



Would Have All Stories of Crimes, Etc., Lacking in Vital Facts.

AMUSING RESULTS SHOWN.

General Nowickj Has Extraordinary Scheme to Muzzle Odessa Newspapers-Across-Sea Gossip.

ial Correspondence. ONDON, Sept. 25 .- Mysterious always are the ways of the European press censor, but it is in

trick succeeds until Poe's hero, the forerunner of Sherlöck Holmes and all his tribe, proves a match for the poll-lician. M. Sardou avowedly borrowed the idea for the comedy known to English playgoers as "A Scrap of Paper," and Sir Conan Doyle has al-so confessed to appropriating it. THE TRICK WORKS O. K.

The manager of "Encore," in acci-dental imitation of the heroes of fic-tion and drama left \$15 worth of postal tion and drama left \$15 worth of postal orders under an inkstand on his desk. During the night burglars visited the place. They tried to break open the safe: they rifled the desk and they picked up about \$5 in coins, but they failed to discover the more valuable postal notes, negotiable anywhere, that were, so to speak, right under their noses all the time. It was their mis-fortune that they hadn't read Poe.

TRAIN TO BE HONORED.

There is a movement in Scotland for the exection of a memorial in Newton-Stewart to Joseph Train, the antiquary. Train's chief claim to fame rests on his association with Sir Walter Scott. He was born in Ayrshire and from 1813 to 1820 was engaged as a surveyor of excise at Newton-Stewart. There he excise at Newton-Stewart. There be gathered together a great number of Galloway stories, legends and tradi-tions, which he placed from time to time at the disposal of the wizard of the north who used them in some of his poems and novels. The acquaint-ance of the two was due in the first instance to an act of kindness on the

Systems That Drive Children to Suicide.

Boys and Girls in Germany Kill Themselves in Appalling Numbers Because They Are Overworked and Subjected to Too Rigid a Discipline; While in the Educational Institutions of Russia the Utter Lack of Proper Training and Supervision Lead to a Still Larger Number of Juvenile Self-Murders.

Special Correspondence. PETERSBURG, Sept. 24 .--Both in Russia and in Germany there has been a tremendous increase in the number of suicides

among children in recent years. It is far more prevalent in these i... countries than among the people of any other nationality. It is well known that throughout the

civilized world suicides among adults are increasing. The reasons for this are not far to seek. They are found in the growing complexity and strenu-ousness of modern life; the decline of religious faith and the discontent of poor folk with their lot; stimulated by the glaring contrasts between pov-erty and riches.

HEATHENS DON'T DO IT. Any one who has looked life in the

demoralization and suffering they con-tain. Some facts have come out in spite of the reserve of the minister of education and have supplied the fol-lowing statistics and details. Of the cases reported of child suicides and attempted suicides committed within the past three years 5 per cent took place among children attending or supposed to be attending schools. More than 78 per cent of these attempts re-suited in death. During the time under consideration, owing to the thousands of revolvers distributed among minors by the revolutionary parties, shooting of revolvers distributed among minors by the revolutionary parties, shooting has been the favorite means. S0 per cent killing themselves with firearms. Next in favor comes hanging among boys and polsoning among girls. Dur-ing the past half year 13 boys and 18 girls are registered as having polsoned themselves. This compares favorably with the first half of the school year, when the number of suicides by shooting was 56, or the other hand the number of suicides by shooting was 56, or the more than during the previous half year.

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moralization and suffering they con- | grown-up men and women often find too much for them. From the mo-ment these children get into a scrupe for playing at politics they leave all children things behind them. They childish things behind then. They may be kept under lock and key for a few hours only and then sent back to their homes. But the mischief is done. The government in taking them to pris-on has made martyrs and heroes of them. They boast of their "political experiences" to their playfellows, who do their best to become "herces," too, CHILDREN-ANARCHISTS.

