

# THE MURDEROUS MOOR

SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE LAND OF RAISEL.  
The Principle of an Eye for an Eye and a Tooth for a Tooth Is Maintained.

There is probably no country in the world—say, perhaps, the Congo—where human life is held so cheaply as in the land of the Moors. And certainly there is no land where the quality of the human body is so highly vitiated. In a walk through the so-called market-places of any Moorish town what chiefly impresses the visitor is the extraordinary number of mutilated persons. Poor wretches, they have lost a hand, or a foot, or an eye, or are encumbered at every turn; and should a question be put by any of the unfortunates, reply would be made, with a shrug of the shoulders, that some comparatively trivial trifling had been the cause of this ghastly punishment. On one occasion the writer put the question to a maimed Berber, the withered stump of whose arm seemed to indicate that more than ordinary brutality had attended the loss of his hand; writes Frank Scudamore, the famous-war correspondent:

### AN EYE FOR AN EYE.

"How was I done?" was the question. And the maimed creature's reply and accompanying gesture were exceedingly significant. The sayer or executioner—said the fellow, had slit the skin of the wrist with his knife and had screwed off the hand!

"And did you scream?" was the further question.

The Moor shook his head.

"One does not protest," he said, "or one would lose his head as well as his hand."

Of course, throughout Morocco the lex talionis is everywhere in force. The principle of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is maintained with literal exactness, and although the alternative of a money compensation is accepted in theory, in practice, it is seldom allowed. In the case of a maimed man, it is carried out with an atrocious ferocity that Europeans can ill conceive.

A necessary outcome, perhaps, of the rigidity of the law that prohibits the shedding of blood is the existence of the same in the case of the mutilated. These places, so ordinarily either the seat of some human or a shrine commemorating some local saint.

THE STORY OF ARIZZI.

Whoever takes shelter in one of them, he is the property of the land, or, to be more exact, he is the property of the Moor. It is a common belief that the Moorish people are descended from the Phoenicians, and that they are a mixture of the Phoenician and the African. It is a common belief that the Moorish people are descended from the Phoenicians, and that they are a mixture of the Phoenician and the African.

WHISPERED UNDER THE BREATH.

Although their perpetrator is no more, Aruzzi was not less brave than ferocious. Alone and unarmed, he would make a sudden descent upon a village, and carry off the best horses and the prettiest women of the tribe. He had many wives—one of them, by the way, being a beautiful girl who accompanied him on his many plundering expeditions, and was well-nigh as intrepid as himself.

# THIS GAS PLANT IS UNIQUE

LIGHTING THE STREETS FROM STRAW AND CORN COBS.

May Revolutionize the Gas Industry—Coal is Needed No Longer.

Red tongues of flame shooting through the black smoke of a burning straw pile, gave J. R. Coult, of Chicago, an idea which bids fair to revolutionize the gas producing industry of the United States. It has solved the fuel problem for the great Central West, which is without gas coal, but has millions and millions of tons of straw and corn cobs.

Coult's worked three years on his idea and last month there was opened in Beatrice, Neb., the first results of his work—a gas plant, which produces the high priced coal and oil, but simply the waste matter of the farm. The new gas plant is not an experiment on the small scale, but instead, is a full-fledged gas manufacturing, and its product is lighting gas, which is sold at the rate of 10 cents per 100 cubic feet.

PLANT LOOKS LIKE FEED STORE.

Instead of paying out hundreds of dollars every day for coal and oil, the Beatrice plant buys up straw, corn-cobs and matter of that kind, throws them into the rollers, and the result is a gas which is sold at the rate of 10 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Beatrice is a city of twelve thousand people. The new gas plant, which is a single-story building, is situated on the edge of the city. It is a simple structure, and is built on a foundation of concrete.

INSECT-EATING BIRDS.

Ready to Change Their Habits When Introduced into a New Country.

When settlement began in New Zealand farmers gave a hearty invitation to the small birds of the New Zealand to help in their work. The birds, which were introduced from Europe, were found to be very useful in eating the insects which were doing so much damage to the crops.

Some of the native birds performed good service by eating insects, but the majority of the birds were not so useful. The settlers, therefore, turned their attention to the insect-eating birds of the old country. The sparrow, the hedge-sparrow, the song-sparrow, the black-bird, the greenfinch, the chaffinch, the goldfinch, the lark, the skylark and other birds were introduced.

