

HARM OF GRAND VIZIER

WIFE OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTER
TO TANGIER TELLS WHAT
SHE SAW

WHILE BEING ENTERTAINED

Indolent Life of the Women, Their
Jealousies and Gorgeous Sur-
roundings 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 soldiers 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 stopped 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 mother-in-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 girle of red, green or purple, brocaded with gold, tightly laced at the bottom and expanding as it rises to meet and support the bust, like a corset. The ladies wear a profusion 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 fingers, are

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 ducks) through a series of 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 arcades, which are filled with female attendants.

Traversing this court we enter a vast hall of splendid Moorish workmanship furnished with three or four hundred, some linen-covered divans and chairs, and an oval 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 asleep, awakening now and then long enough to make some extremely indelicate remark, and at once relapsing into slumber. The slaves wear handkerchiefs and feather brooms to drive away the flies.

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 hostess (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 divans ranged round the hall. As before the sleepy sister is on my left, the old lady on my right, the other sister, flanked by the other sister. The vizier's wife is at some little distance.

LOOKS LIKE A WITCH.

Near the door sits an old negress in white burnous and red turban, with the aspect of a spiteful witch. This is the matron of the harem. Her duties are to watch the women, adjust quarrels, attend to the sick, and report everything to the master. The vizier's wife is flanked only one of his slaves with his special favor. He is said to be under the thumb of his mother-in-law, who lives in the palace instead of residing with her son in 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 named tea.

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 Circassian slave. The numerous working slaves of this harem are simply and scantily dressed.

They live on a footing of perfect familiarity with their mistresses, and seem to be happy. Some of them, the sheep-like 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 ladies took flight.

The mother-in-law seemed more intelligent than the other ladies. She has a rare dash about her hips and no other religion. I took good care not to dispel this flattering illusion.

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 it very much. I am glad that I am ignorant 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 created by the arrival of an immense covered dish which a slave deposits at my feet. The cover, of plated 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 succession 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 at us through the windows. The sun's rays fall on the marbles and mosaics and on the fountains.

There are at least fifty dishes, and they appear and vanish as if by magic. The

Cloak Department Values

BATHING SUITS
Black Brilliantine Bathing Suits, yokes and collar finished with white braid, stylishly cut and well made. Special for two days only, per suit, **\$1.98**
Crash Skirts, either plain or Russia crash, many braided or finished with strap seams and correctly tailored, actual \$1.25 and \$2.00 values. Special Monday and Tuesday, choice, **98c**

WASH SHIRT WAISTS
Lot 1—Large assortment of Percal and Gingham shirt waists in new and stylish patterns, actual values 75c to \$1.46. Special, each, **49c**
Lot 2—Broken lines of assorted values in Percal waists, some muslin from window display. Priced to close, each, **25c**

Extra Special in Wool Skirts. For Monday only we will place on special sale about 50 Wool Skirts in plain black, checks and fancy mixtures, ranging in price from \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$6.50. Stylish, well made garments; for choice, each, **\$1.98**

Clearance Sale
Ladies' Oxfords

Tomorrow we start a general clearance of every pair of Ladies' Oxfords in stock. Either tan or black, all correct shapes, all new goods, all best values.

All \$3.00 Black or Tan Oxfords, per pair, **\$2.40**
All \$2.50 Black or Tan Oxfords, per pair, **\$2.00**
All \$2.00 Black or Tan Oxfords, per pair, **\$1.60**
All \$1.50 Black or Tan Oxfords, per pair, **\$1.20**
All \$1.25 Black or Tan Oxfords, per pair, **\$1.00**

Drugs and Sundries

Prices for Monday only, and no telephone orders filled.

25c Carter's Little Liver Pills, 2 for, **25c**
52c Pink Pills for Pale People, **20c**
\$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 Meibol Toilet Soap (3 cakes in box), per box, **10c**
25c Old English Lavender Soap, per box of 3 cakes, **15c**
25c Parker's Tar Soap, 2 cakes for, **25c**

New Straw Hat One Cent.

Free Demonstration of the Emerald Straw Hat Cleaner will be given during the entire week at our Drug Department. It is an entirely new preparation which easily and quickly without injury makes old straw hats look like new. Enough in one package to clean 15 hats, for **15c**

Wash Goods Cheaper THAN YOU Would Price Them

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 5c to 10c 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 10c to 15c Wash Goods, in Lawns, Dimities, Batistes, and Cotton Cheviots, many of the season's 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, **5c**

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, **10c**

Carpet Dept. Bargains

A general cleaning up sale of all odds and ends at sacrifice prices. These must go to make room for new goods coming in.

Remnants Linoleums up to 1 yard square, **10c to 50c**
Remnants Brussels and Velvets (1½ yd. for Rugs), **75c to 90c**
Short lengths Velvet (finished ends) ½ yd. to ¾ yd., **15c to 40c**
See our 6th st. window for Rug bargains, **69c, 93c, \$1.49**
100 1-yd. samples Ingrain Carpet (finished ends) **25c each**
See our elegant line of Hassocks, **only 35c**
10 patterns extra heavy China Matting, **Monday only 18c**

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Because They are always latest in style. They are always correct in fit. Directions are plain and easily understood.

Thousands of women make garments for their little ones, or garments for their own wear, and get better satisfaction by using Butterick Patterns than any other can give. Do you subscribe for the Delinquent? It is the most consulted authority on new styles in dress or fancy work. We are St. Paul agents. Ask for Free pattern sheets.

