these pens opened one into another, we expected to be able to accomplish our object without much danger. A special fence had been built between the yards and the cattle pens, into which the buffaloes allowed themselves to be driven without offering much resistance. Gradually, by careful driving, the skillful opening and shutting of gates, and a fearless attitude maintained by Morrison throughout, the separation was effected, and we had the cows in one pen and their calves in the next. But what a hubbub there was! The cows, mad as hornets, were rushing up and down the fence, and grunting savagely, while the calves on the other side were galloping this way and that, leaping clean over one another in their efforts to rejoin their mothers. Now came the little job of putting them into the crates, and no one who has not handled buffalo calves can quite understand the fun it was.

They raced from point to point, jumping slap into the fence until it seemed that they must every break their necks, and did about every mortal thing except go into the crates. So it was decided that they should be caught by hand. Four of the strongest men on the place, besides myself, entered the pen, and then the real work began. The calves were pretty tired by this time, and their tongues were lolling far out of their mouths, but they were conquered not one little bit. Every now and then, one of them would come at full speed, catch a man below his waist line, and send him to the dust. Presently one of the little scamps came past me, and I was smarting more than dad is, 'cause he was to stand up to cat and lie on his stummock to sleep. There is going to be a hades of a time here in St. Petersburg this next week, and dad and I are going to be in it clear up to our necks.

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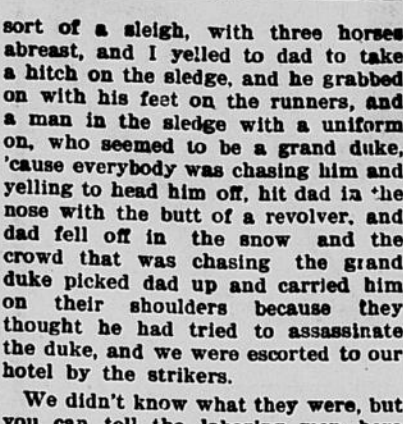
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The people here, the Chicago young man told me, think the Cossacks are human hyenas, that they have had their hearts removed by a surgical operation when young, and a piece of gizzard put in in place of the heart, and that they are natural murderers, the sight of blood acting on them the same as champagne on a human being, and that but for the Cossacks Russia would have a population of loving subjects that would make it safe for the Little Father to go anywhere in Russia unattended, but with Cossacks ready to whip and murder and laugh at suffering the people are becoming like men bitten by rabid dogs, and they froth at the mouth and have spasms and carry bombs up their sleeves, ready to blow up the members of the royal family, and there you are.

If you do not hear from me after next Sunday you can put dad's obituary and mine in the local papers and say we died of an overdose of Cossack. If we get through this revolution alive you will hear from me, but this is the last revolution I am going to attend. Yours,  
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Automobile Luck.  
"Had wonderful luck on our run yesterday," said the man with a patch over his eye. "Wonderful luck."  
"In what way?"  
"The machine smashed up right in front of a doctor's office."—Evening Star.



CHASING HIM TO THE FENCE.



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prejudiced impression.  
"What's your idea of a classic?"  
"A classic," said Mr. Camroy, "is something you have to listen to because somebody else said it was good."—Washington Star.

## TAMING BUFFALOES

CALVES SHOW NO FONDNESS FOR HAVING PICTURES TAKEN.

The Creatures Very Strong and Fierce—Separating Young from Mother Very Hard to Capture and Orate.

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## FLICKERTAIL NUGGETS.

Cleveland—A flistic encounter made some excitement.

Walhalla—Three druggists are applying for permits.

Minot—Mayor Roach called off the Fourth of July prize fight.

Bismarck—Many contests are being started in the land district.

New Rockford—The county fair will be held here July 25 and 26.

Cavaler—This county showed a great increase in population.

Sanger—This county is attracting the attention of home-seekers.

Kathryn—The Star reports that the creamery is doing a big business.

Sheldon—This place is doing some \$30,000 worth of improving this year.

Minot—The high school band scored a big hit at the Devils Lake chautauqua.

Towner—The Seventh Day Adventists hold their annual session here this year.

Cavaler—There were 301 wolves captured in this county during the past year.

Toga—Our people contributed to a fund to improve the roads leading to this town.

Minot—Ex-Governor Van Sant of Minnesota may open up a real estate office here.

Devils Lake—Many smuggling cases will be disposed of at the next term of United States court.

Omece—The depot is to be removed and enlarged, and more side tracks will be added.

Minot—A woman threatened to horse-pipe a man who started a contest against her claim.

Fargo—The apple trees of the state are reported to have been damaged during one or two cold nights.

Fargo—With 124 rural routes working overtime in the state the people are getting their mail promptly.

Fessenden—A prisoner in the jail made an attempt to escape. He was afterwards captured in a strawstack.

Devils Lake—A house occupied by Albert Holly was struck by lightning. Holly was badly injured by a falling chimney.

Page—James Morris was going out of the house with a rifle when the weapon discharged and the bullet lodged in his arm.

Rolette—There is a hot fight between the towns of McCumber and Rolette, both of which hope to be the county seat of Rolette.

