

CHARACTER OF THE TURK.

Obtention is the Chief Feature of This Oriental.

The leading feature of the Turkish character is obstinacy, says Harper's Round Table. There is only one thing that will induce a Turk to do something he does not wish to do—that is force. With that as applied, or he sees it is going to be, he will give in. If, however, thinks the other side is not so earnest he will hold out and sometimes that brings him into trouble. That is the secret of Turkish diplomacy and it is that which gives oriental countries so much trouble in connection with Turkey. A foreign diplomat once remarked that the right way to do business with the Turk was to take him by the throat, give him a good beating as if then tell him to sit down and talk business. This was, however, rather a rough and extreme way of putting it. An old resident in Turkey I met on the first occasion I was in the country once gave me the sum of his experience in his dealings with the Turk in the form of a story. I did not think at the time that I should within a few months have a practical illustration of its truth on my own account, but I was by the way. This is how the story goes:

An old Turk, whom we will call Hassan Baba, owed money which he had borrowed from Abdullah, who had asked several times for its return. As both were Mussulman, no interest was given or taken, but he was being troubled by the Koran to lend money to another of his kind. He Hassan Baba could never be induced to pay back his debt, and at last Abdullah, losing patience, had him up before the call of judge.

"You owe this money," said the call. "It is in so, Effendi," replied the debtor.

"Then you must pay it back," exclaimed the call, "or I must sentence you."

"If it is so, Effendi, I do not pay," said the obstinate old man.

"Then I sentence you to pay the money, and if you continue in your refusal, Hassan Baba, I give you the choice whether you will take twenty-five strokes of the bastinado, eat a whole string of onions, or pay the money. In the name of the Merciful One, I condemn you."

"Abahallah, Effendi! I will take the twenty-five strokes of the bastinado."

The executioner of the court and his assistants were called and Hassan Baba, having been thrown on the floor and his feet fastened, was prepared to go to the pole held by two men, the executioner proceeded to lay on. But before the twenty-five strokes had been administered old Hassan Baba cried out lustily:

"In the name of the Most Merciful, oh, call, give the orders to cease," he exclaimed, "and I will eat the string of onions."

So, on the command of the call, he was let down, and a man was sent out to the market place for a string of onions. When he got back with them Hassan Baba went manfully to work to eat the onions, but when he had got to the end of them his stomach refused to go any further, and he cried out: "Let it be as you say, oh, call! I will pay the money." Then unfolding the girdle which he had around his waist, he produced the pieces, which he counted out to Abdullah before the call.

"That," said my friend, "will give you a better idea of the character of the Turk than anything I can think of. He will take the beating, he will eat the onions, and he will pay you the money after all."

Girls, Why Wait You?

In many instances a woman's hair is her crowning glory. There seems to be no limit to the weird and mysterious fashions in which it may be put together for display purposes. In the few short years ago the dear girls wore it in a fish net, and that style was then pronounced by experts the most horrid thing that ever had been thought of. Nobody dreamed that a worse could possibly be evolved by human brain, no matter how disordered. But that has and it is here today in the very midst of us. This new horror takes the form of a round, round, slim roll which stretches across the forehead and down from ear to ear. A woman's head fixed up in this manner looks like a Dutch loaf of bread with a decayed wienersauerkraut tied around it. It is calculated to scare back cars off the track and to knock the husband of the woman who adopts it to look himself in a padded cell and cut his throat with a hand saw. The Anna Held is another weird style that is being adopted by all the crazy old girls whose cat at head doesn't come within 1,400 miles of matching it. And still some foolishly continue to inquire why men do not marry.—New York Telegram.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Doctor—"You'll be on your feet in a week or so. Patient—"On my feet? But how soon will I be on my wheel?—Puck.

In nine years the Indian population of Tama county, Iowa, has increased by thirteen. The red people there now number 934.

Denmark has labor unions comprising 88,000 members. The Swedish union has a membership of 7,000, the Norwegian of 120 laboring men.

The agricultural department at Washington, after long experiments with lawn grass, declares that creeping bent is the finest grass known.

Maria Edgeworth once wrote a book entitled "Fish Bulls," and the secretary of the Dublin Agricultural society ordered a copy, thinking that it treated of live stock.

A new scrip in the Wall street promoting line is the formation of a company, with a capital of \$100,000, shares \$1 each, to deal in postage stamps for collectors.

In the streets and suburbs of London there are now not only 712 fountains for human beings, but 288 large troughs for horses and cattle, and 476 small troughs for sheep and dogs.

By wiping perspiration from his face with the back of his hand while cooking, Prof. J. E. Higginby, of Waterloo, Ind., poisoned his eyes badly, apparently with dust from the foreign secretions on the metal.

ONE OF TWO WAYS

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

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