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A HUNDRED MILLION HUNGRY.

How the Mohammedans Observe the Month Ramszan.

FAST BY DAY FEAST BY NIGHT.

The Wondrous Beauty of the Mosque of Santa Sophia-Picty of the Moslems-A Sure Cure For Drunkenness.

The Fast of Ramazan.

(Congrighted 1889 by Frank G. Carpenter.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 17 .- Special to THE BER.]-I arrived in Constantinople during the month of Ramazan, and I find the whole city observing the Mohammedan Lent. The cook shops of Stamboul are closed during the day for lack of custom, and of the half million Turkish men, women and children in this city not one eats anything from subrise to sunset. They do not drink a drop of water, and the more devout will not even awallow their spittle. The Turks are the most inveterate smokers of the world, and I refused to smoke myself and on the same ground refused the coffee, which was after-wards brought in to me. In calling at a big Mohammedan university, which is located in the English quarter of Constantizople, at they like to titillate their nostrils with snuff at to gratify them with perfumes. During Ramazan they do not smoke during the daytime, and they entirely abstain from snuff and the use of ottar of reses. This is not noon the other day, I found the class rooms deserted and the professors absent, and I was told that it being Ramazan, the pupils only in Constantinople, but also over the whole Mohammedan world. It is Go'clock p. were trying to sleep through the day in order to get rid of the fast. The suitan himself keeps Ramazan and when he went the other m. as 1 write, and a

BUNDRED MILLION MORAMMEDAN'S STOMACHS scattered from the wilds of North China to the tropical regions of Central Africa are hewling with hunger. One hundred million parched tongues are new scraping against the dry roofs of one hundred million months, and I doubt not that something like two hundred million eyes are anxiously watching the going down of the setting sun. The moment it drops behiad the west these millions will grab for the food that has been prepared for them, and for the next hour or so the fasting will be turned into feasting. The nights of Constantmople are now nights of revelry. The Koran does not prohibit the Turk from eating what he pleases after sunset and the people gorge themselves to make up for the fast of the lay. The city is lighted at night and crowds throng the streets. All the cafes and eating houses are open and the lemonade peddler and the sweet meat man are out in all their glory. The Turks are very hospitable and during Ramazan they give many dinger parties. Such as are wealthy enough to do without work stay up the whole night in order that they may the better sleep through the fasting hours of the morrew. It is a time for religious observancos as well as pleasure. There are services at all the mosques every evening, and all the men go to prayers. The mosques are illuminated and the hundreds of minarets which rise high above the sombre city of Stamboul are girdled with light, and between them are stretched great figures of fice, made by stringing countless lamps upon wires. Here is one composed of gigantic letters, forming the Turkish word for God or "Allah." There is one representing a cannon a hundred feet long and between the towers of another mosque hangs a mammoth star and crescent of fire.

There are between two and three hundred mosques in Constantinople and the Ramazan coremonies in these are most interesting to the stranger. I witnessed them in the

LARGEST MOSQUE OF THE WORLD last night. This was the mosque of Santa Sophia, which was built as a Christian eburch in the fourth century and which was for ages the finest Christian church in the world, It took a hundred architects to superintend its construction and 10.000 masous worked upon it at the same time. It had doors of structures of the world. There is a mosque

and waited until he was through. There and waited until he was through. There were many other rug establishments near hy, and he must have known that he stood the chance of the loss of a sale by not attend-ing to me. This made no difference, how-ever, to him. It would be a curious thing to see a morehant in New York or Chicago stop his sales in the middle of the day and drop down on bis knees and pray in the presence of his customers. The Mohammedans are much less ashamed of their religion than we are. They are, in fact, proud of it, a.d. you ean count the Mohammedan conversions to chris-tianity by hundreds. It is only in the rarest believer shall have four beautiful and ever young maidens to wait upon him and to ad-

y to kiss the mantel of Mahomet, he re-

luach there before coming back. Cart loads of provisions were carried to his palace in this part of the city and the moment that the

as they watch the approach of evening. The Turks are inveterate smokers, and I note that their desire for the eigarette or the

weekly religious worship at the mosque

pride in having good korans, and the korans used by the sultan are bound in silver and

beautifully illuminated. In the tombs of the

day. The guide in charge, whose hands are washed, will not permit a christian to touch them, but he turns the pages and shows you

their beauties. They are as fine as any of wonderful manuscripts made by the monks of the middle ages, and they are painted by

hand upon parchment. The sultan probably

KNOWS THE KORAN BY HEART.

