CUPID'S SHUTTLECOCK.

v at the feet of Mistress May, ut ah! I knelt and plead there all in vain, as! your heart is ice," I cried, lave no heart," she frank replied, Then just that moment I espied Yound Cupid coming gayly down the lane.

"Hol for a game of battledore
Sweet Mistress May, and the score—
I trow this sad faced youth will keep it ale
Thus Cupid said, and took his stand,
His battledore held fifm in hand,
But swift came Mistress May's domand,
"Your shuttlecock, sweet Cupid—is it he

roungster laughed and drew it out— the heart all tied about th dainty ribbons. "Yollal" then he cried tossed it lightly into air out a second thought or care. ere they played, a morry pair, d drove the fluttering thing from side to

n laughtug at his fatal shot turned, and flying from the spot ried joyously. "I leave her now with theel" now not by what happy spell so thed sweet Mistress May so well, mly know that I may tall The heart thus found she lost again—to me. —Vogue.

#### THE RUSSIAN SPY.

Earlity was a born genius, destined in time to east to the dissy bights of a professional chair. So at least said his professors at the University of St. Petersburg, and donsidering that they had seen so much of him during his four years student life they ought to know, Wa students likewischeld him in away of dealing with the few men who went in for "hard work," as they celled it. Wa kept them at a respectful distance and at down quietly to work for themselves at a time when society was going to pieces. That same Kaffsky, for instance, used to squander his days and mights over mathematics and chemistry and half a dozen kindred sciences, as if life were to last for eternity. We did not believe in a man having so state of the state of the exam, sunny days, followed by the mean wretches who thus sacrificed the mean wretch

sized, squarely built man of sallow row at the university, but at 2 a. m. complexion, whose flowing beard, Kaffsky had been spirited away and had it been gray instead of jet black, was now in the secret wing of the would have given him the appearunce of a venerable sage, a Russian Zoroaster, for even as it was he seemed quite old enough to be his commentaries on the narrative.

own father. Still for all his exterior A written request was presented by coldness you might detect in his some of the professors, who were be-black, melancholy eyes unmistak, side themselves with indignation, that able signs of latent lightnings, which Kaffsky should be released on bail, en occasion would flash forth with just to finish his examinations and effect. Long before this we had take his degree, for they knew very weighed Kaffsky in the political bal well it was all a m aderstanding ance—the only one in vogue at Ius—or else a base plot harched by a pri-sian universities 10 years ago—and vate enemy. "It will be all ground had found him sadly wanting. He up fire and come out as flour in the that of insworn conspirators from whom the former were usually re who sympathized with everything counseled patience and thereby an-and everybody who embarrassed the gered the whole body of the stu-

Kaffsky held aloof from us all, never took part in our skhodky (illegal meetings), led lectures with exasperating a larity, talked with his professors on a footing of equality and was now within four weeks of obtaining his degree and receiving a post at the university which would enable him to qualify for a chair, and to crown all we had just heard of his impending marriage. "A nice time to be thinking of marrying and feathering his nest!" we remarked to each other, "just when the pillars of the social edifice are giving way and we are doing our best to pull them down in order to build up something better." Br. Kaffsky always was a selfish, cold, concerted dog.

When the name of his future bride

was mentioned, those among us who ew her were staggered a bit. Anna Pavlovna Smirnova was not a Venus, out if she had much less beauty than her photograph—which is a common failing of women—she had a good deal more wit, which is not by any means so common. Although apparently young enough to be his daughna Pavlovna was Kaffsky's was a red Radical at heart. Formerand it was not without considerable difficulty that she had obtained her ent position as teacher of a girls' gymnasy, which enabled her to live in modest competency with her wid-owed mother. What bewitched Kaff-sky in her or what attracted her to

