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WIFE OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTER TO TANGIER TELLS WHAT SHE SAW

WHILE BEING ENTERTAINED

Indolent Life of the Women, Their Jealousies and Gorgeous Surroundings Are Vividly Described.

The wife of the Russian minister at Tangier gives the following account of her visit to the harem of the late grand vizier, Ba Hamed:

Escorted by twenty soldiers, I returned to the city to pick up Mme. L---, who had kindly offered to act as interpreter. Then we proceeded to the immense palace, or rather castle, of Ba Hamed. A number of negro guards conducted us across three or four courts and through as many enormous iron gateways to the door of the building, which was also of iron and very massive. Here the soldlers left us and we threaded a vast labyrinth of corridors under the guidance of successive relays of negro children 8 or 9 years old.

At last we stop before a door which opens suddenly from within, and we find ourselves in the presence of a half dozen women who are standing up, evidently waiting to receive us. They include the vizier's one legitimate wife, his motherin-law, two sisters and a sister-in-law. The costume of these ladies is striking. The upper garment is a long blouse of figured silk of gorgeous pattern and hue, very broad across the shoulders. Below is a wide and very stiff girdle of red, green or purple, brocaded with gold, tightly laced at the bottom and expandng as it rises to meet and support the ust, like a corset. The ladies wear a rofusion of necklaces of real and artificial gems and big tiaras of stiff ribbon, ornamented with jewels, to which are attached voluminous silk veils. Fillets of narrow ribbon cross their foreheads and their eyebrows are blackened outrageously, the lines being put on without reference to the natural shape of the brows. There is a black crescent under the mouth a dash of scarlet on each cheek, and little designs in color on the chin and between the eyebrows. The nails of the toes as well as those of the finof the toes, as well as those of the fin-

STAINED WITH HENNA.

In short, the vizier's ladies are startling

and as hideous as heathen idols.

They stare at us, shake hands and conduct us very slowly (for they waddle like geese) through several apartments to the court of the "Thousand and One Nights," which is a marvel of marble and mosaic. Three beautiful fountains are playing in the center, and on all sides

are playing in the center, and on all sides are arcades, which are filled with female attendants.

Traversing this court we enter a vast hall of splendid Moorish workmanship furnished with three brass bedsteads, some linen-covered divans and chairs, and an ovai table laden with viands of variegated and suspicious appearance. Here we take our seats. I sit between the mother-in-law and one of the sisters, the latter of whom immediately falls the latter of whom immediately falls asleep, awakening now and then long enough to make some extremely indelicate remark, and at once relapsing into slumber. The slaves wave handkerchiefs and feather brooms to drive away the

Then, one by one, a number of women straggle in, all as richly dressed as those who received us. As many as can find places sit with us at the table, the rest remain standing. I observe that my hostesses (not to speak of the sleepy sister) appear tired and ill at ease. They are constantly shifting their positions and moving their feet. At last the mother-in-law asks me if that high chair does not hurt my legs, and, as I see that she is very weary of her own position, I am charitable enough to answer yes. So we all rise (without having touched the delicacies), and establish ourselves on the diverse ranged round the hall. As he divans ranged round the hall. As be-fore the sleepy sister is on my left, the old lady on my right. Then comes Mme. flanked by the other sister. The vizier's wife is at some little dis-

LOOKS LIKE A WITCH.

Near the door sits an old negress in white burnous and red turban, with the aspect of a veritable witch. This is the matron of the harem. Her duties are to watch the women, adjust quarrels, at tend to the sick, and report everything to the master. The latter has, so far, distinguished only one of his slaves with his especial favor. He is said to be under the thumb of his mother-in-law, who lives in the palace instead of residing lives in the palace instead of residing with her son, the pasha of the village, according to custom. Mothers are greatly respected in Morocco. On a cushion in the middle of the room

sits a young and very richly dressed slave

it should be observed that the position of a slave who has attracted the master's attention, if only for a moment, is quite similar to that of a legitimate wife. Her children are legitimate, and the sultan of Morocco himself is the son of a Cir-cassian slave. The numerous working slaves of this harem are simply and scan-

tily dressed.

