



One of the big scenes in "The Land of Nod" at the Keith Theatre, Tuesday, February 22d.

## BUYING RUGS IN CAIRO

It's a Risky Business For the Man Who Doesn't Know.

### LURING ON AN "EASY MARK."

The Story of How a Rich American Was Wary of a Crafty Oriental Salesman—under the Mystic Spell of the Dim Religious Light.

Writing of "The Luring of the Antique Rug" in the Century, John Kimbly Mumford tells the story:

It is beyond question cheaper to buy in America your rug and the ingenious tale that goes with it than to wait until you visit Constantinople or Smyrna or Cairo or Tiflis. They are much more skillful and insinuating over there. They have the advantage of local color and environment, and your common sense is under the spell of the east to begin with.

Here is an incident to illustrate. A party of rich Americans arrived in Cairo one day several winters ago on a yachting trip and passed a week or more in sightseeing. One of them had just finished a palatial house not far from New York and throughout Europe had bought marbles and bronzes, woodwork and velvets for it with a lavish hand. The journey to Cairo was made in order to secure rugs. What happened is best told in the words of a dealer in the bazaar, from whom I had it.

"There was a fellow in our concern," he said, "who was always buying nightmares, and I had to work myself black in the face to get rid of them. The week before the Americans came this chap had taken in a shockingly bad pair of Kirmans, enormously big, new and, to my mind, utterly unsalable. When the head of the house saw them he held up his hands and shouted, 'Get rid of those things for a hundred pounds to the first person who'll buy them!'"

"So I rolled them up and put them one side, intending to send them to a commission man in the bazaar to unload. Next morning in came Moneybags from New York with his whole company. He said he wanted to see the best carpets I had, and he saw them. I turned the place inside out. Nothing pleased him, for the reason that I made the common mistake of showing him too much. He thought I had something hidden away, so he winked me over into one corner and told me who he was. 'Now,' said he, 'I want you to limber up. I want the best, and I don't mind price if I get what suits me.'"

"I was in despair, for I had actually shown the man every carpet I had. All of a sudden I thought of these two freaks baled away the day before. I almost laughed in his face, but finally I pulled my mouth down and began salaaming and asked him why in the world he hadn't told me who he was in the beginning, then I shouldn't have wasted his time and abused his patience so.

"He grinned triumphantly. 'I thought you had them,' he said.

"'But,' said I, 'it will take a little time to get at them, and I must ask you and your friends to wait patiently.'"

"They waited, and I tell you for the next half hour the men around that shop earned their pay. We went upstairs and unrolled those two rugs. We had a great big curtain of green plush, which we hung against the wall. Then we pressed the carpets out and put them up against the curtain. That, you know, is worth 50 per cent to the looks. Then we adjusted the lights and stationed men all around to look as solemn as worshippers. Nobody was to speak above a whisper, and every man was to murmur 'Mashallah!' at appropriate intervals.

"When everything was ready I ushered the customers up and on tiptoe led them in. There is no doubt about it, the effect was fine. At first everybody was still. It was like a church.

"'Ah,' said the great man, 'that is what I came for. I knew you had them. You needn't tell me the price. Just send them to the yacht at Alexandria.'"

"That night I went up to the hotel where they were stopping and got his check for 60,000 francs for the pair. And that wasn't the best of it. I had got into my stride then, and while he was busy annexing the Kirmans I had the porters bring up seven of the carpets he had refused downstairs and showed them in that dim religious light, unrolling them as if they had been sacred and sighing soulfully every now and then. He bought the whole seven and to the day of his death fully believed that I was the original wizard of the east."

#### Etiquette of Letters.

Eighty years ago the etiquette of letters was far more rigid than now. Even the twopenny post was not considered good enough for correspondence addressed to persons of any standing. In her "Reminiscences of an Octogenarian" Miss Louisa Packe tells us that when her father had occasion to write to Londoners in his own class of life the letter was always conveyed by a servant not for any reasons of urgency, but because the post was considered a vulgar medium of communication for persons residing in the same city and only to be used for the conveyance of letters to the country.—London Chronicle.

A hopeless man is deserted by himself, and he who deserts himself is soon deserted by his friends.

THE annual distribution of seeds is now being made by the government through the congressmen. This is a farce that seems impossible to throw out. Perhaps it is the only way of letting constituents of certain congressmen know that they, the congressmen, are alive.

LUTHER DRAKE, the Omaha banker, is quoted as saying that postal savings banks would sweep away one-half the banks in Nebraska and cripple the other half. That seems like a sweeping assertion, one so strong as to make it seem incredible. This, however, is an age of experiments, why not try the postal bank plan?

