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Moslem Students in Cairo.

In Cairo at the ancient academy of El Azhar 1,500 students are taught the doctrines of the Koran, the Moslem Bible. The students sit cross-legged in groups of from four to eight, with a ulama, or teacher, in their midst. Exercise books are seldom employed, but occasionally a student makes a note with a reed on a slate, which is held in the left hand. The necessary outfit consists only of a rug, a copy of the Koran, and a low stand. Each pupil learns his lesson aloud, and the air is full of the most distracting noises, that may be heard at a great distance. The Koran alone is taught in these schools, the pupils being quite ignorant of mathematics, history or the sciences.

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It Always Does.

"Do you think the money question will cut any figure in the political campaign this fall?"

"Well, rather. The candidate who doesn't shell out freely may as well quit running right now."—Chicago News.

The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have adopted plans and they are about ready to let the contract for a new $100,000 inbound freight station in Baltimore. The new building will be 600 feet long, 42 feet wide and six stories high. It will occupy the site of the present inbound station, which is on Eutaw street between Camden and Barre streets. The new building will have a cold storage plant in the basement and the upper floors will be used as a storage warehouse and all freight will be loaded and unloaded from wagons under cover. The tracks will be so arranged that seventy-five cars can be unloaded at one time.

The Language of the Eyes.

Consciously or unconsciously, most of us judge of the people we meet by what we read in their faces, and no part of the human countenance engages our attentions so frequently as the eyes. Indeed, as Dr. Louis Robinson shows in Blackwood's Magazine, no feature reveals so much of the owner's personality or emotions, or has such instant effect upon those who observe it.

Dogs habitually watch their master's eyes, and every one has noticed how young children, even before they are able to talk, look at the eyes of persons who approach them and evidently form their opinions and predilection from what those "windows of the soul" express. Sometimes the eyes are more truthful and eloquent than the tongue. We all naturally watch the eyes rather than the lips of those with whom we converse. Steady eyes are regarded as indicative of courage, and an "eagle eye" set under a frowning brow can always command respect, while prominent eyes that are shifty and vacillating produce an exactly opposite impression. Chinese recruits are carefully drilled in the art of looking formidable, their words of command being "Prepare to look fierce! Look fierce! Advance on the enemy!" Perhaps one remnant of this simple strategy is the peaked cap that is worn by the soldiers of several civilized nations, for the headgear throws the eyes into the shadow, and lends the face a more stern, soldierly expression.

REGAINED HEALTH.

Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.

"I Owe You My Life."

Mrs. E. WOOLHISER,
Mills, Neb., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. My menstruation had stopped and they said my blood was turning to water. I had several doctors. They all said I could not live. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me right away; menses returned and I have gained in weight. I have better health than I have had for years. It is wonderful what your Compound has done for me."

"I Feel Like a New Person."

Mrs. GEO. LEACH,
1609 Belle St., Alton, Ill., writes:

"Before I began to take your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer from womb trouble. Menses would appear two and three times in a month, causing me to be so weak I could not stand. I could neither sleep nor eat, and looked so badly my friends hardly knew me.

"I took doctor's medicine but did not derive much benefit from it. My druggist gave me one of your little books, and after reading it I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel like a new person. I would not give your Compound for all the doctors' medicine in the world. I can not praise it enough."

Advantages of Education.

Perry Patettic—I wisht I'd of paid more attention to this here war.

Wayworn Watson—What good would it do you?

"Just this. I'd be goin' around right now as a wounded soldier from Cuby, only I dunno which regiment to belong to. It would be jist my luck to name one of them outfits that never got away from home.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

Simple Headache Cure.

A novel and simple cure for the headache is announced. It is for the sufferer to walk backward for about ten minutes.

For lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

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POLITICS OF THE DAY

WAYS AND MEANS FOR 1900.

Through the recent action of the Democratic National Committee the following Committee on Ways and Means has been appointed: James K. Jones, Senator from Arkansas and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Wm. J. Stone, ex-Governor of Missouri; John P. Altgeld, ex-Governor of Illinois; Wm. V. Allen, Senator from Nebraska; and Henry M. Teller, Senator from Colorado. These five gentlemen represent each of the great political parties which gave support to the Chicago platform in 1896, and the representation on this committee is not only in about the proportion of the vote cast by each party, but is by the recognized heads of the three organizations. It means a unification of the forces that are striving to better the condition of the laboring man and the great middle class of our citizens which forms the warp and woof of this republic. There is no representation on the committee of that pernicious element now in power that seeks only its own individual advancement and prosperity at the expense of the common welfare.