They live on a footing of perfect familitarity with their mistresses, and seem to be happy. Some of them, the sheep-dogs as they might be called, scold the ladies and even lay violent hands on them on occasion. One of these slaves rudely interrupted whenever the mother-in-law said or seemed about to say anything, that this mentor deemed improper. Except for this slave and the matron I could have photographed the ladies who appeared quite willing to be "taken," but when I produced my camera these two guardians made such an outcry that the

lies took fright. The mother-in-law seemed more intelligent than the other ladies. She has as irations for freedom and told me that

ENVIED EUROPEAN WOMEN. In Morocco, she said, more regard is

paid to words than to action, whereas, the Christians live up to the spirit of their religion. I took good care not to dispel this flattering allusion.

The old lady was less richly clad than

the others. A widow inherits nothing under the Moorish law, and this was her greatest grievance.

Presently the sleepy sister wakes up and begs me to remain overnight, saying that she will paint my face and improve t very much. I am glad that I am ignor-ant of her language, for she adds some remarks which are evidently shocking and which give her and her hearers much amusement. Happily, a diversion is liquid fire, but at all events it is not naucreated by the arrival of an immense seating.

covered dish which a slave deposits at my feet. The cover, of plaited straw, is removed and the feast begins. At this moment the scene is one of enchantment. In the background is the wonderful court through which a succes sion of slaves glide noiselessly. Each carries a dish on her head and wears a red sash about her hips—and no other garment. The arcades are filled with black faces with gleaming eyes that peer et us through the windows. The sun's

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25c Carter's Little Liver Pills, 2 for 25c 50c Pink. Pills for Pale People 29c \$1.00 Paine's Celery Compound 60c 25c Belladonna Plasters, 3 for 25c 25c Colgate's Dental Powder 15c 5c Moth Balls, 2 1-pound packages for 5c 15c Melba Toilet Soap (3 cakes in box), per box 10c 25c Old English Lavender Soap, per box of 3 cakes 15c

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price 300 pairs 10-4 Wool Blankets, white and scarlet only, fine all-wool filling, cotton warp, an elegant blanket for wear, worth \$4.00 pair.

Advance sale price.

\$2.98 price.....

500 pairs 10-4 Blankets, strictly all wool, both warp and filling, shrunk after weaving, white, natural, silver grey and plaids in black and white or black and red. A good \$4.00 blanket. Advance sale price sale price

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Advance sale ice......

750 pairs 10-4 Blankets, fine allwool, both warp and filling, an elegant assortment of fancy plaids, our own exclusive designs, for bed, with bath robes, cheap at \$4.50 \$3.75

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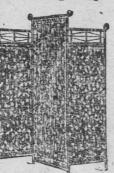
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Window Shades, good cloth

mounted on spring rollers, three colors, size 3x6 feet, a 30c quality. Special for two days, 4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trim-

mings, complete, each... IOC Knotted Rug Fringe in all colors, a 15c quality, for Monday only, per yard.....

Clearance Summer Millinery

3000 pounds Imported Flowers, all kinds, all colors all varieties; actually sold at 15c, 20c and 25c. Sale 5C price, choice.... Girls' White Crash Hats, with black ribbon band, actual value 75c. Sale price,

each..... Extra Special-For Monday Only. We will display on large table, centre aisle, main floor, choice assortment of excellent quality Straw Sailors, trimmed with navy and black bands, regular \$1.00 values, at,

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Wash Goods Cheaper THAN Would Price Them A Silk Sale That Eclipses All Former Ones Phantom Silk sales won't deceive the public for long. No firm can hold 365 spe-

And we give every woman credit of knowing the relative values of nearly all dress fabrics. Should we invite you behind our counters and remove the price tags before showing you the goods that go in this week's clearance sale of wash fabrics, your lowest estimate would be from 50 to 100 per yard more than we will sell them to you for. It is in reality a sale without a precedent in St. Paul merchandising.

Clearance Sale of toc to 15c Wash Goods, in Lawns,
Dimities, Batistes, and Cotton Cheviots, many of the season's
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Dimities, Batistes, and Cotton Cheviots, most desirable patterns, yet contain one or two dress lengths. You can't match them anywhere at our original prices. Choice all week, per yard......