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they began to "see life." Sports are unknown among scholars of this class. Their masters lave no sympathy with them. At 12 these young gentlemen be-gin to gamble with the zest of club-men of 40. At 11 they begin to fri-quent the fushionable cafes and make merry with women. If they skate it is only with ballet girls. Other "bore" them. Vices which shall be nameless are rampant in the school. The re-sults are easy to foresee. In a year or two, when they ought to be vigorous young men, they are worn out morally and physically. Life has nothing to offer them. They put an end to it. With the hops of checking the process of physical deterioration the school auphysical deterioration the school at orities last year started a gymns thorities last year started a gympa-sium with qualified instructors. In the girls' school things are little better. The boys and girls who es-cape this general contamination are, as one would expect them to be, too serious. They go to the other ex-treme. Thus it is that the rising generation of Russin has no youth, no real hannings no gavely worth the

real happiness, no gayety worth the name. The wonder is really not that there are so many solicides among them, but that their number is not far

"ALL WORK," ETC.

KNOW NO CHILDHOOD,

Every half year come those terrible

examinations, at which failure means disgrace-and another six months in the same class. At this time the sul-cides are most frequent. The mud-died little brains, overworked for six months, caunot answer the question put herore them. Bad marks are put down and the visitim of over-educa-tion most hence and hence branes.

CAT'S STRANGE MISSION.

If In Russia the evil may be put lown to too little discipline, the rea-on for it in Germany is too much, the German scholars are treated as hough they were soldiers, with the inferences that they have lessons in-dead of defill and are commulied to

YOUTH'S DREAM IS FULFILLED

Caruso, Famous Tenor, Now **Owns Sumptuous Residence** Near Florence.

LONGED FOR IT FOR YEARS.

Has Made it a Miniature Palace Furnished With Rare Antiques and Costly Treasures.

F LORENCE, Oct. 1.-Not far dise taat from Florence, in fact, near enough almost to be induct the suburbs of the city, is the

obtains the fullest Russia that pe to display his capacity for asininterference. The achievements of Nowickj in that direction, hower, cast all previous records in the shade. He is the new "gradonaczel-nk" of Odessa. The gradonaczelnik is the man who runs the town. It is sults in accordance with the ideas of Eussian officialdom that the first thing pecessary in order to run a town properiy is to muzzle the newspapers. It is the way Gen. Nowickj has gone shoul to do it that entitles him to be regarded as the prize nonentity among press censors. He has issued orders that in newspaper reports of disturbames or crimes of any sort, no mention is to be made of the persons con canned, or of the streets or places which are the scenes of the happenhas In every instance the important detail omitted is to be replaced by the luital of his own name-a capital "N." When money is stolen the same letter is all cases must be employed to concal the amount from the public.

SOME LAUGHABLE RESULTS.

In consequence all the newspaper objessa have had to purchase an ex-a slock of the Russian equivalent o uper cuse? N's. And the newspaper d in such paragraphs as the fol

ree individuals whose names are N N and N, attacked count he was walking down N street, ing him down and robbing him roubles. He was conveyed to N at by the police in an uncon-s condition, but Dr. N told our entative last night that his in-wore not of a serious character." w is another sample of the re-of the general's exercise of his rity as a suppressor of informa-miculated to inflame public o and jeepardize the stability of nd jeopardize the stability of

veraiment! ourgiary was committed last at the residence of Mr. N. No. ureet. Mr. N's private safe was open and jewlery and other les were stolen. N. a criminal mwn to the police has been ar-charged with the commission of hos. He will be arraigned for N police court some time next

joy it must bring to this tin-not when he opens an Odessa per and finds it chock full of fial. But for the Odessa re-there is some consolation. The ters must considerably lighten

SONFERS APPROPRIATION.

CONFERS APPROPRIATION. Is manager of a theatrical paper lished in London has accidentally which a remarkable corroboration are of the most ingenious theories which a remarkable corroboration of detective stories owe which he is classic story of Purioined Letter," Edgar Allen tells of an eminent and astute ited of an eminent and astute ited of an eminent and astute ticks of a compromising letter which he is in possession. The test descrives sort the bead of the last detective services to regain the are an exaited personage, has en-bland detective service to regain the are and the politician hits open the last diag of heiting it by not hid-I at all-of so thrusting it under mass of the great detective that he serian not to find it. And the

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instance to an act of kindness on causes which impel so many men and part of Scott. At Ballantrae's printing works Scott happened to see some o the proof sheets of a Train was publishing. of a volume of poetry

AIDED SCOTT GREATLY.