end to the other, and the average Moham medan ruler has a much better knowledge of his bible than have our presidents or the

kings of Europe of the scriptures. The churches of the Mohammedans, known as mosques, are the facest buildings of the cast,

The khedive of Egypt can recite it from one

their eyes sometimes

minister to his wants. It is in many of its chapters so much lize the Bible that it is be-lieved that. Mahomet got a large part of its teachings from the Scriptures and from the Jews, with whom he was acquainted. FRANK G. CARPENTER. tianity by hundreds. It is only in the rarest of instances that missionaries are able to make any impression upon the followers of the prophet, and such conversions as chris-lians make in Mohammedian countries are, as a rule, from other sects than Moham-When Baby Souls Sail Out. Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Pittsbury Bulletin. medan ones. Speaking of the Mohammedan observance of religious duties, all of the offi When from our mortal vision Grown men and women go, cials of the sultan keep Ramazan, and when I called upon the secretary of state vester-day in the Sublime Porte, which contains the great government offices of Turkey, I did not see a single clerk smoking or drink-ing coffee. The secretary of state, who is one of the leading men of Turkey, and who ranks here as Blaine does to President Har-rivoo, asked me if I would not smoke, and I, thinking nothing of Ramazan, assented. When the tobacco camo in I asked nim why he did not take a cigarette and he replied that it was against the rules of his religion and begged me to ex-cuse him as it was Ramazan. Upon this I refused to smoke myself and on the same tials of the sultan seen Ramazan, and when To sail strange seas elysian.

And know what spirits know, I think of them as tourists In some sun-gilded clime 'Mong happy sights and clear delights, We all shall find in time. But when a child goes yonder, And leaves its mother here, Its little feet must wander,

It seems to me, in fear. What paths of Ed n beauty, What scenes of peace and rest Can bring content to babes that went Forth from a mother's breast! In palace gardens lonely

A child astray will moun, And weep for pleasures only Found in its humbler home. It is not won by splendor Nor bought by costly toys: To tide it from harm in mother's arm Makes all its sum of joys.

It must be, when the baby Goes journeying off alone, Some angel (Mary, maybe), Adopts it as her own. Yet when a child is taken Whose mother stays below. With weeping eyes through paradise I seem to see it go.

sunset cannon fired, himself and his minis-ters began their feast. This fast of Ramazzan is most severe on the laboring classes of the Turks. Forced to work in the hot sun all day without food With harps of angels trying To arive away its fear, hey become almost famished by sunset, and BULGE FROM THEIR SOCKETS.

I seem to hear it crying, "I want my mamma here!" I do not court the fancy, It is not based on doubt,--It is a thought that comes unsought When baby souls sail out,

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

that their desire for the eigarette or the water pipe often surpasses their longing for food. At about the time for the firing of the evening gun if you will stand upon the bridge at Constantinople you may see hun-dreds of boatmen with matches in their hands and eigarettes held up ready to light the moment that the cannon is heard. You will see their food before them, but you will seldom see them touch either hefore the gun M. B. Leavitt's new pantomimic burlesque, Spider and Fly," has made a big hit. Jeffreys Lewis is negotiating with a capitalist to take her out in "La Belle Russe." Augustin Daly's great production this seaseldom see them touch either before the gun goes off. A Mohammedan who would eat son will be a rival of "As You Like It." publicly during Ramazan would be sure to loose caste with his fellows, and if the sultan dared to not contrary to the Koran he Mrs. Dion Boucicault No. 2 will return to the stage as a member of one of the New York Lyceum companies. would be liable to dethronement and assassi "Shenandoah," Bronson Howard's latest

nation. As it is the only time he comes out of his palace is when he must perform his play is a great success at the Star theater New York. It will be seen in the west later in the season. The Turks read the koran fully as much

