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Now one of Mrs. Brown's strongest credos, although unformulated, was that a wife should never disagree with her husband. No matter what her real opinion was, it was so much more comfortable to agree than to disagree that, in their married life of ten years Mr. Brown had ever held a high opinion of his wife's good sense.

"Oh, no, dear, take your time." But this morning, true to her vow of sincerity, she said frankly: "Well, yes; I do. I've been waiting some time; and my hair is much more troublesome to fix than yours, you know."

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STORY OF THE MAHDI.

The so-called Mahdi's name is Ahmed Suleiman. The true story of his life, as told in these parts, is like a romance. He is by birth and education an Egyptian. His father was an officer of the force sent into the Sudan by old Mehemet Ali, Pasha of Egypt, to punish the Malek-el-Memo for having burnt the Governor. Ahmed Suleiman was brought up at the school of Khedive Abbas, of which Riffa Bey became the principal, when expelled from Cairo, where he had been director general of the College of Foreign Languages founded by Mehemet Ali, and banished into the Sudan. Young Ahmed Suleiman quickly proved himself the ablest of Riffa's pupils. On leaving school he entered the government service and soon rose to the post of Accountant General of the Sudan.

At the very outset Ahmed Suleiman thus found himself on the high road to a brilliant future. His master, Riffa, possessed immense influence in the Sudan and the administration of that province is now almost entirely in the hands of his former pupils. He greatly affected French authors of advanced political views and wrote a book, the title of which, "Fountainhead Mekkie," he borrowed from the Arabic work of a certain Mouhidid Eriah Arabi. Its motto was: "He who rules as a tyrant is undermining his own power." Masiapha Bey Sarrag, one of his school-fellows and also employed in an important post, reported on his return from the Sudan that the chief accountant was a man of rare capacity and well versed in Mohammedan law and history. Finally thrown on his own resources, and possessed of considerable capital, Ahmed Suleiman started in partnership with certain European commercial houses as a merchant in slaves, elephant tusks, gum arabic and ostrich feathers. He was reputed honest and straightforward in his dealings, and rapidly acquired the confidence of Mussulmans, Christians and Jews. So great was the influence which he acquired that he was constantly asked to act as judge in disputes, the parties concerned preferring to accept his decisions as appealing to the courts of justice.

On the conclusion of the treaty between England and the Khedive Ismail for the suppression of the slave trade, Raouf Pasha, Governor of the Sudan, began a campaign against the slave dealers, his principal attack being directed at Ahmed Suleiman, whose position and capacity had marked him out as a natural leader of these traffickers in human flesh. Bashi-Bazouks were sent to effect his arrest, with orders to bind him hand and foot. These irregulars, as a matter of course, tried to turn their mission to good account. They frankly proposed to Ahmed Suleiman that he should buy them off with back-sheesh, which they offered to take in negroes, if not convenient to pay in money. Ahmed Suleiman refused the conditions, and a free fight ensued, in which five of his own followers were killed, but the Bashi-Bazouks retired with a loss of eleven slain, including an officer. Started at the unexpected issue of this attempt to seize the rebel, the government sent against him a battalion of regulars. Ahmed Suleiman was not daunted. He collected all the men he could and fought the troops from behind a rampart of mud, which he built up as the fight progressed. The upshot of this victory was the recognition of Ahmed Suleiman as the chief of the slave traders, who entered into a formal compact to obey him while he resisted the Cairo Government. Such was the state of affairs when Gordon Pasha appeared on the scene. As a Christian he could only have succeeded by force, and even the non-Mussulmans were dead against him, owing to his uncompromising hostility to the slave trade. During the whole of this period the Sudanese obtained supplies of arms and ammunition from Europeans.

