Turks Sacking a Town.

BASHI-BAZOUKS PILLAGING AND MURDERING IN THE LONG MAIN STREET OF ELENA.

We are in Elena after a sharp day's fighting, characterized, I am glad to say, by few of those acts of ferocity which have disgraced so many Turkish successes. There is not a sterner opponent to the Bashi-Bazouk system than in Sulieman Pasha, but these Turkish and Circassian free lances have been raised by the central Government into a situation quite beyond control, and any attempt at suppression would transform them into even less controllable brigands. We are in Elena, and the sack of the place is now in full swing. From the window of the house in which I have sought a few minutes of quiet to jot down these notes, and which overlooks the long main street of this little town, I see the ruin progressing fast. To give an idea of the scene in this street it needs to be photographed in panorama and thus presented in its *ensemble*. Word painting gives but a feeble notion of it because the simultaneity of the incidents is lost. True, if I say that the Bashi-Bazouks and Circassians are battering doors and shutters with the butt ends of their muskets, shattering window-frames to pieces with their yataghans, blowing off locks with their revolvers, throwing the contents of houses and shops into the street, still it is only two or three houses that the reader pictures to himself, while what I want to describe is going on on both sides of the way all down the main street of Elena, which is a good deal more than a mile long. In the by-ways, too, so far as they lend themselves to such work, the depredators are at work, howling and hooting, drunk with the joys of spoliation, and red-hot with the excitement of destruction.

It had been intended to take precautions to prevent the sack of the town by the irregulars. Three companies were to have been told off to protect the spoil from the hands of those who had done nothing to entitle them to participation in the loot; but in the excitement of the victory it was not carried out, and thus the irregulars are securing for themselves, or recklessly wasting the great bulk of the booty. I was in so soon after the troops that when I went up the street it was comparatively empty. On a little bridge over a rivulet which crosses one end of the town lay three Russians dead, and the way was almost barred by a dead horse lying still harnessed to a broken fourgon; but as I went on, the Bashis came rushing past, and soon the street was filled. Shop after shop was burst open. Now a grocer's, from which skins and bladders filled with cheese were thrown into the streets; here sugar was the attraction, and the Bashis thrust the white sugar lumps by handfulls into their breasts and into the folds of their turbans, and when they were stuffed scattered the rest about the streets.

It must have been a Bulgarian feast day yesterday, for in all the grocers' and bakers' shops there was holiday cake, upon which the Bashis pounced with childish delight. Now a draper's shop was tapped, and the yarns and rougher goods were thrown out to be trampled under foot, while the long yarns of calico and cloths were dragged forth, the pillagers chopping off with their yataghans such lengths as they could secure. From the vintner the casks of wine were rolled into the streets and the heads stove in, bottles were hurled into the air and came smashing down among the crowd by the score. From time to times a troop of scared pigs would come rushing into the street, hounded out of their styes by the side currents of the looters. Then there was a shout and a chase, and the poor beasts were bayoneted or shot by rifles and revolvers recklessly fired amid the crowd. Before a silk store lay an old Bulgar, shot through the chest, lying as he fell, and a little further, laid out stiff and straight under the projecting front of a cook's shop, was the body of a Russian, clad in shirt and drawers, clean and fine of texture, apparently the remains of some civil functionary.—*London Times' Elena Letter.*

FISH AS A LEGAL TENDER.—In some pleasant reminiscences of the early Wisconsin bar, a writer in the Milwaukee *Sentinel* tells the following anecdote of Judge Frazier: In a case where a judgment had been obtained against a party by the name of Lott Blanchard, an application was made for a stay of execution for one year under the statute then in force, which authorized it to be done, where the debtor could show that he had no property. Blanchard appeared before the Judge, who questioned him as to his means to pay the judgment, and the reply was that he had no property. He was then asked what his business was and he replied, a fisherman. H. N. Wells was the attorney for the creditor, and the Judge, on finding that the debtor was willing to pay the judgment in fish, addressed Mr. Wells, and told him that he must receive fish in payment, at the same time giving the dealer explicit orders to deliver "good and not stinking fish." Whether the fish were paid or not, I was never informed.

HOW TO SELECT FLOUR.—In selecting flour first look to the color. If it is white with a yellowish straw color tint, buy it. If it is white with a bluish cast, or with white specks in it, refuse it. Next, examine its adhesiveness—wet and knead a little of it between your fingers; If it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Then throw a little lump of dried flour against a smooth surface; if it falls like powder it is bad. Lastly squeeze some of the flour tightly in your hand, if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that, too, is a good sign. It is safe to buy flour that will stand all of these tests. These modes are given by all old flour dealers, and they pertain to a matter that concerns everybody.

