SECRETS OF THE HAREM.

Murder of a Guilty Sultana in Her Toilet Chamber.

HUSSEIN'S REVENCE.

Dethronement the Denouement of a Love Story.

STARTLING REVELATIONS.

(New York Herald.)

CAIRO, Jan. 3. 1880. which took place in the palace itself and was committed by the sovereign's own hand. The facts about to be set forth have never before facts about to be set forth have never before facts about to be set forth have never before four slaves and one eunuch. been made known to any one outside of the immediate entourage of the late Sultan. They been made known to any immediate entourage of the late Sultan. They are taken directly from the lips of eye wit-presset. Several large wardrobes in this room contained ladies' dresses, and costumes were avoid falling into any exaggeration. They will enable the reader to form an opinion of the enstoms of the Oriental narem—still to the walls. A magnificent carpet covered the floor, and various caskets of jewels rested to the walls placed in the middle of the more two tables placed in the middle of the To better appreciate the events of this startling

which which the deigned to acknowledge the don, our Suitan. He seried her in his power-most humble salutation was a short, expres-slightest inclination of the head or other ges-ture. His bearing was not without dignity, Ignatieff, when comparing the dead Sultan to be to be traveline of the salutation of the series of the sultant Ignatieff, when comparing the dead Sultan to be to be traveline of the salutation of the series of the sultant is two successors, remarked that Abdul Agin "To save his honor." renlied the Sultan "I was the "last of the Mohicans." The women of the harem called him their "Aslan" (Lion), its belt, but without unsheathing it. Abdul and he often gave way to violent passion and Aziz dealt the unfortunate women the most forceint which would do accide that him of the head head would have ferocity which would do credit to the king of furious blows upon the head body and loins. beasts. One day in 1872 with his own hands. At this moment one of the young female he threw Nevres Pacha, his Grand Chamber slaves, named Fatma, darted to the door and lain, from the top of the grand staircase in the Palace of Dolma Bagtche.

A TURKISH NERO.

His daily pastime was cock fighting and His daily pastime was cock fighting and making his slaves fight with each other. Com-bats were often arranged between lions and tigers. He had an enormous iron cage parti-tioned into three senarate compartments. In tigers. He had an enormous iron cage parti-tioned into three separate compartments. In tioned into three separate compartments. In each compartment a huge Bengal tiger would be kept for days without receiving food. When the tiger had attained the requisite degree of the tiger to the old harem." To exthe tiger had attained the requisite degree of ferocity a young live lamb would be given to the tiger in the middle compartment. As soon as this tiger was busily absorbed in devouring the lamb the two partitions would be sudden-ly raised, and a most terrific combat ensued between the infuriated wild beasts before the Sultan comfortably reclining upon a divan. He once remarked that nothing caused him such exquisite pleasure as the sight of blood. A celebrated French lawyer was in the habit of telling his agents that to discover the source of a crime you must "seek for the woman." In the case of the fall of Abdul Aziz the same principle applies .- " Cherchez la femme."

KISMET IN THE HAREM. In 1876 the Sultan Abdul Aziz had five le gitimate wives, known by the name of Basch Khadeen. The order of precedence of these ladies is determined by the date of marriage. The first Basch Khadeen is the one first married, &c. At the commencement of the year the third Basch Khadeen died. The fourth then became the third and gave up her former place to a fifth, the name of whose brother (Hassan Bey) has since been celebrated in the most tragic manner. These three women, by a coincidence too remarkable to be purely accidental, all died in the same year, and each of the three occupied in turn the place

of Third Basch Khadeen. The mother of Mahmoud Djelal Eddeen, the favorite son of Abdul Aziz, was soon to perish by the hand of her imperial husband—an event which, resulting in the deposition and death of the Sultan, caused the revolutions which precipitated the Turco-Russian war; for had Abdul

apartments of his faithless wife. When she Hussein Avni took Khairolla aside, read to saw him enter, the unfortunate woman felt that her end had come. She attempted to The result of long and patient investigation a many directions enables me to lay before you in the most complete manner the real susse which led to the deposition and death of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz Khan. His believe the direct result of an immerial crime. throw herself upon her knees before him all was the direct result of an imperial crime, which took place in the palace itself and was

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THE SULTAN'S RAGE.

upon two tables placed in the middle of the apartment about a yard apart. The two win-To better appreciate the events of this starting drama it is necessary to briefly sketch the ap-pearance and character of the late Sultan. ABDUL AZIZ. Abdul Aziz was a stout, heavily built man,

possessing Herculean strength. His eyes upon his wife, who nearly paralyzed with were large and deeply shaded by long dark eyebrows and eyelashes. His complexion with which he deigned to acknowledge the don, our Sultan.) He seized her in his powerwitnessed the scene which we have just de-soribed. The Sultan seeing his wife lying ap-parently lifeles upon the floor, gave her the most violent and brutal kick in the loins, and

ecute this order the female slaves hastened to their unfortunate mistress. They found her lying senseless and bathed in her blood. In a few moments she was restored to con ciousness, and said :- "He has killed me." Then she made a sign to Fatima to bend over, and whispered into the ear of this, her favorite slave :

"Tell Hussein, so that he may avenge my leath."

