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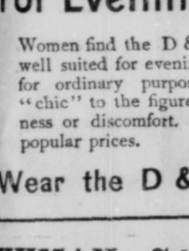

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At last one evening, as we were winding among short, stony ravines that edged a verduous plain, the leaders raised an ecstatic shout, and the rest of the caravan, crushing forward, with beating hearts, beheld in a sort of valley below them the minarets of Mecca gleaming in the sun like a thousand points of fire, the great mosque being conspicuous in the midst.

We descended, like an avalanche, in a storm of dust, every Moslem of us beside himself with joy and awe and excitement, and, reaching the foot of the declivity, we burst into such a scene of commotion as human eye could witness nowhere else under the wide cope of heaven.

We talk of Babel, but the credit of the real confusion of tongues belongs to Mecca. There were a hundred thousand strangers in the city, and, judging by the ear, ten times as many tongues and dialects. There were faces of every imaginable hue and shape, from every known clime, and costumes that only a mad tailor could realize in delirious visions of the night. The elect of the believers were there from Turkey and Greece, from Syria and Barbary and Timbuctoo, from Egypt, Palestine, and the dark heart of Africa, from Persia, and the regions of the Indus, from Hindoostan, Malacca and the Asiatic isles, and from many far separated places besides, gathered at incalculable cost and indescribable trouble and discomfort to worship according to the doctrines of Islam.

Yet the tumult was certainly not such as one associates with acts of religion. Men using the language of troopers in a rage were hauling wildly at apathetic camels that appeared to have an insuperable bias in favour of standing still, and frantically endeavouring to stuff them in holes and corners that could not possibly accommodate anything larger than a cat; horses were rearing and backing and dancing; ladies were screaming in fear of having their litters upset and their sacred beauty exposed to the public gaze; householders and visitors wrangled and gesticulated about the value of lodgings, and over all were a million ear-splitting cries that seemed to rise out of the very earth.

We did not a little ourselves to add to the din and confusion, for we had a goodly number of beasts to dispose of and voluble tongues in our heads to argue against the obstinacy of man and brute. It took several hours of arduous pulling and pushing and vociferating to get ourselves and our belongings housed, but the enterprise was at length accomplished just as the sun, the only street lamp at Mecca, was dropping out of sight. Then having dined sumptuously on roast fowl, eggs, bread, and coffee—rare delicacies after the hard fare of the desert—we lay down to dream of the great things that were before us.

Anxious to show ourselves patterns of piety and strictness, Tabal and I assumed the ihram, which is the special mark of devoutness. It consists of two pieces of linen cloth, one of which is wrapped about the loins like a Highland kilt and the other thrown over the upper part of the body in such a way as to leave the right arm uncovered. As no other garment, not even so much as a covering for the head, is permitted while it is worn, it makes an airy dress, especially in the evening and at early morning, when the Mecca air is often as shrewd as that of Edinburgh.

Thus we visited with our companions the beitullah, or temple, an imposing building with more gates and minarets and courts and domes and marble, granite, and porphyry pillars than I had time to count. Ranee we were obliged to leave in the porch with a great crowd of her own sex, for the Moslem will allow no woman, however beautiful of pious or exalted, to set foot in his temple. Thus the Mohammedan ladies, less fortunate than their Christian sisters, are denied the privilege of displaying the latest fashions in church.

Inside the pavements were full of men in every posture of rapt devotion, some kneeling, some sitting with bent heads, others prostrate on the floor. At sight of these we stopped for one minute, bowing low; then with a solemn, measured step, we advanced five abreast upon the kaaba, keeping our eyes fast upon it. On reaching it we stopped again, but only for an instant. Proceeding at the same pace as before we went round it seven times, reciting in a low voice certain prescribed verses from the Koran, only we interrupted ourselves at each round to kiss the black stone which, as all believed, was brought direct from Heaven by the angel Gabriel.

Having done our duty by the kaaba and the black stone we turned to the zemzem—that is to say, the holy well which God miraculously created for the outcast Hagar and her son, the father of the children of the desert. We drank of its waters and washed in them (for the benefit of succeeding hadjis), but there was one pilgrim at least who would have taken a draft of Epsom salts with more relish. The zemzem may be good to wash in, but it is not good to drink from, a fact which the Arabs themselves tacitly acknowledge by refraining from partaking of its waters oftener than once a year.

Purified of our sins, we returned to the pavement already mentioned, and there went down in groups and said our prayers. Then slowly retracing our steps we passed through a great door, and lo! we were in the midst of the fair again. Ranee, who was waiting for us, ran to me clasping her hands in ecstasy.

"Now, verily thou art one of us in spite of thy English face," she said, freezing the blood in my veins.

"For God's sake, hush!" I whispered, hastily. "Not a syllable, as thou lovest me."

... looked hurt, but said no more, and I glanced fearfully round, half expecting to see a dagger coming at me. But luckily the hubbub had drowned her speech.

The remaining rites were performed with demonstrative zeal and unction, the most trifling detail being done strictly according to the letter of the law. We went to Mount Arafat to hear the sermons with a throng that laughed and jested, baiting each other with the roughest of wit and sarcasm, and read the Koran, and prayed aloud, and sang snatches of love songs all in the same breath. All night, in a blaze of ineffable brilliancy, we made merry at the foot of the mountain—pashas and sheiks and chiefs and governors and priests and camel drivers and beggars and stray Bedouins, great men and small, learned and ignorant, mingling like brothers, for all men are equal during the hajj.

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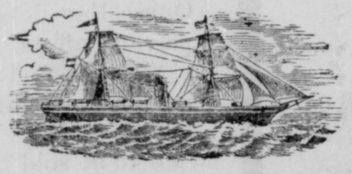

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