The committee has organized and opened its office at Room 1044 Unity Building, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. W. H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," has been appointed by the committee as its general manager and

WILLIAM H. HARVEY.

will personally direct the work. Mr. Harvey's writings on the financial question have made his name a familiar one to all our readers, and his disinterestedness and honesty in his advocacy of the remonetization of silver are so well known that his name will inspire additional confidence in the success of the work this committee has undertaken.

The plan adopted and approved by the committee is to secure a subscription from as many persons as possible to pay one dollar per month for each month from now till October, 1900. Thus a person subscribing to the fund of the Ways and Means Committee in October, 1898, will agree to pay one dollar per month for twenty-five months, or in all, $25. One subscribing in November following will agree to pay one dollar each month for twenty-four months, with the last payment due Oct. 1, 1900. A subscription in December, 1898, means twenty-three payments, the last due Oct. 1, 1900, and so on. The number of payments depends on the month and year in which the subscription is made and all ending on the first day of October, 1900. Where one is willing and able to pay more than $1 per month, the subscription will be accepted for such increased amount as the subscriber is willing to make. Where one is not able, in his judgment, to subscribe one dollar per month, he will be expected to get one or more to associate themselves with him jointly in the subscription for the one dollar per month. It is the opinion of the committee that it is only in this way that the money needed can be raised—that it must come from the people whose rights and interests are to be protected.

All money collected will be paid to the National Treasurer of the committee and no money will be paid out except as appropriated by the committee in session deliberating upon its expenditure. When subscriptions are received at the office of the committee, a receipt is sent and also blanks governing the details of remittances to the National Treasurer.

It is from the earnest, honest advocates of this great cause that subscriptions are expected, and as it will come from all sections of the country and be a spontaneous offering in aid of the great struggle for human liberty, so will it place the leaders of the allied forces under obligations to the people for their victory, and the voice of the latter will be all powerful in shaping the affairs of state.

Bismarck and Silver.

Bismarck, the creator of the German empire, is dead and his works live after him. He was the great statesman of the century, for he succeeded in accomplishing his purpose in spite of great obstacles. When Bismarck was called to the task of governing Prussia Germany was composed of petty states. He undertook the giant's labor of consolidating them into an empire, and it is because he discharged it completely that he stands forth in history as one of the few great statesmen of the era. Happily for Bismarck, the king, his master, was also a great and wise man, with strength of purpose to maintain his chosen minister through good and evil report. Where in history can be found a parallel of three mighty minds working in unison for so many years as the Emperor William I., Bismarck, and Von Moltke? They humbled Austria, and crushed France, and through the political sagacity of Bismarck united Germany, reaped to the full the reward of the victor. He gave the German people confidence in themselves and on that confidence Bismarck built the German empire and made his king an emperor. He did not shrink from the harness the task demanded; more than once he committed great crimes against the people in the belief that it was necessary for their preservation and the unification of the fatherland. Many of his acts were dramatic, and he stooped to ignoble subterfuges to attain his end. He disdained the old-time diplomacy, and his knowledge of the diplomats of Europe enabled him to outwit and bewilder them, and the gibes and jokes with which he taunted them made him feared and respected, but in many cases hated with a bitter hate. From our Democratic standpoint he was a tyrant and caused untold woe to the people of Europe by the militarism that he did so much to build up and foster, which nothing but revolution can undo. On economic questions Bismarck was dominated by the money power, brought about the great necessities of the German government before the large indemnity extorted from France was acquired. He demonetized silver at the command of the Rothschilds, and it is said that he was led to this by the promise of the great increase in value of the French indemnity if paid in gold. In his later years he advocated bimetallism, seeing that the increase in the value of the standard was weighing too heavily upon the German people. Upon the consolidation of the German states he established free trade, but reverted to protection to appease the agrarians, whose vote he needed in his management of the German Parliament.

Sixteen to One.

O, what is the cry that is rending the sky,
All over the South and the West?
From far and from near the same slogan we hear,
With never a pause or a rest.
Though faint in the East, it is ever increased,
As you follow the course of the sun,
Till the Rockies are passed, with a wild trumpet blast,
For silver at sixteen to one.

It sounds to the tramp of the far mining camp,
Then comes over mountain and plain;
Till caught in the mouth of the planter down South,
While the farmer takes up the refrain.
Wherever 'tis found 'tis a magical sound,
And a wonderful work it has done.
Here, there, everywhere, it is filling the air.
Free silver at sixteen to one.

From the far Golden Gate to Washington State,
Thence east to Superior's beach
Take your course; and then ship down the broad Mississippi,
Till the shores of Kentucky you reach;
Up the fair Ohio past Virginia go,
Thence eastward the boundary run;
You will thus understand that three-fourths of the land,
Is howling for sixteen to one.

