

## HOLY CARPET STOLEN.

"ugly" the relic, at which the Moslem world stands aghast. The "holy carpet," or *khawab*, which has been stolen by Bedouin Arabs on the way for Mecca, consists of a series of strips of black brocade richly embroidered in gold and silver with Arabic inscriptions from the Koran. It serves the purpose of beautifying the interior of the ka'aba, the sacred shrine within the precincts of the



HOLY CARPET IN PROCESSION IN CAIRO.

at Mecca. It is renewed and every year at the expense of the Sultan from Constantinople via Cairo, with its escort of Bashl-Bashl, it forms part of the great caravan, the most important of the many which annually converge toward Mecca. Having done duty for a year, it is cut up and the pieces sold to the wealthy pilgrims. The fragments represent a portion of the carpet being carried on men's shoulders through the streets of Cairo, during the festival preceding its departure, with two symbolical trophies that each year accompany the pilgrimage from Mecca. These are the mahmal, a kind of canopy, and a pyramidal construction containing a copy of the Koran. They are exquisitely embroidered in gold upon green cloth, and are held in



THE MAHMAL AND KORAN RECEPTACLE.

with reverent reverence by the multitude. The intrinsic value of the holy carpet is some \$25,000, and its capture by a tribe of marauding Bedouins, between Medina and Mecca, is a matter that arouse the pious indignation of the whole Moslem world.

## MEXICAN SALVE.

Advised by Chris. Haller for Lingenfelter's Fenest.

"What is this Mexican salve I hear so much about lately?" asked Jesse Lingenfelter, the veteran officer. "What is it?" repeated Chris Haller, a wit of the local police department. "It is the greatest thing in materia medica."

"I told my lieutenant the other day that he was looking better than I had seen him for some time," said Jesse, and he told me to cut out the Mexican salve."

"He was wrong," said Christian; "you were simply pumping hot air into him. There are different kinds of Mexican salve, Jesse, and as the profession seems to have skipped by you will endeavor to enlighten you. A book agent calls at a house and an old maid about 55 comes to the door. How do, Miss; is your man in?" asks the agent. She smiles and her

best expands, and he is given entree to the house. Then he sells a book because the old maid plugs his game.

That, Jesse, is the salve. When a man grabs you with both hands and tells you how glad he is to see you, and tries to make a touch, that also is the salve. When your barber tells you that three applications of his famous old brick tonic is bringing the hair back to your bald nut he is trying to salve you."

"Well, well, well," muttered Jesse, as grin overspread his face.

"Yes, Jesse, you don't have to go to the apothecary any more for salve," continued Chris. "Nearly every guy you meet has chunks of it concealed about his person. You even get it at home. For instance, the old lady tells you that your step is more springy than it was before the war and asks you for a new dress in the same breath. Before the cheery feeling disappears you consent to cough up for the dress. When you begin to dig for the coin then you realize that you have been salved. Oh, I tell you, Jesse, it is great medicine. Some people call the application of salve jollying."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Cavalry on the Wane.

Carefully collected figures show that the proportion of cavalry to other arms has been steadily diminishing for a long period. The artillery has been increased, the cavalry diminished. Austria, Turkey and Spain are the only countries whose cavalry exceeds their artillery force.

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Lloyd Milfin, the poet, is a man of such retiring nature that few of his fellow-townsmen of Columbia, Pa., would recognize him on the street. A correspondent recently visited the town and asked for the house of Mr. Milfin, the poet. "There's a Mr. Lloyd Milfin lives here," said the trolley car conductor, "but I didn't know he wrote books."

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## Rose From the Rank.

Prince Chilkow, the minister for railways in Russia, commenced his career by making a tour of the world, in order to take note of all the latest inventions, and especially to study the inner workings and control of foreign railways. He first took a position as an ordinary mechanic in the locomotive works at Liverpool, and, after serving some years as a laborer, was raised to the post of railway guard, and afterwards station master at a small suburban station. When he returned to Russia he again worked his way from mechanic to station master, and after working for several years in the latter capacity on the Trans-Caspian and Varsovia systems, he was made inspector-general finally minister of railways.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Mifflinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

At Chippewa Falls, Wis., the barbers have buried the hatchet. A resolution has been adopted allowing every shop to keep open Sundays hereafter, and the price of shaving on that day will be 15 cents.

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