TURKISH WOMEN.

They Do Work, but Accomplish Very Little at It.

People in general have an idea that Turkish women absolutely do nothing that is either useful or ornamental, aside from the decoration of their own persons; but that is not altogether true, says a writer in the Pittsburgh *Bulletin*, as my residence of over a year in their country taught me, for they are really dexterous with the needle, and do work which is as fine as that done by the sisters in the convents, or that of the wives of the feudal noblemen of olden times.

The favorite pastime of the Turkish women is the bath, which brings together the wives and slaves of all the well-to-do Turks, and is like a picnic of school children.

The wives, most of them very young—some, indeed, not over twelve and fourteen years old—take their lunch along, and they eat and steam, plunge and splash, and play pranks upon each other in the wildest glee the whole day long.

No fear of an angry husband haunts their minds, for they are not expected to do anything, and their husbands very rarely enter the harems before 6 o'clock. By this time they are all back, rosy and sweet, from their bath.

At the baths there is often an old woman who has the faculty of relating stories, and she is eagerly listened to by the grown-up children; and the stories are generally of the "Arabian Nights" order, full of gentle, beautiful ladies and charming youths, and jealous husbands. Many a lesson is given as to how to outwit the most jealous of men—a lesson they are neither slow to learn nor to practice.

The way they were watched and confined always made me think of the woman who cautioned her innocent children not to put blue beans in their noses while she was out. The magic lantern entertainments amuse these ignorant caged birds. Dancing girls, singing and playing the lute, playing with the babies and occasionally quarreling with each other, take up some of their time; a weekly tour of the bazaars and once in a while a visit to the harem of some other Turk still leaves much time on their hands that the rare calls of their husbands, the eating of sweetmeats or smoking of cigarettes cannot fill, and so they give their poor little minds to fancy work. They very seldom learn how to read, or perhaps books would help them through, and they never make their own clothes, though they do sometimes decorate them elaborately after others have made them.

They have frames made on which the embroidery is worked, and on satin or that beautiful and durable gauze they embroider with exquisite fineness and taste. The most of their embroidery is done in durable and admirably arranged colors in subdued tones, which seem to me remarkable in women who are so fond of brilliant primary colors and ill-assorted contrasts. They have no patterns, but work out beautiful and graceful fantasies, and all done with the most extreme care and fineness, requiring patience and extra good sight.

They work in gold and silver threads to a great extent, and they make cushions for their divans which are stiff with the finest of gold and silver needlework. Their jackets are worked so thickly over with gold and silver arabesques and other patterns that they are almost as stiff as our corsets.

Their slippers are ornamented as well with gold and silver embroidery over velvet or satin, and seed pearls and fine coral and turquoise beads are lavishly used with beautiful effect. They also work gold borders to their bathing wraps. This is done in outline work in chain stitch. The little Broussa neckties are worked in the same manner, only that the tourah, or national coat of arms, is always placed at the end with a verse from the Koran worked in gold thread at the bottom.

They make a very beautiful and durable lace out of silk thread, which resembles no lace I ever saw. The mesh is thick, but not heavy, and different flowers are frequently made in relief upon it. I have seen a piece of this lace three yards in length and a quarter of a yard wide.

Wilson Barrett's Sweetheart.

Wilson Barrett, the English tragedian, refers to Miss Mignon Shattinger, of St. Louis, as his "child sweetheart." The story of the meeting between the actor and this charming little miss is a pretty romance which no doubt has brought many a happy hour to him thousands of miles away from his own four little ones, and many more to the less occupied object of his love. When Barrett was here in February last, Mignon, who has just entered her teens, saw his pictures in the window and on the fences, and liked them so well that she wanted to go to see the man in one of his great plays.

She went with her father to see the tragedian in "Claudian." The fascination of the face in the picture was intensified, and next day, steering clear of possible parental objection, she induced her grandmother to accompany her to the Southern Hotel to visit the object of the little girl's admiration. They were received very pleasantly, and the conversation lasted only a short while before it was apparent that Mr. Barrett was quite as much interested in his little admirer as she was in him, and before she left he begged permission for her to come to see his "Hamlet." To the theater they went that night with an understanding that after the performance they were to call upon him on the stage.

Then he asked little Mignon to write a criticism of his presentation and send it to him at Cincinnati, whither he was going. She did, and he has since said that hers was as fine a criticism of an actor as he had seen from the pen of any critic. It was truthful, candid, keen, and while it praised extravagantly this scene it cut keenly for faults in another. It touched him so deeply that he sent her in return the ivory tablets he used in the play, which he had used ever since he first essayed to picture that mighty character on the stage.

