are rung, bagpipes played and drums

beaten, while feminine relatives kiss the

sprinkler, and the company receive liba-

An Armenian village is a curious ag-

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not be called houses. The walls, which

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tion will prove of interest to all read-either from the fireplace at one end or Dikran, who assisted at the taking of laid over hay on the floors, and these Bubylon. It is recorded that at the are covered on festal occasions with rugs of Christ was impressed by divine pow- and which the house. The entrances er. He was also converted to Christian- are dark, and this aids the delusion. ity and baptized by Thaddens, who was But once within, the visitor will find ent by the Apostle Thomas, by direct hospitality and good cheer, although it ommand of Christ. The Armenians is a common saying that every Armeniwere converted to Christianity, in the an has written in the palm of his hand cond century, and are strongly reli- this perverted text: "It is more blessed ons in character. They have peculiar to receive than to give." orms of baptism, and do not believe in The Armenian hostes serves her din purgatory. Every morning at day- ner in courses, using tea, sagar, eggs, oreak there is a call to prayer, a priest milk, fows and other civilized food freely oing through the streets of the village with some dishes not so appetizing; winand calling aloud in sonorous tones, and sweetmeats are plenty, and the hat penetrate every dwelling, "Come to cooking is often very good, so that the raver, and receive the blessing of most fastidious guest need not leave at iod." There are many priests and Armenian table hungry. ionks, and a tourist tells this amusing

told the people he was a saint.

him to give you a blessing."

tory of a village where the people were In spite of the primitive way in which gnorant but zealous in their religious the people live, and the poverty of their belief: Dark blue the color of the dwellings, Armenia is a country rich in simple cordiality and good nature, whilst masters and men was over the former riests' robes and one day a man hab undeveloped industries. The land ned in this color appeared at Boornaz in abounds in gold, silver, iron, lead, tin e district of Harpoot. The people and mercory. Mountains of copper and were without a priest, and they hailed of rock salt are found in the provinces of me advent of the stranger, supposing Konkarh, and Ararat. Among the minnim to be one, with delight, and at once eral products of the country are alabasegged him to officiate. They took him ter, jasper, sulphur, petroleum and coal. o the church, put him into a surplice, Armenia, too, is well supplied with the nd asked him to perform the service, natural products of cotton, silk, and towhich he did by intoning with great so bacco. Fruit trees and vines grow in emnity a chant— Samson-yellah yessa- profusion. The Armenians have a breed relizond." The people were perfectly of horses so sure-footed and fleet that satisfied with the gooly tone of his voice, they are considered the best hunting nd he ministered to them until a gen- stock in the world, and make invaluable ine priest came, who indignantly ex- warhorses. posed him as an impostor, and made

The one desire of the people is to have him explain to the people that his won- Armenia ruled by Armenians. With a nerful chant was: "I left Samson, and governor-general of their own nationalarrived at Trebizond." The people were its, and a local force recruited from the very angry, not with the exposure, but Armenians to prevent the constant inwith its exposure, for they loved the ge- flictions of their enemies, the Kurds, nial chanter whom they had forced into the people would be happy. They an the church, and they would not believe nicipate the condition of affairs when any thing against him. He was a ge- E trope will protect them as possible for nius, too, in a way, and when the gentrare allies. It is a saying of the country nine priest had expended his wrath, he that "the Armenian has understanding in his head, the Georgian in his eye."

"Go to him," said the chanter, "pluck a hair from his beard as a relic, and ask The women of Armenia are exceedingly attractive in their youth, but constant They did so and the poor priest, be exposure to the weather makes their heving them mad, harried away, leav- complections had in later years. From of her position that she can encourage a institution of the state. The faculty is ing his beard in their hands, and the 14 to 25 they are beautiful, their skins strong flavor of Bohemianism without at present the best constituted of any Por land Or. false prophet in undisturbed possession. being fresh and soft like an infant's, and fear of comment or remark. Her hus-school in Oregon and the affairs under The Armenians arx a strange, roman-tic people, dark-kinned, with Egyptian is most becoming. They wear costly and is not the least brilliant talker among features, who live in the most primitive stuffs of brilliant bues, adorned with those gathered round her each Tuesday. the board of regents, settled a matter way in houses built of stone and mud, fine embroi-leries. Both the men and The Countesse de Martel's sitting-room which is always of interest to the friends but in which may be found rich stuffs o women wear wide trousers and jackets, is a strange mixture of ancient and mod- of the institution. silver and gold, Persian rugs, gems and but the women add a trailing-like overother evidences of wealth. The men are dress, which is drawn up on one side in merly hung in a royal chateau form a bright, know what is going on in the a shawl shape. A junnty cap covers the lovely background to the old family alumnus of the university and takes a world, are natural linguists and fond of pair. It is embroidered in gold, and a portraits, modern pastels and delightful deep interest in the school. His re-aptelling stories at which they laugh near large veil is thrown over it. All wear a caricatures which line the unique salon, pointment gives universal satisfaction. tily. The women are rather taciturn, chain of coins, which is the national orand believe that they have only one mis-Ar | 4:20 p m sion in life, to get married and through the chief attraction of "Gyp's" who succeeds Mr. Bush as regent, is a suburban home. The Comtesse de Mar- wide-awake, progressive and enterpristhe position of matron, gain a certain cent appearance when walking in the tel, notwithstanding the three tall childimportance as well as acquire new bur-sunlight. The women are good house-ren to whom she points with pride, is a all kinds of educational work and will Armenia is depicted in the ru-le art of all adornment. They marry young and the country as a female figure weeping are devoted to their families.

among ruins. If the Armenian women

The men are fond of hunting and other ask some favored friend into the large could have been made which would be West side Division.