Minnie Milne and George Edgar will begin their starring tour on October 7, appearing in "Old Tom's Ward" and "Prudence Rudd," supported by a good company. Both plays as we read the bible. It is a common sight in going through the bazaars to see one man reading the koran to his friends, and nearly every merchant has a copy of his Mohamare by James Shonberg. medan bible beside him, and you will see dozens of merchants reading to themseives during the intervals of trade. They take

Miss Maude Adams, the Dot Bradbury of "A Midnight Bell," whose bright, vivacious work is one of the most attractive features of the piece, is yet in her teens, but is one of the cieverest ingenues on the stage. sultans, where they lie in marble sarcophagi, inside of fences of silver, their korans are preserved with them, and I looked over sev-eral volumes of the finest of these the other

Daniel Bandman has authorized Gustave Frohman to open negotiations with Mrs. D. P. Bowers for a ten weeks' engagement in the great Shakespearean Festival, to com-mence at Helena, Mont., in December.

A new triumph has been discovered or invented for Mary Anderson by the newspa-pers. She is now said to have made the wearing of low-healed, broad.soled, English shoes, fashionable among her fair compatriots.

Bessie Bellwood has received a warning from the London police for the rankness of one of the popular songs she sings. Lord Mandville, who travels with her and gets her salary, is said to be the author of this ballad.

John A. Mackay has made a success in "The Stuffed Dog" at Boston, but the critics of Modern Athens say that "such a senseless, insane, pointless mass of hodge-podge

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in the Koran the friend of God. They call Moses the speaker of God and they have, all told, 124,000 prophets. The greatest of these are Adam, Abraham, Josus and Mahomet. The Koran includes charity and brotherly love. It prohibits lending money at interest and it fixes the general laws of the Moham-medan world. It inculcates belief in a future state, in the heaven of which each devout beliover shall have four heautiful and ever Parishoner (to old clergyman with a bun-dle of old sermons)-"What ye not there, dominie!" O. C.-"Preserved tongue."

Smudge-Dr. Tanuer was not the first man who lived on water forty days. Fudge -No! "Of course not," "Who eise!" "Well, what's the matter with Noah!" Chicago boasts of 355 parches in her widely extended midst. But it would take the liveliest kind of a census-taker to show

an average of one christian to each church The brother who testified to the effect that he had doubted the existence of a hell till convinced of its realty by a blessed exper-ience was matched by one other who prayed, "O Lord, make this room so hot that the devil can't stay here!"

Among the announcements of Sunday services in the Boston dailies is one of the Sal-vation Army: "Conversions nightly, another constellation of diamonds, emotional girl preachers, charming songstresses, muscal nightingales recently from Scotland." The programme reads quite like the adver-tisement of a dime museum.

At the First Unitarian church of Minnea-At the First Unitarian church of Minnea-polis last Sunday morning the Kev. H. Sim-mons said: "A few years ago the term 'American association' meant the 'Associa-tion for the Advancement of Science." To-day the reader searches in vain for the science and instead of the discoveries of chemists and philosophers, finds the deeds of more famous men at the first base or short stop." A church committee went to hear a pastor

A church committee went to hear a pastor with a view to a call. They were delighted with the sermon and resolved to assure him of a call if he would preserved to assure him of a call if he would premise to give it a fa-vorable consideration, and went directly to him and told him the object of their visit. The preacher replied; "Will your people give up attending theaters, holding progressive encore parties, etc. " The committee replied: "No, they will not." "Then," re-plied the preacher, "you don't want the goods I have to sell."

CONNUBIALIFIES.

The nights are getting longer. Belated husbands rejoice and are exceedingly glad. "General court news"-account of the en-gagement of one young man to several young women.

"Joe, your wife looks as fresh as a morn-ing glory." "Bill, I wish she was a morning glory." "Why so, Joe!" "Because she'd shut up at night."

There are few society belles who have not a record of conquests made with the assistance of smokeless powder. There is nothing new under the sun.

