

## GRAFT IN PERSIA.

Officials Pay For the Privilege of Fleecing the Public.

### A LAND WITHOUT LAWYERS.

And Yet That Extraordinary Exemption Does Not Help the Unfortunate Who Gets Into Trouble—Coaxing the Accused to Confess.

It would be difficult for a Persian who has not traveled to understand American excitement over what the newspapers here call "graft." My motherland, Persia, is not yet quite awake to the possibility of a man's serving the public for a certain fixed salary and taking nothing more. In Persia they take it for granted that every officeholder will "gouge" people whenever he gets a chance.

There are no lawyers in Persia, so there are no jokes about lawyers' appetite for gold and silver. If you have ever had a costly lawsuit on your hands you may think that makes matters simpler, but getting into trouble means being squeezed for money, wrung for money, as if you were a piece of wet cloth in a washerwoman's strong grip.

This is how it is managed: First, you see, the governor of a city or of a province never has a definite salary from the state—not at all. On the contrary, he pays the state treasury several thousand dollars more or less for the privilege of being governor and of making what he can out of the enterprise. He is not an elected officer; he is more like a "concessionaire" at one of your big expositions, who offers a large sum for a chance to run a restaurant or to provide ice cream soda or candy.

The governor (or mayor) of a large Persian town may have perhaps 100 to 150 employees under him. Of these only a few house servants (cook, coachman and the like) have fixed wages. The incomes of the others depend upon the amount of money which they can help turn into the great man's hands in the form of fines and taxes. You can guess whether the neighbors are fond of them!

Suppose now you live in Persia. You have leased a piece of ground or you have sold some goods and the other man does not pay. You dun him, then you threaten him. Then you go to the governor and make a complaint. An officer arrests your debtor and takes him before the governor's secretary for examination. Possibly he can convince that important personage that it is not a just debt. If he cannot do that he would better put all his wits to work to convince the secretary that poverty makes it quite impossible to pay up.

This is where many of the 150 under employees get their chance. A large part of their occupation is hunting up facts about everybody's property, everybody's business, everybody's income. They know an amazing number of things which your debtor supposed were safely secret. They produce information whenever information is wanted.

Your man's pretense that business is bad and that he is all but bankrupt is brushed aside, and he is made to produce an amount of money considerably larger than the original debt. "Made" to produce it? Yes. There are shocking things that can be done to him if he hesitates too long, and he knows it. So, like a child aware that there is an ugly stick waiting in the corner, he usually does not hesitate too long. He saves his skin and hands over the money. You get maybe 80 to 90 per cent to satisfy your claim—that is, the officer of justice practically collects from you something for his own services. The rest goes to the governor and such of the employees as may be considered in the case.

Perhaps you have a shop in the town bazaar or market place and some poor good-for-nothing steals a chicken that was hanging on the wall. If a woman was the thief she is most likely; fined—possibly whipped if she has no money to pay a fine. If the culprit is a man they punch a hole through the cartilage of the lower end of his nose, put a cord through the hole and lead him in this painful disgrace all around the bazaar. The officer collects as he goes along a few cents from this shopkeeper and a few cents from the town as an acknowledgment of the officer's service in publicly exposing a thief.

Naturally it often happens that some outrageous robbery occurs or somebody is brutally murdered, and the guilty one is unknown. Then the governor's detective agents set to work. Anybody may be arrested on suspicion and examined either as the probable offender or as a witness. If the suspect has plenty of money he can always prove his innocence or his ignorance by paying cash to the examining officers, though, since there is no regulated tariff in such matters, the proceeding may be quite expensive.

If the suspect is too poor to make things right with the examiners or too stubborn to tell what he knows—and sometimes, I am afraid, if he really does not know anything to tell—they use some "third degree" methods to make a man say something which he would rather not say. It is whipping the soles of the bare feet with slender rods. Often live coals from a pipe are put on the shaven head of a prisoner to make him confess. Sometimes—but no. Probably you would not care to hear any more along this particular line. Persian inventions in this department of criminology are clever in their way, but not things to describe in full detail.—Leon Maden in New York World.

### A German Title.

In the matter of titles the Germans show more courage than we do. On a card which reached London the other day the sender describes herself as Frau —, Raslermesserbolschleifeldrektoreswitwe. Would any English woman venture to describe herself as widow of the manager of the razor blade grinding works? When this was shown to a German friend he produced a card on which the sender was entitled "Staats-schuldentilgungsbureauausgebera witwe," a description which she held to be her due as the widow of an official in the national debt office.—London Chronicle.

### More Territory.

"I envy you," says the very thin man. "I wish I had your weight. Here I am, a skinny, dyspeptic creature, suffering half the time with stomach ache." "Envy me!" chuckles the very fat man. "Why, what if you do have the stomach ache half the time? Think what a little bit of a stomach ache you can have. Now, when I have the stomach ache it amounts to something."—Life.

### Perfectly Natural.

"The supposed young millionaire bought an airship just before he was declared bankrupt." "That was a perfectly natural proceeding."

"How so?" "Most people do buy airships before they go up."—New York Journal.

### Poetry.

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying things, and hence its importance.—Matthew Arnold.

There are no eyes so sharp as the eyes of hatred.—Hillard.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Emery LaHue, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Sarah LaHue, administratrix of the estate of Emery LaHue, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of said estate; that the court has fixed Monday the 27th day of March, A. D., 1911, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.

Dated this 24th day of February, A. D., 1911.

Sarah LaHue, Administratrix.  
Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of James S. Henry, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Elizabeth Henry has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of J. S. Henry, deceased, has qualified as such and had letters testamentary issued to her. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, as required by law, to the said executrix at her home in Athena, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice, which said first publication is made on this the 17th day of February, A. D., 1911, and will appear in the Athena Press newspaper for four consecutive weeks, the last publication appearing on the 17th day of March, A. D., 1911.

Dated this the 17th day of February, A. D., 1911.

Elizabeth Henry, Executrix.  
Peterson & Wilson, Attys. for Executrix.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of John G. Tharp, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that B. D. Tharp, administrator of the estate of John G. Tharp, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of said estate; that the court has ordered that Monday, the 6th day of March, A. D., 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, be appointed as the time and the county court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where any and all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.

Dated this the 3rd day of February, A. D., 1911.

B. D. Tharp, Administrator.  
Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the county court of the state of Oregon, for Umatilla county. In the matter of the estate of B. C. Kidder, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that Geo. B. Kidder, the undersigned, has been appointed administrator of the estate of B. C. Kidder, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me properly verified at the office of Attorney Geo. W. Counts, John Schmidt block, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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