Up to this time Ahmed Suleiman had advanced no sort of pretensions to a religious title. It was his foes who first compelled him, so to speak, to avail himself of the idea. Riaz Pasha, who became President of the Council of Ministers, and who had succeeded Khedive Ismail, seems to have been responsible for the blunder. Thinking to rob the chief rebel of all Moslem sympathy he branded him with the epithet "False Mahdi." The effect of this step was the reverse of the sanguine anticipations of Riaz Pasha. Ahmed Suleiman's followers, who had already professed to find fulfilled in his person the signs of the true Mahdi. It is more over estimated that no less than four thousand persons who had been expelled by Raiz from Egypt straightway came under his flag. On the outbreak of Arabi and the colonels in 1881 Khedive Ismail sent the famous First Regiment with the mutinous colonels to the Sudan. Later on the Khedive authorized Arabi, then War Minister, to carry out this intention, and telegrams were produced stating urgent need of reinforcements in those parts. Arabi acquiesced in the proposal and the regiment was ready to march when he got an inkling that some trickery was meditated and instantly countermanded its departure. This measure, which was only meant to defeat a more on the part of Cairo antagonists, may have served Arabi well at an important juncture, as it probably paved the way for a friendly reception of the overtures made by him to Ahmed Suleiman, who had the Sudanese courted off Alexandria. On that occasion Arabi wrote a letter to the insurgent leader to the following effect: "If you are warring against the tyranny of this arbitrary government, come to us with your men, your arms and your ammunition and aid us." Ahmed Suleiman replied that he would accept his advice and obey his orders, and that he had put a stop to hostilities, adding that he was completely at Arabi's disposal and only awaiting instructions to join him with his whole army.

The collapse of Arabi's rebellion left the Mahdi to fight his battle alone. So far, all circumstances have helped him. At first the mountain tribes and inhabitants generally of the Sudan refused to place faith in his divine mission, but by degrees they discovered in him the attributes of the true Mahdi and have ended by convincing themselves that he is the Simon pure. His disciples are said to rise in part on the Apocalypse of the Christians, styled "El Gaf." This work should be of a very comprehensive character, for it is alleged to indicate that Halim Pasha, the youngest son of Mehemet Ali, is the lawful Khedive. The Egyptian Government did more than anything else for Ahmed Suleiman. If Cairo had taken no notice of the religious pretension, it might have been allowed to die out. The Khedive's Cabinet adopted the opposite view. It hoped, by denouncing Ahmed Suleiman as a false prophet, to detach from him his Moslem supporters. Instead of doing so the fetrah had quite the contrary effect. Men suddenly awoke to the fact that there was a Mahdi in existence and, hating the rule of the actual government, quickly arrived at the conclusion that he was the true one.

Various other events have increased the sympathy for Ahmed Suleiman. Most of the Sudanese are Malkites. Sheikh Alesh Mufti of their sect was thrown into prison by the Egyptians and died there under suspicion of poison. Desire of vengeance prompted his people to join the Mahdi. The treatment of Arabi and the fact that the English had to snatch him from execution solemnly decreed even by a fetrah, has created the impression that the Egyptians were less disposed to be lenient to the Mahdi's friend than the English, who overthrew him. A great ally has likewise joined Ahmed Suleiman in the person of Sheikh Eneous, who styles himself the fore-runner of the Mahdi, and, what is of still greater consequence, has at his back large stores of munitions of war. But after all the sheet anchor of Ahmed Suleiman in the disaffection towards their own rulers of the Egyptian people.