Nor was it t. only mystery about the man. The police, we knew, had twice or thrice made elaborate inquiries about him; had noted his Kaffsky, we learned, was among the

as the piece of stuckup seifishness told him so. He was astounded at called Kaffsky," exclaimed Lavroff. what I told him and asked me to "But I confess I should enjoy seeing draw up an account of Kaffsky's him nabbed and doubled up in a 'se-cret' in the fortress. It would teach him to think a little of those who suffer there."-

"There must be some reason for the suspicion," cried Brodsky, the cleverest and most respected student among the radical set. "There's always fire where there's smoke, and as we know there's no fire hero then there cannot possibly be any real smoke. It's a matter of smoked glass spectacles." The remark struck us all as the acme of cleverness. It was warmly applauded. "Well, but who can have smoked the govern-ment's spectacles?" somebody asked. "Ah, that's a question which each

one must solve for himself," was the reply. "Boorman, Boorman! He alone has a grudge against Kaffsky!" cried half a dozen voices. Boorman entered the room shortly afterward, and silence fell upon us all.

Now, none of us had a doubt that he was the Judas Iscariot. Our very eyes told us that he was intended for eyes told us that he was intended for nothing else. His hangdog expres-sion, his slouching gait, his furtive glance and stammering delivery pro-claimed the nature of the spirit that lived and worked within him. We had reasons as plentiful as blackber-ries for suspecting Boorman, but conclusive proof we had none. Still we regarded him as a marked man, the discovery of whose body in

half a dozen kindred sciences, as if life were to last for eternity. We did not believe in a man having so many irons in the fire, and we limited our own efforts to the accomplishment of one single task—the regeneration of mankind as a preliminary step to the remodeling of Russian society. But for this we grudged no sacrifice, not even that of our ardent desire for self reformation.

Waffsky never fell in with these over the length and breadth of the empire, many of us never to return again. Suddenly we were stunned and stupefied by a bolt from the blue sky in the shape of a rumor that Kaffsky "Rubbish!" "Where!" "When?" "For what?" were our first exclamations. At first the answers were contradictory. Then they gradually converged in this brief account of the matter. He and Alexeieff had gone Kaffsky never fell in with these watter. He and Alexeieff had gone views, and you had only to look in his face to see that he had little sympathy with them. He was a low made an appointment for the morphism.

> Lithuanian fortress. "Incredible!" "Private vengeance!" "The secret police are mad!" were some of our commentaries on the narrative.

was a member of none of the three end," they remarked in the words of churches outside of which there is the Russian proverb. But to our utno salvation-that of the sworn con- ter astonishment their request was spirators, who edited a forbidden to refused, and Kaffsky was removed litical journal, Land and Liberty, from the Lithuanian fortress only hatched plots against the state and to be immured in the more terrible sometimes helped to carry them out; fortress of Peter and Paul. The rector was next asked to intercede for him, but in spite of his proverbial cruited, and the bulk of students readiness to shield his subjects he

dents.

The excitement caused by the arrest was assuming dangerous proportions. Nobody had cared a rap for Kaffsky a week before, and he was a most popular hero now. Peovengeance. None of us could have counted for this rapid change it we had been calm enough to notice it. It was not because of the man's loss bigot now."-London Telegraph. of liberty, nor of the loss of his degree, though that was much more serious, nor yet by reason of his hin dered marriage. Perhaps it was hatred for the heartless informerwho had been arrested no doubt to save him from being lynched-and sympathy for Anna Pavlovna, whose womanly feelings had got the better of her philosophy. She had com

pletely broken down. One of the professors had been to see her, and the story he told us would have melted the soul of the stoniest stoic. She had been taken to her bed, and refused all food, had forwarded petition after petition to the minister of the interior, and when it became clear that she might just as well be sowing salt on the senior by five or six years, and to seashore her mind gave way. The make matters still more mixed she doctors sent her mother and herself in post haste to Crimea while there ly her democratic views had got her was still some faint glimmer of hope nto hot water with the authorities, that she might be rescued from the madhouse and the grave. It was at this conjuncture that we set out on

our long vacations. In October a few of us met in St. Petersburg once more-but only a few. The police had made a tremendous haul among the students the m was a dark mystery to us who day the university had closed last session, and many were now in their distant native villages, expelled from the university, others in prison, others again on the road to Siberia. inks in and goings out and had latter-condemned to the mines as a teh upon his actions. Pla dangerous conspirator in spite of the then arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors. Anna eye and drooping spirits of his set when arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, intercession of professors and arrested a few weeks ago, according to

his dealings with him.