Though goldbugs berate, and their partisans prate,
And their newspapers fill up their space;
They tremble in fear when that slogan they hear,
And find it growing apace.
Though they fume and they swear, we will wallop them yet,
And won't we have oceans of fun,
As we bury them deep in their ultimate sleep,
'Neath ballots of sixteen to one?

As fair futures ope through a glory of hope,
To the vision enchanted of youth;
As the forces of right come on like the light,
And triumph with justice and truth;
So the prospects we see of a swift victory,
When the battle at last is begun;
Things are coming our way; 'tis the break of the day,
For silver at sixteen to one!

—J. A. Edgerton, Lincoln, Neb.

Alger a Jonah.

President McKinley has clung persistently to Alger, although the wiser members of the Republican party have urged him to throw overboard the Jonah whose presence threatens to bring disaster to the g. o. p. There are good reasons why the President refuses to part with Alger. The two men are linked together and must stand or fall together. McKinley's political appointments to the army were approved by Alger and Alger's actions were approved by McKinley. It is evident, therefore, that McKinley cannot afford to ask for Alger's resignation.

Nevertheless, many Republican newspapers, realizing the menace Alger is to his party, are urging his dismissal. The Philadelphia Ledger, a strong Republican newspaper, says:

The heavy load of Algerism is threatening the Republican congressional ticket in many parts of the country. It is reported that the Republican party managers are awakening to the danger of defeat, and are sending appeals and warnings in all directions that great diligence and watchfulness must be exercised to avert disaster.

Unfortunately, while they recognize the risks of defeat, the political managers refuse to see what is plainly apparent to every one else, that the only hope for salvation is for them to insist on the dismissal of the present incompetent Secretary of War, for, not to save his best friend could the incumbent be induced to resign of his own accord. To cling to Alger is to invite defeat; to be rid of him promptly is to strengthen the chances of success.

What the Ledger says is undoubtedly true, but McKinley is not in a position to take its good advice. The best he can do is to abide in hope that his whitewashing committee will help him and his party out of their present dilemma.

Democrats for Congress.

Since Gen. Wheeler has given his testimony before McKinley's investigating committee it is more evident than ever that a Congressional inquiry into the charges against the War Department is the only method of arriving at an official discovery and decoration of the truth.

Demonstration has been given that the McKinley committee is engaged in a wholesale whitewashing business and that only such testimony is acceptable to it as is friendly to the administration. Why is it that Gen. Wheeler's remarks are given out in full and exploited with the most extravagant display by administration papers, while the testimony submitted by the experts employed by the New York World is carefully and completely suppressed?

But a Congressional investigation will amount to nothing if the House continues to have a Republican majority. Its members are bound to the President by the ties of mutual guilt in the appointment of incompetent staff officers, given places in the army for political effect, and this being the case no effort should be spared by the people to change the political complexion of the House.

There is a demand on the part of the people to know who is responsible for the death and suffering in the army, and this demand also contemplates the punishment of the guilty men. For this reason a Democratic Congress must be elected. The people owe this to the soldiers, and should not fail to do their duty in the fall elections.

Maine and Vermont.

Maine and Vermont figures indicate the election of a Democratic House of Representatives this fall by a very large majority. Indeed it would be very strange were it otherwise. The Congress of the middle of a Presidential term is always carried against the administration. For sixty years this rule has only had a few reverses, and only during the war and reconstruction times.

THE REAL PARIS.

An American Student Penetrates Behind the Gay Surface of Its Life.

Not long ago an observant young American student in Paris wrote privately to the "Listener," saying among other things that he did not like Paris. The "Listener," a little surprised at this, asked him why. His response to the question may interest some young people who are thinking of going there. "It is the most wonderful, most beautiful city in the world," he says, "and the most terrible. All other cities I have seen, even Chicago and New York, are mere villages to it as far as noise and life are concerned, and its beauty is so lavish! If I called Berlin a Rome, it was with the thought of Rome under the conquerors, who made an Augustus possible; Paris is the Rome after that; its immortality unconcealed, its glory of the past and its egotism of the present expressed in its magnificent monuments. * * * Paris is the great city of pleasure, from cellar to dome, and in it is a museum of pleasures as varied as humanity. Everything is there, and nothing is concealed. The sight one sees eating, as I did, during two months, on the sidewalks of the boulevards; the cripples, the vendors, the filthy old hags, the men selling filthy pictures, songs and literature, and trash of all kinds, the musicians, the low comedians who cut capers before the cafes, and a thousand other creatures who do anything for a petit sou. * * * I do not speak only of the Quarter Latin, where I lived months, or the Quarter Montmartre, but of Paris in general. I have never seen such abandon as I have seen at the famous Bullier or Boule Miche. It was hard to come from the Louvre, the Victory, Milo, and the thousand marvels there, and meet immediately disgusting sights on the boulevard, or promenade of an afternoon in the Champs Elysee, and see even here, in this beautiful park, cafes chantants absolutely worthless, and their ugly, unclean posters. Paris to me is absolutely permeated with immorality, and unhealthy to the core. It is living itself to death. Above all this there is a delightful circle of people; but even here the line between the 'convenable' and th 'inconvenable' is not marked as we mark it. The children sing songs and say things that are absolutely forbidden among us.