GLOVES AND PIN MONEY.—Gloves were introduced into England in the tenth century, but were only used by the wealthy people, and were considered very valuable. As New Year's gifts they were quite popular, or sometimes "glove money" in place of them. "Pin-money" originated in somewhat the same manner. Pins were so costly that money spent or laid aside for them was called "pin-money," and it became so important that it grew into the name of dower, which was settled upon the lady at her marriage.

"THE Northwestern Traveling Men's Association" has 1051 members.

Horses and The Horse Trade.

The number of horses in the United States is estimated at 8,000,000, Illinois ranking first in number of equines, New York next, with over half a million, then Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas, Iowa, Indiana and Kentucky. The number of horses in the New England States is estimated at 500,000, Maine having the largest number, Massachusetts next. The farm and work-horses of Maine and Vermont are noted throughout the land. The farmer who breeds horses knows his own interest well enough to study the tastes of the community, and to breed up to them. Speed is, to be sure, only one of the many qualities which are essential to a good roadster, and size, style, action, temper, form, constitution, and enduring qualities are equally important in making a general estimate of the character of horses. The horses raised in Maine are, generally speaking, fine specimens of the equine race. So are those imported from Vermont and Canada, the latter having peculiarities of their own, quite distinct from the thorough New England animal. The weight of a good roadster may vary from 950 to 1,100 pounds. For ordinary purposes on the road and for general work, an old horse-dealer tells us that from 1,000 to 1,100 pounds is heavy enough. A larger sized horse would not be found serviceable in horse-cars, omnibuses or hacks, and certainly not in the buggy or light carriage. A heavy horse will not last so long over the hard pavements of the city, as a medium sized one. The practice now conforms to this rule, we believe, as strangers especially will notice in all large cities (in the East, at least) small, quick, tough horses for most kinds of work. A medium sized horse will range from 14½ to 15½ hands in height.—*Dunton's Spirit.*

Character.

Character is so much more than wealth or knowledge, fame or power, that it is the measure of the man. When a man is placed in a prominent position of any sort whatever, we say at once, "What is he worth?" not "What does he know?" but "What sort of a man is he?" That is the momentous question that involves all. All others are secondary. Wealth, knowledge, fame and power, are most desirable accessions for a good man; but otherwise they add strength in a wrong direction. I wonder if the young men and boys in our land realize that character is the most important capital in any and all business transactions. If a man of large business is looking for a partner or employee, what does he require first and most of all? An honest man or boy. Wealth and position, with this first requisite, will be no detraction, but nothing without it.

What pillars are to a building, what the foundation is, and the corner-stones thereof, so is a good character to a man or woman, boy or girl. The wise man said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than riches," and he had no lack of wealth. Remember, boys—and it will harm none to remember—that you who are of infinite importance; while what you have is finite in its value; its end is the grave; while the former will grow and enrich its possessor through all the ages of immortality. Strive for it as for your life, for life is naught without it; if a man die for his house he is an everlasting hero; while if he dies for his wealth, he is a sordid fool. We honor it in death, if not in life. "So teach us to number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom."

EMIGRATION DOES NOT AFFECT LANGUAGE.—Judging from history, it would scarcely be too much to say that no amount of known emigration has ever been sufficient to eradicate a language, or even to destroy its grammatical anatomy. The language of a people is too deeply rooted in all its habits of thought and life to be driven out by conquerers and invaders. Modification it undoubtedly effects, but they are for the most part superficial. Each country digests its conquerors and changes their language into its own. The invasion of England by the Normans, with all their power and numbers, while it enriched the vocabulary of the English, did not vitally change the structure of their language. To this very day the Welch speak their own language, and Gaelic and Irish still exist, completly separated from English. The two streams run along together, side by side, but they scarcely mingle. The enormous emigration of Germans in America has failed to produce more than the most trivial influence on the English speech. One of two results always takes place: either the language of the invader, or directly the contrary. They would not mix and make a new composite, except under the most extraordinary circumstances. Language is like a living tree, which grows and develops new forms; but it does not change its vital structure and character. —*North American Review.*

THE FOES OF INDUSTRY AND CONTENT.—You can all enumerate for yourselves the foes that prevent our industry from filling the present and future with real happiness. Why should not the laborer exhaust upon to-day the wages of to-day, and upon to-morrow the wages of to-morrow? The answer is plain. Life has its Summer time, and, if not its Winter, at least its fading autumn. The hard toiling days should not cover all of life up to its last hour. Work is indeed, the condition of success of both body and mind, but not a work which amounts to a servitude like that of a galley-slave. As silver hairs come, the quantity of physical and mental strain should be diminished, and life should flow more careful as it approaches the sea.

