

ANGRY PARISIANS.

A PITIFUL SIGHT, IMPOSSIBLE FOR AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND.

OUTBURSTS OF FURY BY FRENCH NOBS

Sketches by Artist Benough—Our Special Illustrator in Paris Sends us a Picture, from Life, of a Dreyfus Rabble in a Fit of Rage.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

PARIS, November 18.—Frenzied scenes in the streets, quiet, dignity, and decorum in the courts. This sums up the Dreyfus case from the point of view of the calm observer in Paris to-day. Both the Paris mobs and the Paris courts make interesting studies to the visitor. Presently playing at burning newspapers, passionately earnest, and worked up about something. The "something" was the report of the Dreyfus proceedings. An American who disagreed with an article in a newspaper might not "rage" in a contemptuous tone, and then forget all about it. It scarcely seems possible to grown men of the Anglo-Saxon race that adults can vent their rage over a newspaper article by setting the streets on fire, and dashing madly through the streets, waving the burning sheet in the air, and gesticulating furiously. Yet this is what the Parisians did. It was awful to witness the tearing, swearing rage of these outraged citizens. I needed only a miscellaneous collection of weapons, an attendant crowd of female furies, and the Revolutionary rabble would have been reproduced.

Fortunately for Paris, there are different days to those of the Revolution, and the Commune. On the yelling Parisians, with dilated eyes and frothing lips, almost into the arms of a force of police that comes up unexpectedly. Then what a scattering of the valiant militia!

Lacking the courage to fight the police, was recent rough treatment in a manner exceedingly unpleasant to the rioters, the mob turns upon itself, and, with sticks and stones flying through the air, turns, with a shout, into a side street, where it continues its headlong career until a gas net and turned back by the police.

In this way it is gradually broken up, and beaten back to its haunts. It is dangerous, in spite of its cowardly nature, to see never knows when this mob may forget the line between meaningless rage and absolute insanity, when nothing but shooting will cause a return to a normal condition.

It is this latter stage of the crowd's frenzy that the Parisian authorities fear. There have been too many such mobs in Paris, and their doings have been too plainly murderous for a chance of a repetition of such days to be lightly treated.

While the mob storms through the streets, though, the judicial gentlemen pursue their calm course, and are quite unimpaired. The Court of Cassation is guarded by the judges go abroad without showing any sign of alarm at the aspect of the mob. They are an odd sight to American eyes, wearing long robes with white fronts, and a peculiar gait.

The scene in the Court of Cassation is not as quiet as an English court seems with the judge in flowing wig, and the barristers in natty perukes, but it is impressive. The sixteen members of the court sit in a large-sized room. In the center is the serious-looking reporter, Mr. Bard. The public are not believed to be admitted to the court proceedings, and the space allotted to them is limited. The reporter reads the Dreyfus

An Important Court Officer.



Reporter Bard, of the Court of Cassation, reading his report of the case that absorbs public interest in Paris.

his report in a droning voice, and his restraining drawl is occasionally punctuated by the shout of the foreign mob. When court is not sitting the dignified gentlemen in the caps and gowns parade the corridors of the court, discussing the Dreyfus case, the Fashoda incident, and the latest gossip of the town, but a short distance from them an angry crowd is being chased and beaten into fragments by the police. It strikes the uninitiated stranger that the Parisians do not take their mobs very seriously. In spite of the story of the Commune and the history of the Revolution.

FINE CATS IN HIGH FAVOR.

Trained Ones Taking the Places of Dogs as Pets. In the show window of a bright little establishment in Sixth avenue, just on the border of one of the business districts, there is usually to be found a group in the rays of Indian summer's clearest sun a leazy Brazilian monkey, in whose long, motionless arms is affectionately squeezed or cuddled a slumbering tabby cat. The floor of the show window, being covered with sawdust, affords an excellent surface for the gymnastic antics of a dozen kittens, foolish, absurd little fellows of all sorts and conditions. The show window is a sort of a stage in the stock-in-trade of the bright little establishment, which, as designated by a golden sign above the door, is a "Cat Emporium."

vinced of the sign's sincerity and appropriateness, for the walls are lined from floor to ceiling with small cages, yellow bars of which peer blinking, through slits of eyes, surveying one with that disdainful and altogether supercilious air which only cats of high degree or assured position in the feline world can assume. Surging over the floor, the old-fashioned counter, and the proprietor's narrow desk in the one shadowy corner of the shop is a flood of furry juveniles, and the welkin rings from morning to night with a pandemonium of spitting, hissing, yowling, moaning, love moans, and the stentorian howls of belligerent challenge. Three or four monkeys, brothers and sisters, perhaps, of the sleepy chap in the show window, from a larger cage gaze out upon the turbulent felines and exert themselves desperately to capture the disporting kittens as they fly past the bars.

