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A TURKISH LADY.

The Customs That Hedge Her In—Turning Your Back!

On the Bosphorus their caiques are a great resource to the Turkish ladies, but in Pera those of the classes can only go out in closed carriages, to the Sweet Waters, occasionally accompanied by their husbands on horseback. But they may speak to no one while driving; their husbands and sons cannot even bow to them as they pass, and no one would venture to say a word to his own wife or mother when the carriage pulls up—the police would at once interfere. The highest mark of respect is to turn your back to a lady and this is de rigueur when any member of the imperial harem passes.

We were drinking coffee one day at the Sweet Waters at that part which flows by the grounds of a country palace of the Sultan. All at once Sadik Bey jumped up and ran behind a tree with his back to the Sweet Waters. Two or three closed carriages of the imperial harem were passing along the road in the gardens on the other side of the river, the blinds so far drawn that it was impossible to see if anybody was inside, and yet all along our side we saw Turks, whether officers or civilians, going through the same absurd ceremony, and only when the carriages were out of sight did they return to their coffee. Formerly a man never saw the face of his intended till after the marriage ceremony, when they withdrew into a room and the veil was lifted for the first time. Now it is generally contrived that the bridegroom elect shall see his future wife for a moment unveiled.

EASTERN SITUATION.

Harem Favorites in a Plot—Peace Negotiations and a Cretan Situation.

According to a despatch from Constantinople published in Berlin fourteen ladies of the Imperial harem have been arrested on a charge of complicity with the intrigues of the Young Turkey party.

With regard to the peace negotiations it is understood from an Athens despatch that the Peace Conference has arranged for the appointment by the powers of three delegates to control the revenues assigned to the service of the Greek debt. The Porte is negotiating a loan to cover the evacuation of Thessaly. The ambassadors propose that the indemnity should be paid in four yearly instalments of one million pounds Turkish. The Turkish Government wants the evacuation to occupy the same period and wishes to hold Volo until all has been paid. Germany demands that Turkey shall be allowed to hold the districts of Trikala and Turnovo until the indemnity has been paid. England strongly opposes it.

The belief of the Cretans that Djavad Pasha, the new military commandant, is really charged by the Sultan with instructions to wreck the autonomy scheme has had one very important result. The deputies representing the principal provinces have sent to the foreign admirals an official declaration accepting autonomy and expressing a desire that the Turkish troops should be withdrawn from the Island.

A special despatch from Soga says it is rumored there that the object of the visit of Prince Ferdinand and Stouff, the Bulgarian Premier, to King Charles of Roumania at Sina is to induce reluctant Roumania to join Serbia and Bulgaria in the rising against Turkey, for which, it is alleged, secret preparations have for a long time been in progress.

The discussions of the Lambeth Conference have been conducted in private; but as the Church Evangelist remarks, "there is every reason to believe that they have been marked by much brotherly feeling and goodwill. What are called burning questions have been discussed with considerable frankness, but there has not been the least friction nor anything out of harmony with the fullest Christian charity. We understand that the anticipated crusade against the Society system in Missions has not been realized in the Conference. One of the Indian Bishops it is said made something in the nature of an attack upon the system, but he received very little support from his brother prelates, many of whom testified in the heartiest terms to the value of the work done by Societies in all parts of the Missionfield."

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That she touches with tender care,
A cunning little bit of a thing
That a baby used to wear.
And she gently raises it to her lips
And lovingly holds it there.

It is worn and faded and old,
But it brings up the happy past.
She sadly sighs as she thinks of the joys
That were too sweet to last.

In fancy she sees a little child
As it gambols upon the floor.
An eldritch creature with golden hair
Is cooing a baby song once more,
And a tear drops down on the tiny shoe
That the beautiful dream child wore.

"Ah, well," she sighs to herself,
"Tis, alas, the will of the fates!
I used to be able to wear this shoe,
But now I take number eights."
—Pearson's Weekly.

ANIMALS AND MUSIC.

A Strange Experiment Made In a Zoological Garden.