"The strange thing about Paris is that there is no quarter, or one or two quarters, of filth, like Green street, a few districts off Washington street in Boston, the Bowery, New York; South Clark and State streets, Chicago. The city is too well lighted and cared for, and too tremendously wealthy. * * * and yet in spite of its wealth one sees misery and poverty everywhere, except in the district of Passy and the Arc de Triomphe. It is what Victor Hugo wrote about, what the writers of to-day still harp upon, and what Zola puts naked before one; perhaps Zola lies and exaggerates, but he knows what he is lying about. He would not otherwise have the audacity to say all he says. I walked one night, about 2 a. m., from the district near the gate St. Lazare to the Latin Quarter, a distance of perhaps three miles, along Rue Lafayette and the Boulevards des Italiens, Sebastopol and St. Michael. The cafes were almost all closed or closing, and the streets quiet, for Paris, but not deserted—simply falling asleep after having resisted nearly twenty-four hours. It was then I saw poverty and wretchedness. The gay world was gone, leaving on the benches of the boulevards, six or ten in a block, the homeless—men, women, children of all ages from babes in arms to unwashed, ill-clad old people. They sat sleeping, two to six on a bench, and some few, finding the sidewalks more comfortable, stretched themselves there. I do not believe any of them were drunk. I have seen our American cities and other European cities, Berlin and others, at the same hour, and noticed the wretched there, but never such an army as here. It is not simply because these unfortunates do not live in quarters to themselves as in our cities, but that their 'egouts' cover Paris like a network and overflow. It is they that multiply the number of suicides, and keep constantly full the morgue—which is, by the way, a place of popular resort! On Sunday it is crowded with curious, jesting people, looking at the frozen bodies lying on slabs behind the glass partition."—Boston Transcript.

Ex-President Hayes and the Farmer.

It is told of ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes that, while attending school at Kenyon College, he was in the habit of taking daily walks into the country with two intimate fun-loving companions. They frequently indulged in repartee with people on the road, and on one occasion met their match. In an old garden they saw a man whose patriarchal beard suggested the following joke:

One of them doffed his hat, and called, "Good morning, Father Abraham;" the next said, "Good morning, Father Isaac;" while Mr. Hayes, not to be outdone, called out, "Good morning, Father Jacob."

Ignoring the outstretched hand of the latter, the old man said with dignity:

"Gentlemen, you are mistaken in the man. I am neither Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob, but Saul, the son of Kish, who was sent out to seek his father's asses, and lo! I have found them."

Origin of "Etiquette."

In French the word etiquette means simply a label, and its origin in the sense that it is used now dates back to Louis XIV. He had employed a doughty Scotch gardener to lay out the grounds at Versailles. The courtiers wandered all over his smoothly made lawns, and it worried him till he complained to the king. He told the gardener to place sticks with labels on them directing the offenders to walk only on the paths indicated between them. "Walk between the etiquettes" was the word that went round, and it is easy to see how the meaning has broadened.

Enjoying an Earthquake.

According to the Argonaut, a lady—"an old lady," to quote the Argonaut literally—having returned to Michigan after a visit to California, was asked by one of her neighbors if she had experienced an earthquake.

"Yes," said the lady, "we had one, a pretty severe one, and I rather enjoyed it. You see it was the first thing that has happened since John and I were married that he didn't think I was to blame for."

Mechanic Buried in Westminster.

Notwithstanding all that Britain owes to mechanics, there is but one workman who received the highest funeral honors of being buried in Westminster abbey, and that was George Graham, a famous scientific instrument maker of his day, who in 1700 invented the dead-beat escapement in clocks. Graham's obsequies were attended by the Royal society in a body.

Heroic measures are several sizes too large for the average man.

So Sarcastic.

Willie—I once knew a girl who nearly died from ice cream poisoning.

