

MY FRIEND THE "CAP"



HAVE been persuaded to take a much needed rest this summer...

Pleasure is to me the chief object of existence; therefore, I have ever striven to enjoy myself...

You cannot wonder, then, that I felt it was my duty to move in good society...

It was a matter of considerable difficulty to secure an invitation to the Lawrence reception...

I had strolled into Doctor Lawrence's library, in a wing at the rear of the mansion...

I am something of an electrician, and my interest and curiosity were at once aroused...

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trivial an affair. Besides, I was inclined to think he had not seen me take the piece of metal.

As it happened, I found no opportunity to approach the window again...

That night an attempt was made to rob Doctor Lawrence's house...

Now this attempted burglary was similar to several others which had taken place at some of the finest residences in the city...

Probably you are thinking of Captain Rosenbaum in connection with these robberies...

I must confess that I did not, although I had occasion afterward to associate him more or less directly with all of them...

I encountered him a dozen times that evening—on the back veranda, in the conservatory, in the garden—till I began to regard him as my evil genius...

When I left the house the last person I saw was Captain Rosenbaum, who went out with me and left me at the nearest corner...

I was destined to see my friend, the captain, once more that night, and it happened in this wise...

A dim light burned in the chandelier, and at the other side of the room the figure of a man lay on a sofa...

I slipped over to his side, and with my revolver close to his temple, signalled to my friends to begin their work...

In pursuance of my project, it was only a minute's work to quietly open the door at the rear of the house...

"I hope I don't intrude," he said, politely.

"Oh, no," I hastened to reply; "I am glad some one else can enjoy the coolness here."

"I think I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance," the stranger said, smiling; "as guests of this house, I am sure you are all well."

At the first soft clink of the silver in the bag in which they were guardedly slipping the wedding gifts...

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"And I am William Vance; very much at your service, sir," I returned, decidedly pleased with my new friend's voice and manner...

I found the captain a very agreeable fellow; a gentleman of refinement and culture, polished and well informed...

I could learn nothing, however, of his own occupation—he was especially reticent on that point...

"I am an uncertain fellow," he said, laughing, "and never know my plans two weeks in advance..."

While we were talking, Doctor Lawrence entered, and I did not see the captain again that evening...

I was decidedly ill at ease, for I had that piece of burglar alarm in my pocket, and could find no opportunity to put it back...

Moral—You should watch as well as pray.—Winchester (Ky.) Democrat.

Campbell is the author of the quotation, "Like angel visits, few and far between." It is found in "Pleasures of Life."

DEATH TO CRETANS.

FRIGHTFUL BARBARITIES TO THE HUMBLE CHRISTIANS.

The Dead Torn from Their Graves and Their Bones Scattered to the Winds—Appalling Scenes of Carnage in Crete.



THE whole world has been horrified by the frightful Turkish war of extermination on the Armenians...

The Creteans, like the Armenians, are Christians, and it is for this reason that they are being massacred...

The Sultan is again demonstrating that he is a monster, capable of any crime. He has permitted during the space of two years every conceivable outrage and cruelty to be perpetrated under his authority...

In personal intercourse with Europeans the Sultan appears to possess many of the qualities of civilized humanity, but those superficial qualities do not make less hideous the crimes which he has permitted...

Behanzin of Dahomey, or King Prempeh of Ashantee, whom the French and English have ruined for their alleged misdeeds. The Sultan is a criminal unfit to live, let alone to rule.

Will the Creteans fare any better than the Armenians? That is still an undecided question. It is not probable that they will get any more help from the sympathizing civilized world than did the Armenians...

The Creteans are now in open rebellion, and are holding their own in certain parts of the island. The Turks, on the other hand, have slaughtered Christians in the cities and destroyed many of the unprotected villages...

Some photographs sent to England by the Rev. William Boucher, chaplain of the British war ship the Hood, give a vivid and gruesome idea of Turkish methods in Crete...

One of Mr. Boucher's photographs shows the desecrated Christian graveyard at Galata. It seems that the Moslem should be satisfied with his simple and sincere belief that every Christian must go to hell...

In the Galata churchyard the Turks have deliberately dug every grave, thrown rubbish into it, scattered the bones about the ground and destroyed the crosses which served as tombstones...