We burst out laughing when told by diabolical informers, but this was the most crying injustice I had secretly sent for the womman, and she fortunately surprised her talking with a friend, who was a stone sphinnes at the Nikolai bridge the same thing in the same things done the side of a newly arrived vessel but his wife! The kind hearted general bad secretly sent for the womman, and she fortunately surprised her talking with a friend, who was a relative of one of the ministers, I

case in writing. He would see, he said, that justice should be done. I had no difficulty in obtaining pre-

sise particulars. I discovered even the name of the forwarding prison, over 1,000 miles away, in which Kaffsky was at that time interned, and having made out a very strong case I gave my friend the paper, and he presented it to his relative, the A week passed, then a fortnight,

and still there was no answer. "There are no return tickets to Si beria, and it takes a long time to print one," said a sympathizing friend of mine. I fancied that the first tid-ings I should hear of the matter would be Kaffsky's apparition in the ever been tripped up in the very nick of time, and that he would advise ers. me to keep aloof from political reformers in future, as it was evident they could make black appear white without an effort. I replied that the authorities were evidently past mas-ters in the self same art, if I might judge by their new convictions. He was allent, and I went mournfully

pected that they were in the university, but that was only a guess. Once or twice Kaffsky appeared to be in the movement, but we had no proof and could get none. It then occurred to General O. of the secret department to employ a suy who had never played the part of a detective be-

"I know. You mean the scoundrelly informer, Borman," I broke

Boorman? Boorman? Was he? Boorman was not the detective. Boorman, I see, was nearly as dan-gerous as Kaffsky. He was Kaffsky's right hand man, and he got the same

This announcement took my breath way, but it only deepened the mys-

Two thousand three hundred rubles was what it all cost, and dirt cheap, too," he went on.

and above her regular salary, which boys have lunched on gingerbread and was 50 rubles a month. It was the only clever stroke of business she time of Edward II., more than 500 years ever did."

SMITH.

"She?" I repeated. "Was it a woman, then?' "Oh, yes. Didn't I tell you?- and woman with the makings of a saint in her too. Ha, ha, ha! She is now

a God fearing sectarian-a pietist of

some kind."
"Weil," I remarked, "she would need a good long course of penance, were it only to atone for the fate of poor Anna Pavlovna, whose life she snuffed out."

"Ha, ha, ha!" he laughed till the big tears rolled down his furrowed cheeks. "Why, hang it, man, Anna Pavlovna was herself the detective. She played Delilah to Kaffsky's Samson and delivered him into the hands ple who had never previously seen or of the Philistines. But, as I was sayheard of him went about preaching ing, that was the only clever thing she ever did. She soon after left the service, found salvation, as they term it, in some obscure sect, and is a pious

> Various Capitals of the United States. Apropos of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the capitol cornerstone laying it may be interesting to note the different cities which have had the honor of being the capital of the United States as follows: At Philadelphia from Sept. 5, 1774, until December, 1776; at Baltimore from Dec. 20, 1776, to March, 1777; at Philadelphia from March 4, 1777, to September, 1777; at Lancaster, Pa., from to Nov. 20, 1783; at Annapolis, from November, 1783, to November, 1784; at Trenton, from Novem ber, 1784, to January, 1785; at New York from Jan. 11, 1785, to 1790, when the seat of government was changed to Philadelphia, where it remained until 1800, since which time it has been at Washington .-- Wash-

A New Story of George Washington Here is a new story of the father of his country. Washington's head gardener was from some European kingdom, where he had worked in the royal grounds. But coming to America he left his wife behind. Homesickness for his "gude" woman's face soon began to prey on him, and Washington noticed the anxious eye and drooping spirits of his serv cket and was subjected to a others, but it came to pretty much of shipping to the old country, when the same thing in the end.