A violinist was playing various airs before the cages of the animals. The bow, which had been passing backward and forward half drowsily, took up a gait that would have distanced one of the deer in the pen by the buffaloes' yard. Then there was a transformation scene in the home of the lioness as rapid and as complete as that of the tune. The cubs went into ecstasies. They rolled about, jumped, fell over one another, raced over their mother's recumbent body, and danced unbroken on her head. They ceased their tantrums only with the ceasing of the music.

Then they gathered at the front bars of the cage again and silently and pathetically pleaded for more. Their plea was successful, and in response to the delicate flattery conveyed by their manner the player gave the lullaby once more. They simply sat and listened to it as silently as they had at the first. The transition to the jig music was once more made speedily. The first note of the lively air had barely left the violin before its riotous contagion had once more caught the cubs. They rolled and rolled about and stopped only when the professor, fearing to tire their little limbs, took his bow from his fiddle and told them they had danced enough for debutantes.

The hyena is an uncanany brute. His very appearance goes a great way toward bearing out charges of graveyard robbery brought against him. He has no music in his soul nor room for any. Sweet sounds are to him so antipodal to everything in his nature that they inspire him with nothing but fear, and the most abject fear at that. When Professor Baker tried to interest the two skulking hyenas in his performance on the violin, they began trembling visibly at the first note's utterance, and then as the music swelled they sought the farthest side of their prison and tried their best to squeeze their ungainly bodies through the bars to escape the melody.—Philadelphia Times.

Heroic Treatment of Patients.

The hospital physician should be a man of the most thorough methods and the most extreme conservatism. He should be chosen as much for his practical good sense as for his skill in diagnosing disease. He should be a man with intuitions and ought to be able to decide almost at a glance whether a patient is suffering from brain trouble or alcoholism.

There have been of late a great many instances where this mistake has been made, and it is by no means creditable to the hospital authorities when such blunders are made.

One of the latest exploits of a hospital doctor was to order a cold bath for a consumptive patient who showed some symptoms of hysteria. Shortly after the bath the woman died. Just why a doctor should order such treatment common sense as well as the medical profession would like very much to know.

Hospitals are in the main supported by the people, and the people have a right to good treatment and courtesy at the hands of those who are put in charge of such institutions. Failing to receive this, the public has also the right to demand an investigation of the situation and to demand the punishment of those who are guilty of such unprofessional and inhuman conduct and that their places be filled by those who are more intelligent and better fitted for the duties and responsibilities of such a place.—New York Ledger.

Chances For Success In Large Cities.

In solving "Problems of Young Men" Edward W. Bok, in The Ladies' Home Journal, replying to an inquirer, contends that opportunities for promotion (in business) are more numerous in large cities than in smaller communities, but they are not better. "There are more chances in the larger cities, but likewise there are more applicants for the chances. Salaries may be higher in the centers, but so, too, is the cost of living. Things always equalize themselves. To my way of thinking, a moderate business success in a small community means more to a man in point of living and absolute satisfaction than a greater success in a larger city."

Catch Fish With Wheels.

A curious plan for catching fish is used on the Columbia river. A number of wheels are set up in the middle of the stream, which, as they turn round, catch up the fish and cast them into troughs by the river banks. The salmon are then tinned and sent all over the world. As much as five tons' weight of fish a day has thus been taken.—Kansas City Star.

CROSSING THE ATLANTIC.

Some Hints on Manners It Were Well to Observe at Sea.

The shortness of the voyage has largely killed off the cordiality which is apt to break out among fellow passengers long at sea together, despite themselves. This short period of good fellowship is not so repugnant to an experienced traveler as to some others if there happen to be agreeable people on board. He does not misunderstand civility as an effort on the part of the people to make his acquaintance. He knows enough to mind his own business on sea or land. But the man who relaxes conventionalities not at all on shipboard is apt to have a pretty dull time, which, however, is just what a dull man likes. A civil word, a passing remark, or even two remarks, can do a person of tact no harm nor lead to social complications later. A friendly attitude is more sensible than standing conspicuously aloof from everything or than repressing all signs of interest in existence or than rigidly disregarding the fact that anyone is on the ship besides oneself, and defensive airs are generally offensive—at least they are airs.

