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Roughly speaking, I would say that a Western can never thoroughly understand an Eastern says Miss Hamilton, court physician at Cabul, but perhaps that does not seem to be saying much, when you think of how very little we Westerns understand each other. What I mean, however, is something quite distinct from the little family or social misunderstandings which can generally be traced to some trifling jealousy, or vanity, or folly of some kind. The only way I can conthat lies between us is by quoting the words of the Psalmist, "As far as the east is from the west." Away and away, and away toward the rising sun, beyond sound, beyond sight, and beyond that again far into space. And as though that were not far enough we are bidden turn our faces to the west and look toward the glorious reds, and golds, and pinks, and greens, and mauves of the setting sun, into them and beyond them, into the great vast-Street, Lower Town. Office hours from ness beyond; so far beyond our conceptions, beyond our comprehensions, is the Eastern from the Western. It is more than interesting to hear a Westthan ours."

ly neglect. It is the slaves who man- for gutter boys. ence and a good deal of authority.

much en evidence. She it is who pre- suggestions to offer; so I, like the mopares everything for her mistress' ther, had to satisfy myself with treattoilet, as also for her master's. It is | ing them when they were ill, and leavhowever, when things are prepared, to well.

and such like. A friend of mine in Cabul had all slave. She had been with me for many years, and was devoted to him. She was a particularly intelligent girl, your Agha married again, Zenobia?" "What would I do," she said; "why,

I should do what I do now." "No, you would not," I said, "his wife would do all that; she would dress him and wait upon him, and look after

"Maybe," she said. "Well, how would you like it?"

asked. "I shouldn't care," she replied. "What difference could it make to me?" I really felt quite annoyed at her apparently sincere indifference, and

could not believe that she was saying what she really felt. "Well, you'd have your nose put out of joint," I said ,"and you'd just be as jealous as can be. No woman would

like to give up her place to another woman. It's ridiculous." She was rather offended, and turned

her head away impatiently. "Proper-minded women," she said, "think it a disgrace to be jealous and to fight over any man. What difference could the presence of another woman make in his feelings toward me? A man's heart is like a river; what Land Valuator, Bailiff of the 2nd Division | change is there in the current if here a dog satisfies its thirst on its banks, him. and there a camel; does it flow less steadily on its appointed way?"

I had no answer to this; if it satisfied her it was well. As for me, could not even understand such hu-OHN QUEEN, ORCHARDVILLE, has mility, it was quite beyond my comresumed his old business, and is prepar prehension, I wondered then, I wonder ed to loan any amount of money on real still, if this girl really felt what she estate. Old mortgages paid off on the said, and was she really so weighed most liberal terms. Fire and Lif Insur down by the curse of her sex that she ances effected in the best Stock Companies felt as a dog, a very scavenger, com-

Eastern wife. have also read, that women, according ough, the addition was in the right to Mohammed's teachings, are little direction, and amid roars of laughter better than mere animals created to and chaff the poor Sirdar was made minister to the lords of creation, and to confess that he had neglected to having but a poor place, if any, in the visit one of his wives for twenty days. future life. No more injurious libel When at last he did go and see her she has ever been spread against the great was eating mutton pullow; that is to Arabian preacher's doctrines. But by say, the knuckle and part of the leg any one who has not read them, and of mutton cooked in oil with rice and who has lived in the East, such a state- certain condiments added. So, feelment would be unhesitatingly accept- ing rather like a schoolboy who has ed. Why not? Mohammedans for failed in his attendance at school he age size, during the five months it is many centuries have forgotten to pear unconscious of any neglect or misin leaf every year, sucks from the earth | study the spirit, and for the matter of pear unconscious of any neglect or mis-

ed and fed in a harem, just as we keep | designs. She quietly, with her fingers cows or sheep and are little more of course, picked all the meat off the thought of. No Mohammedan would | bone and laid the pieces before her husadmit this, but you have only to see | band, who was naturally quite satishow a boy treats his mother to realize | fied and graciously accepted the delithat it is so. She may nurse him cate little attentions she bestowed upwhen he is sick, tend him when he is on him; and thought he was going to young, but let him grow to be 11 or 13, escape cheap; but he was mistaken, for and you will hear him tell her to no sooner had he completed the opera-"chup sho," shut up, send her to fetch | tion than she raised her weapon of his cap, and she will address him as vengeance aloft and struck him with SUBSCRIPTION THE CHRONICLE will be sent to any agha gul" or "agha jan" my pre-"agha gul," or "agha jan," my pre- such force as to make a considerable RATES year, payable in advance—\$1.50 may cious master, master dear, and will wound, the broken end of the mutton be charged if not so paid. The date to which every hardly dare to remonstrate with him. bone being no doubt sharp and jagged. She is altogether in an awkard position I went and lunched at their house as regards her boys, and can have no shortly afterward, the husband and influence over them, or but very lit- wife were still on bad terms, but I tle, when once they grow old enough | insisted on their making up. to leave the house. I knew a very nice | I told the Sirdar what I really family in Cabul, fairly intimately, that | thought; namely, that he was altois to say, as we can ever know people gether in the wrong, and I tried to invey to you any idea of the great gulf so far removed from us in thought sist on his saying that he was sorry, and mode of life. There were, the par- which was perhaps rather too much ents thanked God, no daughters. The to expect, and he would not do it to family consisted of the father and mo- | my satisfaction, but would declare that ther, there was only one wife, and he was only sorry that he had been three sons. One of these was a little | made the laughing stock of the Durbar. fellow of 21-2 when I left; the others were about 10 and 12. They were dear boys, and great favorites of the Ameer's for they were full of fun and mischief. All the latter part of last summer one or other of those boys were ill. Fever, sore throat, cough, cold, aches and pains of all sorts. The cause was easily explained; one had not far to seek. They ran wild all day from the time they finished their lessons, which, in Cabul, never last more than an hour, and they were never out of mischief, pushing each other into the irrigation canals, rushing about in the sun, letting their clothes Diseases of EYE, EAR, NOSE And ere criticised by an Eastern, who is not dry as they ran, eating over-ripe plums ners to a realization of the fact that The ROAT.