DINING A THOUSAND YEARS AGC. The Food of the Anglo-Saxon Men of

A thousand years ago, when the dirrer was ready to be served, the first thing brought into the great hall was a table. Moval is trestles were brought on which were placed boards, and all were carried away again at the c'ose of the meal. Upon this was laid the tiblecloth. There is an o'd Latin riddle of the Eighth century, in which the table rays: "I feed people with many kinds of food. First, I am quadrupled and adorned with handsome clothing; then I am robbed of my apparel and lose my family.

The food of the Anglo-Saxon was large'y bread. The bread was baked in round, flat cakes, which the superstition of the cook marked with a cross, to preserve them from the perils of the fire. Milk. butter and cheese were a'so coffee room of the university. But it wasn't. One day my philanthropic friend shook his head, said my data then covered a large part of England, were all wrong, that Kaffsky was the most dangerous conspirator that had Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were not only hearty eaters, but also deep drink-

The drinking horns were at first litformers in future, as it was evident they could make black appear white without an effort. I replied that the when the primitive horn had been re-placed by a glass cap it retained a tradition of its rude predecessor in its shape, so that it, too, had to be emptied at a draft. Each guest was furnished with a spoon, while his knife he always carried in his belt; as for forks, who dreamed of them when na-

long table at which the household gathered, my lord and lady, their family and guests, being at one end and their retainers and servants at the other. So one's position in regard to the salt was a test of rank—the gentlefolks sitting 'above the salt" and the yeomanry

In the houses of the great nobles dinner was served with much cere-mony. At the hour a stately proces-sion entered the hall. First came sev-"Boorman? Boorman? Was he? eral musicians, followed by the stew-Oh, of course he was. Yes. No, and bearing his rod of office, and then Tablets, came a long line of servants carrying different dishes

Some ider, of the variety and profusion Christmas, 1254. This included 31 oxen, 100 pigs, 856 fowls, 29 hares, 50 rabbits, 9 pheasants, 56 partridges, 48 woodcock, 89 plovers and 3,000 eggs. Many of our favorite dishes have descended from the Middle Ages. Macaroons have served as dessert since the days of Chaucer. "You mean the detective's re Our favorite winter breakfast, griddle "Yes. That, of course, was over faraway Britons of Wales, while the

His Eve Twinkled.

He was not a very elegant specimen of the genus gentleman as he shambled in toward the kitchen door of a house on Foundry street, nor was he artogether a vicious looking fellow, and there was in the corner of his eye a sly twinkle, that even all the blear had not obscured. The lady of the house opened to his knock, and she was undoubted!y a handsome woman.

"Beg pardon, ma'am," he said in un-disguised admiration. "I think I have made a mistake." "What will you have?"

"Nothing now, ma'an," he answered, faintly smiling.
"Then why did you knock at the

"I said, ma'am, it was a mistake." "Did you think some one lived here that you knew?" she asked, with a cheery sort of a laugh that was comforting to hear even though a strain of

sarcasm ran through it.
"Hardly that, ma'am," he said, humbly. "What I did think was that I was hungry and cold, ma'am, but the sight of your face has made me warm, ma'am, and your sweet voice has been food to me, ma'am. Good morning, lady," and he started away, but she wouldn't have it so. She took him in by the fire and gave him his breakfast, and that queer little twinkle in his eye twinkled more than ever .- Detroit Free Press.

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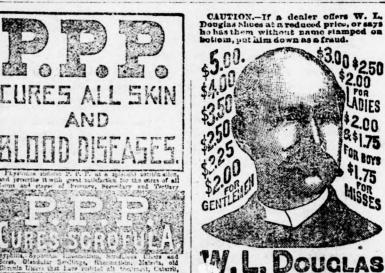
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