Clearance Sale of 25c Wash Goods, the actual value of most of the English Dimities, Batistes and Scotch Lawns offered for this sale, per yard

qualities. Your choice for this special sale, per yard.....

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Per Yard,

cial silk sales in a year and convince the public they have any regular stock left. We

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LOT 4-Grenadines-Choice, new, seasonastock, none better carried anywhere. For Monday only we offer choice of our entire line of Novelty, Double Width, Black Silk Grenadines, none reserved, at just....

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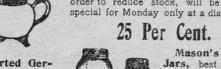








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36-inch Percaline, fast black, watered effect, fine finish, our 12½ c leader. Special, per yard...... 9C 30-inch Black Canvas, elastic finish, thoroughly shrunk, an actual 15c quality. Special, per yard.... 31-inch Moreen, zigzag patterns in latest colorings.

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Chamois Jewel Bags, the latest and best novelty to protect your jewels from carelessness or theft. Have them always with you. Bags are strongly made. 25C Patent Leather Belts-To reduce our large

Pulley Belts, best silk or satin ribbon, just the thing to wear with cove summer dresses: White Pulley Belts, worth 98c......59c

Black Pulley Belts, worth 98c......75c

order to remove any other doubts he may have had I made him promise to take dinner that day at the executive "I always believe," he said, "that Mr. sion. It was the first and last time I tried the Wanamaker handshake. He can Wanamaker could have gotten them out do it, but I don't believe there is any-body else in the world who has the subtle genius necessary to perform it suc-cessfully."

administration. The way he received every one was most satisfactory, but the thing that delighted me was the beautiful manner in which he got rid of a visitor. His farewell handshake was courtesy and geniality itself, but at the same time it was a gentle push toward the door. It was done in such a manner that nobody could possibly take excep-tion to it. A while afterward I became governor of my state. I had seen the thing worked so well in the postmaster general's office that I thought I would try it. Of course, you know, when the legislature meets the governor of a state has quite a few people to handle. I practiced a little on my wife, and thought I had got the hang of the performance,

Putrefaction Is Life. Putrefaction is probably not death, but

the contrary—the life that follows death, or a sort of resurrection. The laws of conversion apply to vital as well as to conversion apply to vital as well as to inorganic forces. Fermentation is a vital process, reciprocally generated by and generating inconceivable millions of impalpable organisms, which charge the atmosphere, and are everywhere at work, transmitting dead organisms into elementary living ones—and why not passing on to the vital activity into fligher forms?

I had got the hang of the performance, although she expressed her doubts. The day when I tried the experiment I began on an old political supporter, grasping his hand firmly, and with my best smile I gave him the gentle push. But the results were not altogether what I had hoped. He gazed at me steadily for a moment and then said: 'It's all right, governor, if you want me to go, but I don't want to be thrown out.'

"'Come back here,' I exclaimed, and "Leading Money on Pledges."

The origin of borrowing money by means of pledges deposited with ienders is referred to Perugia, in Italy, about 162. This was first done in charitable institutions termed "Monti di Pieti," in charge of the Franciscans. No interest was permitted by the peop of interest w

her fingers, dabbles in the sauces, picks the box is carried around the room and up a choice morsel and offers me half of played in succession before different inbut she makes no use of them. I, however, ask for a plate and sample one of the dishes at random. It is horrible, but I pretend to find it delicious. Mme. L—comes to my assistance and explains my abstinence on the ground of ill health. The fingers in the dishes disgust me. Toward the end of the repast I pluck up ourage to accept a ball of rice which the old lady rolls for me with great care, Her fingers, I think, are by this time

pretty well washed in the numerous FEAST ENDS WITH SOUP.

This barbarous feast ends with soup. I taste it after being assured that it contains neither butter nor oil, for the butter used in Tangier is often three years old,

The dessert consists of four dishes of fruit, one of them oranges dressed with rosewater. A slave then appears wth a silver ewer and basin and offers to wash our hands. I decline, but the unspeakable mother-inlaw indulges in elaborate ablutions. She

lathers her hands well, scoops up some water in them, fills her mouth—and empties it. In short, she is a beast, I attempt to take my departure, but am forced to yield to entreaties to rerays fall on the marbles and mosaics and main longer. A slave fetches a cheap music box and pompously sets it before me. All the ladies look at me as if to

terested groups.