The eunuchs charged to carry away the ultana then entered the chamber, and without evincing the slightest compassion for heir dying mistress-for these creatures are incapable of any good quality of either man or women—hustled the female slaves from the room and tried to force the Sultana to vise to her feet. This was, however, impos-sible. The Third Basch Khadeen was at the

time suffering from a disease of the kidneys. Some of the blows which the Sultan had inflicted on this part of her body caused a hem-orrhage, which resulted in her death. She did not live long enough to reach the caique which was to convey her to the old harem. The body was placed in a corridor, and in less than two hours afterward was quietly buried.

FATIMA'S GRIEF.

The above details are set forth with the ost scrupulous exactitude, and direct eviwrong. The Grand Vizier knocked at his door and said :—"His majesty awaits me upon most urgent business." The door was at once opened. The attendants saluted Hus. dence enables us to reproduce the final scene of this imperial and domestic drama. Fatima was overcome by what she had seen, by what she had heard, and above all by the commission bequeathed to her by her dying mistress. The day after the crime Fatima sent a faith-ful servant of her former master, whom she the three remained on the throne the war would in all probability have been postponed. "Des-tiny," as the Turks say, willed otherwise and dence used in contradictination to "contradiction to of this entrance." One chaonish and ten soldiers were stationed at this door, the former attendants were arrested and dence used in contradistinction to " consk Avni, in advance of his aide-de-camp, went to which means a city residence,) of Couscound the Sultan's apartment. The Sultan was jouk, which is situated on the European side. alone in his chamber. Hussein Avni staorth of Scutari and opposite to the tioned his chaonish at the two doors and orpalace. He had gone to the Ministry of War dered them to fire upon Abdul Aziz should and it was there that he first learned of this he attempt to escape. Hussein Avni then sent Redif to find Djeder Aga, the chief of the terrible news. At this period-end of May, 1876-Hassan Khairollah Effendi was Sheik eunuchs. Djeder Aga was in a room near at ul Islam, and the other most important Ministers were Ahmed Kaiserle, Midhat Pacha and Mohammed Rouchdy. Hussein Aga, and tell Abdul Aziz that the Ottoman Avni was Grand Vizier and Minister of War. nation has deprived him of the supreme Effectually concealing all traces of his emopower-that the Sultan Murad Khan is now tion. Hussein Avni went to Ahmed Khairollah Emperor. His Majesty's orders are that Abdul for adventure. These adventures took such and Midhat Pacha to see if any rumors of Aziz be conducted to Top Capou, where he shall henceforth reside ! " Djeder Aga what had happened at the palace had reached their ears. Judging from the manner and hearing this language thought that Redif had conversation of these ministers. Hussein Anvi He would not pay any attention gone crazy. felt convinced that they knew nothing about to him, and broke into a long burst of laughwhich it. In order to obtain fuller information the ter. Hussein Avni becoming impatient at Grand Vizier charged Midhat Pacha to go to the delay entered the room and said to Redif. the palace and submit some reports to his Dieden "If he will not obey you kill him." Majesty. The Sultan received Midhat Pacha Aga then understood the gravity of the affair pleasantly and made no allusion to what had and entered the Sultan's chamber. Upon hearing the eunuch's message Abdul Aziz taken place the day before. PREPARING TO TAKE REVENCE. a bound toward the door. The chaonish made Hussein Avni knew well the Sultan's char. covered him with their carbines. Hussein acter, and feared it accordingly. He had made up his mind that the vengeance of blul Aziz was not yet satisfied. With the Avni entered the second door and said :--"Abdul Aziz, it is too late. Resistance is blul Aziz was not yet satisfied. impossible. Your palace is surrounded, the must prudence and caution he at once took fleet is with us, and you are no longer steps to assure his own personal safety. On Sultan ! " Then turning to the Khaonish Hussein Avni commanded, "By order of Sultan Murad arrest Abdul Aziz !" Abdul the 27th of May, 1876, one of the principal banking houses of Galata received on deposit a large cass of bonds and jewels of great value. Aziz being unarmed this order was the more easily executed. Hussein Avni descended This case was left there by the Intendant and the Colonel aide-de-camp of Hussein Avni. with his prisoner to the quai of the palace, There is also evidence that a small steamer where a boat sent thither by Kaiserle was his place, as his sisters owed their marriage, to the favor of the Sultan's mother (the to the Bosphorus. Two aides de-camp of was stationed in the Black Sea at the entrance already in waiting. HUMBLED TO THE GROUND. Hussein Avni were on board of this steamer. Abdul Aziz, believing himself to be the personification of a terrible and unassailable These officers had received instructions to The father of these three children was a Cir- make an appearance of inspecting the forts power, had always felt like a kind of demiwhich guard the entrance to the Straits. In When he realized that he had been god. case of need Hussein Avni hoped by means of deposed all that had once been his greatest this small steamer to be able to embark in pride and strength seemed to forsake him. He some French, Russian or Austrian steamship Hassan Bey was desperately in love with and reach Odessa. After having prepared was utterly prostrated and crushed by the magnitude of his sudden ill fortune. The deceased Sultan, who had applied to Na-poleon III. for not finding his death at Sedan the epithet "lache," ilied finding ... "lache," either to escape from the Sultan's vengeance cause to fear him again. was overthrown by one man almost single-PLOTTING TO DEPOSE THE SULTAN PLOTTING TO DEPOSE THE SULTAN. His line of retreat being secured Hussein Avni now made up his mind to depose the handed. But that man was the avenging hand of a dastardly crime. Without a word being uttered by any one the ex-Sultan sul-Sultan. Politics had nothing whatever to do enly assumed the place in the boat indicated with this. His attempt was instigated solely to him, and was swiftly and noiselessly conveyed on this rainy and chilly night to the pavillion of Top Capou. The next morning

him rapidly the text of a "fetva" and ear-nestly demanded his signature to it. This fetva was worded thus :—" When a calif by his own acts proves himself unworthy to reign, is it necessary to maintain him ?" The answer was " Olmas"-no.