PRESIDENT TAFT says: "If the enforcement of the law is not consistent with the present methods of carrying on business, then the business methods must be changed to conform with the law." That seems to be laying down the gauntlet to the trusts. Let the latter conduct their business in a lawful manner and feeling against them will vanish.

WITH W. H. Thompson a candidate for U. S. senator, Attorney Ashton seeking the nomination for congressman, Ed Ewell asking for the railroad commissioner nomination and State Auditor Barton a candidate for reelection, Grand Island seems to be quite a town for statesmen. Now if they will include Mayor Schuff as a candidate for governor the list will be complete.

A TWENTY per cent stock dividend has just been issued by the Pullman car company, this in addition to the regular annual dividend, and in addition to the thirty-six per cent dividend declared in 1906. In other words the company has declared fifty-six per cent extra dividends in four years, this representing the surplus after paying regular dividends. The great Pullman company charges the traveling public so much for its service that it can't keep its earnings down to a decent amount.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

F. H. Garlow expects to leave tomorrow for Omaha combining business with pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McEvoy returned Wednesday night from a visit with friends in Denver.

The American Investment & Trust Co. has purchased section 19-12-30 of John Johnson, a resident of California.

Our line of Dress Goods, worth up to \$1.00, to close out at 43 cents per yard.

THE LEADER

J. J. Sullivan, of Omaha, stopped over between trains yesterday while enroute home from a visit with his son at Salt Lake.

Spring Percales and Gingham at The Leader.

Building operations in North Platte this year promise to be brisk. Contractors are already figuring on quite a number of residences, and several business buildings.

Men's and Boy's Spring Suits at popular prices are shown at The Leader.

Sam Richard, who is now in business at Eustis, says he has a larger trade than he had in North Platte. Eustis has about 250 people, but it draws trade from a distance of twenty-five to thirty miles.

Hogs sold in the local market yesterday for \$8.35, the local butchers paying \$8.45 delivered at the slaughter houses. It is predicted that within sixty days hogs will reach the ten dollar mark in the South Omaha market.

Spring Embroideries, Laces and All-overs on sale at The Leader.

Contractor Gates is now figuring on the cost of the prospective addition to the rooms occupied by The Leader and also the building east of the McDonnell & Graves store. It is not certain that these will be built by Mr. Keith, but the chances are favorable.

Supt. Ebricht announced in his monthly school paper that he would furnish a peck of seed corn to each of the first one hundred boys who would apply, this corn to be used as seed for specimens to be exhibited next fall at the county school boys' corn contest. So far thirty-five boys have made application. This seed corn is offered to those who do not think they have seed that is satisfactory. It looks as though there will be many entries at the corn exhibit next fall.

The Leader is closing out a number of lines of winter goods at a decided reduction in price in order to make room for the mammoth spring stock which is now arriving. Call at The Leader and examine the bargains.

Some idea of the real estate deals that will be closed March 1st can be gained from the fact that \$200,000 will pass through one North Platte bank alone on March 1st in settlement of contracts made last fall and during the winter, and over \$50,000 will pass through the Hershey bank in similar settlements. If the other banks of the county show as well, the total transactions will not fall short of a half million dollars.

#### Six Drinks Tie up U. P.

A Rawlins dispatch to the Bee says: Six drinks of whisky, distributed equally between two telegraph operators at Dava, tied up the whole Union Pacific system in Wyoming Saturday, according to admissions made today by the railroad officials.

The operators were not until Saturday familiar with the effects of whisky, and did not imagine that such a small amount could put them "under the table."

The day was Lincoln's birthday and they decided drinking whisky was the only proper way of celebrating.

"Let's go after more booze," suggested one of them after the celebration had progressed so far as the six drinks.

"Sure," agreed the other. "But how about the trains?"

"I'll fix 'em," said the first, and he at once swung the red signal board to hold all the fast mail trains, and hung out a signal on the station door, saying: "This station is closed."

"Now, then," said the second operator, "this is Lincoln's birthday, and the Union Pacific will have to get along without us for today."

A good time was had by the operators, but the road officials could not see things the way they did, and the two were arrested. They will be prosecuted, charged with delaying the mails.

#### Public Sale.

J. H. Atherton will sell at his residence nine miles west of North Platte on March 4th, commencing at eleven o'clock, seven head of horses, four milk cows and three yearlings, and a large amount of machinery, also four-ten stands of bees and some household furniture.

## PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will offer at public sale at the Major Walker ranch four miles north and one mile west of North Platte on

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#### DOUBLES ITS PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK.

Maxwell State Bank of Maxwell, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that on January 12th, 1910, the Maxwell State Bank of Maxwell, Nebraska, by a vote of all of the shares of stock cast at its annual meeting, increased its paid-up capital stock from \$5,000.00 to the full \$10,000.00 authorized by its Articles of Incorporation.

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