The visitor's entrance is usually the signal for a mad, concentrated kitten charge. The proprietor, rushing upon him, investing him from every strategic point. They assault his boots. They clamor up his trousers legs. They catapult him from the counter, hurling themselves upon his neck and shoulders with a frantic energy which soft purrs conceal. The visitor is meant as a friendly welcome. But it is the work of some moments for the proprietor of the emporium to disengage himself from his numerous little innumbrances.

"Seat, little pests!" he orders, switching here and there with his hands among the fighting kittens. "Will you never learn good manners in spite of your training?" "So you train cats, do you?" The proprietor answers the question with a stare of mingled surprise and reproach. "Of course," says he, "else why should I sell all this place a cat emporium?" A cat is the easiest thing in the world to teach parlor manners, tricks, and odd things in general," he continues, sweeping the kittens out of the shop with a broom and into an adjoining room, the privacy of which is guarded by a fringed tapestry hanging.

"Talk of dogs—they haven't one tenth the sense of cats, when rightly taught and developed. And it's too bad folks have neglected and despised the poor cat so long. He or she's an intellectual creature, and when a cat learns anything it is never forgotten. People are gradually waking up to the fact of a cat's being so smart, and as a household pet it bids fair to oust the dog in short order."

"Is there a demand for cats at present?" asked the visitor. "Course, otherwise the emporium would be a failure," returns the proprietor. "Everybody is buying cats nowadays, and you might think it's odd folks would spend money for such things, when they are to be had for the asking, but it is the high-class, well-bred, and trained animal they want, and are willing to pay a good price for. Common cats are just like mongrel dogs. You can get a bunch of them for nothing at any time. But cats of superior breeds cost money, and some of them scrape close to the \$50 and even the \$100 mark."

"There is a beauty, the like of which you probably never saw before," says the proprietor, unlocking one of the cages and stepping to the middle of the shop. "Just you watch him when I call his name. Come, Ivan."

Instantly the unbolting door flies back, there is the swift shadow of a body in transit, a soft thud, and a singular looking cat rests upon one shoulder of the proprietor, and rubs its head against his elevated chin. The cat has a large body and short legs, but its most distinguishing characteristics are an immense woolly mane and tufted tail.

"This fellow is a Russian cat," explains the proprietor, placing the animal on the counter and running his fingers through its mane, "and there are very few like him in this country. He is a most affectionate fellow, too, despite the common story that such cats never show any affection for people. It's all nonsense, any way, to say that cats are not as affectionate as dogs. They seldom exhibit as much love for a person, because it is

show-window are inseparable friends, and generally take their afternoon siesta in each other's arms."

Poplar Voting for Postmasters. Congressman Sturdevant has telegraphed to the Titusville (Fla.) Herald that he is perfectly willing that the people of that town shall settle the question of who is to be the next postmaster by a popular vote, but the Herald is of the opinion that the contestants will not agree to that proposition. In our judgment they should. The post-offices of the country, more than any other Federal offices, are the people's domain. Where they deal with the courts they deal a hundred times with the officials who receive their mails. Moreover, more people deal with the post-offices in a month than with the courts in a year; hence, it is not unreasonable to ask competitors to submit to a test of their strength among the people, and cheerfully accept the result. Having made his offer, Mr. Sturdevant should stand by it. It is not likely that many of the contestants would finally refuse to take their chances on a vote, and the people certainly could not then complain that they had not been consulted.

To Paint Cuban Battle-Fields. Mr. Robin Lucien Paley will leave shortly for Cuba to execute commissions to paint for exhibition at the Paris Exposition scenes from the battle-fields at El Caney and San Juan Hill.

Mr. Paley also has a commission to paint a picture representative of the duel between the Virginia and the Monitor in Hampton Roads. He will visit the scene of the great battle in a day or two, and will paint the picture before going to Cuba.

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Legal Lights of the Court

Mr. Bard, of the Court of Cassation, reading his report of the case that absorbs public interest in Paris. The calm judge of the Court of Cassation listening to the reading of the Dreyfus report. Those quiet mud-huts, facing the Khalifa's big wall, Osman Digma's house? "Yes," said my native informant, Osman Digma. There were only a few wretched slaves and poor Hadendawas within. Osman, like the Khalifa, gave us the slip, leaving behind such of his people as he thought of no value, and hurrying away with all his women and treasure towards the south. They had horses and camels, and so, upon the best of them, off they set. As we, later on, rode along the great wall towards the Nile, we passed the northeast angle, where the Lyddite shells had made breaches in the thick structure. For a space of fifty yards there were gaps and three or four wide openings through which infantry could have scrambled.