THE SHEIK UL ISLAM SIGNS. Khairolla refused to sign this document, and sought to deter Hussein Avni from such a project. The Sheik ul Islam said :--" You have been already banished once by the Sul-tan. By attempting this you will rush to

your ruin in the most certain manner. "Enough," replied the Grand Vizier, " leave this document with you, and if at the expiration of half an hour it is unsigned you will not be alive." Hussein Avni then went to Kaiserle, who was on board of the Osmanieh, a splendid ironclad, riding at anchor between the palace of the Sultan and the residence of Hussein Avni. The Grand Vizier was not five minutes with the minister before a caique brought to him the *fetva* of the Sheik ul Islam, declaring Abdul Aziz unworthy to reign. In the presence of such a document Kaiserle promised his absolute concurrence, Hussein Avni then explained in a few words his plan, which was put at once into execution. The following is an accurate account of the events of that night, in which the reign of Abdul Aziz ended and the reign of Murad begun.

IN FAVOR OF MURAD. Midhat Pachaawaited at his residence the result of the plot. Suleiman Pacha was ordered to arm the pupils of the Military

School, who were well disposed toward Murad. The Grand Vizier himself, in his capacity of Minister of War, ordered two infantry battal-ions to be under arms at half-past ten in the evening. These troops had no idea why they received the order, which was only communicated to them at the last moment. These two battalions were quartered at the Seraskerat (Ministry of War) itself. Not till they had taken up their march did Hussein Avni assume command of them himself. He was accompanied by two of his aides-de-camp and six chaonish (staff sergeants at-tached to the Ministry of War). He knew he might trust to the devotion of these men. He made them believe that the Council of Ministers and the Sheik ul Islam had decided to dethrone the Sultan; as to Hussein Avni himself, he told them that he was merely the instrument selected by the Sublime Porte and the grand chiefs of the Mohammedan religion to carry out their orders. These troops occupied without difficulty the approaches to the palace. Hussein Avni announced himself as Minister of War. He quietly ordered the soldiers on guard duty

He quietly ordered the soldiers on guard auty about the palace to stack their arms and leave the courtyard by passing through the main gateway. As these soldiers came out of the gateway they were at once confined in the empty guardhouses. Hussein Avni, accom-panied by Redif and his aides de-camp, and followed at an interval of a for mease by his followed at an interval of a few paces by his chaonish, proceeded to a small door at the end of a *culdesac*, formed on one side by a kiosk, or rather a wing of the palace itself, and on the other side by a wall of the garden. This small door led to the Sultan's apartmeter a construction of the culture o ments, and was only made use of by some of the Ministers and a few persons who had constant access to the Sultan. It was by this door that Hussein Avni had been in the habit of visiting the Sultan.

IN THE SULTAN'S PALACE. All thus far had been conducted so regularly and quietly that none of the inmates of the palace had any suspicion that anything was

The Origin of the Custom of the Members of the Gentler Sex Making Love to Men-

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SOME VERY NEAT METHODS FOR ENTRAPPING VA-CILLATING BACHELORS.

THE LAW FOR LADIES.

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The advent of the leap-year season has had the effect of again starting enquiry as to the erigin of the custom which allows women during leap-year to assume a privilege, which during the other three years, is the sole pre-regative of men. The privilege of ladies choosing their husbands is thus explained in a work entitled, "Love, Courtship and Matri-mony," London, 1806 :- "Albeit it has now become a part of the common laws in regard to social relations of life that as often as every besextile year do the return, the ladies have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love unto the men which they do either by words or looks as to them it seemeth proper ; and, moreover, no man will be entitled to the benefit of clergy who doeth in any way treat her propesal with slight and contumely." The above seems to establish beyond cavil their right to reverse the accepted order of things, at least once in four years. From time immemorial there has existed a legend to the effect that in leap-year the customary regulations of courtship may properly be reversed, and

OFFERS OF MARRIAGE PROCEED FROM THE FAIR SEX

to the male object of their affection. We do not read that this privilege has ever been taken advantage of any great extent by the ladies; but the tradition is as strong in the mind of the people as ever, and it bids fair to be transmitted in unimpaired freshness and force to the latest generation. This being the case, it logically follows that there is a peculiar idea of the inherent fitness of the right, otherwise it would have died out years ago, if there were not deep down in the the human heart a conviction that the ladies have some natural rights in regard to the choosing and wooing of a partner for life. Whether they think best to exercise the privi-lege is altogether foreign to the question of right. Were it not for this feeling this leapyear tradition had long since been forgotten. All nations have their folk lore; persons and and places are invested with powers which in spire the ignorant peasantry with dread, and cause them to shun these places. There is a striking similarity all the world over between the popular

LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS

of different nations. They are reproduced with slight differences of circumstances and place to suit the different localities. Dr. Mackento suit the different localities. Dr. Macken-zie who seems to have given considerable time to ferretting out the origin of "Legen-dery Lore," has a very interesting chapter on the subject in his "Bits of Blarney." Washington Irving has localized several legends as American, but his "Rip Van Winkle" has long since been traced to German origin. Some years ago a supplement to the "Thousand and One Nights," containing an Arabian tale called the *Sage Hegcav*, was published at Paris. The translator noted the curious fact that this Oriental story contained many incidents exactly similar to parages in the life of Esop. Sixteen pages of details of a visit mode by Heyers a the total for word, with the accounts of a like visit made by Esop. "The Arabian Nights Entertainments" (which have charmed us all in youth, and rarely fail to delight us when we return to them in mature years) is full of such stories, illustrating the sanguinary character of eastern belief and practice. Who among us cannot

BECALL THE SCENES OF YOUTH.

when, gathered around the blazing hearth, we have listened to some weird story or watched with bated breath the result of some "Hallow Eve" charm? These were the days of happiness, and, of course, every rural maiden had a sure, infallible charm for tellWHOLE NO. 1,118.--- NO. 35:

Notes and Queries for 1856 contains the following: "If a young lady should so far AN ESSAY ON LYING. By an Expert-They All Do It-Humor forget herself as to suggest a union between

herself and a bachelor acquaintance, who should be uncivil enough to decline her pro-posal, she could thereupon demand from him

the gift of a new silk dress. But to claim this dress with propriety, she must at the same time be the wearer of a scarlet petti-coat, which, or the lower part of which, she must exhibit to the gentleman, who by the law of leap year is bound to present to the lady a silk dress to cover the scarlet petticoat and assuage her displeasure at

THE REJECTION OF HER PROPOSAL"

This item of feminine folk-lore may prove exseedingly useful to the male reader in putting him on his guard during the year. For it is not probably without a determined significance that the wearing of red petticoats s made of the chief novelties of ladies dress during the winter season. In fact, it may reasonably be inferred that the ladies' law of leap year is about to be inflicted upon the gentlemen in the most expensive silk dress form. From the above it can readily e seen that those

VACILLATING BACHELORS

charming women who have, year after year shone with dazzling brilliancy in the magni-ficent entertainments of the "Winter Port"; ome of them rivalling the famous Agnes Sorel,

WHOSE BEAUTY WAS SO STRIKING

that it caused Henry II., King of France, to tremble when first he beheld her. From a careful consideration of the various dangers arising from this "leap year privilege," we are inclined to think Mr. Meagle's advice to the beadle is worthy of imitation, and that whenever we see a young lady in full "fig" with a scarlet petticoat coming down the street, we shall show our best discretion by turning, and running away.

AROUND THE WORLD.

---Seventy-four streets were added to Lonlon last year.

-Boots and shoes for dolls are turned out by one London house at the rate of 1,000 pairs a week.

-A report presented to the Edinbugh Established Presbytery recommends the bolition of Fast-days.

-A toast drunk with Highland honors involves throwing the wine glasses over the left shoulder, the idea being that the glasses should never be degraded by use for any other purpose. —The Cologne Gazette, in a recent article.

deemed "inspired," observes that "Nobody can be on good terms with the German empire who cultivates a political intimacy with Russia.

-The Provincial Council of Vienna will shortly sanction the engineer Buffo's scheme for a bridge, three miles long, from Venice to the mainland, to serve for a tramway, as well

as for pedestrians and vehicles. —London World :—"The behaviour of Frenchmen, Italians or Germans to ladies is not only not better thanthat of Englishmen, it is infinitely worse. If it is sometimes more polished outwardly it is quite as often openly offensive and odious."

—The number of suicides at Venice and its suburbs, last year, attained the considerable figure of 297, of which 46 were of women. In most cases reverse of fortune, misery, or want of work was the disposing cause, and the majority of the unfortunates belonged to the oorer classes.

-A letter from Tokio furnishes some interesting details concerning the number of for-eigners resident in Japan. In 1879 there were 12,475 Europeans and Americans in the whole

ists, Caricaturists, and Others. From Indianapolis Journal's Report of a Lecture

by "Eli Perkins." Now, my friends, there has been a good

deal said about lying in this country lately. I confess that I have been called a great liar myself. In fact the lyre has been struck a great many times. (Laughter). You re member that Henry Watterson, of the Louis-

that he was personally acquainted with three of the biggest liars—the biggest liv-ing liars in the world—and when they asked him who they were he said: "George Alfred Townsend is one and Eli Perkinsis the other two. (Great laughter.) Now, my friends, speaking of lying, I maintain that all great humorists are

other element but the lie to draw upon to pro-duce laughter. They had to make a long nose, a big ear, a crocked leg, or a cock-eye. No one ever laughed at a true picture. If a live man really looked as Cruikshank or John Leech painted him, we would shed tears at his mournful condition. If a real man acted like

To illustrate what I mean by an innocent Baron Munchausen story: I had an uncle William once, who got caught in a fearful London, Conn. He started for New-London

gienic Diet-Unseasoned Food-No Drink and Two Meals a Day. Some physiologists have given utterance to be idea "that by cating a little of several things the variety thereby obtained would ob-viate the difficulty of being tempted to eat too much." The converse of the quoted sentiment is the real truth. It has been proven by much experience that the eating of so many varieties of victuals as our tables generally offer is productive of mischief to the health. The first thing which hygienic educators do to pa-tients, under their charge for experiment, is to reduce the variety of victuals at meals to three kinds at most: Thus, first of grains-bread, prepared meal or both; second, of fruits, one variety or two at most, but of nomogeneous kinds; third, of vegetables, one kind. The variation is as follows: If vegekind. tables be omitted, more fruits; and if fruit is omitted, more vegetables. No drink of any

HEALTH TALKS.