Devils Lake—The military camp ground has been named Camp E. S. Miller, in honor of the late adjutant general of the state.

Minot—An injunction was secured against the erection of a frame and steel covered building for P. P. Lee inside the fire limits.

Fargo—The Soo was too slow filing its plat for the town to be called Saries and one on the G. N. extension was named after the governor.

Buffalo—N. Olson was held to the district court on the charge of selling booze during the races. He was formerly a Moorhead saloon keeper.

Edmore—A little boy with a tin horn fell from a wagon. Having the horn to his mouth at the time, it was forced back and through his cheek.

Kenmare—Two men were arrested on the charge of running a blind pig at one of the railroad camps and they were bound over to the district court.

Fargo—The city has commenced suit against Cass county for the return of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes which the city claims as its due.

Wahpeton—The city is trying to induce the Great Northern to spend \$2,500 on a water main, so that the city will not be obliged to move its tank.

Minot—The city council has taken up the work of collecting information about the city halls, and plans will be prepared for a building to cost about \$30,000.

Fargo—The opinion is gaining ground that if the government can irrigate it can also drain—and a little drainage in the Red River Valley would yield large returns.

Mandan—There is a revival of the talk of a road south of Dickinson to the Black Hills country. If such a line is ever constructed that section of the state will be on a great boom.

Grand Forks—A burglar went into a store here, deliberately packed two dress suit cases with valuable goods and walked out of the store—right into the arms of an officer, who had been watching him.

Souris—Clint Colvin, awakened in the night with such a feeling of suffocation that he got up and stepped outside for some fresh air. But it seems that the sudden cooling in the night air caused him to reel and fall in a fainting condition. In doing so, his face struck the ends of some lath and was cut and bruised severely.

Dickinson—It has not been many years since a ranchman said farmers would never settle west of the Missouri—and cattle grazing would always be the chief industry there. From the number of farm houses and the contents over homestead entries in that section—the rancher's opinion is subject to revision.

Grand Forks—The assertion is made that the Great Northern officials have passed favorably on the recommendation that a local train be run from Devils Lake to Fargo, and the whole matter is now up to the operating department to put the train service into effect.

Fargo—The final returns in detail from the wards of the city make the population 12,512, which is four more than at first reported. There were no changes in the Grand Forks lists, and the change in Fargo is so slight that the percentage is not affected. The increase for Fargo remains 20.4, and for Grand Forks 32.3.

Grand Forks—The assessors of the city valued the real estate, structures and improvements thereon, at \$7,417,965, and the county board of equalization raised this amount to \$7,778,954, an increase of \$360,989.

Bisbee—At one o'clock in the morning, a barn belonging to Lara E. Berg, who lives about three miles north of here, was completely destroyed by fire, together with ten head of horses and farm machinery, the whole amounting to about \$3,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The barn was only partially covered by insurance.

## DON'T'S For Speaker and Writer

Ready Reminder of Errors in the Use of Common Words, Arranged Alphabetically

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Author's Note.—It is one thing to record errors, quite another to avoid them. He who waits for the faultless one to cast the first critical stone waits in vain; therefore, as one of many working for the betterment of the English language, I shall be pleased to receive kindly criticism, if perchance, I too, have erred. One's theory often is better than one's practice. This was exemplified by the teacher of language when he said to his class: "Never use a preposition to end a sentence with."  
Many years ago I began to be watchful of errors. I noted them in a little book; the book grew as the years passed. I profited much; shall profit more. I now record them that I may benefit others as well as myself. Many of them are recorded for the first time.

Don't say "to" for "at."  
Example: "I've been to school." "I've been to the opera." "I've been to church." "I've been at school." "I've been at the opera." "I've been at church." "I've been at home."

Don't say "to" for "of."  
Example: "It is twenty minutes to four" (o'clock), should be "It is twenty minutes of four" (o'clock).  
Note.—Twenty minutes to four would be twenty minutes toward four, i. e., twenty minutes after three; as time is reckoned from the hour last passed.

Don't say "to have come" for "to come."  
Example: "I expected to have come this morning," should be "I expected to come this morning."

Don't say "to have found" for "to find."  
Example: "I expected to have found him here," should be "I expected to find him here."

Don't say "to have gone" for "to go."  
Example: "They wished to have gone yesterday," should be "They wished to go yesterday."

Don't say "took up" or "taken up" for "began."  
Example: "Has school took up?" "Has school taken up?" should be "Has school begun?"

Don't say "transpired" for "occurred."  
Example: "The fight transpired yesterday," should be "The fight occurred yesterday."  
Note.—Transpire—other than a synonym of perspire—means to reveal, to come to light. It should be used in such instance only.

Example: "It has just transpired that Prendergast is the assassin."

Don't say "try an experiment" for "make an experiment."  
Example: "I'll try an experiment," should be "I'll make an experiment."  
Note.—The experiment is the trial. One does not try a trial.

Don't say "two first" for "first two."  
Example: "They occupied the two first rows," should be "They occupied the first two rows."  
Note.—There can be but one row that is first.

