It does not appear to be generally ing at sunrise the following morning, pers in numbers, thus making it a purely night holiday. It is, after the holiday of the foremost in the distribution of these de-Courban Bairam, which took place vices said to a Times reporter on Saturonly a few days ago, and at day: "This mode of advertising has bewhich General Wallace, United States come so popular and extensive that it Minister to Turkey, assisted, the greatest | has assumed surprising dimensions and Mohammedan festivities. Besides being | importance. We have to spend thoua religious holiday, it is a national one sands of dollars every year to keep pace also, as on this very night Constantinople | with the demand. Just now there are was taken by the Turks, after a seige very few demands coming in, but we which lasted many years, during which have advices from the New York house not a few of the Faithful were sent to El | which supplies us that they are prepar-Wady, or Paradise. Constantinople dur- ing some very elaborate cards for the ing this night, which the Turks have holidays." named Kadir Gegessi, presents and appearance which can no where be excelled. the innate taste of the splendid and magfully appreciated in the birthuight of the | cases, made for the plaques. There was Prophet.

officials are busily engaged in selecting | hard to discontinue it.' will select one as his wife. Singular as designing the gifts, said: "Up to a reinto the harem, although they know full | great care is taken with them. Owing well that it is already adorned with some to the difference between the price of beauty and from all countries. The graphers were unable to produce such Turks, Greeks, Georgians, Tartars, and commanding as high as sixty dollars a every other nationality of women, many | week." which, of course, they get well paid.

should take their chances on the birth- each card. night of the Prophet; but now so much influence, both political and financial, is with a butterfly, a fairy and flowers in poor girl who was standing in the crowd selling flowers, to the astonishment of the pushas and the beys present. For several years after this the officials conserved in the several years after the y prettiest girls, irrespective of the posi- they waited for the recognition that tions or influence of their parents; now, their talents deserve at the hands of the open the door to a rich girl, to the detriment of the poor one, who may be ever so much more beautiful than the favored one. The number of maidens allowed to compete is 101, and when the selection is complete, invitations, or rather imperial commands are issued for them to attend, with instructions as to dress. The dress consists of a large, white linen sheet, thrown over the shoulders in Roman fashion, and sandals to the feet. All the maidens have to dress alike, leaving thier hair hanging, and no gems or ornaments of any description are permitted.

A wedding at Trinity Church, Newport, last week, was marked by a sensational incident. When the clergyman pronounced to the bride the "love, honor and obey" question, no answer was forthcoming. The question was repeated a second and a third time with no reply. The clergyman whispered audibly and with earnestness: "But you must answer," and then, when asked the question for the fourth time, there came the "I will."

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Appreciating the peculiarities of the known that the Sultan is obliged to feminine mind, storekeepers in all marry many women against his will; yet | branches of trade have improved the old such is the case, and at least once in each | chromo-with every pound-of-tea idea in year, whether His Majesty be young or so many ways that their stores are kept old, sick or well, does the law of the crowded with customers. In pleasant country oblige him to marry. This law weather the shoppers swarm in and out has not always been in force, but was in- of the retail establishments, making troduced by the Sheikul-Islam, or head | small purchases and accumulating presof the church, about \$60 years ago, to ents of colored plaques, paper banjos, force Sultan Selim, who, wishing to toy baloons, fans, vases, whisk-holders, abolish polygamy, kept one wife only, to boxes of candy, and scores of other mainta'n and uphold the ancient and au- pretty, quaint and artistic novelties. In thorized customs. The ceremony of the one tour of Eighth street a good ener-Caliph's marriage is so important an getic woman can collect as many fancy event that a description of it will be interesting. The Prophet's birthday, or | fortably carry. Every novelty is eagerly rather birth-night, as the Moslems call | sought for, and those stores having the it, is a festival commencing at sunset of latest things in paper and cardboard are or music published. Orders by mail filled the eighteenth day of Ramazan, and end-little loadstones that attract the shop-promptly. The "Musical Pastime," a monthly