The Views of an Experimentor on Hy-

kind whatever is allowed at meals by hygien-ists or in less than two hours after meals. Masticate well and long enough to insure proper flow of the saliva. This constitutes, ccording to hygienic authority, "proper eat-ng." One may eat plentifully of the grains member that Henry Watterson, et the bound ille Courier-Journal, said publicly on the steps of the hotel at Saratoga, last summer, it is allowed but once per day and the sparingly, and only as a relish. The eat-then sparingly, and only as a relish. The eat-then sparingly, and only as a relish. The eat-then sparingly and then sparingly an

laughter.) Now, my mends, speaking of lying, I maintain that all great humorists are great liars, and that the funniest men have always been the biggest liars. But I do not say vice versa that all great liars are great the second dimension of the humorists. If this were the case then the lawyers would be the funniest men in the onsideration is that of eating at improper consideration is that of eating at improper lawyers would be the tunniest men in the world. (Laughter.) The lie to be funny must be purely innocent, it must be told to make our fellowmen happy, and to harm ous, as did "Don Quixote," "Ginx's Baby," and the satires of Juvenal and Dean Switt. In fact, the lie told must be an innocent ind the same In fact, the lie told number Baron Munchausea lie. If the old humon were not great liars, then Dean Swift's "Tale of a Tub" was a true story, Gulliver's travels were as true as Moody's sermons, Thackeray's "Yellow Plush Papers" were Sunday school tracts, and Baron Munchau sen's four hundred gigantic lies were as Macaulay's "History of England. Thacker as "the story of England. The story of England. Thacker as "the story of England. Thacker as "the story of England. The story of England. Th To eat five times a day is too often ; three times a day is surely enough. and the writer bow Room." Artemus Ward's works are purched that all continuents fictions, pure lies, with no satire, but told simply to produce innocent laughter. Laughter cannot be produced without acting, paint ter cannot be produced without acting, paint ter cannot be produced without acting, paint ter cannot be produced without acting in plain and bread mixing take the place of butter as far as possible and let sufficient maxication in plain and produced without acting in plain and produced without acting in plain and bread mixing take the place of butter as the place of butter ter cannot be produced without acting, paint ing, or writing and exaggeration—in plain English, without acting, painting, an innocent lie. The humorous artist, the caricaturist like John Leech and Cruikshank, had no nothing was quite so disagreeable as saltless, pepperless, butterless and drinkless meals, but e persevered in a faithful trial. In the end the result was great pleasure derived from proper assimilation and digestion of the food and a delicious sense of taste and appreciation of everything consumed. Here are the direc-tions for preparing a hygienic meal: Bread is the staple food and it should be made as follows: Mix with the best, fresh