The writer adds: The verdict is written on a circular which I prepared some months ago, and which the department of agriculture issued for me throughout the colony. All the evidence I have obtained points to the fact that birds are quite ready to change their habits when they are introduced into a new country.

# RIGHT HAND OR BOTH HANDS.

Four-Fifths of the Babies Said to be Ambidextrous.

Many reasons have been advanced for the prevalence of right-handedness. It is by common-sense said to be the result of nursing and infantile treatment, to be due to early practice in writing and drawing, to the outcome of warfare, education and heredity, the result of mechanical or of the strain of an unbalanced brain, and other remote causes. Sawyer declares that the preferential use of the right hand is due to the fact that in primitive days man used the right hand for the purposes of offence, so as to keep the heart—the vital spot—as far as possible from the assault of an avenged enemy. Recent experiments and observations, however, prove that single-handedness is merely the result of faulty or restricted education.

It is a curious instance of human contrivance that should one eye, one ear, or one leg of a child show signs of diminished vigor the parents would instantly seek the cause and if possible remedy for that lamentable condition; yet for some inexplicable reason or prejudice the left hand of the average child is ruthlessly and deliberately neglected until in mature years it is an undeveloped, useless, and almost unnecessary appendage.

Careful observations have shown that out of every hundred persons born into this world eighty are completely ambidextrous—that is to say, they will as strongly reach for an object with either hand and only require proper instruction and training to develop both hands and arms to an equal degree of strength and skill.

Of the remaining twenty-seven who are right-handed, while the other three will show a natural bias toward the left hand. The cultivation of ambidexterity, therefore, offers no insuperable difficulties, and the economical, physiological advantages are enormous.

It is said that the Japanese soldiers can use their weapons with equal skill in either hand, for they are trained to be ambidextrous from childhood. At school they are taught to write and draw with both hands. In drawing and painting, as in the ordinary use of the pen, the left hand is used as well as the right, and the mechanical and industrial importance of ambidexterity is firmly impressed upon the minds of young men and women.

WEAK, SICKLY PEOPLE.

Will Find New Strength Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

A great many young men and women are suddenly seized with weakness. Their appetite fails, they lose their color, they become pale and thin. They do not feel any specific pain—just weakness. But that weakness is just as real as any other ailment, and it needs healing.

OUT OF THE PAST.

Historical Traditions of Some English Schools.

Some of the old customs kept up in English schools by the students of today. Their excuse for being so far in the past, and robbed of all meaning, they play a senseless part in the drama of school life. Within the last quarter of a century many of these practices have been abolished in the conviction that, however valuable historical tradition may be, much of it is needless lumber, hindering progress. Such a law, as for many years was nominally in force at Eton, should be the very face of it, both useless and ridiculous.

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looked the other way, and the boy peeps into a shop.

Keats tells of an encounter with a miser who entered a confectioner's shop while a lad was eating an ice-cream. The miser shut up one eye and held up his spoon in front of the other, while the confectioner pretended not to see him.

A small Ethiopian boy in trouble one day by demanding a fulfillment of the letter of one of the old covenants. According to a statute of Henry VI, on the day of the year every citizen was entitled to receive three pence or half a sheep, three pence being the value of half a sheep at the time the law was passed.

DECEASED GIRL CHOOSES STRANGE METHOD OF SUICIDE.

An extraordinary affair, culminating in a tragic death, occurred in the village of Saggart, County Dublin, on a recent Sunday. At two in the afternoon, a young woman, Miss Thim, was seen to enter the tower of the Roman Catholic Church and a minutes later appeared on the roof, feet above the ground.

CANCER HAUNTS HOUSES.

Sighting Theory Advanced by Paris Physician.

The sanitary authorities of Paris, France, are convinced that cancer has a contagious character, and that houses which have been inhabited by cancer patients after the victims are dead.

WIRELESS NOW MADE EASY.

German Invents a Portable System to Be Carried by Three Men.

Keenest interest and discussion has been aroused in German scientific circles by Herr Heinecke's new system of wireless telegraphy. The new invention is being exhibited at the colonial exhibition at Berlin.

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