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All these wise men had come, accompanied by hundreds of tutors, teachers, mathematicians, schoolmasters, preceptors, dry-nurses, mentors, doctors, and assistants. They had brought immense quantities of drugs, pills, instruments, bandages, and scientific tomes. Arrived in Bagdad, they had examined Zobeid. Then, promptly, as is the habit of scientific gentlemen and mild, tolerant scholars the world over, they had disagreed with each other—some even with themselves—on every single, solitary point. They had argued and counter-argued, by inference and comparison, by revelation and tradition, by theories physical and metaphysical, analytical and synthetical, philosophical and biological, rational and inspirational. Some, being gnostics, had seen in every experiment a hundred things which they did not see. Others, being agnostics, had refused to see what they did see. They had wound up by calling each other bad names.

"Fool!" "Liar!" "Charlatan!" "Unscientific jackass!" "Medicaster!" "Humbler!" "Quacksalver!" "Sophist!" "Dunce!" "Unprincipled scoundrel!" The insults had been as thick as pea-soup.

The German doctor had pulled the Frenchman's nose, and the latter had retaliated by drawing his rapier and painfully pinning the other in his generous stomach; and the Franciscan Padre had cursed Moses Maimonides by candle and book, while the Jew had repaid the compliment with black and cryptic curses from the Talmud and the Kabala.

All this had not been of the slightest help to the poor little Princess; and even now the people in the Caliph's palace were making ready for the last solemn rites—with the slave women wailing and beating their breasts; the death gongs sobbing like lost souls astray on the outer rim of Creation and the reed pipes shrieking their shrill, dismal lullabies; the priests chanting the liturgy; and with the smoke from a hundred ceremonial fires mounting to the sky in thick streamers and hanging in ruddy, bloodshot clouds above the palace and telling to all Arabians that one of the dynasty of Bagdad was returning to Allah.

And so, Great Shah-in-Shah, you imagine that this flying rug of yours is the greatest rarity on earth?" "Imagine? By Allah and by Allah—I know it!" replied the other. He asked his servants to spread out the carpet.

"Look! Consider well! To travel through the air at one's will! Ah—to travel—travel..." He was waxing lyrical, as fat men will at the slightest provocation. "To travel! To see all the glorious, wondrous sights! Fragrant fields! Golden ribbons of rivers! Elegant pagodas! Mountains black and lapis-blue! To travel—as I shall—side by side with the loved one, the darling, the apple of my eyes, my bride! Ah!"—addressing the Prince of India—"am I not right?"

"Quite right—in a way," admitted the Indian, who, sure of his own success, could afford to be generous. "Traveling is a wonderful thing. My divine ancestors agree with you." And, quoting from the words of Indra, the god of air:

"Indra is the friend of him who travels. Travel!"

"For a traveler's legs are like branches in flower, and he who travels grows like the tree and gathers his own fruit. All his wrongs vanish, destroyed by the exertion on the roadside. Travel!"

"The fortune of a man who sits, sits also; it rises when he rises; it sleeps when he sleeps; it moves well when he moves. Travel!"

"A man who sleeps is like the Iron Age. A man who awakes is like the Bronze Age. A man who rises is like the Silver Age. A man who travels is like the Golden Age. Travel!"

"Look at the happiness of the sun who, traveling, never tires. Indra is the friend of him who travels. Travel!"

"Yes," continued the Indian. "To travel is delightful, and your flying rug is charming. Only—he paused, smiled—"you were mistaken about your travel companion, your bride."

"Mistaken?" echoed the Persian. "Yes. For—I suppose—you referred to Zobeid?"

"Of course!" "I am sorry," went on the Prince of India. "But she cannot go with you!"

"And why not, pray?" "Because she is going with me!" "Oh," demanded the Persian, sardonically, "is that so?"

"It is!" The Hindu held up the magic crystal. "For this—this globe which I hold in my hand—is the greatest rarity on earth! Here you can read and see whatever, wherever anything is happening to anybody! A gift from Doorga herself—Doorga that delightful, divine, six-armed relation of mine! Consider the marvel of it! A light from heaven! A fact of facile and recumbent felicity! A thing of never-ending, ever-changing interest! A necessity for every married couple since, once and for all, it not only banishes every possibility of boredom, but permits the husband to see what his wife is doing when she is away—and vice versa!" He turned to the Mongol Prince. "Am I not right, O Great Dragon?"

(To Be Continued.)

Kingston Markets

Friday, Dec. 19.

Fruit. Bananas, doz.25 to 40 Grapes, Cal., lb.25 to 30 Oranges, doz.25 to 30 Lemons, doz.25 to 30 Apricots, Cal., lb.18 Prunes, Cal., lb.15 to 20 Peaches, Evap., lb.18 Apples, peck25 to 30

Garden Produce. Potatoes, bag.85 Potatoes, peck25 Cabbage, lb.4 for 25

Unclassified. Sugar, granulated, lb.8 to 9 Sugar, yellow, lb.7 to 8 Sugar, icing, lb.12 1/2 Flour, standard, cwt.\$3.75 to \$4 Rolled Oats, lb.5 Honey, 5-lb. pail75 Honey, comb.20

Fish. Cod, lb.18 Filets, lb.22 Finnan Haddie, lb.18 Haddock, fresh, lb.12 1/2 Halibut, fresh, lb.27 to 32 Hippers, pair20 to 22 Perch, lb.15 Pike, lb.15 Salmon, lb.27 to 30

Dairy Produce. Butter, creamery, lb.38 to 40 Butter, dairy, lb.33 Cheese, new, lb.23 to 30 Cheese, old, lb.40 Eggs, new laid, doz.60

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the lower air. Water bodies are equable especially in early winter—for they must cool all the way to the bottom, or at least to a depth of 50 to 100 feet as the surface becomes cooler. In lakes this cooling circulation to depths continues till the temperature is 39 degrees Fahrenheit, that of maximum density of fresh water. Leeward shores, then, also have equable temperatures, as winds passing across large water bodies are affected by their temperature. In the cold wave of Nov. 17th, 1924, for example, the temperature at Oswego was 6 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than Kingston up the wind across Lake Ontario. Similarly warm winds may be chilled, the north shore of Lake Ontario being commonly 4 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the south shore during southerly winds in November, 1924. The greater size of oceans make ocean leeward shores even more equable in temperature than those of lakes. Our Pacific coast is notably free from extremes and even on the Atlantic shore temperatures are moderate when the wind comes from the ocean.

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Tenth Anniversary Of the Great War

Dec. 20th, 1914.

The French have advanced very close to Lens and the German artillery east of Albert is silenced. The entire first line of trenches southwest of Loos, is occupied by the Allies. Important gains have been made in Belgium and the Germans shelled a hospital at Ypres.

The Kaiser will spend Christmas with the army, as the German military authorities deemed this necessary. His doctors protested, but Wilhelm left Berlin all the same, in order to encourage his soldiers, who are meeting reverses on both the eastern and western fronts.

Th allied troops are still advancing in Flanders and the German lines are badly broken up in some parts.

Captain Fourie, formerly of the South African defence force, was convicted of treason and executed at Cape Town.

The crew of a Swedish sailing vessel assert that the British dreadnought Thunderer sunk with all hands, after striking a mine.

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