Don Quixote, we would weep at his misfor-tunes. Sometimes people laugh at a great truth, for truth is often stranger (sounds like a bigger lie) than fiction. This has always Graham flour cream, milk or water, enough to make dough. Form it into cakes or biscuits about the diameter of a coffee cup and one to been my great trouble. (Laughter). I have about the diameter of a coffee cup and one to generally told such great, strange truths that the one the diameter of a coffee cup and one to two inches thick and bake in a quick oven the people would laugh because they thought it was a lie. So I have got the reputation of from twenty to thirty minutes; or the dough may be rolled out to one-eighth of an inch in being a worldly-minded humorist, when, in fact, I am a great truth-teller. To illustrate: thickness and baked, though not until very brown. No salt is used. If bread is desired, One night I was telling about the big trees in adopt the same manner of mixing. Allow it Che night I was telling about the big trees in California. I said I rode into a big tree, a big hollow tree, on horseback, and then walked out at the knot-holes. (Laughter). The people laughed because they thought it was a lie, when, in fact, it was the truth. The trees are thirty-five feet in diameter, and the hole through them, is twelve feet in diameter feet in the hole through them is twelve feet in diameter. tables, including potatoes or turnips, must be cooked and eaten without salt. Baked potathe hole through them is twelve feet in toes, with cream or holled turnips, form most diameter—as wide through as a barn door. palatable and delicious dishes. If meat be caten let it be procured fresh and cooked without salt or butter, and also without grease, hogs' lard, etc. Of meats there may be used William once, who got caught in a tearth hogs lard, etc. Of means there may be determined beef, mutton or poultry. Restrict the variety the way to attend a prayer meeting at New of food at one meal to three kinds, or at most London, Conn. He started for New-London on horseback, but when half way there, there arcsee a dreadful storm. The wind blew a hurricane, the rain poured in torrents, the lightly at evening, and never eat between meals, and drink nothing at meals whatever. Masticate thoroughly and slowly, and be sure hurricane, the rain poured in torrents, the lightning gleamed through the sky, and my uncle got in behind a large barn. But in a moment the lightning struck that barn and knocked it into a thousand splinters, and much, so that you will be overtaxed. Before much, so that you will be overtaxed. Before much, so that you will be overtaxed. Before sent his horse whirling over into a neighbor-ing compatch. "What did you do then, is the set of five or fifteen minutes is de-is a set of the Uncle William?" I asked. "Well," said he, gestion to at once begin a meal after ceasing sirable "I didn't know hardly what to do. I was to labor. very much discouraged, but to tell you the hopest truth—the honest Connecticut truth, CIGARS. Eli. I went right out into the cornfield, took off my coat, humped up my bare back, and (London Caterer.) To the world in general a cigar is merely a tightly rolled packet having brittle fragments took eleven strokes of lightning right on my bare back bone, drew the lightning all out of the sky, and then got on to my horse and of dried leaves within, and a smooth silky got into New-London in time to lead at the leaf for its outer wrapper. When it is burnt, and the pleasantly flavored smoke is inhaled prayer-meeting." (Uproarious laughter). the habitual smoker claims for it a soothing luxury that quiets the irritable nervous organ A ROMANCE IN HIGH LIFE. ism, relieves weariness, and entices repose. Science scouting so superficial a description A Youthful English Heir's Provisional examines first the smoke, second the leaf Marriage. third the ash. In the smoke is discovered [London Cor. Aberdeen, Scotland, Journal.] water in a vaporous state, soot (free carbon) One of the most romantic stories outside carbonic acid, and carbonic oxide, and a the regions of fiction will engage the attention vaporous substance condensable into oily of the London Probate Court early next ses- nicotine. These are the general divisions The circumstances of the case, stated which chemists have still further spilt up, and in a brief form, appear to be these: Some in so doing have found acetic, formic, buteric, with the provisions of a will in his favor. inherited an annual income of £25,000, and a etcd hydrogen, pyridine, viridine picoline large estate situated in a by no means unim- lutidine, collidine, parvoline, corodine, and portant county in England. rubidene. These last are a series of oily bases It was distinctly stipulated that the £25,belonging to the homologs of aniline, first collibacy, and that from the day of his marri- Applying chemical ter Applying chemical tests to the leaves other age, if ever he contracted a marriage, the chemists have found vicotia, tobacco, cam sum should be doubled-that is to say, it phor, or nicotianine (about which not much should be increased to £50,000 a year. is known), a bitter extractive matter, gum chlo-Naturally the fortunate beir had a decided de-rophyl, malate of lime, sundry albuminoids, sire to obtain the full amount to which he malic acid, woody fibre, and various salts. was entitled by wellock, although he enter-tained the strongest objections to compromis-sion and whiteness is indicative of the good ing his freedom by marriage. The ingenious cigar, yields potash, soda, magnesia. lime, youth fully and anxiously considered the phospheric acid, silica, and chlorine. The situation, and at last determined upon the ingredients extractable from a poor and cheap course which he would pursue. Proceeding cigar would be fearful and wonderful to to the Haymarket on a particular evening, he contemplate. Here is a list from a parliamenmet a young female whose acquaintance he tary report on adulteration in had only made a short time previously, and Sugar, alum, lime, flour or meal, rhuharb whose position was far removed in a down-leaves, saltpetre, Fuller's earth starch, malt ward direction from him. To this woman he commings, chromate of lead, peat moss, momade overtures of marriage, promising her lasses, burdock leaves, common salt, endive an annuity of \$2,000 in consideration of her leaves, lampblack, gum, red dye, a black dye after the performance of the ceremony. The of newspaper, cinnamon stick, cabbage leaves, offer seems to have been rejected and an and straw brown paper. alternative advanced. The woman, it appears signified her willingness to consent to an ar-THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER. rangement by which the estate of her suitor was conferred absolutely upon her for six months, at the end of which period it would Three Londouers Among the Victims.

the mother of Dielal Eddeen the cause of a change of Emperors and of the assassination of Hassan Bey, of the Ministers in the Canak (city palace) of Midhat Pacha. The excessive pride of Abdul Aziz prevented him from ever suspecting the possibility of one of his legitimate wives deceiving him.

A LOVE STORY.

The Third Basch Khadeen, knowing well that the Sultan never could dream that she could prefer a subject to the sovereign himself, often profited by this martial confidence to deceive her husband and satisfy her love proportions that in the months of February and March they became known to Hussein Avni Pacha, the then Grand Vizier, who determined to profit by them and thus acquire a sort of secret influence in the palace b he might maintain his power and increase his favor near the Sultan. The advances, the passions and the promises of Hussein Avni Pasha were favorably received by the Third Basch Khadeen. Bringing their influence to bear the Grand Vizier was able at the Sublime Porte to counterbalance the power of the Sultana Valide and the other wives of the Hussein Avni Pacha and the faith-Sultan. less wife of the Sultan were, in apparent security, enjoying the fruits of their intrigue, when an incident occurred which thwarted their plans, broke off their relations, and led to the denouement. Hassan Bev. aide-decamp to the Sultan and protege of his sister the Fourth Basch Khadeen, had also another sister married to the then Minister of Marine, Atech Mohammed Pacha. Hassan Bey owed Sultana Valide), who belonged to the same Circassian tribe as their common mother. cassian emigre, who took refuge in Silistria, where he died. His name was Ali.