We have flat, shallow tubs in which they are placed and secured by straps. Their coats are rubbed with caustic soap and water to prevent accumulation of parasitical insects. Wash-day is a period of tribulation around here. The cats know just as well as I do when it comes, and then you ought to hear the agonized wails which go up in anticipation of the dreaded wetting. "Underneath the emporium I have a pacious cellar. In this the cats are allowed to exercise twice a day in small parties. They do not like to travel about in packs like dogs, but select one or two fellow-creatures as companions and stick to them. When they are turned into the cellar in full force there is apt to be a good deal of fighting, not to mention water-logging, which can be heard half a mile away.

"It's remarkable to see the affection which seems to exist between the cats and monkeys," concludes the proprietor, as the visitor rises to depart. "The old simians are constantly nursing the kittens, and never do they manifest the least repugnance to the slightest temptation at times to tweak their tails and then look away in an innocent fashion. The old monkey and the cat in the

Howling Against Dreyfus!



Howling against Dreyfus! From mad over the Dreyfus case. Not burning newspapers when sympathetic with Dreyfus revision.

The kind of mob that the police of Paris have to deal with when a trial excites the wrath of the populace.

of other animals to make a living. I noticed that the cats the showman used were the fighting kind—square cats, we call them in the trade. They have broad faces, very short noses, and heavy stocky shoulders, with plenty of muscles in their hind legs. This was a hint, so I took a couple of square kittens which were generally on the still-hunt for trouble and wrapped soft rags around their forepaws. Of course, not understanding my game, he rags worried them considerably for while they spent their time trying to get rid of them, as sensible animals would. But in a short time they became used to them, and when I held them up by the scruff of the neck, and faced them, they would have to knock against each other, it being so large, and they were striking and punching at each other as hard as they could. Soon they were willing to go it alone, and within two months had as good a pair of boxers as ever did a mill.

The Angora cats are very difficult to train, although they are now in demand and bring excellent prices. The white Angora is especially stupid, and there is a brindle running about the back and singing to the moon which isn't more sense in a minute than it is in a year. But then, it is beautiful to look at and makes a fine parlor ornament, so I suppose it will always be popular with those persons who go in for fine show things than they do for intellectual gifts.

"Now here the cat whose character I present the subject of some scientific dispute, so I understand," says the proprietor, as he produces a peculiar-looking animal from a topmost cage. It is unusually large, with a coat of a light gray and dark gray stripes, has long black nose, and a thick, bushy tail, which is marked with alternating black and gray rings.

"This is the coon-cat," continues the proprietor, "and there are very few of a kind in New York. In West Virginia and some parts of Pennsylvania there are plenty of them, and in fact, any place where the raccoon and common cats abound, there should be a great many coon-cats. But several scientific cat-men have come out and claimed that the coon-cat is not a cross between the raccoon and the cat, but is a distinct species in itself. Besides this, one before he goes to the State somewhere to start a farm or the raising of coon-cats, which, he says, are not coon-cats. The father of his beauty was a raccoon, and I owned him. His mother was a cat, and she so belonged to me; so I have the documents to prove my case.

"Coon-cats are worth from \$25 to \$50 an account of their rarity. They can be used in many tricks, for there is nothing in the animal kingdom with more brains than a coon, and the cross between the coon and cat seems to scoop in all the mental attributes of both progenitors. 'Are people willing to pay for trained cats?' Certainly. Many a person who comes here to get a medium-sized cat for his home becomes interested in the antics and tricks of my expert stock and goes away with a high-priced pair in his basket. Not only that many persons have called in to price my monkeys which I keep more because they are ditative and unconsciously inspire such awe in the kittens, but I have become a great favorite with the cats and have taught them instead.

"Some of my Maltese stock I have aimed as ratters, and they can give ards and spades to terrier dogs and eat them up like a meal. I have a great many tricks, for I have a great many little houses which the vermin have infested. Our prices? Anywhere from \$2 to \$15 for experts. Maltese cats trained to drink and parlor things come much cheaper.

"Cats are the cleanest animals in the world. I can keep 100 of them in the emporium without their becoming a public nuisance, such as one-tenth as many dogs would be. They are clean about dogs waiting, which certainly cannot be said of any dog that breathes, and under circumstances will permit their coats to become soiled. See a small or great cat in a lake-warm water—that is, I mean, when washed, for it would not do for a trainer or handler who wants to stain their affections to put such punishment upon them as is water in any shape.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

ENTRY OF ENGLISH AND EGYPTIAN TROOPS AT OMDURMAN.

FRIGHTFUL SANITARY CONDITION.

The Murders of Women and Children—Parading the Khalifa—Raining the Mahdi's Tomb—Osman Digma's House.