Meanwhile I remain sitting on the divan buried in cushions. If I make the slightest movement, somebody brings me another cushion. At last I rise, for we have yet to visit the other apartments. The vizier's wife leads the procession. I give my hand to the mother-in-law and all the rest follow. So we pass slowly through the maze of halls and courts of

this splendid palace.

I learn that the vizier never passes two successive nights in the same room, for fear of assassination. His chamber is always shared by either his legitimate spouse or the favorite already I make a fresh attempt to get away,

and assert that my husband has com-manded me to return at a certain hour. This argument is unanswerable, and I am conducted to a room and shown a number of bracelets, gold-embroidered tablecloths, burnouses, girdles, slippers and cushions. These are intended as gifts, and the vizier's wife presents them to me with much ceremony. This generosity affects me greatly, but I sigh as I think of the thresome shopping tours. think of the tiresome shopping tours shall have to undertake in order to make an adequate return. Mme. L. and I make our adieu and are accompanied to the outer door by slaves carrying the

Poor ladies of the harem! Yet they do rays fall on the marbles and mosaics and mill longer. A slave fetches a cheap music box and pompously sets it before me. All the ladles look at me as if to a man capable of thought can not look appear and vanish as if by magic. The

mother-in-law dismembers game with wonderful. After playing its little tune her fingers, dabbles in the sauces, picks the box is carried around the room and up a choice morsel and offers me half of the played in succession before different interval. Their mode of the played in succession before different interval. I am the only European who has ever penetrated into the harem of the power

ful and punctilious vizier, which is said to be far more splendid than that of the

AFRAID OF KIDNAPERS. Chinese of Hankow Excited Over Number of Lost Children.

Tsin Correspondent of Leslie's Weekly. Hankow and Wuchang are suffering Hankow and Wuchang are suffering from a mania for kidnaping. At all hours there are people beating gongs and crying "Lost children," and the walls are covered with notices of rewards for recovery. Both boys and girls are taken. The kidnapers, at these ports, are called "Moh-hu-tsz," meaning "Touch them stupid." It is said the Moh-hu-tsz have the power to merely look at or touch a child, who falls down powerless.

An ugly rumor is current amonest some of the Chinese at Wuchang that in order to make the bridges of the Pekin-Hankow

to make the bridges of the Pekin-Hankow railway secure it is necessary to bury the bodies of children under the foundations. As foreigners are building the railway, As foreigners are building the railway, they are consequently supposed to be in want of children to strengthen their bridges. The result was that there unhappy men who were suspected of kidnaping children were lynched in Wuchang. One was drowned, a second was stoned, and the third hacked to pieces. The officials have put out a proclama-

naping children the people must not take the law into their own hands, but must send the culprits to the officials, who will examine and punish them. Similiar ru mors are current in Hankow, and we hear that some men were in like manner lynched there, but up to the present we have not been able to verify the latter statement.

The strange part of the business is the action of the authorities in connection with it. A couple of supposed kidnapers were taken to the district magistrate in Hankow, Hsiak'outing, but he refused to have anything to do with them, and told the people that they must punish them themselves. Exactly the same thing happened at Wuchang when an accused kid-napper was taken to the Kianghsiahsien yamen there. The result of this was that no less than five men were done to death by mobs—three in Hankow and two in Wuchang—as kidnapers caught in the act. In Wuchang one man was tied up in a bundle of pith lamp-wicks, over which a tin of kerosene was poured, and then burned to a cinder. But in the other cases the people simply rushed on the ac cused and battered and stamped the life out of them with hands and feet.

WANAMAKER HANDSHAKE.

All Right With Him, but It Didn' Go in the West. Saturday Evening Post. John Wanamaker's recent act in order-

as well by giving each one of them one of his official handshakes. When he was postmaster general I was in congress, and went to see him a great many times; in fact, he had more calls than any other member of the cabinet of the Harrison

Lending Money on Pledges.