Some Americans seem to think that a haughty demeanor will have the effect of a title upon their fellow passengers. But it generally does not. Sir Walter Scott is credited with repeating Montaigne's remark that every man knew some one thing better than he did, and when he met a stranger, therefore, he engaged him in conversation to find that one thing out. In Scott's day to be a courteous gentleman or a gracious lady under all circumstances was not considered bad form. One of the most popular men I ever saw on shipboard was a New Yorker whose family, whose social position and whose public station and influence are most enviable. Wherever he is is the best society. On the trip I have in mind he seemed to have said or done or looked something amiable toward everybody. Yet I don't believe anybody tried to presume upon his civility then or afterward.—Lewis Morris Iddings in Scribner.

A Hard Test.
Wiggins—And you think that a woman can never keep a secret?
Parrott—No, she can't.
Wiggins—Well, I don't know just how big a fool my wife thinks I am, and I'll bet yet you're in the same fix regarding your wife's epigrams.—Truth.

Nursery Insight.
"Mamma, I know why angel babies is made 'th wings."
"Why, Johnny?"
"Cause if they git burned in a fam'ly where they don't like it they kin flop up an fly off."—Chicago Record.

His False Step.
Grump—One false step in life may lead to irreparable disaster.
Spencer—I knew that well. I loved a girl who thought me a hero until I fell down a coal hole when lifting my hat to her.—Truth.

Infantile Brag.
One Little Girl—My father belongs to one of the first families.
The Other Little Girl—My paw always sees the first bluebird every spring.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Novel International Luncheon.

For an international luncheon the name cards might be adorned with a map sketched with pen and ink, and also by a drawing of the national flower of the country represented. If one is so fortunate as to be able to use water colors, the cards can be made most attractive. Each card should contain some question which the one at whose plate it is will read and answer, or, if unable to answer, will present to the company for general discussion. For example, under the map of Venezuela may be written, "When and how did England first acquire territory here?" and on the map of France the question, "Why did Napoleon antedate the actual time of his birth?" Questions in regard to the people, flora or fauna of a country may be propounded if desired, and the clever hostess will see that the cards are distributed so that the knowledge and talents of each of her guests may be shown to the greatest advantage. The idea can be developed still further by having foods from the various countries represented, for instance, "French peas," "Cuban sugar," "Spanish olives" and "Swiss cheese."—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Choice of Three Things.

Australian judges make jokes that would hardly pass muster on this side of the equator. One of them recently going on a circuit arrived at a town where a clean charge sheet was presented for his acceptance, accompanied, of course, with the inevitable pair of white gloves. Having accepted the gift, he returned thanks in these terms:

"This proves that either the district possesses an unusually high standard of morality, or that there is nothing in it worth stealing, or that the police are not active enough to catch criminals."
Leaving his hearers in doubt as to which of the three alternatives he personally favored, the judge smiled sweetly at the local head of the police force and retired from the bench.—Pearson's Weekly.

Two Birds With One Stone.

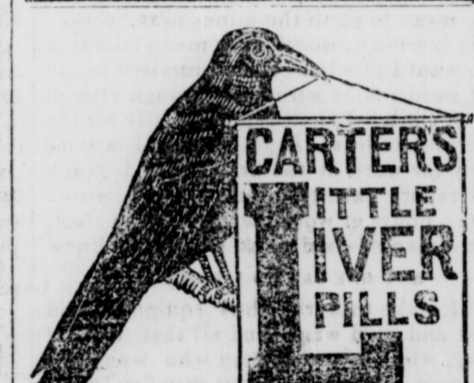
Maud—Charley stole a kiss from me last evening.
Aunt Kate—The villain! What will you do?

Maud—I was awfully angry with him at first. But when he said he stole it only that he might give it to a poor girl who never had any kisses, then I couldn't help seeing what a noble man he was. So I told him if he thought that poor girl was really destitute, he might as well take another one for her.—Boston Transcript.

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