a British subject, and who is therefore and apricots, under-ripe pears and apth on which they are travnot afraid to say what he thinks. It ples, now in my garden, now in the is not conducive to pride. For what Ameer's, now careering the roads on he says is pretty true, and hits all horseback or rushing after my carthe harder for that; and all I can riage, trying to scramble on at the say to him in reply is, "Yes, we do back like veritable little street gamwrong, and you do wrong and I think ins; perfect will-o'-the-wisps, "shaiyour wrong-doing is just a shade worse | tans" their mother used to call them She was a stout, good-natured soul, I will give you an example, a poor and well for her it was that her back one perhaps, of the difference between | was broad enough to bear the burdens the way we look at things and the way laid on it; a Western mother would they do. Afghan slaves as a rule have have been out of her mind. They were not the position that the Anti-Slavery never clean or tidy for two minutes jugular vein. Society is formed to combat. There is together? how could they be? So no nothing pitiable in their condition. one made an effort to make or keep Afghan ladies are usually very indo- them so. No one would have taken

lent and useless except as the mo- them for the sons of an official, and thers of children, whom they absolute- they might often have been mistaken age everything. Generally in a rich | I threatened many times that I would house there is one chief slave, a sort have nothing more to do with them of housekeeper, rather a grand person when they were ill, if they were not whom it is always wise to conciliate if better looked after when they were you intend having many dealings with | well. "What am I to do?" their mothat establishment. In summer she is ther would plead. "Their father is at always dressed in purest white; in office all day, and I am shut up in the winter, velvets and brocades are not serai. As soon as they have had their beyond her reach. She is generally an food they go; I may send this one or elderly person, with considerable influ- that after them, no one knows where to find them; and if they do, who is Then there is another who is a sort to run into the rivers after them, or of maid to the lady of the house; she cross the plains, or up the hills They is another person that it is not wise are here, there and everywhere." What to quarrel with; she is always very she said was indisputable. I had no

the wife's special duty and privilege, ing them unrestrained when they were wait upon her husband, when he is Is it any wonder that all but the dressing, to pour the water over his most robust die off, and that parents hands and feet, during his religious grow used to the distressing spectacle washings, to spread his prayer-carpet, of watching their children grow old gun barrels and be frightened into for- have discovered a process by which to put his favorite dish before him enough to run out into the fierce sun and bitter winds, to come in and die. I have seen many cases of this sort, prepared to their account." these offices done for him by a favorite | for somehow Pun-fever seems to attack the strong and the stout. Prince Habbibullah nearly died of it the first summer I was in Cabul, and while and I often used to have long conver- was in England a year and a half ago sations with her, and try and find out Prince Hafiz-Ullah, in some ways the what she really felt and thought. I flower of the flock, actually did die quite longed to penetrate behind the from the same cause, for, as there was veil of an Eastern woman's reserve no one there to stop them, they bled and get at her real self. One day I and physicked and starved him to said to her, "What would you do if death. Cabul mothers seldom seem to me to have much affection for their children or their children for them; they do not nurse them as babies, and their babyhood is a particularly long one, for they are very backward. They belong to their nurses more than to their mothers till they are 21-2 years old, and after that it is their father who notices them and not their mother. I can't imagine what the mother thinks of all day. An upper-class

matron thinks it beneath her dignity to sew; does not cook, does not look after the children and can neither read nor write as a rule. What can she possibly think of? The husband, no doubt, fondly imagines that she sits waiting for him. If so, and it be true that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," hers must often be very sick, indeed. If a man has many wives one particular one may not see him for as much as twenty days at a time. I am not exaggerating; I am thinking of a special case, and it was a Mohammedzai, too; a granddaughter of the great Ameer, who was much neglected. Her husband came to court one day with his head all plastered up, so I asked him what had happened to

"Ah, you women, you are at the bottom of all mischief," he said. "Has one of your wives been smashing your head?" I asked.

He laughed and turned away to speak to some one else. So when we were in with the Ameer I told the chief secretary that one of the Sirdar's wives had been beating him.

"What is that?" the Ameer asked. If you want to attract the Ameer's at lowest rates. Correspondence to pared with the man whose constant attention, you have only to whisper companion she was, and who, though in his presence; whether he suspects a ministering to his various wants, was joke or a conspiracy, I can not tell. So no more his servant than is every the secretary told him what I had said not forgetting to add as much to the I have heard it said, and I believe I story as I had done. Curiously en-

woman or women are kept and cloth- less of any irritable feeling or sinister

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this one," said he, "for so vivid an inlustration. Of course, it would not do for the Rev. Dr. Drybones to do as I did, for it would disturb Brother minute cracks in the paint caused by Goodnap, and shock Sister Propriety, and might make Brother Slow feel influence the iron and paint do not badly on account of sensationalism in expand and contract equally. But ex-

"I am so emphatically in favor of using at work, namely, that paint when any and all means of preaching a ser- swollen by moisture is pervious to mon in such a manner and with such both water and gases. Under such ciran accompaniment that no one who cumstances oxidation can take place hears can ever forget it, that I should beneath it. Paint that contains the regard it as perfectly right and pro- largest possible quantity of oil is the per for a preacher to mount the steps best for protecting iron. of his pulpit dragging after him a Gatling gun, if by pointing this weapon at the faces of the congregation he could

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