Our Soda Water Is Best.

mother-in-law dismembers game with her fingers, dabbles in the sauce picks up a choice morsel and offers me half of it. There are a few odd plates in a box, but 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 courage 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 sauces.

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, and the oil little fresher. The soup is liquid fire, but at all events it is not nauseating.

The dessert consists of four dishes of fruit, one of them oranges dressed with rosewater.

A slave then appears with a silver ewer and basin and offers to wash our hands. I decline, but the unspeakable mother-in-law indulges in elaborate ablutions. She lathers her hands well, scoops up some water in her mouth and pours it over her face. In short, she is a beast.

I attempt to take my departure, but am forced to yield to entreaties to remain longer. A slave fetches a cheap music box and pompously sets it before me. All the ladies look at me as if to ask me if I have ever seen anything so

The Northwest's Greatest Store.
SCHUNEMAN AND EVANS,
Sixth and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul.

Progressive merchants look ahead, so do economic buyers. Every up-to-now store anticipates the wants of its customers. And now for the sixth time we announce our annual midsummer sale of Blankets. We contracted with the mills for these blankets last fall—before the advance in prices. Wool has gone up, but our contract holds. Our patrons get the advantage of what we saved. We part with part of our profits now to get you to buy early. After we have laid out the purchase money several months ago that's all. Buy this week and get the pick of the lot. See display in our windows.

500 pairs 10-4 Wool Blankets in tan, blue gray and steel grey, heavy cotton warp and long blue grass wool filling, present value \$3.00. Advance sale price, **\$2.10**

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**

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, **\$3.00**

350 pairs 11-4 Blankets, fine all-wool filling with cotton warp, non-sinkable, scarlet, natural and silver gray. A good \$5.00 blanket. Advance sale price, **\$3.75**

750 pairs 10-4 Blankets, fine all-wool, both warp and filling, an elegant assortment of fancy plaids, our own exclusive designs, for bed, wrapper or bath robes, cheap at \$4.50 pair. Advance sale price, **\$3.75**

500 pairs 11-4 Blankets, white, scarlet and a large assortment of fancy plaids, strictly all-wool warp and filling, shrunk after weaving, worth \$5.50 per pair. Advance sale price, pair, **\$4.50**

250 pairs Fine Lamb's Wool Blankets, 11-4 size, white, tan and fancy plaids, the regular \$6.50 grade. Advance sale price, pair, **\$5.25**

75 pairs 11-4 Extra Fine Lamb's Wool Blankets, selected stock, thoroughly scoured and shrunk, in white, natural grey or tan, silk-bound edge, worth \$9.00 to \$10.00. Advance sale price, pair, **\$7.50**

Dimity Satin Raye, the finest French wash fabric of the season. We have held the price up to now at 50c, but for three days, your choice, per yd. **35c**

Seasonable Household Necessities at Reduced Prices

Best Hardwood Wringers, with 16-inch rubber roller, regular price \$2.59. Special **\$1.89**

Best Wash Tubs, finished with two hoops and wired. 79c size, sale price, **55c**
99c size, sale price, **75c**

Tin Top Jelly Glasses. First size, sale price, each, **1½c**
Second size, sale price, each, **2c**

English Rockingham Teapots, new stock just received. First size, each, **15c**
Second size, each, **25c**
Third size, each, **35c**
Fourth size, each, **45c**
Fifth size, each, **59c**

Root Beer Bottles. At these prices: Pint size, each, **5c**
Quart size, each, **6c**

Imported German Beer Steins, with metal top, fancy decorations. Choice for three days at **One-Third Off.**

Mason's Fruit Jars, best quality, on special sale three days. One pint size, per dozen, **36c**
One quart size, per dozen, **48c**
One-half gallon size, per dozen, **60c**

All Nickel Goods, including Bathroom fixtures, Tea and Coffee Pots, Chafing Dishes, etc. Special sale three days at, **25c Off**

All Baby Carriages and Go-Carts, in order to reduce stock, will be offered special for Monday only at a discount of **25 Per Cent.**

All Refrigerators and Ice Boxes to be cleaned out quickly. Any size you want. Special Monday only at a discount of **20 Per Cent.**

Gas Stoves, any size, will be on special sale for three days at **25 Per Cent Off.**

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Monday's Undermuslin Values

Women's Shirts, good muslin, with cambric umbrellas, flounce, extra wide, good value at 69c. Special, each **49c**

Cambric or Muslin Gowns, Empire and Hubbard styles, hemstitched ruffles or trimmed with lace insertion and edge, regular price 75c. Special, each, **49c**

Summer Petticoats, linen or gingham. We have a choice line, regularly priced at from 50c to \$2.25, but for Monday only, your **Half-Price**

Broken lines of Ferris Waists, fine cambric or summer netting, regular prices 50c and 75c. Priced to close, choice, **25c**

"The Tennis" Corset is a new, short, well-boned Corset of white batiste with figures of blue, pink or lavender, bought to sell at 75c, but now made our leader at, **50c**

4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

Knotted Rug Fringe in all colors, a 15c quality, for Monday only, per yard, **9c**

3-panel Oak Screen Frame (like cut), 65 inches high, regular price \$1.50. Special, Monday only, each, **98c**

The above screen, filled with best grade alkaliine, complete, **\$1.69**

Window Shades, good cloth mounted on spring rollers, three colors, size 3x6 feet, a 30c quality. Special for two days, each, **19c**

4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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4-foot Cottage Rods, antique oak, with trimmings, complete, each, **10c**

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3-panel Oak Screen Frame (like cut), 65 inches high, regular price \$1.50. Special, Monday only, each, **98c**