The manager of a store that has been

"Plaques?" he said in answer to a quesas, although Europeans may invent all | them. We used to have a long line of | talent is on the way. sorts of artificial means of illumination, people formed in one end of our aisles there is no spot on the face of the earth | every day, waiting to be served with the | Dyspensia and indigestion is Dr. denley's Caliwhich presents such natural beauty, and disks-which, by the way, were pretty in fornia I. X. L. Bitters. design, but somewhat highly colored. nificent for which Orientals are famed, is Then there were the miniature paper a great demand for them, but they were The mode of illuminating is in itself a little to expensive to give away in large exceedingly simple, consisting of small quantities. Tambourines made of cardlamps filled with water of many colors, | board and hung with bells is something at the top of which oil is burned. Mil- new, and catches on fully as well as the lions of them are used on all the public plaques. The rubber balloons and the buildings, and, indeed, on every build- autumn leaves, once so popular, are inu, rich or poor, in the town. The again revived. A salesman was in here bridges over the Golden Horn are the other day and showed me a beautistudded with lights, and so are all the ful little banner, the staff being made of ships and men-of-war, both in the inner | steel and the banner of a cheap quality and outer harbor. The most beautiful, of silk, with the name of the firm printed however, of all are on the thousands of | in gold letters thereon. He said he mosques, whose minarets have the ap- could furnish them at four cents apiece. pearance of enormous flaming spears, I preferred to wait, however, until the and, as the city is built on seven hills, | holidays before I spent any more in this the whole presents an appearance not direction. I tell you it is a most expeneasy to be forgotten. For many days | sive form of advertising; but now, that | previous to the ceremony, the palace | the scheme is fairly started, it is very

the girls, who will be allowed to be A member of a firm of lithographers present on the evening of the Kadir in this city, when asked for information Gegessi, and from whom His Majesty concerning the work of preparing and it may appear to Americans, there is cent date the best of the designs were hardly a Mohammedan family which imported from Berlin, Hamburg, Frankdoes not do its best to get its daughter fort and other German cities, where hundreds of wives or slaves of great labor here and abroad, American lithopresent Sultan has in his harem Alban- work as the Germans. The best artists ians, Circassians, Armenians, Afghaus, were employed to furnish devices, some

being wives, while the majority are either | "You will observe," he proceeded to bought slaves, women who have been say, "it requires not only skill in the sent as presents to the Sultan, or volun- execution but often humorous concepteer slaves, the latter entering the harem | tion and neat taste in planning them. of their own free will. It is and ever | This is particularly true of the cards, has been the ambition of every father and | which we devote great attention to. Here, mother to get their daughters into the for instance, are some pictures which, imperial harem, and for this purpose while they please the eye, are quite the moment a girl attains the age of four- sure to bring a smile. This is a Watteau teen or fifteen, and is good-looking, her | picture. There is the lover in a quanparents spare no efforts to get her in- dary as to which of the two maidens at troduced to His Majesty or to some of his side he will marry, and in the next his favorites, who, for a consideration, | card he has solved the question by takmention the girl to their master. Some | ing the road with the finger-post marked of the most beautiful women of the em- 'Utah.' Here is another card picturing pire can be seen always hanging about the seashore. In the foreground, you the entrances of the palace or the im- | see, are two mischievous girls burning perial mosque and other resorts of the | the solitary hair on the bald head of the sultan, in order to find an opportunity old salt, who is trying to inveigle sandof showing him their pretty faces. snipe into his net. Here are the illus-Neither the age, disposition nor health of the sovereign is considered by the parents. He may be as ugly, cruel, infirm and old as possible—all that they wish for is that they may become related to the throne; besides which, dur- little ones, to be sure, but their rich ing the short time that their daughter colors, quaint figures and humorous may be a harem favorite they will be points are full of funny suggestions to the most noted people in the empire, re- older heads. In addition to these, we ceiving honors, titles, decorations and get up cards to order for special trades, high appointments, not only for themetisher singly or in sets. All of these are selves but for their parties also, for done in the very highest style of the lithographer's art, and vary in prices, The original custom was that girls of | some of the handsomest designs costing all ranks and conditions of society as high as fifteen and twenty cents for

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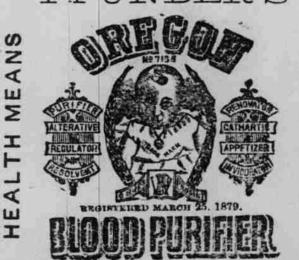
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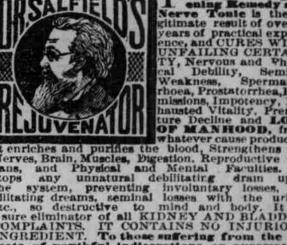
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