Nellie—The very idea! I would never have dreamed of such a thing happening to a girl of your acquaintance.—Indianapolis Journal.

Wheat $2 a Bushel.

Some farmers are holding their wheat because they think the price will go to $2 a bushel. The price, however, may go down and thus great losses will follow. In all matters delays are dangerous, particularly so in sickness. At the first sign of biliousness, dyspepsia, indigestion or constipation cure yourself with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Spot Where Moses Stood.

One of the stations of the railway which is to be built from the Red Sea to the top of Mount Sinai will be on the spot where it is supposed Moses stood when he received the tables of the law.

"A Short Fight."

The damp of autumn nights and mornings stirs up Sciatica, and then comes a tug of pain. Use St. Jacobs Oil, and then comes a tug to cure it. It is a short fight and the cure is sure.

Too Bad.

"There goes another camp victim."

"Why, he isn't a soldier."

"No, but he camped out this summer and got engaged to a girl."—Chicago Record.

Very Different.

"Didn't you tell me that new gown of yours cost $40?"

"No, Robert; I told you it cost $39.98."—Detroit Free Press.

If a minister's sermons are too dry his congregation should send him to a watering place for the summer.

The Fall

With its sudden changes, its hot days and chilly nights, dampness and decaying vegetation, is peculiarly trying to the health. A good Fall Medicine is as important and beneficial as Spring Medicine. Hood's Sarsaparilla keeps the blood pure, wards off malaria, creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep, and maintains the health tone through this trying season.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

Mathematics of Marriage.

The chances at birth that a baby will eventually marry, says T. D. Denham, in Pearson's, are nine in twenty, or, rather, less than one-half. No fewer than 38 per cent. of babies die before they are 5 years old, and 44 per cent. of the whole population before the age of 18. The females outnumber the males in this country in the proportion of 106 to 100. Out of every 100 persons now living in this country 60 are single, 35 are married and 5 are widowed. So that, on the average, one person in every twenty you meet will be either a widow or widower, and three out of five will be unmarried. The most popular time for a woman to get married is from her twenty-first to her twenty-fifth year, inclusive. More than one-half of the women who marry at all marry in these five years of their life, and another quarter marry between the ages of 25 and 30. With men not quite one-half marry between the ages of 20 and 25, and more than a third between the ages of 25 and 30. The average age of marrying is just over 26 for women and just under 28 for men. In the last ten years the average age of marrying has, for men and women alike, gone up half a year.

Spurgeon and the Scold.

While Spurgeon was still a boy preacher he was warned about a certain virago and told that she intended to give him a tongue lashing. "All right," he replied, "but that's a game at which two can play." Not long after, as he passed he gate one morning, she assailed him with a flood of billingsgate. He smiled and said: "Yes, thank you, I am quite well. I hope you are the same." Then came another burst of vituperation, pitched in a still higher key, to which he replied, still smiling: "Yes, it does look rather as if it is going to rain. I think I had better be getting on."

"Bless the man!" she exclaimed. "He's as deaf as a post! What's the use of storming at him?"

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.—Hazlitt.

The desire of appearing clever often prevents one becoming so.—Rochefoucauld.

The ropes of a first-class man-of-war cost about $15,000.

THE MAJOR'S EXPERIENCE.

From the Detroit Free Press.

One of the stanchest supporters of the deep-water way from the Great Lakes to the ocean is Major A. C. Bishop, of 715 Third avenue, Detroit, a civil engineer of wide experience and considerable prominence in his profession. He was assistant engineer on the Hudson River Railroad in 1850, and has since conducted large engineering operations. He has been located in Detroit since 1815, and has a large acquaintance among the business men and citizens of this city.

Two years ago, for the first time, Major Bishop was in the hospital. For two months he had the best of medical attendance, but when he was discharged he was not like the Major Bishop of old. When asked regarding his health, he said: "When I had my last spell of sickness and came out of the hospital I was a sorry sight, I could not gain my strength, and could not walk over a block for several weeks.

Major Bishop.

"I noticed some articles in the newspapers regarding Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which convinced me that they were worth trying and bought two boxes. I did not take them for my complexion but for strength. After using them I felt better, and know they did me worlds of good. I am pleased to recommend them to invalids who need a tonic or to build up a shattered constitution.

"A. C. BISHOP."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighth day of January, 1898.

ROBERT E. HULL, JR., Notary Public.

Hard to Understand.

"The English language lacks a lot of being a dead language."

"Yes, and it is a wonder, too. It gets butchered so much."

Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The earliest authenticated sea fight, according to Blair, took place between the Corinthians and the Corcyreans, in which the former conquered, 664 B. C.

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