(Letter in London Telegram.) It was about 11:30 A. M. when the Sirdar, who had swung his whole army round till it faced west instead of south, in order to deal with the last Dervish onrush, wheeled about to resume the march upon Omdurman. The Dervishes who had

nearest the Nile, Maxwell and Lewis being almost opposite one of the main thoroughfares of the town. A hot sun, water, food, and rest was ordered. Parties were instantly detailed to fill water-bottles and fantasses (iron tanks). The cooks, too, got to work, and fires were kindled with wood torn from neighboring huts, and a meal was prepared. Under the burning sunshine, down upon the loose dirt and gravel, officers and men appeared to rest themselves. There was a very much, such as a light near, and thither went thousands, parched with thirst, to drink, not hesitating, but to gulp down copious draughts of water, tough and thick, as from a clay pipe. I wandered with my horse a little way into the town, and down towards the main stream of the Nile, where the water was cleaner and cooler than near the Atbara. There were plenty of Dervishes to be seen about, looking for water, but they were far from being particularly aggressive at that part of the town. Indeed, several large groups of men, Arabs and negroes, came up, bearing white rags on sticks in front of them, and I told them it was all right, just to march on into the British lines, where the soldiers would receive them and not shoot them. I watered my horse, let him feed on grass by the river's brink, filled my water-bottle, and returned to my quarters, but I saw something more of the natives of Omdurman. They were not inclined to be friendly, but preferred shooting at the stranger. Their practice was very bad when the army still lay. I found that there was a fresh movement afoot. Slatin Pasha, who had been indefatigable on the battle-field in watching the course of events, and reporting the commands of the various British and Dervish chiefs, had received news that the Khalifa was in the town. He had, on passing over the field, searched around the black flag and other leaders' banners to see who lay the most, and heaped dead about the Khalifa's flag he had seen Yacoub, Abdullah's brother, and many more leaders, but the arch head of Mahdism, with Sheik Ed Din and Osman Digma, was nowhere to be found. Myself interrogated fifty Dervishes upon the field to ascertain the whereabouts of Abdullah and the other par named. The Khalifa and Sheik Ed Din, I was assured, were wounded, and had gone home to the hills, to the west. As for Osman Digma, he was not to be seen, but he had left early, flying far, far away. Slatin Pasha had got news from former friends that the fugitives and townspeople would gladly surrender, and the sooner the Sirdar marched in and took possession the better. True, the Khalifa, with several hundreds of followers, or maybe a thousand or more, was yet within the central part of Omdurman. Most of his Jihadis, it was urged, would give in at once if an opportunity were afforded them, and so Abdullah would be caught. With Maxwell's Brigade, the Sirdar and staff pushed along the great thoroughfare that leads from the north past the end of the rectangular wall, toward the Mosque enclosure and Mahdi's tomb. Infantry, guns, and Maxims preceded by a few paces in front.

Vile beyond description was Omdurman, the houses, streets, lanes, and spaces. Beasts pay more regard to sanitation than Dervishes. Pools of slush and stagnant water abounded. Dead animals in all stages of decomposition lay there in hundreds and thousands. Besides these, were littering the place camels, horses, donkeys, dead and wounded fresh from the battle-field. And there were many other ghastly sights. Dead Dervishes in pools of blood in the roadway, compounds full of wounded fugitives, and not a few women and children, mostly young girls, lying stiff and stark, hastily murdered by jealous neighbors, who fled as we entered. Many of the poor creatures had evidently been running towards the river to try and escape when they were caught and killed. The scenes were shocking, the smells abominable, overpowering to men who sought to do a day's work. "Is that mean, dirty compound, with

burdens that would assure their households with food for months. It became a natural and jubilee for the long half-starved slaves, men and women. By and by looting became more general. The houses of Emirs, who had run away or were killed were entered and plundered by the populace. Donkeys were caught and loaded with spoils of war, and driven off to huts on the outskirts near where the troops bivouacked after their long and fatiguing day. During the earlier part of the night there was more noise and hubbub in Omdurman and constant firing of rifles. Maxwell's men, however, succeeded in enforcing something like order and peace.

When it was found that the Khalifa had escaped by the south end of Omdurman, Colonel Broadwood, with his two regiments of Egyptian cavalry and the camel corps, started in pursuit. Gunboats also proceeded up the White Nile to head off the fugitives. Unfortunately there had been a considerable rainfall, and the desert routes towards Kordofan were not absolutely waterless. The cavalry soon found that they were upon a hot trail, and men, women, and children, who had been unable to keep pace with the flying Khalifa and Osman Digma, were picked up. Some of these, no doubt, had purposely waterless. The cavalry also proceeded up the White Nile to head off the fugitives. Unfortunately there had been a considerable rainfall, and the desert routes towards Kordofan were not absolutely waterless. The cavalry soon found that they were upon a hot trail, and men, women, and children, who had been unable to keep pace with the flying Khalifa and Osman Digma, were picked up. 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