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DEMAND THAT FRENCH CLASSICS BE TAXED.

The new movement among authors I demand that the French classics be taxed seems likely to meet with suc coss, And yet, after Victor Hugo's assignate plea in favor of cheap liter ature in his preface to "William Shake pears," the movement itself and the way it is regarded by the huge book-

causes which impel so many men and women to make an exit from a world in which they have ceased to find life worth living. But to form any con-ception of the state of mind which leads children to kill themselves is difficult. There is something so in-finitely pltiful and track about the sulcide of a child that the mere con-templation of it stuns the mental faculties. It is so grossly unnatural. There is no record of a little heathen savage ever taking his life.

TWO EXTREMES.

TWO EXTREMES, Isolated cases may be attributed to something abnormal in the mental and moral make-up of the child that ter-minates its own existence. But when they occur in such numbers as they do in Russia and Germany it is proof that there is something radically wrong in the conditions to which childhood is subjected in those countries. These conditions differ greatly. It would be hard to find two countries which pre-sent such striking contrasts as Russia and Germany. The latter probably is the mast highly organized state in Christendom. Pretty near everything is done there according to some system nicely calculated to produce the best results. In Russia nothing is system-atized. It is a species of happy-go-hicky chaos that exists here. And yet the perfection of system in one country and the absence of it in the other load to an appalling number of juvenile self-monders. o an appalling number of juvenile self

murders. TERRIBLE FIGURES.

TERRIBLE FIGURES. Prof. Chlopin, a lecturer at the Wom-en's Medical Institute at Petersburg, when speaking of this shocking epidem-ic recently, stated that 237 cases of actual suicide and 95 cases of attempt-ed suicide had been examined. These figures, terrible though they are, are smaller than those given by Prof. Eul-enberg of Berlin for his country. He has within the last 12 years traced 1.152 cases of children who actually have committed suicide, more than half of whom were driven to this desporate act by failure to pass examinations and by overwork at school. The terrible part about it is the reflection that, the speak-er being a German and, therefore, ac-curate in his statements, no room can be left for exaggeration.

USES COMMON SPOON.

USES COMMON SPOON. No figures as to suicides by hanging are to hand, but it appears to be the favorite method for boy and girl pris-oners, when no other means are avail-able, though in August last a school-boy of 17 cut his throat in Lupiln pris-on by means of a spoon, which he had sharpened in some unknown way. It is stated that of child suicides 55 per cent were committed by girls whose ages ranged from 14 to 18. In the lower forms suicide is almost unknown. These figures refer only, and even then imperfectly, to those governments lying west of the Urais. The mind re-coils before the thought of the possible sum for the whole empire if the hushed up cases were brought to light and the faked-up reports set straight.

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PUPILS RUN THINGS.

PUPILS RUN THINGS. And the reasons for this terrible ep-idemic? They are officially stated as "nervous disorders." One thing is cer-tain—overwork at school, in the or-dinary meaning of the term, has noth-ing to do with it. For the past three years examinations and leasons have been a farce in Russian schools. Pro-fessors are at the mercy of their pupils, who hold political meetings, pass absurd resolutions and decide whether or not this or that master shall be allowed to give them instruc-tion. One school 's Petersburg went on strike and demanded a smoking room and the abolition of marks. The scholars got what they wanted. Few masters are hold enough to send a refactory pupil from his class or keep him in after school bours. Those who do so end in bescing their pupil's head master under threats of dismis-tion. Incurst the of the school hours.

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DISMISS THEIR TUTORS.

