

MISCELLANY.

The Turkish Sultan—His Family and His Palaces.

A Narrow Escape.
"You said to narrow for Hayti, captain?" inquired a bright-eyed, dark-skinned, but good looking man, who might have been three to four degrees from the pure Africa, as he stepped over the gunwale of my little brig, on a pleasant morning in September, sixteen years ago.

"Yes," I replied, "close to day, and shall drop down by the morning tide."

"Any passengers?"

"None."

"If I can get ready I will take a passage with you. My baggage, which is bulky, is ten miles from the city, in New Jersey. But, captain, should I go, could you manage to land me? I don't care where, so that it is in the mind of Hayti—why night—so early?" said the man, looking me steadily in the face, as he recited the question. Hayti was thus as it was now, and will be no. Preposterous! governed by the whites, unfeeling, unenlightened. I at once took up my pencil, that my copper-skinned friend, after his speech, had given him, and was about to drop the lead, when, in a roar of receding on some public platform, he called me out in a louder voice than ever, and in a place of destination to be determined. That went to land.

The next morning my dark-skinned passenger came on board, followed by a dozen females, who were every one as the effluvia of the most charming, gave convincing evidence. He saw me carrying his baggage cautiously, and with a carefree laugh, remarked—

"If they weigh enough, captain, you will soon hear of a gale westward."

"Off, to-night?" inquired. "I have indeed got a political consequence to deal with. Well, let the devil look after him, or—I care not who wins."

I passed the last days of the voyage during which the impression was deserved on my mind that my passenger was destined to play the part of Cassandra to an astonished crowd of darkness, in that strong hold of darkness, Hayti. My mind was satisfied. I put my friend with heavy baggage, safely ashore. I crossed the dangerous island, and bid my captain all about him, when he again presented himself to my notice.

At this time, however, he was not quite so cool.

"I am in a hurry to get away from Island," he exclaimed.

"The devil you are—didn't they ever weigh enough?"

He grinded dismally, but nothing otherwise noticing the remark, continued, "Captain, can't you bring to-night?"

"Off to-night?" Impossible. I have not carried enough on board for her to do."

"Never mind the cargo. Sail to-night and name the price."

"Captain, I do. I have chartered—break the charter."

"That will not do but keep cool. You are safe enough. The organize Louis will be right for New York. You can get aboard of her."

"Impossible," and the hands joined cheeks quivered as the pal—she will watch her, knowing that she is about to sell."

"But I can arrange that if you can't pay back so heavily on the same day I spoke. The plan is to have a boat, and I will see you safe to the port of New York. But bring light with you, or the risk will be greater."

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We lay off the coast of Africa, for the brigadier, in command of the supposed party, the single and unfortunate was landed near the port of commerce, and said to the crew, "When I come to you, you will suppose that I have been away a few minutes. Be off to-morrow, and model it after me."

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I read the document. It offered a reward of five thousand dollars for—my passenger! the man I had secretly placed in his escape. I felt exceedingly uncomfortable, of course, but said nothing.

When we came to New York we met, but we did not renew the acquaintance. I have looked with suspicion on all political adventurers, especially tawny ones, ever since. The fellow made thirty thousand dollars by the operation. He risked his head, and but for me he would have paid the forfeit.—N. Y. Pathfinder.

Those who are incapable of shining but by dress, would do well to consider that the contrast between them and their clothes turns out much to their disadvantage.

he sends them to the palace by certain functionaries charged especially with their conveyance. Of these the Vizier passes, sea one key, and the sultan, or his chief secretary, another. The sultan passes several hours of the day, from eleven to three, in the perusing of these papers, and in hearing their perusal by the private secretary to him; and his imperial commands are traced on their broad margin, either by his own hand in red ink, (as is customary in China) or he directs his secretary to do it for him. So very sacred are all manuscripts coming from his pen, that these papers seldom ever leave the bureaucracy to which they belong except for his decease. It is only on such documents that the autograph of the sultan is even seen.

THUS THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN—I have never seen a jealous professed abolitionist who was not an intolable bigot. Having such supreme regard for the slaves, they have nothing but wormwood for all who differ with them in any degree. I have never seen a tea trader, who did not think that the government should protect his particular interests.

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"I have now explored California for nearly two years. I can truly say it is a land of wonders. There are fresh flowers every month in the year, and winter now wears the bloom of spring. I have found waterfalls, and four times as high as Niagara, natural bridges of white marble, far surpassing in beauty that of Rockbridge in Virginia—some thousands of gold bearing veins, inexhaustible quantities of iron and chrome ore, lead, bismuth and quicksilver, most beautiful porcelain clay, and in short, every thing that can bless an industrious and enterprising people. In one valley, I found more than forty springs over one hundred degrees Fahrenheit. In another valley sixteen geysers, like the famous one in Iceland, in this famous abode of Vulcan, the rocks are so hot that you can stand upon them but a short time even with thick boots on. The stolid rocks are bleached to snowy whiteness, and bleached and congealed race rocks are now actually flowing. The roar of geysers at times may be heard a mile or more, and the mountain is one of the most interesting as you approach it."

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