

ARMENIAN GIRLS WEAVE AT SESQUICENTENNIAL
TWELVE-YEAR OLD EXPERT
Come from Syria to Demonstrate Ancient Methods of Their People in Making of These Articles

Two little Armenian girls, expert weavers from Beirut, Syria, have just arrived in Philadelphia to demonstrate rug-weaving at the Sesqui-Centennial exposition. These children, who are twelve years old, directed the weaving of the oriental rug which is now on the floor of the east room of the White House, which was presented to President Coolidge last year in token of the gratitude of the children of the Near East for American help.

The life stories of these girls are tragic. Vartouhi Hovsepian, who is slightly the elder of the two, was deprived of her father when she was six years old by the thrust of a Turkish sword. She and her mother and two little brothers accepted the protection of a wealthy Turk in their native city of Harpoot, which is in the interior of Asia, only to witness the death of the boys by native troops. The mother in desperation carried Vartouhi to Dr. Henry Riggs, of Boston, Mass., phanages at Harpoot, and at the time of the exchange of populations, following the Smyrna disaster, she was one of the 20,000 children evacuated out of Turkey into Syria and other countries.

Parents Dead

Her companion, little Gulenia Kelyayan, was five years old when her family received word that her father, who had been forced into the Turkish army, was dead. Her mother's death followed soon after. Gulenia was taken to the city of Mersine by an aunt, who later was forced by poverty to give her to the Near East Relief in Ghazir.

Both of these girls are products of Near East Relief care and training. They have been fed, clothed and housed for six years; they have received an elementary school education; and they have been trained as experts in one of the oldest and finest crafts in the world—rug weaving—traditionally an art of their people for centuries. They have traveled four thousand miles to show to the American people who visit the exposition how American money has prepared two little rug weavers not only to earn their living but has helped to preserve an ancient art whose extinction was threatened during the terrible days of massacre and deporta-

tion. Little Vartouhi, through an interpreter, had some opinions of her own to express.

Expresses Opinions

"Gulenia and I are only two," she says. "There really have been thousands of us, 100,000, I think, some of us in Syria, lots of us in the Russian Caucasus and still more of us in Greece. And America has taken care of us all and is teaching us all trades, just like Gulenia and me. I wish you could see the boys who do the silver filigree in Beirut, and the girls who make our lovely Armenian and Syrian embroidery."

In answer to a question, she spoke rapidly, her eyes shining, with bravely held-back tears. "Am I glad to be in America? Of course I'm glad I came as a duty, because we must show our benefactors what we can do, and they can't all come to Syria. America has saved me, and I want her to see that I am grateful."

Assigned to Booth

Vartouhi and Gulenia, dressed in their native costume, will be assigned to a large booth in the Palace of Education during the period of the exposition, and then will return to Syria, although several offers of adoption have already been made to officials of the organization under whose auspices they are here. They are in the personal care of Mrs. Pearl Larson of Chicago, a Red Cross nurse who speaks their language fluently.

Their setting will be like a bit of their adopted Syria transplanted, for the architecture of the booth will be in Syrian style, yellow stucco, stenciled in blue and gold, with oriental archways decorated with stripes of brick red. A feature of the display will be an exhibition and sale of rare Armenian pottery—specimens of another art nearly lost to present day civilization, for the people of Kutahia, where the pottery originated, were practically wiped out during the war and its manufacture has only recently been revived by an Armenian exiled from his native village to Jerusalem. Fine hand-embroidered linens, which represent still another branch of Near Eastern art, made by refugee women in the industrial centers of the Near East, will also be exhibited at the exposition.

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VAN DYKE PILLORIES POMPOUS POLITICIAN
Author and Diplomat Shows His Scorn for Flamboyant Congressman

Dr. Henry van Dyke, author, diplomat, teacher and preacher, has always preserved a keen interest in politics and been noted for his witty remarks upon certain aspects of politics in this country. In the August Scribner's Magazine he comes out with a full-length portrait of a demagogic, up-lifting Congressman who believes that Congress should regulate everything. Dr. van Dyke minces no words, for one of the characters in the story refers to General Earl, the Congressman from Louisiana, as "an embroidered gunny-bag" and "a flamboyant bumpkin."

Here is a bit of revealing conversation on the part of the Congressman, who is talking to a younger clergyman: "Do not imagine, sir, do not hypothesize that I am opposed to everything that is old,—churches, universities, learned societies. But these things must be regulated and controlled by Congress, the forum of the people's wisdom and power. Nothing must be left without congressional sanction. Nothing must be held sacred without its impetuosity. This will give uniformity to liberty, and clothe the action of the individual with the authority of legislative authority. We must make a new world for the new era. Take that ancient institution which you, sir, represent so well. The church,—what is it now but a dusty congeries of moth-eaten rites and ceremonies, a voice telling fairy-tales in the wilderness? I do not say it must be abolished, for we can still use it for our purposes,—to elect uplifters to Congress and to

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compliment their legislation with the sanctums of religion. But I say without hesitation that if the church is to be worth what it costs in exemption from taxes, we must have a brand-new Christianity, something big and buoyant and beligerently pacifist. It must get rid of all this stuff about penitence, and cross-bearing, and humility, and brotherly love. Brotherly justice is what we want. What happened down in Judea makes no difference. One hundred per cent American legislation is what the world needs today to bring in the Age of Gold."

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