It is one of the painful scenes of the the day to see industry struggling against the despotism of almost resistless fashion. Good men are leaping to their toil as soldiers hurl themselves against a parapet, driven not by the natural and reasonable wants of society, but by the temporary dreams of the heart. Fashion slaughters its subjects like a Dahomey king. In a rational society it is thought that four hours of labor would sustain life and that six hours a day would provide for the future; but the sacred laws of production and provison are rudely broken by the enormous appetite that wants all forms of things and in the passing hour.

THE annual income of the Church of England is $33,000,000. The church has 16,000 religious edifices, including 30 cathedrals, 10,000 glebe-houses, 31 Episcopal palaces, and 1,100,000 acres of land, much of it in good condition for tillage.

The Reliable Man.

Of all the qualities that combine to form a good character, there is not one more important than reliability. Most emphatically is this true of the character of a good business man. The word itself embraces both truth and honesty, and the reliable man must necessarily be truthful and honest. We see so much all around us that exhibits the absence of this crowning quality that we are tempted, in our bilions moods, to deny its very existance. But there are, nevertheless reliable men, men to be depended upon, to be trusted, in whom you may respose confidence, whose word is as good as their bond and whose promise is performance. If any one of you know such a man make him your friend. You can only do so, however, by assimilating his character.

The reliable man is a man of good judgment. He does not jump at conclusions. He is not a rivolous man. He is thoughtful. He turns over a subject in his mind and looks at it all around. He is not partial or one-sided man. He sees through a thing. He is apt to be a very reticent man. He does not have to talk a great deal. He is a moderate man, not only in habits of body, but also of mind. He is not a passionate man, if so by nature, he has overcome it by grace. He is a sincere man, not a plotter or schemer. He does not promise rashly. What he says may be relied on. He is a trustworthy man. You feel safe with your property or the administration of affairs in his hands. He is a watchful, vigilant man. You feel secure within his protection. He is a brave man, for his conclusions are logically deduced from the sure basis of truth, and he does not fear to maintain them. He is a good man, for no one can be thoroughly honest and truthful without being good. Is such a quality attainable? Most assuredly so. It is not borne, it is made. Character may be formed, of course then its component parts may be molded to that formation.—*Portland Price Current.*

FUN FOR WASHINGTON.—A cheerful view of Washington is given in a story once told by Mrs. Madison to a little girl, who now repeats it in Lippincott. "One day in Philadelphia," said Mistress Dolly Madison, "I was sitting in my parlor with a very dear friend, R. B. Lee, when in walked Payne Todd (her son) dressed in my calico bed gown. While we were laughing at the figure he cut, the servant threw open the door, and he announced General and Mrs. Washington. What to do with the dreadful boy I didn't know. know. He could not face the President in that garb. Neither could he leave the room without meeting them, for the door they were entering was the only one. I made him crawl quickly under a low, broad settee on which I was sitting. I had just time to arrange the drapery when the Washingtons entered. After the courtly greeting and the usual compliments of the season, there came from under the settee a heavy sigh, which evidently the General's notice. However, I only talked and laughed a little louder, hoping to divert his attention, when—oh, me, there came an outcry and a kick that could not be ignored. So I stooped down and dragged, Payne out by the leg. General Washington's dignity left him at once. Laugh. Why, he fairly roared! He nearly went into convulsions. The sight of the boy in that gown, all so unexpected, coming wrong end first from under my seat, it was too much.

A BRILLIANT IDEA.—The man who goes into good American society much must be impressed with the utter usefulness of the ives of most of the young women who move in it. The sentiment of the wealthy class in our simple republic is inflexibly against an unmarried woman doing anything to justify her existence. Of the ladies under twenty-five, whose fathers are rich, and who go into society:

Not more than one in 500 can make a dress for herself.

Not more than one in 300 can cook a decent meal.

Not more than one in 200 can keep household accounts.

Not more than one in 100 knows anything of the care of children.

Rut—

Of 500, 449 can play the piano after a fashion.

Of 300, 260 can do fancy-work with their needles.

Of 200, 150 can sing.

Of 100, 100 are willing to marry.

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THE more quietly and peaceably we get on the better—the better for our neighbors. In nine cases out of ten the wisest policy is, if a man cheats you, quit dealing with him; if he is abusive, quit his company; if he slanders you, take care to live so that nobody will believe him; no matter who he is, or how he misuses you, the wisest way is to let him alone; for their is nothing better than his calm, quiet way of dealing with the wrong we meet with.

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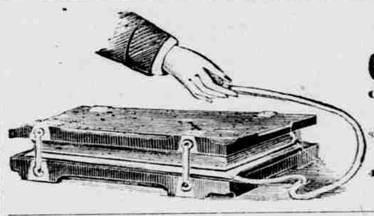

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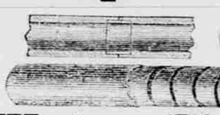

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