Don't say "ugly" for "homely."  
Note.—Ugly has reference to disposition, homely to appearance. One may be homely and also ugly; such a one is not to be envied. Homeliness is not to be despised, but ugliness is to be avoided.

Don't say "unknown" for "unbeknown."  
Example: "He is unbeknown to the others," should be "He is unknown to the others."

Don't say "uncommon" for "uncommonly."  
Example: "It was uncommon good," should be "It was uncommonly good."

Don't say "universally by all" for "by all."  
Example: "They were universally beloved by all," should be "They were universally beloved," or "They were beloved by all."  
Note.—Either universally or all is superfluous.

Don't say "upwards" for "upward."  
Note.—The "s" is unnecessary; the word should be upward. See afterwards.

Don't say "upwards of" for "more than."  
Example: "He has been in Washington upwards of ten years," should be "He has been in Washington more than ten years."  
The word upward is often understood to mean up toward; hence it is indefinite. It is better to say "more than" if you mean "more than."

"I have been your wife in this obedience upward of twenty years."—Shakespeare.  
Note.—The foregoing is an illustration of the words "upward of" in the sense of "more than."

Don't say "us" for "we."  
Example: "Us men were followers," should be "We men were followers."

Don't say "vast" for "great."  
Example: "He lost a vast amount of money," should be "He lost a great (or large, or enormous) amount of money."  
Note.—The word vast should never be used in this sense.

Don't say "very bad" for "very badly."  
Example: "I want some ice cream very bad," should be "I want some ice cream very badly."  
Note.—Very bad ice cream may be obtained, but it is not desirable.

Don't say "very best," etc., for "best," etc.  
Example: "It was the very best," "It was the very highest," "It was the very longest," "It was the very largest," "It was the very prettiest," should be "It was the best," "It was the highest," "It was the longest," "It was the largest," "It was the prettiest."

## THE INVENTION OF PAPER.

A Chinaman Who Lived in the Time of Christ Was the Inventor.

Paper was invented by a Chinaman who was contemporaneous with Christ. He was a secretary at court during the reign of Kwang Wu, a prince who reigned A. D. 25-58. In early ages, when the Chinese had no written language, they had no special need of paper. Real estate transfers were certified by means of a piece of cord, in which knots were tied according to the number of acres sold or the price paid. But as population increased and business transfers became more frequent, something more definite than the cord was needed, and the art of writing came into use. At that time the deed of purchase consisted of a few letters on a bit of bamboo. As knowledge increased and literature began to be cultivated, legal and historical records became more numerous. These bamboo strips were then found to be heavy and cumbersome, and the need of a lighter and less bulky material was felt.

The secretary, Ts'ai Lun, then began his experiments in paper making. How long he worked before he met with success is not known. But, at any rate, the materials with which he experimented, and of which paper was formed, are with all the experience which has since been gained, found to be the best for the purpose. Though the Chinese have since substituted other materials for the formation of the pulp from which their paper is made—purely for economical reasons—Ts'ai Lun had the satisfaction of accomplishing that for which he had worked. The manner of manufacture soon became generally known and paper factories were established in all parts of the kingdom. With the spread of learning, which received an impetus from the facilities afforded by this invention, the demand for paper soon exceeded the supply. Old rags were not plentiful nor cheap enough to permit of paper being made and sold as cheaply as was necessary or desirable. Accordingly, experiments were made with other substances, and proved successful.

A recent discovery in the manufacture of paper is exceedingly interesting and liable to prove a great advantage to the western farmers. It has been found that the stalks of corn, or rather the shining coat which covers the soft pulp of the stalk, can be used for making wrapping and note paper, a superior kind of cardboard, and the best of stationery. Thus a corn crop crisper by the burning winds till the milk of the corn is dried up and the grain rendered unfit for any use may, by means of this new process, be turned into dollars for the farmer's pocket.

Domestic Service in Brazil.  
Some curious facts about domestic service in Brazil are brought out in a consular report from Rio Grande do Sul. Servants will not sleep in the house as a rule, but expect to leave at seven at night and not to return till seven or eight the next day. As a result, some houses have a pane of glass in one of the windows taken out, through which the baker and the milkman pass their goods on their early morning rounds, without troubling a member of the family to get up and open the door.

Saw Stone with Wire.  
In some French quarries stone is sawed by means of steel wire cables moistened with wet sand and passing in an endless rope over a series of pulleys. The wire, which runs from 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet per minute, is charged as it enters the cut with a jet of water and sand, which forms the cutting material. A running cable of 500 feet can make a cut 100 feet long.

The Charge.  
"What do you think that man who is now under investigation for graft ought to be charged with?"  
"It seems to me," answered Senator Corrhum, "that he ought to be charged with criminal carelessness."—Washington Star.

And Now They Do Not Speak.  
Cordelia—I had a nice offer of marriage last month. What do you think of that?  
Elvira—I think a man with such bulldog tenacity is worthy of a better fate.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## BRILLIANT REMARKS.

"Looks like a wet day, doesn't it?"  
The Tailor.