

Friday, April 27, 1874.

## The Emperor of Russia.

A MAN OF WONDERFUL PUNCTUALITY—AN INTERESTING SKETCH OF HIS FAMILY.

The Emperor has the reputation of being the hardest worked man in Russia. Every morning, with the regularity of clockwork, he takes a walk in the gardens of the Winter Palace for forty minutes. He commences his work and on his return to the palace he works until luncheon, which is served at 12 o'clock. Immediately afterward his Majesty resumes work, receiving his ministers or giving audience. With the exception of half an hour's rest the Czar is occupied in this manner until 2 o'clock. He then goes out for a couple of hours walking or driving. As a rule, the Imperial family are very particular in regard to their exercise. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., after which the Emperor sets to work again, and, if necessary, does not cease the occupation upon which he may be engaged until after midnight, sometimes not until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. Usually his Majesty goes to bed about a week, and occasionally he visits the theater, where, however, he seldom remains more than half an hour. The Czar is a man of wonderful punctuality in his habits, while his pleasant manner endears him to all. The Emperor is as amiable as the Czar, but does not enjoy good health, and is thus unable to appear in public as often as she would under other circumstances.

The Grand Duke Vladimir has great artistic tastes. He is vice-president of the Academy of Arts, and regularly attends the meetings of the Senate, of which he is a member. Like his father, the Grand Duke is a keen sportsman; whenever a bear is seen in the neighborhood of Gatchina the Emperor is informed of it. All preparations are at once made for him. There are generally eight or ten gentlemen with the Emperor and Grand Duke; the beaters drive the bear as much toward the Czar as possible, and the black game usually falls to the gun of the Emperor or to the Duke, both of whom are fine marksmen.

The Grand Duke Alexis is like the Duke of Edinburgh, a sailor, having been destined for the navy from his infancy. His studies were directed by Admiral Posseit, a man distinguished for his great scientific attainments. The Grand Duke began at the lowest rung of the naval ladder, and has gone conscientiously through all the grades of a cadet upward. He started in August, 1871, on the longest tour, with Captain I. N. Leutenant, and was promoted on the voyage to the rank of first Lieutenant; he was subsequently made a midshipman, which rank he held upon the arrival of the frigate Sveana, so called after the heroine of a poem by the great Russian poet Pushkin.

The Grand Duke has encountered many misfortunes during his adventurous career. In the month of September, 1868, while competing in the Alexander Nevsky, off the coast of Jutland, he was shipwrecked, and it was on that occasion that the Grand Duke exhibited extraordinary pluckiness, what is more singular pluck than that of the Grand Duke in position of the gravest peril. Since then the Grand Duke has visited all parts of the world, with the exception of Australia, New Guinea, and the island of Tasmania, which he intends seeing either this year or the year after. He will start on his other long cruise of adventure in 1875. The Grand Duke is never happier than when on a voyage. The Grand Duke has been accompanied on all his travels by his English private secretary, who is still attached to the suite.

It is Russian etiquette for the Grand Duke Hertert to lead a comparatively retired life, and to appear chiefly in connection with works of philanthropy. The Zarovich does not, accordingly, take a prominent part in public matters, although he understands that he is being gradually made thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the great empire.

The Grand Duke Serge, who is in his sixteenth year, is a young man of great promise. As yet his studies are not completed.

The Grand Duke Paul is thirteen years of age. Both he and his brother, the Grand Duke Serge, are earnest students and everywhere in St. Petersburg nothing but that which redounds to their credit is heard of them. The Grand Duke Marie, the only daughter of the Emperor, is much the favorite. She has been the direct means of doing an immense amount of good. The Grand Duchess has taken much interest in some of the charitable institutions of St. Petersburg. She is an accomplished musician and a great reader, and she has endeared herself to all who have been fortunate enough to be in contact with her.—Correspondence of the London Morning Post.

## Our Country Contemporaries.

Prov Times, April 14.

The Beekeepers' Convention met, as per announcement, on Saturday last, Edson Whipple presiding. Several gentlemen gave very favorable reports of their bees, but owing to other parts of the county not being represented, the meeting adjourned until the 20th, to meet in the basement of the Hotel House, at 1 o'clock p.m., when it is hoped that all parts of the county will be represented. All beekeepers in the county will please report in person or by letter the condition of their bees, the amount on hand, their supply in 1873, etc. The officers of the Texas Beekeepers' Association wish a full and complete report of this county between the 6th of May Conference; besides, at that meeting it is designed to re-organize our county association, and we wish all parts of the country represented in the organization.

By request of the President,  
W. M. D. ROMERS,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the Gardeners' Club, held on the evening of the 15th inst., the President of the Club, Mr. J. D. Sawyer, gave his views relative to the various worms and insects that have done so much damage to our fruit. His idea was to send and get two or three loads of native mountain sulphur from the vicinity of Cove Creek, which would cost but little, and should the wind be blowing from the north, he would send some of the sulphur and the smoke made to be carried through the orchard by the wind and destroy all the moths, worms and insects of all kinds. Our neighbor adjoining on the north should try the same experiment at the same time and thus destroy all. Again a composition must be taken to ascertain whether, would answer a good purpose, by making a torchlight, and holding the same under a tree a short time and so pass along from one tree to another through the entire orchard.

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