

The Unspeakable Turk.

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Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

John Curtis, a young American, finds the opportunity to be in Athens at the outbreak of the Greek-Turkish war...

CHAPTER XXIII.

Curtis sat down upon the edge of the water basin. There was a faint smell of powder in the air.

"Gone!" said Curtis. "Gone!" The Greeks began to come in, talking excitedly and gesticulating like madmen.

CHAPTER XXIV.

A Turkish woman, closely veiled and carrying a black umbrella, was walking along the Spiladjia, or principal street of Canea.

"Phew!" she said, "it's hot." Then, raising her head, she sniffed the air sharply, eagerly.

"Yes, that's from our court, sure. I do hope it's nearly ready to grind. What's so delicious as a fresh cup of coffee and a glass of cold water when one is hot and thirsty?"

"Only 80. I bought them of a Greek."

lady these days. Never mind, my girl, when Panayota comes to her senses you will have to work like your betters.

CHAPTER XXV.

Panayota was walking and fro in a room whose one window looked straight against the blank wall of a house not ten feet distant.

After each prayer she stood listening, as though waiting for an immediate response—some miraculous intervention in her behalf.

"You might find enough for two while you are about it."

"No help, no help. Oh, God! Oh God!"

THE HOLY VIRGIN BLESS YOU! SO YOU HAVE COME TO SET ME FREE!

Her fingers deep into her thick brown locks and cried:

"They cannot find me," she moaned; "perhaps they're dead. Perhaps they think I have yielded to the Turk and they despise me. Do they not know that I would die first?"

"If I wonder if that Greek will come to her senses and fulfill me as I would."

"If she keeps on at her present rate, Kostas will soon get over his infatuation with her."

CHAPTER XXVI.

Alas, for human greatness! A horseman striding along the stony street drew up in front of the gate with a sudden cessation of the jingling of a saber and the rattling of trappings.

"Who is it?" "Kostas. Open the gate before I kick it down."

"Panayota," very sweetly, "I am your friend, I, too, am a Greek and was brought up in the Greek religion, but the Turks killed my father and mother and took me away when I was very young."

CHAPTER XXVII.

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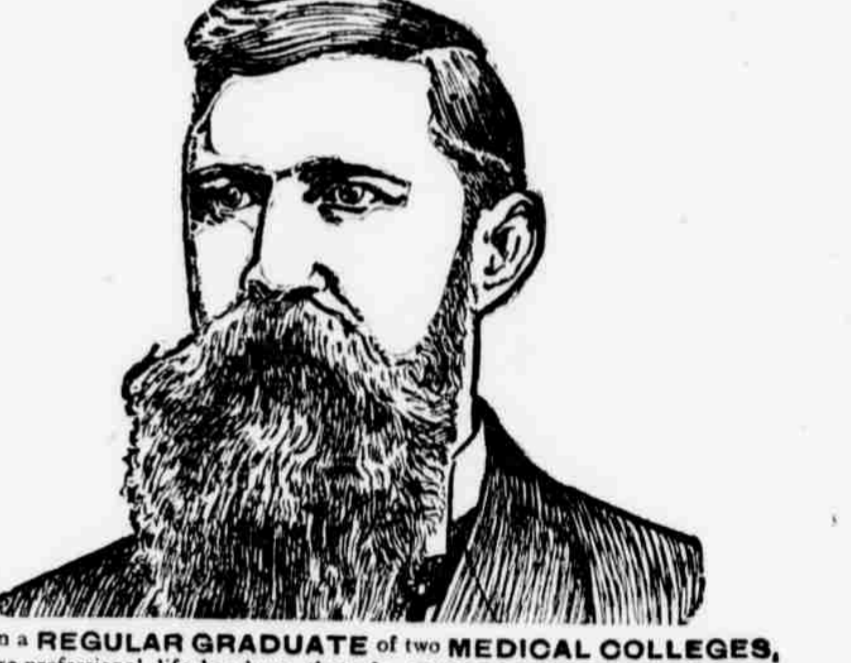


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