In one lot there are four estates and in another two young men with their hair parted in the center. How many calves in all? A man ordered a ton of coal and received 1,800 pounds. How much more was due him and how should he go to work to get it? A woman bought eleven yards of cloth and paid for it with butter, giving three pounds for a yard. The fat was a stone weighing five pounds in the center of the crock, and the dealer cheated her a yard and a half in measuring the cloth. Who was ahead on the trade, and how much? A farmer's wife has twenty-two hens. A preacher comes to stay over Sunday, and she cooks a nice piece of corn beef. How many hens has she left? A boy can earn 80 cents a day and beats the old man out of his board at \$3 per week. How much will he have after the first grand aggregation of gigantic wonders leaves town? Albert has nine marbles and Aaron steals four. How many are left? Aaron drops a dime from his pocket, and Albert swallows it. What was Albert's profit on the whole business? Take a heavy piece of woolen cloth to your heel and you won't slip on the ice. Nothing makes a man feel so independent of public opinion as to have the price of a fine horse and carriage in his pocket. Some people seem to have been born without a conscience. You can no more teach them to do right than you can teach a crab to crawl straight ahead. How can you expect your child to be better than you are yourself? The old proverb is a true one. How can the fool amble when the horse and mare trot? Mr. James Exley, 1203 N. 5th street, PHILADELPHIA, Pa., says: "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters as an appetizer and found them excellent." Philanthropy sometimes tries to do to man what a cold winter night to a good man was leading a little child by the hands saying "Here is a poor little orphan and I'm trying to find his parents." Nothing in the world could possibly be more exquisite than this notice in a partially vacant house. The upper part of this house to let, containing three rooms, a cellar, kitchen and backyard. Ladies, attention! In the Diamond Dyes more coloring is given than in any known dyes, and they give faster and more brilliant colors. In all at drug stores. Every body praises them. Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt. An exchange comes to us with a poem entitled "How to Kiss," marked in blue. Either the author is blamed proud of his production, or else he thinks we don't know how to do it—in either of which case he is 'way off. We often say if we could only live one lives over again we would live them very differently, but we are apt to forget that if a man has a capacity for making a fool of himself once he will not be likely to lose the opportunity when the second chance is offered. When a young man in Japan falls in love with an almond-eyed beauty he takes a branch of a mistletoe to the door of her house. If such a custom was in vogue in this country every house in town that contains a marriageable daughter or two would look as if it were getting ready to decorate for the festive Christmas holidays.

IRISHMEN AT WAR.

DROMORE, Jan. 1.—Meetings of both Nationalists and Orangemen were held here to-day. Twenty thousand people were in attendance at the meeting of the Orangemen, all the magistrates of the county being present. T. L. Sullivan and W. O'Brien, members of Parliament, who are also members of the organizing committee of the National League, directed the movements of the Nationalists, who marched from the Catholic chapel in military order, an encounter occurring between the Nationalists, from Trillick, a town not far from Dromore, and the Orange procession. The Orangemen were charged by Nationalists, but the military intervention and aid proceeded to clear the streets. There was tremendous rioting for a while and several men were stabbed.

The Orange meeting was held in a field close to Dromore, in sight of the Nationalists. Colonel Stuart Knox presided. He accused the Government of endeavoring to obtain the Parnellite vote by prohibiting loyal and allowing Parnellite meetings. Resolutions were passed opposing extension of the franchise in Ireland, condemning the action of the Government in allowing seditious meetings in Ulster, opposing Home Rule in Ireland and endorsing Lord Rosmore's action at Roske. Among the speakers were Lord George Hamilton, Lord Claud Hamilton, Major Hamilton and Lord Caledon.

The Nationalist meeting was held in a field at the opposite end of the town. The rival parties were kept apart by large bodies of cavalry, infantry, and police. When the meetings were breaking up in the evening several attempts were made to attack each other, but the lancers, hussars, infantry and police prevented serious disorder. In the attempt of the troops to disperse the crowds a young man named McTivhan was fatally wounded in the abdomen with a bayonet, and another man was seriously injured. Great confusion prevailed at the railway station while the various delegations were boarding the train by which they were to return to their homes. The Orangemen sang "God Save the Queen," "Rule Britannia," and the other patriotic songs and gave cheers for the Queen and the troops.

"The motto of the rich, and it is a motto very easy to live up to, is, 'We are all Adam's children, but silk makes the difference.'" —Chilo once said, Virtue maketh men on the earth famous, in their graves illustrious, in heaven immortal; but he was only an old fashioned Greek. Hold on to the truth, for it will serve you well and do you good through eternity. Hold on to virtue, it is beyond price to you at all times and in all places. Hold on to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, for there is nothing like it to cure a cough or cold.

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