PRETTY WHITE SLAVES.

How Circassian Girls Prepare for Their Appearance in the Marts.

We have wasted a good deal of sympathy on the Circassian girls who are sold to the highest bidder in the Turkish slave market. They have been brought up with an eye to this fate from babyhood. They are expected to make the family fortune; are given the daintiest food, and their health and beauty are matters of constant solicitude. Warm, perfumed baths and silken clothing keep their skins soft and fresh, and they are allowed to do no work. The rest of the family usually fare hard, eat coarse food, and do rough labor.

When the future slave girl has reached budding womanhood she is disposed of to a dealer in slaves, who lets his best customers know that he possesses a treasure almost priceless, and all her virtues and beauties are detailed with the usual Oriental exaggeration. Finally some royal Princess or rich Pasha's wife expresses a wish to see her, and extra care having been taken with her bath and dress, she is presented for inspection. From long preparation and jealous guarding from the sun she has a skin white as milk, and her naturally beautiful type of face is adorned with the usual tints of kohl to the eyebrows and eyelashes and rogue to the full red lips. Her exquisitely shaped nails glow with henna, and her own luxuriant hair is intertwined with meshes of silk (for the prophet curses women who join their hair to that of another) till it reaches her ankles in an uneven number of tails, an even number being forbidden.

She gives samples of her accomplishments, musical, gymnastic and otherwise. Accepted, she is at once clothed with a rich silk dress, and receives a present of a necklace or bracelet as an earnest of favor before she joins her fellow slaves. Beyond assisting her mistress in the toilet, accompanying her in her drives, and handing her coffee and cigarettes, she has little to do. She is an ornamental appendage rather than a servant. When the time comes for her to be married her owner chooses a suitable husband and gives a rich dower, and many of the marriages of slave girls eclipse in magnificence even those of the wealthier classes.

The erstwhile barefooted, ragged little Circassian from Turcoman's land is now a princess or Pasha's wife with slaves of her own; but she would laugh if you suggested to her that there was any thing degrading in their position or had been in her own. The degradation and the hardship are simple ideas formed in ignorance of the facts and conditions of Oriental domestic life and have no place to reality. Of course there is another side to the picture, but even that is not a dark one. The girl may fall under the displeasure of the master or mistress and will then get punished. She may be locked up for a few hours, or, if her mistress is hot-tempered, have her hair pulled and receive a sounding box on the ear. Perhaps in rare and extreme cases a severe beating may be administered, but the same might and would often happen in the case of a paid servant. A reconciliation, however, shortly takes place, and the peace is cemented with a present of a new dress or a trinket.—*Fashion Bazar.*

BARBED-WIRE FENCES.

Protecting Stock by Plowing Furrows Around Both Sides.

During the winter and especially in spring when colts are turned out to pasture, we hear of case after case of cuts on barbed wire. The animal is frisky, runs and jumps about and the next thing we know, it gets tangled up in the wire fence. Very often a valuable young animal is ruined for market, and even killed. The writer has known many cases of older horses being rendered practically worthless by coming in contact with the barbed wire fence. Often, too, during the spring, a young colt is crowded against the wire by the older animals. Nine-tenths of the cases can be avoided by simply plowing several furrows on either side of the fence in fall. It will take but a short time and will give the animals a chance to protect themselves. When once accustomed to the furrow they will always afterward associate the barbed fence with the furrow, and guard against it. It may seem unnecessary, but after a farmer has had a valuable animal destroyed in this way he will consider the time and labor well spent. A rain or snow storm is liable to occur at any time, blinding the animals and driving them into the fence. This furrow will warn them and turn them back many times. During the summer, work horses when turned out to pasture are especially liable to lie down near the fence, and roll into it. This is prevented by the furrows. Two furrows on either side close up to the fence will suffice. If the ground does not turn up smoothly, all the better for this purpose.—*Orange Judd Farmer.*

Bound to Be Famous.

"There is a man whose name will go down in history," said a traveling man to a companion.

"You don't mean it! He looks like a very ordinary person. He is most too young to be a General."

"No, he never smelled gunpowder."

"Is he an actor?"

"Not a bit of it."

"Politician or statesman?"

"No."

"Then how will his name go down in history?"

"His parents christened him after George Washington."—*Merchant Traveler.*

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—The late Elizabeth Tabor, of Marion, Mass., bequeathed $187,000 to religious and charitable objects.

—Mme. Christine Nilsson is an honorary member of the Young Women's Christian Association of New York.

—General Sherman says that of all the nuisances on earth, the shaking of hands by American people is the worst.

—The housekeeper of Warwick Castle, England, who died recently, left a fortune of $350,000, all of which had come to her in the shape of fees from visitors.

—The power of persistence in matters of love was well illustrated in the courtship of Browning's son. For fourteen years he maintained a suit at first unsuccessful, but finally rewarded with success.