DISMISS THEIR TUTORS. Religion, which used to influence the scholars' conduct to a certin extent. is of no avail. No threats of priseity censure have the least effect upon them. In many schools the pupils have sent the priests away, saying that re-ligion is an exploded myth and quite unnecessary for "young Russia." The boys and givis who would attend the classes for religious instruction are overnowered by the terboristic faction and keen away from fear. In a school in Moscow the priest, disinfased by his pupils, appealed to the other masters. At first a minority took the pupil's part, but the others soon slided with them, and the priest was told his ser-vices at the school were no longer

to kill officials, policemen, etc. Some them commit the crimes assigned them; others, rather than take anoth er's life, put an end to their own.

SOME EXAMPLES.

SOME EXAMPLES, Only a couple of weeks ago a school-girl was found shot in a hotel in Odes-sa. She left a note in which she said that she had been delegated to throw a bomb at an official. She knew the man and his daughter. Her heart falled her at the last moment and she shot herself, knowing that the "party" would kill her for disobeying its or-ders. She was barely sixteen. A shott time before that a schoolboy of the same age shot at an officer at Ladon -a town in the extreme west of the empire. He rain away, but, seeing that his pursuer would catch him, shot himself through the heart. himself through the heart.

SWALLOWED HER HAIR.

On the same day a girl. Marya Fee-dorowna, killed herself in a cell in the fortress of St. Peter and Paul. What was her history? She attended a school was her history? She attended a school at Petersburg, got mixed up with the "politicians" there, was arreated for having filegal literature about her, and placed in a cell to swalt her trial. One day when the warden took in her die-ner he found that she had strangl d herself with her hair, which she wore in a long platt. Here we have, at the same time, at three different points of the empire, north, south and west, three cases of children committing sui-cide because they were confronted by problems that ought not to enter into the lives of such young creatures. the lives of such young creatures.

BABY MURDERERS.

DABY MURDERERS. Unhappily, such cases are so common that people who are not closely con-nected with them give them but a passing thought. Last May a case oc-curred in a Warsaw school of a boy who, thinking be would do good to the community at large by ridding the world of an orpopular head master, shot at him, missed, furmed the revolver against himself and blew his brains out. He was 15%. In August Uree schoolboys at Zamb-kowice, aged 9, 19 and 12 respectively, held a "court marital" on a commade it years old, when they accused of them. They found him gatity, sentenc-ed him to death and hanged him on a tree in a forest. Four days afterwards his body, in a decomposed state, was found and the boys confessed. Does this not point to a terrible state of de-moralization, of harbarthy? LOWER CLASSES ONLY.

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differences that they have lessons in-stead of drill and are compalled to study from morning to night. They have no time to be young. Perhaps this is why so many of them grow three of life. Anyway, about 100-children in Gormany commit suicide every year—and this without any rev-clution, any morbid excitement to strain their brains or demoralization to poison their minds and bodies. They begin work at 8 o'clook in the morning. At midday they pause for dinner. After that they return to school for two or three hours, ac-cording to the number of languages they learn. Then, on their return home, they have five or aix tasks to prepare for the next day. Unless very quick, the unhappy little scholar-must pore over his backs till bed-time. He has no sames and no time to himself but on Sunday, when he goes with his parents to the blor-halle (beer hall) and listens to a German band. KNOW NO CHILDHOOD, new home of Caruso, a quiet retreat of drill and are compelled I where the celebrated tenor proposes nenceforth to rest between his triumphs if the stage.

The "Villa Caruso," as it is called by the people of the neighborhood, is an old-fashioned mansion that has been an old-fashioned mansion that has been restored and embellished by a well-known Fiorentine architect, and is situ-ated on a knoll hardly rising above the lovel of the vast plain of Sesto. Among the country houses scattered over the lonely valley of the Arno its fresh whiteness catches the eye at a great distance, suggesting a twinkling stor fallen amid a wilderness of sil-very-gray olive groves and emerald