From that time on they corresponded, and when Mr. Barrett played his return engagement here he visited her every day, and his associates wondered who the little miss could be when they found that one morning, when Mr. Barrett had been up until 4 o'clock, attending a reception, he had risen at 8 o'clock, and an hour later was driving on the boulevard with his then unknown "child sweetheart."—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

Fate of a Beautiful Model.

One of the most famous of modern pictures in Hans Makart's "Diana Hunting," and perhaps the most striking figure in this animated grouping is that of a beautiful naiad in the foreground.

When the picture was first exhibited this particular figure created a wonderful sensation, and there was manifested a widespread curiosity to learn who stood as a model for the painter.

The tradition has been that an Austrian nobleman, falling in love with the figure upon the canvas, prosecuted a search for the beautiful original and married her. The truth about this has just come to light.

A short time ago (last month, as I learn) the model herself appeared in a Vienna police court to answer to the charge of vagrancy. She told a remarkable story. Made famous by Makart's masterpiece, she was sought by many, and finally wedded with a Vienna tradesman, an exceedingly well-to-do man.

The poor fellow seems to have been infatuated by the girl's singular beauty, and she, flattered out of her wits by the compliments of the town and her suddenly acquired fame, exercised so evil a spell upon her spouse that from a keen man of business he betimes sunk into a condition of sensuous slothfulness, and, neglecting his pursuits, eventually became involved in debt and presently died in poverty.

For a considerable period the widow subsisted on the charity of friends, but by degrees these resources became exhausted, and now in her old age the once-famous beauty is homeless, penniless, and a vagrant.

Traces of personal beauty still remain; her figure is still remarkably fine, and her bearing is that of royalty. She repeated in court a number of interesting reminiscences.

At one time she appealed for help to a certain lady who had expressed great admiration for Makart's masterpiece. "You must really excuse me," answered this grande dame, "but I am not in the habit of giving clothes to women who have made a profession of going without any!"

Saw a Train Coming.

The train was passing over a high trestle work on an Ohio railroad, when a man who had been smoking his cigar in silence suddenly observed:

"Ah! gentlemen, but I have cause to remember this spot all my life."

"Anything happen to you here?" asked one of the quartet.

"Indeed, something happened. It was two years ago this month. I was visiting my aunt in that hamlet at the other end. One day I wanted to come over to the big stone quarry, a quarter of a mile further on. It was a near cut to take the track, and so I took it."

"And met a train!" exclaimed a voice.

"Yes, I had reached the center of the trestle, which is ninety-five feet above the cruel rocks, when I heard the whistle of a locomotive, and a moment later caught sight of a freight train rounding the curve. There was only one possible way of escape."

"And you—you—"

"I seized it. Though considerably rattled, I did not lose my presence of mind. Dropping down between the crosspieces I swung clear with my feet and hung on with my hands. You can judge of a man's feelings with almost a hundred feet of space between his feet and a great mass of jagged rocks."

"Great Scots! How long did you hang there?"

"About ten minutes."

"But did it take the train that long to pass over you?"

"Oh, no."

"Then how was it?"

"Why, the train side-tracked at the other end, you see, and I hung on until one of the brakesmen walked out to me and said if I wasn't in the circus business to stay I'd better get out of that."

"But I don't exactly see."

"Oh, there is nothing to see. I got off the bridge all right, with three hours to spare before another train came along. I was very much obliged to the brakesman, very much. I might have hung there all day, you know.—*New York Sun.*

'Twas Queer That He Should Die Hard.

It was at an Irish wake up town. A poor fellow who had worked on the railroad for years and suffered the loss of an eye and a finger and perhaps a toe had died. Paddy was a popular fellow, though, and his friends turned out in great numbers and the Aldermen of the ward were both there, for Paddy was a good Democrat and a bit of a politician withal.

"Shure, an' it was a great pity that Pat should die so harrud, him as had always been a frind to iverybody and was always ai-ylike to his childer," moaned the bereaved widow.

"An' did he die hard?" inquired one of the Aldermen.

"Faith an' he shtrained himself, he did."

"Sure, an' that's queer; he had only wan eye to close."—*Buffalo Courier.*

A Versatile Baby Coach.

The newest thing in baby carriages is a contrivance that by means of various appliances may be transformed into a sled, a cradle, and a go-cart. The cradle, instead of being provided with rockers, hangs from the ceiling by a spiral spring and the spring itself plays an important part in the adjustment of the sunshade that goes with the carriage when it is used in its normal character. The maker boasts that the whole contrivance is almost simple enough to be adjusted to its various uses by the infant occupant himself.—*New York Sun.*

THE great advantage Brigham Young had over married men generally was that, while living, his turn to get up and light the fire came only once in twenty-eight days. Now he puts in his whole time shoveling coal.

A LEVEL HEAD.

The Advantage of Presence of Mind in an Emergency.

