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A native of southwest Darfur, the strong individuality and resoluteness of his character developed with the exercise of unlimited power into the worst traits of the despot, says the Naional Review. Pride degenerated into a blind belief in his own infallibility, and he did not scruple to adopt the successes of others whether it were the architecture of the mahdi's tomb or the victories of Zeki-as the results of inspirations given to himself from heaven. An innate cruelty grew to proportions unrivaled even by the late emperors of Rome. He gloated over the massacre of whole tribes, in the death, by lingering tortures or starvation, of his most able and most deserving generals and advisors. His degeneration of character was, of course, accompanied by an inordinate sensuality and love of luxury, display and flattery. His harem consisted of 400 women, his bodyguard of 12,000 warriors, clad in armor, with horses decked in quilted caparisons. His policy was, in brief, to exterminate the Nile valley tribes and to introduce the western tribes in their place, so that the Gezira and other formerly populous districts became depopulated, while he crushed the Ashraf (mahdi's relatives) and took all power from his brother caliphs. The coinage was debased by successive stages till it became a fifth of its normal value. Mock justice was administered by the cadis, who were his creatures, whose duty it became to carry out his decisions, however grossly unjust, and to make them appear so far as possible to accord with the moslem law and the mahdi's "instructions." Religion became a mockery and his wretched subjects ceased to believe in its travesty. Pilgrimages to Mecca were forbidden and replaced by visits to the mahdi's omb; commentaries on the koran were suppressed and the religion of Islam was made the vehicle of all that was

Education ceased and trade except the trade in slaves, which assumed vast proportions and was conducted with unspeakable cruelties and incalculable loss of life-became practically nonexistent. A veto was placed on trade in feathers, that in gums was taxed prohibitively, tobacco was contraband and ivory coming only from the south iwindled as those provinces lapsed from the caliph's control. A small and desultory trade continued with Egypt, but a rigid prohibition of the export of slaves left but little for merchants to convey out of the country. Industry suffered in like proportion and became limited to a little weaving of common cloths and some leather work, while the immorality bred of chaos, of the wholesale depopulation of vast districts by the slave trade and by the rupture of all social organization, became fearful in its extent and was accompanied by the increase of the diseases which usually accompany it.

Lord Palmerston and the Turks

"In regard to the Turks themselves, nay I venture to observe that the genlus of their manners and conversation is that of yielding everything at first? when you come to the matter in question and to its details you will find all those fine expressions mean nothing. Like all people in a weak position, the respect you according to their opinion of your force. If, however, you wish that force to have a permanent influence and to be unaccompanied by dislike, you must blend its exercise with fustice; and if you wish to arrive at a quick result through all that ambuscade of intrigues and doubts and fears and prejudices which will be sure to be secretly fermed against it you must tell the Turk what he is to do, why he is to do it, when he is to do it, and show him that you only ask quietly and reasonably what you have a right to demand. In this way, and this way alone, you will do business with him. If he sees you act thus he will not only agree with you but rely upon you."-Lord Palmerston's Letters.

A Reconciling Thought. "Arthur, dear," she said, "I do wish you would not use cigarettes."

"Because you do not know what is in them."

"Oh, yes, I do. Why, for the trifling sum that a cigarette costs you get nicotine, valerian, possibily a little norphia and any quantity of carbon." She looked up into his eyes and mur-

"Arthur, dear, it does seem like a bargain, doesn't it?"

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Measurements.

"He is very gifted," said Mrs. Gush-"Why, he can sit down and Journal. write poetry by the yard."

"Yes," replied the envious rival, "the only difficulty is that the public reads it by the inch."-Washington Star.

Punishment.

We must reap as we sow. If we violate natural law we must suffer. If we violate God's law we will be pun- Durrell. ished. He is a God of justice. As such he must punish the guilty.- Rev.

Perfectly Happy.

Mrs. Fret-If I had money enough to I .- Detroit Free Press.

A MIGHTY DRINK. Over Three Quarts at One Draught-

Saved the Town. But of all the attractive features of Capital this charming spot, Rothenburg, the Surplus ... annual Festspiel, celebrating the capture of the town by Tilly during the thirty years' war, ranks first, says the Chambers' Journal. At that time, and indeed until 1803, Rohenburg was a free city, taking an active part in the peasants' war of 1525, and in the thirty years' war of the following century. It was in the course of the latter, in 1631, that the celebrated Tilly appeared before Rothenburg and demanded its capitulation. This the citizens refused, with the result that the gallant little town was besieged and taken. Tilly and his generals proceeded to the Rathhaus and demanded the municipal keys of the burgomaster. At the same time Tilly imposed a fine of 30,000 thalers and garrisoned the town with his sol-The burgomaster pleaded in vain for some mitigation of the penalty -until the victorious general, after remaining for some time unmoved by his entreaties, conceived the extraordinary notion of offering to restore the freedom of the town on condition that one of the inhabitants should come forward and empty at one draught an immense beaker of wine, containing about three and a half liters (over three quarts). This was an unheard-of feat, even in those hard-drinking days, and for some time his offer remained unaccepted. The opportunity of freeing the town from a foreign yoke seemed, however, too important to be lost, and accordingly a patriotic citizen named Nusch resolved to attempt the difficult task imposed by the conqueror. As a matter of fact, he drained the beaker at

independence of Rothenburg.

one draught, and, although tradition

relates that a severe illness followed

the feat, still he saved the town, for

Tilly kept his word and restored the

A case showing great cunning and perseverance, as well as tolerance of much self-inflicted pain continued for many months, is worth telling. The convict was most determined and resourceful in his efforts at malingering. He began by running a piece of copper wire into his knee, by which he nearly lost his leg. He then produced a number of sores round the knee joint and kept up a great degree of swelling and inflammation by means of rag and thread pushed into the wounds. Upon the discovery of this he took to introducing lime below the skin. On another occasion a bandage was found firmly bound round the man's thigh, the result being, in medical phraseology, 'extensive swelling and lividity of the thigh." The doctor ordered his limb to be enveloped with a large piece of gutta-percha so as to checkmate the prisoner's malpractices. The latter, however, by means of a strip of sheeting and the skewer to which part of his dinner was attached formed a tourniquet and by it compressed his leg so much during the night as to quite neutralize the medical treatment it had received during the day. The imposture was at length detected by an order of the doctor to expose the limb outside the bedclothes to the view They begin by saying, 'Good, yes!' But of the officer by day and night and from that hour progress was toward complete recovery.-Chambers' Journal.

Another Gold Brick Sold. A Frenchman named Martin who keeps a saloon in Fishkill Landing. N. Y., was robbed of \$400 a few days ago by two men and a woman, who represented that they had been commissioned to secure the adoption of a child by persons who were willing to pay \$2,000 for its care and maintenance. The money was placed in a tin box, and the Martins induced to put \$400 with it as an evidence of good faith. They were to keep the box, and the \$2,000 was to be theirs if the child was not produced by Sunday. Of course the child was not produced. Monday the Martins opened the box and found it filled with old news-

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He Was Drunk.

"Mr. Modlin," said that gentleman's drunk.'

your shee me in this c'ndishun."-Springfield (Mo.) Leader-Democrat.

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