

THE RAMADAN.

FASTING IN DAYTIME AND FASTING AFTER SUNSET.

Scenes in a Syrian Town—Magic Changes Brought About by the Boom of the Sunset Gun—Native Concert—Conscientiousness.

It was a Massachusetts boy, I believe, who said he "preferred fast to Thanksgiving, because after Thanksgiving you had to live on pickings, but there was always a good, square meal to make up for the fast."

"The other day I thought that I would pass through a certain Moslem district about sunset. Expectancy reigned. In the cafes, in the shops, in the street, every one was waiting for something, was preparing for something. Wearing looking men hurried along with fresh loaves of bread in their hands.

"Boom," roared the cannon from the barracks. A dozen matches were struck, a dozen cigarettes lighted, and a cloud of blue smoke arose. Smoking even before eating or drinking! The change was like that effected by the kiss of the fairy prince.

Very little sleep is taken in Ramadan except by the rich, who can prolong their slumbers into the day. The cafes are full for two or three hours after midnight. Last week some famous waltzes were performed in a cafe near the government building.

A large crowd had assembled to hear the music, but the people were either silent or else spoke only in whispers. All at once the sweet, shrill notes of a boy's soprano floated down from behind the three tiers of lights in the lofty minaret.

"How many of these people really fast?" is a question I have lately put with a variety of answers. As such answers are apt to be largely subjective, it is hard for a stranger to get a correct estimate.

The Late Emperor's Politeness. Two years ago the crown prince Frederick attended a charity bazaar where a pretty acquaintance of mine was serving as a waitress. There was some entertainment on the stage, and the audience pressed to the front where the crown prince was sitting.

THE DANGEROUS WASHERWOMAN.

How Disease Germs Are Distributed—A Timely Hint to City People.

To the average American housekeeper the weekly wash day is a constantly recurring trial of patience. Every domestic arrangement must give way to it. Of course in those families where several servants are employed and there are conveniences for laundry purposes the day is one of less hardship.

An instance of the truth of this statement will be given, one which will also show how such diseases may be attributed to the wrong source. At the south end, on Sweet street, there is a row of ramshackle houses, called by the neighbors "Buttermilk block."

In the worry incident to the sickness in the house, the fact that the washerwoman had stopped coming every week, as was her wont, was not noticed, some months later it was learned that she had died of typhoid fever.

Substances for Making Ink. Common writing ink is the pertannate of iron, mixed with a little galleate, held in suspension in water by means of gum of some other adhering substance.

The great merit of our common writing ink is in the freedom with which it flows from the pen, allowing of rapid writing, and the manner in which it bites into the paper, so as not to be removed by sponging. The great defect is in the want of durability.

Benefits of "Hair Singeing." A wrinkle in hair dressing not generally known is "hair singeing." In a barber shop on Center street, close to the City Hall bridge, is a sign, prominently displayed, announcing that hair singeing is done there for twenty-five cents.

Edison's Next Invention. Edison is now the father of a bouncing baby, and it is said that he is trying to invent an electrical contrivance for making the infantile yell self-feeding.

BUSINESS SUCCESS.

THE ELEMENT OF CHANCE THAT SETS FOR OR AGAINST MEN.

An Example of How Luck May Change. A. T. Stewart's Attention to Details. Gould's Methods—Commodore Vanderbilt and His Traffic Manager.

Some of the shrewdest merchants in this town will tell you that there is assuredly an element of chance which sets for or against men in business affairs. One of the richest men in this country before his death told the most fascinating of tales regarding the play of chance in his experiences.

See now how luck changes, and how its chance may shift about like a weathercock. One day there came into Mr. Miller's office a briny fur, with the smell of whale oil on his clothes and the roll of a sea dog in his legs.

The curious thing about it was that from that day Miller never made a business investment, and that he made it in the future, with great doubt as to their sanity in so doing, off into the mystery of the Polar sea, and thus the great Alaska Seal Fur company was organized, and the shuttlecock of Miller's fortune shifted from the keen east wind of disappointment to the bracing westerly winds of magnificent prosperity.

The man who prescribes unto himself any set of rules, or takes as a model the career of any man, will be very likely to meet with a "ship up." There was A. T. Stewart, who ascribed his success to the most patient attention to trivial details, but it William B. Grace undertook to run his colossal business as Stewart did, he would be a failure in a week.

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Escape from Poisoning by a Cobra. Dr. Vincent Richards, of Calcutta, an enthusiastic investigator in many different lines of medical research, had a narrow escape recently from poisoning by a cobra bite.

Napoleon's Hats and Overcoats. Of all the historical garments which crowd the great museums of the world, none are more famous than the gray overcoat and chapeau of Napoleon I, celebrated in Beranger's and Raffet's poems, and painted by scores of aspiring French artists.

MEN WHO ARE KNOWN.

What the Newspapers Are Saying About Them—Personal Items.

Judge Gray, of the United States supreme court, is an enthusiastic hunter and fisher.

Emperor Francis Joseph takes beer at luncheon, a limited amount of champagne at dinner and smokes the commonest kind of cigars.

The best paid story writer in the country is said to be Harlan P. Halsey, who makes an income of \$7,500 a year from the detective stories he writes for The New York Ledger.

Mr. Clifford Lanier, a brother of Sidney Lanier, who is making a name for himself in literature, has a story entitled, "The Mate's Race With the Banshees," in a southern magazine.

One of the poor boys who started out in life to make a fortune and succeeded was Thomas Nickerson, of Boston, who built and owns a controlling interest in the Mexican Central railroad.

A Mr. Braunhart, of San Bernardino, Cal., possesses the identical knife which the famous Apache Chief Geronimo used in scalping his victims. It is about fourteen inches long, brass trimmed, with steel blade and a curved ironwood handle.

A. J. Drake, of Palatka, Fla., has a vest that was worn by his grandfather, Albritton Drake, during the Revolutionary war. It is made of cotton homespun, with gourd buttons, and measures fifty inches around the bottom, ample confirmation of the family tradition that the Revolutionary ancestor weighed 362 pounds.

It was one of the hobbies of Governor Young, of Ohio, whose death occurred recently, to keep what he called a "Black Book," in which he pasted every mean thing that was said about him in the newspapers.

Mr. Spofford, the librarian of congress, and his assistant, Mr. Hutcheson, are noted for their wonderful memories. Not only can they refer instantly to any book in the library that may be asked for, but if requested to mention the best books on a particular topic, they are able to enumerate them with a rapidity that would shame a book classifier.

Earl Muth, a watchmaker of Saxony, Germany, has a penchant for making lockets and sending them to distinguished people. These lockets are made of German pfennig pieces that are about two-thirds the size of a copper cent. He inserts the miniature of the person he proposes to honor in one of these tiny coins, and sends it to him.

Judge William D. Kelley, of Philadelphia, is a remarkable man in many respects. He has been twenty-eight years in congress, and one characteristic about him makes him a rather peculiar example of success in public life. He is practically unable to remember for any length of time either a face or a name, and this lack of memory would have long since consigned many another man to private life.

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The Plattsmouth Herald
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EDITIONS.
The Year 1888
Will be one during which the subjects of national interest and importance will be strongly agitated and the election of a President will take place.

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