

COWARDLY, YET BRAVE. OUR EYES IN THE DARK.

There's a Curious Contradiction in the Nature of the Bedouin.

The idea that nothing is so disgraceful as cowardice is one that is not held by all races. Among the Bedouins a sheik may be the leader of his tribe only in peace.

When there is war the chances are that he will relinquish his leadership to the fighting sheik.

"I have not the gift of courage," once said an Arab chief to an Englishman, apologizing for not putting himself at the head of a band that he had sent to attack another tribe.

The Englishman learned that these nomads esteemed personal bravery as a gift, for the want of which a man is no more to be censured than he is to be blamed for not being handsome.

A Bengali says, without the least sense of shame, "I am timid," and the least thing will throw him into a panic. Yet the same man will meet death, even when it approaches in the form of the hangman, with the composure of the martyr.

The British contractor in charge of some irrigation works in Bengal appointed a day for completing them by filling up the narrow gorge through which ran a small river.

Unknown to the contractor, a terrible rumor had spread among the natives. Two of the workmen, it is said, were to be sacrificed to make the damming a success.

Early in the morning the contractor came on the ground with 2,000 workmen. All of them had heard the rumor, but each one thought that he perhaps would not be sacrificed.

At a signal every man filled his basket with earth and hurried to throw its contents into the gorge. As one workman was emptying his basket in the wrong place the contractor, seizing him by the neck, shoved him toward the right spot.

Unfortunately the energetic push caused the man to slip and to fall into the river. Instantly a panic struck the crowd. Every man, thinking that the sacrifice had begun, threw down his basket and scampered across the fields.

Luckily a few of the fugitives looked back as they ran. The contractor was not holding the man's head under water, as they expected, He was helping him out.

They halted and held a consultation. The others, seeing the pause, also stopped. In a few minutes all had returned to work. They had concluded that a contractor who saved one workman from drowning would not sacrifice two of them and decided that the rumor must be idle talk, started by some enemy to the irrigating works.

Curious Frogs.

The Japanese frog is a creature measuring between fifteen and twenty-five inches. The skin of its back is pale blue and by night looks dark green or olive brown. The frog remains motionless during the day, with eyes sheltered from the light and with belly up, clinging to its support by adhesive cushions and by its belly, which is provided with a sticky covering, and it is hardly distinguishable from the objects that surround it.

The Jews and Thirteen.

Commenting on the thirteen superstition, a Jewish writer says: "The number thirteen is surely not a bad one for us. The Holy Writ tells of the thirteen attributes of the Most High, and we have thirteen feast days in each year.

Why We Are Liable to Think We "See Things" in a Dim Light.

Every one must at times have asked himself why familiar objects in a dim light tend to assume fantastic and oftentimes alarming appearances.

The explanation is to be found in the special conditions of night vision. The pupils are widely dilated, and, as in the photographic lens with a large diaphragm, the apparatus or accommodation can focus only for one plane.

Then, too, colors viewed in a fading light lose their distinguishing hue in a fixed sequence until a point is reached at which everything becomes of one uniform gray tint.

It follows that the images which are transmitted to the visual centers are profoundly modified in color and outline, and as they enter the eye through the widely dilated pupil at an altogether unusual angle the movement of locomotion gives them a peculiar mobility.

Now, one relies on experience for the interpretation of sensorial impressions, and when these show themselves suddenly in an unusual form they create a feeling of insecurity which finds expression in mental perturbation and more or less violent motor impulsions.

Imagination aiding, these blurred, mobile and uncertain images are susceptible of the most phantasmagoric interpretation, and in persons who are not accustomed to control sensorial impressions by the exercise of the intelligence the impressions are accepted as realities and acted upon accordingly.

Gamekeepers and others who are accustomed to night work make allowance for phenomena of this class and correct the visual deficiency by the aid of other senses, such as hearing, which are not dependent on light.

Welsh Miners' Superstition.

Women, like rabbits, are of ill omen to the miner. In many places, particularly in Wales, if a pitman meets or sees a woman on his way to work he will turn back, for such an encounter is held to forbid evil not only to the man himself, but all his associates. At Oswestry some years ago a woman was employed as messenger by one of the collieries and in the course of her duties met many of the colliers on their way to work.

Finland's Practical Patriotism.

Patriotism takes a practical form in Finland. The people are sober, thrifty, hardworking and in deadly earnest over all that concerns their country. From earliest years the children are taught to be patriotic. It is one with their growth, included with their lessons, learned in the home circle until the boys and girls of Finland become in their turn sturdy citizens with their country's weal at heart.

The Business of Painting.

The primary business of painting is to create a beautiful surface, beautifully divided into interesting shapes, enlivened with noble lines, varied with lovely and harmonious colors. Its secondary business is to remind the spectator of things he has seen and admired in nature and to create the illusion of truth.

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The Name

The city derives its name from the falls of the Little Luckiamute River, which flows through the city from the West.

The first sale of town lots occurred in 1889, though donation land-claim settlers came here many years before that date.

The Location

Falls City is situated near the geographical center of Polk Co., Oregon, in township 8 south, range 6 west of the Willamette meridian, 27 rail miles southwest of Salem, and 73 rail miles southwest of Portland, in the narrow western end of the Little Luckiamute River valley.

Falls City is incorporated as a city, contains about 800 acres, valuation of property \$800,000. The city administration is composed of mayor, seven councilmen, auditor and police judge, marshal, treasurer, engineer, health officer.

Water and Wood

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