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ever had time to weep that would be the made which study-hedroom, where she does all her received with greater favor. Ar | 5:25 a m form their recreation would take, for menian to his country and his faith is a writing in the early hours of the morn-At Albany and Corvallis Cornect with trains or seed, have little sentiment or love in the great suite of the change their adopted religion for the salons, occupying the full front of her more than probable that his successor The marriage ceremony is of the most worship of Orzmud, the gospel of Christ house. imposing nature, the couple kneeling be- for the Zend Avesta, they rose up allfore the priest for several hours, while men, women and children—and shook Throughout the winter months Ma- Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

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bridegroom and put lumps of sugar in his peckets and ribbon badges on his Madame Daudet, Wife breast. Tea, wine and sweetmeats are of the Novelist. served. The bats of the best man and bridegroom are held over the incense-

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to the contrary, the French are a very

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erally be found her daughter-in-law, memento of their struggle. The mistress of the house, though she can hold her own in any conversation, seldom ailudes to her own literary work. wo sons' closest companion and friend,

ome to her receptions. "Gyp," the brilliant Comtesse Martel, notwithstanding the fact that she has made her home outside the fortifications, one of the Neuilly Boulevards, is a ner friends and acquaintances once a to being considered worthy of recognition in any branch of work are sure of a stant contact with mankind. warm welcome from "Gyp" and her children.

A grande dame in the best sense of the their eyes large and tender. They have band, one of the best-known sportsman its control are progressing harmoniously.

numerous sites are performed, the bride the throne of Yezdigerd to its foundation. dame Juliette Adam, the well-known Awarded Gold Medal Mid water Pair.

editor of "Nouvelle Revue," is at home to her friends twice or three times a week, both in the afternoon and evening. Her receptions are conducted on a far more formal and impressive scale than those of her friends Madame Daudet and the Comtesse de Martel, and both her editorial and political work have brought her into connection with diplomate, naval and military officers, and most of the distinguished foreigners of the day. Russians abound; in old days Skobeloff was a frequent visitor, and men of all parties, from the Duc d'Aumale to the

latest radical poet, delight to form part

of the throng which fills her dainty

boudoir-salon and study-bedroom.

Severine, one of the most conspicuous and brilliant journalistic personalities, Notwithstanding all popular opinion receives in more frankly Bohemian fashion; her pretty rooms situated in the formal nation. Bohemia, in the British very heart of Paris, on the great boulesense, does not exist in Paris, for those vards, are filled morning, noon and night belonging to that vast, undefined land with a crowd of journalists, discussing are content to meet in cases, restaurants the latest news, the bomb of today, the The first ruler of Armenia was King smokes. There are coarse felt carpets further from their thoughts than to beand public halls, and nothing would be scandal of tomorrow. One cannot help ist ever gets through her work, for her For Passenger and Freight Rates time of Christ one of the Armentan that are coveted articles of luxury in the dozen hostesses who keep up the best ably with that large-hearted French hoskings reighed at Odessa, and it was of outside world. Horses, sheep and dogs French traditions and whose salons are pitality, the most insignificant reporter him that Eusebius related the miracle of are kept in such close proximity that it filled each week with a delightful cos- knows that there he will find a cup of the handkerchief upon which a portrait is difficult to decide which is the stable mopolitan society, composed largely of coffee, a slice of home-made bread, and writers and artists who meet to discuss a kindly greeting. Socialist, almost anintellectual and kindred subjects, and archist in theory, Severine, nevertheless, who are content with far less formality is the beloved of princes, for in her than their English brethern. Thus, a drawing-room hangs the portrait of the dress coat and low dress are unknown in | Compte de Paris' eldest son, Philip of the Parisian world of art and letters, and Orleans, inscribed "To Madame Severthis, although not a few of their meet- ine, the kindness and most generous of ings take place in the evening, after the advocates. A Conscript," in reference early dinner, which old-fashioned Paris- to the days when the prince was imprisoned at Clairvaux for having at-Such gatherings are held on most tempted to enter the Erench army, in Wednesdays in Madame Alphonse Daud- spite of the fact that he and his family et's pretty drawing-room; the great nov- were outlawed. Another significant toelist, his wife, young son and little girls, ken hanging in the same room is a little live in one of the old world streets of the oak tablet in which is encrusted the first Quartier Latin; there Madame Daudet, bullet shot in the miners' strike at Carwell-known to all students of French maux. Severine started a subscription literature as a remarkably delightful and | for the strikers' starving wives and famidelicate writer, receives her guests with lies; and after the dispute between the assisting her to do the honors, will gen- presented her with this strange little

Madame Leon Daudet, the beautifut Mme. Severine's reception rooms contair-haired girl for whom Victor Hugo sist of three apartments, a large hall wrote his "Art of Being a Grand-father." dining-room, lit by four gas-jets, the and lined with books and filled with huge green baize-covered table, at which Severine and her friends are generally Were it not for me," her husband will busy scribbling copy. Two great greysometimes exclaim, "people would scarce | bounds and a lovely Angora cat form her believe that there live in this house two retinue, and are generally crouched bewriters." Madame Dandet's drawing fore the fire, giving little or no notice to room is always gay with the sound of the many strangers who come in and oung voices, for she was always her out. The salon, a dainty little corner, comes after and is seldom used, excent and all their college comrades are wel- in the evenings; there Severine keeps her flowers, her needle-work, and the thousand and one little feminine fancies which are dear to the heart of every woman. It is impossible to dismiss this pleasant corner of Bohemia without saying a word of the hostess, a beautiful. center of social life. She, also, receives thoughtful looking woman, still on the right side of 40, who with true French week, and all those who have any claim taste is always soberly gowned, as should be one whose work brings her in con-

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