

—A Kiev daily describes an interesting family of blind peasants living in the suburbs of Pereyaslav. The head of the family is a strong and healthy man, aged forty-six years, blind for the last twenty years, named Semen Romsik. His wife is also blind. They have one child, a boy about six years old, and maintain the mother of Semen and the aged father of his wife. The old people do only the housework, while Semen himself supports the whole family. He can do many kinds of work. He chops wood, weaves baskets and straw hats, works as a cooper, winds ropes, and constructs "lyres" on which blind Russian beggars play when they walk about begging in the streets. His principal occupation is training blind beggars.

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