

Emperor Norton I.

There died recently in San Francisco a curious character who in some respects resembled the late Court Joannes, of New York. His name was Joshua A. Norton, and he was known as Emperor Norton I., ruler of California and Mexico.

He was in the habit of issuing proclamations on all sorts of subjects, signing them Norton I., and procuring their publication in some paper. The boys at the telegraph office in this city were apparently instructed to humor the emperor; for, whenever he handed in a dispatch for transmission the answer would come in about ten minutes.

He would call on down-town merchants from three to five times a year, and would receive from each the sum of four bits, in exchange for which he handed over the following bond: 'The Imperial government of Norton I. promises to pay to the holder hereof the sum of fifty cents in the year 1890, with interest at four per centum per annum from date; principal and interest to be convertible, at holder's option at maturity, into twenty-year four per centum bonds, or payable in gold coin.

His death has revived the old story that he was a natural son of King William IV. Certain it is that, born in London in 1817, he early left home for the Cape of Good Hope. From there he emigrated to Valparaiso, remaining there till the gold fever of 1848 attracted thousands to California.

Reason and virtue alone can bestow glory.

A Mohammedan Love Story.

Mahmoud Pasha (to whose young wife my Swiss friend became governess and companion) was sent very early in life to Paris. Receiving there a liberal education, he formed ideas and opinions uncongenial to his countrymen.

It was soon after the birth of her child that Mahmoud Pasha engaged my Swiss friend as his wife's companion and instructor, for though most amiable, the gentle Circassian was wholly ignorant of even the commonest French phrases.

Summer weather came; the young wife's health seemed thoroughly re-established; the happiness of the young couple was now complete—when a thunderbolt, launched by the paternal hand of the sultan himself, destroyed it completely and forever.

The last time my Swiss friend visited his palace, she learned that the Circassian lived in retirement, not far from the dwelling of her happier rival.

Young man, never lose your presence of mind when you are in a trying situation. When you take the girl you love to a picnic, and you wander away together to commune with nature, and she suddenly exclaims, "Oh, George, there is an ant down my back!" don't stand still with your mouth open; don't faint; don't go for the girl's mother; go for the ant.

An agricultural paper heads an article "How to prepare for strawberries." We have been prepared for them for several weeks, but the prices haven't been favorable.

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and would feel much better to find a family at the table than waiting for him. The consciousness of throwing everything out of gear in the family machinery makes one realize very uncomfortably that he is not "at home."

It may further be truly said of hospitality, that as a rule "entertaining" does not entertain. Public men are not the only people who like plenty of letting alone. The friend into whose home our coming means only an extra plate and chair at the table, and room at the fire-side; whose easy chair is ours for reading, resting or chatting; whose home circle is enlarged, and broken up, by our entrance; whose greeting shows that he is conscious of receiving as well as imparting pleasure; who preserves his own individuality and recognizes ours; over whose roof-tree waves the flag of freedom—isn't this the place where we all love to go?

LIFE IN THE POLAR REGIONS.—It is impossible to form an idea of a tempest in the polar sea. The icebergs are like floating rocks whirled along a rapid current. The crystal mountains dash against each other, backward and forward, bursting with a roar of thunder, and returning to the charge until losing their equilibrium they tumble over in a cloud of spray, upheaving the ice-fields, which fall afterward like the crack of a whip-lash on the boiling sea.

At thirty degrees above zero to forty-seven below zero in the open air without inconvenience. A much higher degree of cold becomes, however, insufferable if there is wind. At fifteen degrees below zero a steam, as it from a boiling kettle, rises from the water. At one frozen by the wind, it falls into a fine powder. This phenomenon is called ice-smoke.

At forty degrees the snow and human bodies also smoke, which smoke changes at once into millions of tiny particles, like needles of ice, which fill the air, and make a light, continuous noise, like the rustle of a stiff silk. At this temperature the trunks of trees burst with a loud report, the rocks break up, and the earth opens and vomits smoking water. Knives break in cutting butter. Cigars go out by contact with the ice on the beard. To talk is fatiguing. At night the eyelids are covered with a crust of ice, which must be carefully removed before one can open them.

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