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LAND OF HAREMS HAS PECULIAR COURT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

*Mary Boyle O'Reilly Visits Ancient City in Asia and
Hears "First Suffraget"—Woman Works for Wages
and Refuses To Be Held By "a Rope of
Idle Works, As Is Allah's Will."*

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Damascus, Turkey-in-Asia, Jan. 23.

—At the gate of the Friend, whence starts the street called Straight, a Kadi waits to dispense quick justice. The official interpreter of the law, gorgeous in crimson robe and green turban, sits upon a carpet against his cushions. About him stand the officers of his petty court, a serike with roll of paper and pen case, a summoner with crooked sword, a questioner holding a long club. And all about are the populace, curious and noisy.

"Nammur, son of Khalidi," called the summoner.

A moment and he was there— young, good-looking, arms outstretched, hands hidden in his sleeves. Next instant he knoeled and kissed the ground.

"Proceed!" commanded the judge. "I have a petition to make. Let me entreat you to help me in my distress. O, Kadi, may you live forever; may your shadow never grow less! This is the business of my coming. It is business of great consequence. Not I, alone, but many men are stricken. Permit me to open the subject of my grievances.

"I, Nammur, son of Khalidi, a true believer, affirm this woman at whom I point to be my wife. She sought me out—not a bargain. I read love