

# IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL



**OLD CATHEDRAL**

**Revolutionists at Home.**  
One has a wonderful opportunity here to see how these revolutionists conduct themselves. A woman has a bunch of chickens by the legs in one hand, trying to sell. A man, near-by, has a great band about the waist to which hangs a panier with coke. Another hawk has pigeons in baskets. For the Bulgars like pigeons in baskets. In other baskets, or suspended from their ends of a pole worn across the shoulders, are rabbits fresh from the Balkan wilderness. Turkeys, too, half wild, are carried in the same fashion.

**A Picturesque Capital.**  
Bulgaria is picturesque and its capital is particularly so. Pretty peasant girls through the streets, dressed in long, lavender skirts, from which emerge just a few inches of white undershirt, gay in its fringe; and above this there hangs a cloak of dark lavender, covered with embroidery. Over the bosom the girls wear the heavy silver dowry, which jingles merrily as they pass.

Everybody is bound for the weekly market, and, as is the invariable rule in Balkan travel, the tourist, whenever he is fortunate enough to strike market day, follows the people to the bazaar. Over a booth of little brown knives we stop a moment to watch a pair of lovers, the girl conspicuous for a heavily-worked apron of green, and with a lavender cap worn to inclose two thin braids of hair. Great cords are drawn across her breast by way of ornament and she is pretty enough for a jaded western globe trotter to fall in love with on the spot. Beyond is a man whose home-woven rugs, on a shoulder, tempt as he cries: "Only \$21!" At home they would be \$20 or \$30.

We are in the quarter devoted to fruit, a lively one on the market. A pome like the pomegranate but filled with tiny red seeds, and known as the Maravi, is everywhere. Also there are grapes and plums, lemons, peaches and apples, and, among these, dishes of cottage cheese. Beyond are the vegetables, mangoes and cauliflowers, potatoes and egg-plant, okra, oyster-plant, pickles and tomatoes, spinach, cabbage, red cabbage and peppers, all in picturesque confusion. Onions, tied in bunches, such as is garlic at home, grace other of the brown wicker baskets, appetizing in their cleanliness, on the racks before the stalls.

But we come not to buy—even the great Bulgars look—but to see the people, the picturesque peasantry of southern Bulgaria. Many of the folk of younger age have a V of beading on the yoke, and quite a number wear freshly-cut dahlias banked in the hair until they resemble Maori princesses, but this style is not ubiquitous.

**Bear Baiting Popular Sport.**  
Few sports have had such a great and extended popularity as bear baiting. The Romans imported their bears from Britain, and the sport can be traced in England to the Conquest or beyond. Queen Elizabeth was so fond of the sport that by an order in council, she prohibited "plays to be performed on Thursdays because bear baiting and such pastimes had usually been practiced."

**Have Enjoyed Long Life.**  
Living in the Isle of Wight is a family of three brothers and two sisters who are all in receipt of the old-age pension, and whose combined ages total 387 years. The veteran of the family is Mrs. Ann Harris of Cowes, aged eighty-four; the "baby" of the family is Mr. Robert Butt of Niton, who has seen only seventy-two summers.

**Brilliant Afterthoughts.**  
A bon mot is something that you might have said, but which does not occur to you until the next day.—Boston Globe.

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Investigating Committee Goes Deep Into Secrets of Big Banking Institutions of World.

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**CANADA ASKS FOR VOICE**  
Would Profit By Experience of Cuba With United States.

Ottawa—The position of the Liberal party on the proposition laid down last week by Premier Borden that Canada should vote \$35,000,000 for the cost of three super-dreadnaughts to be added to the British navy, subject to recall by Canada, was upheld by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, its leader.

**DEALERS ALLEGE THREATS TO RUIN**  
National Cash Register Concern Insisted on Monopoly.

Cincinnati—In the trial of President Patterson and 29 other officials or former officials of the National Cash Register company, A. E. Edwards, of Spokane, owner of a wholesale store fixture concern, proved to be the government's principal witness.

**STUDY LAND TO CHECK REJECTION OF HOMESTEADS**

Washington, D. C.—Representative Hawley urged the house agriculture committee to insert in the agricultural appropriation bill an item of \$20,000 to enable the bureau of soils of the department of agriculture to make a study of lands believed suitable or desired for homestead entry in forest reserves, in order to determine adaptively whether the land is better adapted to agriculture than other use.

**2,000,000 EGGS FIND BUYERS**  
Housekeepers' League Continues War Against Retailers.

Philadelphia—More than 2,000,000 eggs have been retailed at 24 cents a dozen by the Housekeepers' League in the campaign to reduce the cost of living.

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