THE THIRD SULTANA'S MISCONDUCT.

the third Sultana. His passion and advances for his flight, the Grand Vizier were, however, rejected, because he was the Moreover, his violent or to crush the Sultan so as never to have character and habits of drunkenness rendered im still less desirable. In order to revenge himself Hassan Bey, without mentioning the name of Hussein Avni Pacha, announced to his sister, the Fourth Basch Khadeen, that the Third Basch Khadeen was guilty of con-duct which compromised the honor of the by the consequences of a crime which had duct which compromised the honor of all by the consequences of a child international size international size asked. "As to the proof," replied of Oriental stratagem and palace intrigue taken place. A single man, perfect master Hassan, "all the officers of the palace will acting solely to assure his individal safety

furnish it to the Sultan. As for me I accom-plish my duty in warning you that it is for you in your turn to warn Effendina" (the midst of his friends and in a palace defended (the midst of his friends and in a palace defe title given to the Sultan by all the employes on one side by the Bosphorus and on the of the palace). The Fourth Basch Khadeen other by high and double walls. delayed for several days, for she did not dare Hussein Avni was a little man, about five

to announce this bad news to the Sultan. feet high: over fat, complexion fresh and But on the last Friday of the month of April rosy, little fat hands, small feet, always most in the afternoon, after the ceremony of carefully dressed, scrupulously neat and "smart" in personal appearance. The days Salamlik (every Friday the Sultan goes to the Salamink (every Friday and Salam goes to here "smart' in personal appearance. Ine days mosque in great pomp to pray; the return of the ceremony is called the "Silamlik"), rence of any important event. Midhat and rence of any important event. Midhat and urged by the renewed instance of her brothe Ahmed Kaiserle alone had on the 28th some the Fourth Basch Khadeen threw herself at slight suspicion of Hussein Avni's intention the feet of the Sultan and after having begged On the evening of the 29th the Grand Vizier his Majesty's pardon for causing him pain, had everything in readiness for the success of she told him with tears in her eyes of the in- his plot, and not until then, when withdrawal fidelity of the mother of Djelal Eddeen. would be impossible, did he begin to execute "Show your clemency," said she, "by bring bis plans. On that evening he invited his "Show your clemency," said she, "by pring-ing her back to her duty, but do not punish Highness the Sherk ul Islam (Khairolla Pacha) her, because she is the mother of your favorite to dine at his house. This invitation was acson." The Sultan did not deign to utter a cepted without the slightest suspicion. The single word in reply. With his dark eyes Grand Vizier received his guest in a salon on fixed on the ground he passed rapidly to the the second floor. After the usual salutation

he fall of Abdul Aziz and proclaimed Murad Sultan. POLITICS AND INTRIGUE.

People seem scarcely yet able to realize

hat in Turkey all government and all politi-Governcal parties are thoroughly corrupt. ment is crumbling to pieces and political parties are mere catch words. The practical administration of the country may soon e in the hands of the various foreign ambasadors.

May 30th) a salute of 101 guns announced

It must be admitted that the yoke of Abdul Aziz had weighed heavily upon all, but no one had dared hope to remove it. In his face no political idea had been in play. There ad not even been the association of persons acting for the attainment of a common end. There was simply one man—Hussein Avniresolved if necessary to sacrifice everything or his own interests, wishing to escape from the just anger of his master, and driven to an act of brilliant courage and formidable rashness, solely because his individual fear and

personal revenge were immense.

ing the future husband. On the eve of the New Year the anxious damsel prepared for sleep by pinning to her pillow five long leaves, one at each corner and one in the mid-dle. If she dreamed of her sweetheart she was sure to marry him before the end of the year, but to make it a dead sure thing the candidate for matrimony must boil an egg hard, take out the yoke and fill up its place with salt. Just before going to bed, she must eat egg, salt, shell and all, and neither speak nor drink after it. If that wouldn't insure her a vivid dream there surely can be no virtue in charms. And in this connection it may be proper to remark, the more we vestigate the subject and ponder over the thousand and one charms by which girls may peep into the future and solve (to them) the most interesting questions of their lives, the more deeply are we impressed with the conviction that great injustice is done to women by denying her privilege which TRADICTION GIVES HER DURING LEAR YEAR.

For the women is to be pitied who has a hesitating lover, who haggles about "popping the question." He is worse than a bold one. How perfectly satisfactory was the conduct of that brave old Puritan who rode up to the door of the girl of his choice, and, having desired her to be called out to him, said :--"Rachael, the Lord has sent me to marry thee !" When the girl answered with equal frankness, "The Lord's will be done." What a blessing to the household is such a woman, one whose spirits are not affected by wet days or little disappointments. As women have not any great extent availed themselves of their privileges in popping the question, we are unable to say how they could scarcely do worse than many men have done, as the following will prove An Irish girl, who was very anxious that her scatterbrained brother should not be refused by a young English women with whom he was desperately in love, implored him to propose with the seriousness becoming the occasion. He avowed he would behave as if he was acting as chief mourner at his father's funeral, and actually took his lady-love after church to see the family vault, and there in a sepulchral voice, asked her. if she "would like to lay her bones beside his bones." It is enough to say she agreed.

A VERY NEAT WAY

is for the gentleman, after dancing a number of times with a young lady, to say :-- "If ever he became a benedict he would like his wife to look exactly like and dress precisely as she does." This may be a proposal or not. When, however, a shy man, having his mother to plead his cause, says to the beloved one with a tremulous gasp, "Won't you do the thing my mother asked?" there is doubt about his asking her to be his wife. More than one proposal has been made by underscoring the lines in the marriage service, "Wilt thou have this man for your wedded husband? and passing the book and pencil during the sermon to the favored one; and it sometimes, oftener than not, comes back with a faint but visible stroke under the "I will." A young man of a poetical turn sends the following to a coquettish maid :

"Oh! levely maid, thou art the fairest slave in all God's mart Those charms to win, with all my Empire I would gladly part, One kiss I send, to piece like fire the too reluc-tant heart."