Some light is thrown on such conduct by the following Mohammedan prayer, which is sanctioned by the highest authority and is recited five times daily throughout Turkey:

"Oh, Lord of all creatures! Oh, Allah! destroy the Ghiaours and Polytheists, thine enemies, the enemies of religion, Oh, Allah! Make their children orphans, and defile their bodies; cause their feet to slip; give them and their families, their household, and their women, their children, and their relations by marriage, their brethren and their friends, their possessions, and their lands, as booty to the Moslems, Oh, Lord of all creatures!"

On June 4 Mr. Boucher saw two steamers and a gunboat land four thousand soldiers at Sbrozina, where the garrison was besieged by a small force of Creteans...

They had then spent five successive days in burning unoffending villages and committing outrages. "A more disgraceful thing," says Mr. Boucher, "has never been permitted by Europe."

Crete is an island lying to the south-east of Greece and to the southwest of Turkey, in Asia. It is 155 miles in length and 35 in width. The population is 294,192. It is painful to relate that they have a European reputation for untruthfulness, but that, of course, furnishes no reason for massacring them.

The people are of pure Greek race, and ancient Greek is still spoken in the interior. Crete is conspicuous in mythology as the home of Minotaur.

Crete has considerable commerce in wines, olives and other natural products, and in very pretty silk fabrics. It has several fine harbors. The capital is Canoe.

In the course of its history it has had many masters. The Roman Empire annexed it in 67 B. C., and was followed by the Saracens, and next by the Byzantine Empire. The Venetian Republic acquired it in 1204 A. D. and the Turks took it from them in 1669.

The Creteans took part in the Greek war of independence, but were held by the Turks. Twenty-five years ago they obtained a local legislature. In spite of this they are ruled by Turkish officials and have less freedom than the Cubans had under the Spanish.

The present trouble is one of a long series which will continue until the Creteans have been exterminated or achieved their independence.

While the Creteans have been exterminated or achieved their independence. While the Turkish conduct in Crete and in Armenia is similar, it must be understood that the Creteans and the Armenians are different.

The Creteans are a very aggressive and warlike people and have had a large share in causing the present trouble. There have been massacres because the Turkish soldiers have taken advantage of the helpless situation of individuals or small bodies of Christians.

dropped in a few minutes and the dispute soon ended in favor of the angler, who, peering at the index of the steel-yard, complacently pronounced the verdict "Eighteen pounds, neat!"

His Very Object. "My dear sir," said the publisher to an author, "why do you wish to print on the title page of your book the line, 'For private circulation'?"

"That's the very idea, sir," replied the author. "That's the very idea. I wish it to obtain the widest possible publicity."—Exchange.

Reversed. Diner—"Walter, there is a slight mistake. I ordered a spring chicken and a bottle of 1884 wine." Walter—"Yes, sir." Diner—"You have brought me some wine of last spring and a chicken of 1884."—Paris Messenger.

NOTES OF THE DAY. John Morley said recently that as a man grew older there was no branch of literature which seemed calculated to give more refreshment or exhilaration as the study of Greek.

In Sweden the education of journalists is treated as a function of the state. Under this system the young journalist gains a knowledge of the world by traveling at the expense of the taxpayer.

Much uneasiness is felt in Egypt at the deficiency of the water supply, which is causing loss to rice growers, and threatens the coming maize crop.

The success of Giordano's new opera, "Andrea Chenier," bids fair to surpass that of "Faust," as already it is booked in upward of 130 theaters in Italy, likewise at St. Petersburg, Marseilles and Lyons.

The commission on pauperism in Paris recently heard several managers of theaters on the subject of a great grievance. A tax for the poor is levied on the total receipts of theaters and other places of amusement, and this the managers want changed to a levy on the net receipts.

The diamonds in one symbol of the shah's rank is said to weigh almost twenty pounds.

Best for Children. It is far better not to allow a child to be out of doors at all in the middle of the day, when the sun is hottest, and always to insist that it lie down for an hour after dinner.

Dishonored Drafts. When the stomach dishonors the drafts made upon it by the rest of the system, it is necessarily because the fund of strength is very low.

They Study Great Speeches. A feature of the work arranged for a class of women who are studying American history will be a study of the speeches of American orators who represented different schools of thought and different sections of the country.

Pilo's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me. Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

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