

PURPLE AND GOLD

Borned Armies Which Persian Kings Led to War.

Spectacular indeed must have been the march of mighty hosts before the days of business like fighting.

Warfare was a spectacular, as well as a bloody enterprise, in the days of antiquity. Plain khaki and simple businesslike accoutrements would never have suited the ancient Persian soldiers.

Silver altars, surrounded by priests, chanting sacred songs, were first in line of march. They were followed by 265 youths dressed in purple garments. A chariot dedicated to the sun was drawn by snow-white horses, led by grooms wearing white garments and carrying golden wands.

Ten chariots embossed with gold and silver preceded the cavalry of 12 nations, dressed in their various costumes and carrying their peculiar arms.

Then came the Persian immortals, 10,000 in number, wearing golden chains and robes embroidered with gold and glittering with precious stones. Following at a short distance came 15,000 nobles, relatives of the king, dressed in garments wonderfully wrought.

A company of spearmen preceded the king. He rode in an imposing chariot, and wore robes of surpassing magnificence, and a costly miter on his head. By his side walked 200 of his most noble kinsmen. Ten thousand warriors, bearing spears with staffs of silver tipped by beads of gold, followed the royal chariot of Xerxes. The king's horses, 40 in number, with 30,000 footmen, ended the procession.

At some distance followed the mother and wife of the king in chariots, accompanied by their ladies on horseback. Fifteen cars carried the king's children, their tutors and nurses, and 600 camels, guarded by archers, bore the royal treasury. The friends and relatives of the ladies followed with the cooks and servants. Light-armed troops brought up the rear.

When a king in those days looked upon his troops and saw their strength and splendor, it is no wonder he felt proud and wished to lead them to battle. Such an army was not meant to stay at home, where only their countrymen could see them. Other nations would know how powerful a king he was. So he and his followers marched away, and wars for conquest began.

Peoples were forced to give themselves up to a life of war, either for conquest or defense, and the great highways, which peace would have dedicated to commerce and prosperity, became military roads over which war took its cruel way.

Details Carried to Absurdity.

Trivial details not infrequently become the pivot of momentous decisions, in which cases an element of absurdity is supplied by the breadth of the contrast. A case in point arises in the discussion among English literateurs concerning Shakespeare's alleged "hand" in the play of "Sir Thomas More," in which one expert occupies almost a column of small type in the literary supplement of the Times of London in describing the construction of the letter B as found in one of Shakespeare's autographic documents. The imposing array of warlike and nautical terms in the modest letter, such as keel, baseline, ram, forellub and boundary line, may astonish many who have been accustomed to form it with comparative ease, while the division of the letter into sections and subsections by this savant for purposes of discussion endows the old scrivener's art with unexpected dignity.

Matter of Priority.

While the people of Denmark are glorying in the antiquity of their national flag, the "Dannebrog," which claims the honor of seniority among all the national flags, and are commemorating its origin in the thirteenth century, Belgian and German patriots are scouring the Middle Ages on a mission of vital import to their respective flags. The new German state has given indications of adopting for its colors black, yellow and red, disposed horizontally. This has aroused protests in Belgium, which claims priority in precisely the same colors, similarly disposed, and patriotic societies are said to be formulating to take action to prevent Germany's adoption of them. The Belgian claims are based on the colors of the princes of Flanders and Brabant in the thirteenth century, while the German case is said to rest on the use of the colors in question by the ancient Germanic empire.

What's in A Name.

Naming a plant or flower after a celebrity is a delicate compliment, and one that no doubt at times adds something to the market value. But there are exceptions. That beautiful variety of the lily, for instance, known as "Emperor William," would perhaps hold up its imperial head a little more proudly just now if it had had a more fortunate christening.

Stray thoughts on these lines may have been flickering in the mind of a vendor in a London market place as a likely looking buyer, while examining a box of the old favorite, asked what it was. Without glancing the angle of an apple the vendor (and he was a "top") replied: "Emperor's Big Four-and-a-halfer."

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Indian Gamblers.
Although the natives of India do not operate on the bank market, they have adopted a unique form of gambling for which the Pullman market reports are responsible. Every day five negotiations are called from New York announcing the coffee situation. The natives looked upon this as a direct invitation to them to establish a shop but none, the local absorbing form of gambling. The gambling consists simply in guessing what the five figures will amount to, and the man getting nearest to the right amount takes the stakes.

Australian Aborigines.
As a hunter the native Australian is unexcelled, adjusted to his environment. His success lies in an intimate knowledge of the habits of animals. Any animal which leaves a track, however dim, in sand, on rock, or in grass falls an easy prey to the black fellow. Children are taught to track hares and snakes over bare rocks.

Aluminum From Lanthan Stone.
A factory in Norway claims to obtain aluminum from Lanthan stone, heretofore regarded as valueless.

I Am Not Poor.
Poor hold no not in scorn. I am not poor. Poor rather is the man who desires many things. Where shall I take to place? Where in a little time from henceforth you shall know. Do you answer for yourself? From henceforth in a little time.—Leonardo da Vinci (translated by Edward McCurdy).

Palm Springs Hearing Extraction.
The Palm Springs hearing extraction ground used to be throughout Florida and many lovely members of its family could be met with in the other hot countries. Very few of them are left now, however, anywhere in this country and many bird lovers predict that in a few years more they will have been killed off until they will be extinct.

Folyclet Switzerland.
French, Italian and German are the chief languages spoken in Switzerland, each predominating in sections bordering the respective countries.

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The wedding ring was not always plain as we see it today. It was formerly highly ornamented and wrought with intricate designs. But as other rings began to be worn the wedding ring was made conspicuously plain. The practice, however, was in vogue of inscribing appropriate mottoes on rings. The ring may be said to be symbolic. It is of gold and symbolizes purity and refinement, whereas its roundness signifies "the round bowing of mutual love and hearty affection."

Wanted More "Bee Jelly."
When Howard was visiting grandma he was given his first taste of honey spread on bread and butter. He liked it so much that upon arriving for a second visit he rushed in exclaiming, "O, grandma, can I have a piece of bread and butter with bee jelly on it?"

Head Work.
Two heads are usually better than one for a barrel.—Jacksonville Times Union.
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