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HIS OLD LONGING. His new home, which awaits its owner's return from singing on the great opera stages of the world, was, so gossip affirms, one of the early dreams of the singer. The vills, prior, to its restoration, belonged to a dear friend of Signor Caruso, when the young tenor first came to Florence--the city that christened his genue--to sing for the modest "quartals" of the heginner. Owing to financial difficul-ty the triend, who was deeply at-tached to the property, was compelled to sell R; and R is said that Caruso yowed at the time, if ever he grew vowed at the time, if ever he grew vowed at the time, the stat his word, and the friend is his most cher-shed guest on the rare occasions when Caruso induc the time to come to Florput performent. Just minks new par-down and the vicilim of over-educa-tion goes home and hangs himssif. Germany is a great and industrious country; but there are more adult subcides there than anywhere else-even in Russia. A man who has known no childhood grows up pes-simistic. His life has had no sunny morning. The burden of the noon-day is too hard to hear. He goes under in the struggle. Those who want to found model schools should steer clear of two European daugers —the Scylla of Russia and the Ger-man Charybdis-for libere is some-thing radically wrong in systems which breed suicides in such numbers. MERGIUS VOLKHOVSKY. aruse finds the time to come to Florence.

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS,

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS. The ville is surrounded by a larger add-fashioned garden which, with its formal hox-hordered paths still re-tains a certain grandour of the past; shrubs adore the green plots; and everywhere, dappling its summery-genuit, with artistically-sown color, glows the rose-pink rhododondene. In the center of the garden is a larger mathic sed enriched with bas relief representing a dames of cherubs, that, were it not for its fresh look and the signature of the sculpter, Maneini, might be mistaken for one of these representing Italian paince and this court-represent while a harger remains in while a harger of the state of the sculpter, Maneini, might for the sculpter, Maneini, might be mistaken for one of these remains research of the grounds a "pergela" avecad with a torthous part. At one end of the grounds a "pergela" avecad with a torthouse parts where strikes a happy note of his gream while a harge centenarian spirate, sole might mout of the house. NOT WHOLLY FLORENTINE.

From the winding avenue leading to Carussi's villa die geta as the first view the fuck of the building, and it bardly prepares one for the platful proper-tions of the faracte. Seeing the house from the latter point inspires the ques-tion whether the architest has made bis restoration in true orthodox. Flores-tine atyle. The house tower, for in-stance, has too much of Mooriah sug-gestion about it; and the mulliored window on the left wing scena hardly in keeping with a second story one that displays a rice entablature and gable. Yet one must say that the whole is admirably blended, and that the arlap-in the great from anything in the magnetic base to without its area-ing the form the pression of simple the magnetic base of the second story one that displays a rice entablature and gable. Yet one must say that the whole is admirably blended, and that the arlap-in the great artist of color and magnetic base is without its merit. Weather, the great artist of color and must with happy variation of big for as yet do mose and moid help to bring out the effect of the ormaneutation; yet in compensation the villa looks cony and enticing in its immeriants freshand entiting in its immaculate fresh-

Twelva cais embarked on Saturd board the steamship Kinendg, at Vic-toria Docks, London, hound for India, in the strangest mission on which cats rise went. They are going to make a ight against the plague, and to try to motiond where medical welence has mat NOT WHOLLY FLORENTINE. From the winding avenue leading to

ith not very great success,

with not very great success, The raits were unburked noder the care of the Salvation Army statherities, and came from a caste house at futures-smith. They are being sent to the Army colony at Muktips, under the special care of a Russian nomber of the Arm. Each cat has a separate rage. Their mean on the voyage in likely to meet with their entire approval. Later that of sardines have been taken for their sa-clusive use, as well as the of herities, is harge time of condemand milk, come timed New Zealand mution, is periode of rice, several loxzes of parage histillite more care may follow. The plaque com-mination in India proved fast your that plane is spread by ref. these the care will it is hoped, gradually kill the rate, and the severiment is of all successful, more care may follow. The plaque com-mination in India proved fast your that yill, it is hoped, gradually kill the rate, and the severiment is a mathem.

medium by which the being to another, Has it romains to be seen whether or not in killing the infected rais the cats will themselves set the plague, and one hasteriologist has given it as his opinion that the hability in this respect is very