It may be interesting to the young ladies, who are not already aware of the fact, to know that leap year empowers them to do some thing more than

" FOP THE QUESTION."

Americans, 300 Germans, 105 Hollanders, 95 Portugese and the remainder was divided among other nationalities, principally French and Italians.

-The Pall Mall Gazette says that "women, if really anxious, as they profess to be, to make the world better than it is, might, with advantage, give up what they term their 'back jacket pockets,' it being almost impossible for a thief to resist making a grab at a purse car-ried in a pocket so fashioned that it can be emptied without difficulty or danger, unless a detective happens to witness the operation -From the calculations of M. Paul Leroy Beaulieu in the Economiste Francais, it ap pears that the public debt of France exceeds 26. 000,000,000 of francs, on which 1,265,000,000 are paid annually as interest. Divided among 37.000,000 Frenchmen, this debt, the mos colossal in history, gives an average of 700f., as principal, for each inhabitant, and 34f. in

terest per annum. —A servant girl at Jersey, England, has been fined 10s. for playing a foolish trick with train She stood between the rails while the train was approaching at a rapid rate, and calmly watched it draw near. The driver whistled, shut off steam, and reversed the engine, and thus succeeded in stopping the locomotive within two yards of the girl, who merely laughed in his face and ran away.

-London Truth :- "In the present day girls are not maidens so much as bachelors; and the one sex has pretty much the same amount of liberty as the other. Twenty years ago it was thought hazardous and almost in delicate for an unmarried girl to wander about the streets alone; now it is the rule and our pretty young bachelors in petticoats and frizzy heads would scout the idea of a protector as in any way necessary to their salvation.'

-Pall Mall Gazette :-- "Just as in amateur oratory the dullest and dreariest, the most flatulent, pompous and prolix spouter is in-variably the one who is readiest to get on his legs on all occasions to propose unn ecessary toasts or offer a few entirely uncalled-for remarks, so the amateur pianist who has least music in his soul and most noise at his fingers' ends is always the fondest of hearing self and the most regardless of the effect of his performance on his neighbors."

----A strange murder and suicide occurred a few weeks ago at Rossau, in Zurich. A man, whose wife had had left him owing to his vio lent conduct, followed her to her father's house, fired right and left at the inmates killing the father, discharged the remaining barrels of his revolver at the people who tried to arrest him, then defended himself with a pitchfork, and at the moment the po-lice had succeeded in depriving him of this weapon, which was not done before he had severely wounded several of his assailants, he drew a knife, cut his throat from ear to ear, and fell dead on the spot.

-At Niatka, Russia, an actress, by name Mme. Barbara Parmenovna Kossiakovskaja, owed a butcher eighty-four roubles for meat. which she was temporarily unable to pay. One evening the butcher went to the theatre where she was playing a leading role in the Russian drama, "The Actress of Venice." He was so overcome by her acting that, in the midst of one of her impassioned speeches, he exclaimed in a stentbrian voice : "Barbara Parmenovna, I consider myself paid for all the meat I have sold you !" The audience burst into uproarious laughter. The actress

sued her creditor for defamation of character. -The man who hires a plumber always

pays the piper.

The London Advertiser says : In all the published accounts of the Tay bridge disaster no mention has been made of the fact that as a moulder. Some time ago, finding work slack, he returned to the Old Country, and in the account of the finding of the bodies he is given as a resident of Dundee. From the ac count in the London Times we learn that indicate that they met their death through a to the famous Tichborne trial in point of a violent shock; they bear evidence of that of drowning only. There is a gash in the face of one, but it looks as if it had been done with

a grappling-iron. Watson's face has an exlord (to prospective tenant)----- 'Lonely ! Yer pression of pain or alarm upon it, but the wife feel kinder lonesome here so far from faces of the others are placid.

-An exchange thinks that curryhossity takes farmers to the stable before breakfast

revert to the assignee, and she would then be entitled to her annual allowance of \$2,000. Finding that she would not resule from this three persons from this city perished on the proposal, the youthful millionaire reluctantly sad occasion. These were Robert Watson agreed to it, and in the course of time the and his two sons. Mr. Watson was well marriage ceremony was performed. At the known in London East, where he for a long end of the succeeding week the fickle youth, time worked in the Ontario Car Wheel Works as determined upon, left his spouse and be-took himself to his estate, and there he developed an illness from which he never re-covered. Flis death having occurred within the six months after his marriage, his whole the six months after his marriage, his whose estate has passed to his wife, and his rela-tives have had resort to the machinery of the friends in Fifeshire. He was traveling with law to avert the absolute succession. The his two children-David, aged 8, and Robert, case, I understand, is likely to come before aged 5-and his widow is left childless. There the Probate Division of the Divorce Court is nothing in the appearance of the bodies to early next session, and a cause celebre equal public interest may be expected.

-A Really Lively Neighborhood-Landneighbors? Why, man, this is right on the road to the cemetery! There's funerals

passin' here every day of yer life.