During the late strike on the New York Central Railroad, the militia were ordered to be in readiness in case of a riot, but they were not called out.

In an interview Gov. Hill said the troops were not to be called upon except in case of an emergency. The emergency had not arisen, therefore they would not be ordered out. He remarked that this was the first great strike with which he had had experience, and he did not propose to lose his head; the only point at which there had then been any serious trouble was at Syracuse, and there a deputy sheriff had lost his head and precipitated an encounter.

The strike continued several weeks, and there was riotous action at various points along the road, but the civil authorities were able to cope with it without calling on the militia.

The test of a man's real ability comes when an emergency arises which makes a hasty call on his good judgment and discretion. The man who retains his presence of mind, maintains his equipoise and exercises sound discretion at such critical junctures, is to be relied on and will be put to the front.

Men with level heads have the staying qualities which do not falter in the face of danger, Otis A. Cole, of Kinsman, O., June 10, 1890, writes: "In the fall of 1888 I was feeling very ill. I consulted a doctor and he said I had Bright's disease of the kidneys and that he would not stand in my shoes for the State of Ohio." But he did not lose courage or give up; he says: "I saw the testimonial of Mr. John Coleman, 100 Gregory St., New Haven, Conn., and I wrote to him. In due time I received an answer, stating that the testimonial he gave was genuine and not overdrawn in any particular. I took a good many bottles of Warner's Safe Cure; have not taken any for one year."

Gov. Hill is accounted a very successful man; he is cool and calculating and belongs to the class that do not lose their heads when emergencies arise.

SUNDAY observance is steadily gaining ground in Paris. In the west end the great majority of the shops are closed, and the railway companies have lately agreed not to reckon Sundays in charging for the warehousing of goods. The postoffiices, too, are to close in the future at 6 p. m. instead of 8, and the two evening letter deliveries are to be abolished.

A SCHOOL girl coming home to report having won two prizes, says the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, remarked that one of them was for having the best memory. Being asked what the other was for, she replied: "For the life of me, I can't just now think what that was for."

WHEN medicine is given a child, parents like to feel it is a safe and proper one. Such a remedy is Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyers.

A MISSOURI family left the cars at Salina to take in the town and the train went on having the sleeping baby on board. There was a squally time until the family got together at the next station.

LIFE in the little german village of Strobeck, in the Hartz Mountains, is almost entirely given up to chess playing. Even the children in the schools are proficient in the ancient and royal game.

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Guelph and Rothschild.

The Dublin *Times* in its London correspondence announces that the Princess Maud, youngest daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, is about to be betrothed to Ferdinand de Rothschild, with the full approval of her father. The princess was born Nov. 26, 1869, and the time has fully arrived to obtain for her suitable matrimonial alliance. Whether the queen's consent will be given to this match remains to be seen. The social atmosphere of London is filled with rumors concerning the proposed union. Should a social dispensation be granted by her majesty, the joining together of these two scion of the house of Guelph and Rothschild, will be the event of the coming year. The fortunate possessor of millions has had the glamor of royalty thrown over him by the princess, who appears quite favorable to such disposal of herself in matrimony. There is nothing less than a dukedom that would be suitable to the consort of a king's daughter, so that the house of lords must e'er long receive a Jewish duke with no less enthusiasm than it accorded a Jewish premier in the person of Disraeli.

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A. M. PRIEST, Druggist, Shelbyville, Ind., says: "Hall's Catarrh Cure give the best of satisfaction. Can get plenty of testimonials, as it cures every one who takes it." Druggists sell it, 75c.

BISHOP BLYTH, of Jerusalem, says there are now in Palestine nearly 70,000 Jews, whereas in 1883 there were only 23,000, and in 1841 only 8,000.

MEN think house-cleaning easy, but unless a woman uses SAPOLIO the proverb is true, "Easier rule a kingdom than manage a house."

THE population of France has been steadily decreasing, or, at least, its rate of increase has been steadily diminishing of late years.

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EIGHTEEN and one-half tons of celery were shipped from Kalamzoo in one day recently.

THE city of Vancouver, B. C., paid $500 to be advertised in a pamphlet professing to be an accurate description of the province and designed to influence immigration. When the work was printed it was discovered that Vancouver was only mentioned in the index, there being no account of the city whatever.

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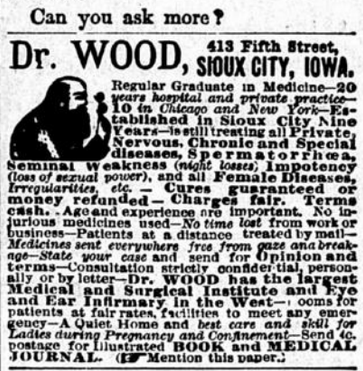

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