—The richest widow in this country, if not in the world, is Mrs. Moses Taylor, whose fortune is estimated at $40,000,000. She lives in New York, Long Branch and several other places, as the mood strikes her.

—Miss Emily Faithfull has completed the thirtieth year of her philanthropic work. She received a portrait of the Queen, bearing an autograph inscription, as a token of her Majesty's recognition of her services.

—When Bismarck is staying at Kissingen he goes regularly three times to be weighed, and, as the young girl in charge of the weighing machine says, "makes himself very agreeable and talks most friendly to me." At his last visit he weighed sixteen stone and three pounds.

—The richest Japanese outside of the royal family is said to be R. Kondo of the Mining University of Japan. He is the operator of sixteen gold, silver, and copper mines, and is about to visit the Lake Superior mining districts in order to get a knowledge of the mining machinery used there.

—David Crack, of Marlboro, Md., said to be one hundred and seven years old, was recently married to Susanna Oaks, a buxom widow of seventy-five years. The groom was an old slave of Major B. Bruce, then was bought by John B. Brooks. Crack says he took part in the war of 1812, at which time he was a robust young man.

—W. P. Taulbee, of Kentucky, represents the largest Congressional district in the country. It is composed of twenty-one counties, and extends from the famous Blue Grass region to Cumberland Gap, a distance of over two hundred miles. It is a backwoods district, without railroad or telegraph communication, and is canvassed on horseback by the candidate for Congressional honors.

Does the Earth Really Move?

Science says that it does, but we cannot help wondering sometimes if there isn't some mistake about it, when we see how stubbornly certain old fogies cling to their musty and antiquated ideas. It was believed once that consumption was incurable, and although it has been clearly demonstrated that it is not, thousands of old-time physicians close their eyes and put their hands to their ears and refuse to abandon the theory. But for all that the world moves on, and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery continues to rescue sufferers from consumpives' graves. It is a sure cure for this dreadful disease, if taken in time. All scrofulous diseases—and consumption is included in the list—yield to it.

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The piety that does not give is piety that does not "pay."—*Congregationalist.*

"Purgatory Bullets."

An excited Irishman lately rushed into a Boston drug store, having a "broken-up" appearance generally. "Be Jabbers"! he yelled, "I'm all wrong entoirely. I want some shtuff to straighten me out. Some o' them 'Purgatory Bullets' will fix me, I'm thinkin'. What d'ye tax for thim?" "What do you mean?" asked the clerk. "Purgatory Bullets,' sor, somethin' loike that, they call thim," replied the man. "Shure, I'm in purgatory already, with headache and liver complaint, and bad shtomach, and the divil knows what all." The clerk passed out a vial of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets, and Pat went off contented. These little Pellets cure all derangements of liver, stomach and bowels. Sugar-coated, little larger than mustard seeds, and pleasant to take. Druggists.

The cats that drive away mice are as good as those that catch them.—*German Proverb.*

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Temperance is the moderate use of good things and total abstinence from bad things.—*The Voice.*

Shall Women be Allowed to Vote?

The question of female suffrage has agitated the tongues and pens of reformers for many years, and good arguments have been adduced for and against it. Many of the softer sex could vote intelligently, and many would vote as their husbands did, and give no thought to the merits of a political issue. They would all vote for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for they know it is a boon to their sex. It is unequaled for the cure of leucorrhea, abnormal discharge, morning sickness, and the countless ills to which women are subject. It is the only remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. See guarantee on wrapper around bottle.

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Hunters in Massachusetts concede that deer never were so numerous in the woods of Cape Cod as at the present time. It is unlawful, however, to kill them.

No one so old that he may not live a year, none so young but he may die to-day.—*German Proverb.*

Contented minds are more conducive to happiness than riches, glory to fame. In our life-work let us remember that it will profit us but little if we gain a world of wealth and lose contentment and happiness.

Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to the immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of commonest occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this superlatively wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequaled thoroughness.

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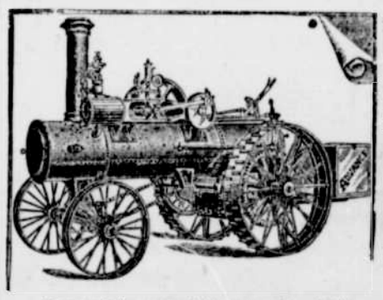

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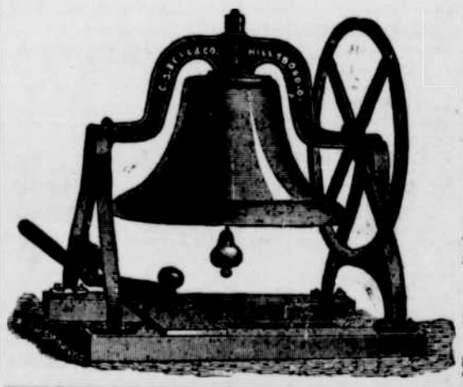

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