"Are you familiar with the game 'draw poker?" 'asked a lady of a meek-looking geotleman at a party the other evening. "Yes, madam, I'm a married man."

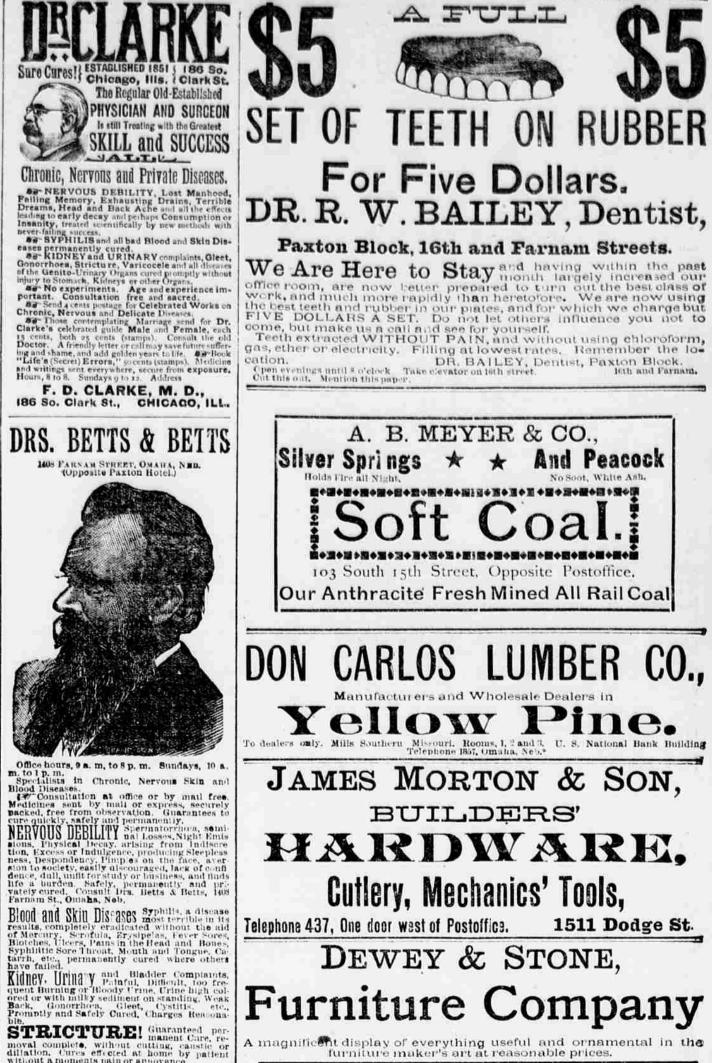
Advertisement in "personal" column of daily paper-John-Come home. All is for-given. Mary. Reply to advertisement in daily paper-Dear Mary-Can't come home; cannot forgive myself.

One result of the higher education of women: He-What are you reading, dear?" His Wife-The latest society novel. I'm just glancing through it to see if it is fit for you to read, dear.

A bashful young man of Wellsville, N. Y., offers a \$5 silk umbrella to the young lady sending the best proposal of marriage. Points to be considered are composition, spelling, writing, brevity, and reasons for wishing to be married. Maiden ladies over seventy-five are barred out.

Wedding guest-Where's the bridegroom ! Bride-Just out on a little errand. Wed-ding guest-Something important, I suppose, or he wouldn't have left you so soon after the ceremony. Bride-Oh, yes, he went out to see if papa's wedding check was good.

"Harry," exclaimed the blushing Laura, this declaration is so sudden that I-that-"this declaration is so sudden that I-that-I hardly know what to say, I was unpre-pared for it. It unnerves me." "I was afraid it might," said the young London druggist, rising with alacrity from his knees, "and I have brought along a bottle of my unrivalled nerve anodyne. This prepara-tion," he added, soothingly, as he took the bottle from his pocket, quically extracted the cork and noured a quantity of the moderner



amber and cedar, and its altar was made of precious stones embedded in gold no silver. It was decorated with beautiful paintings, which the Turks destroyed when they took possession of Constantinople, and its roof has still enough mosaic to carpet an acre field. The great tomples of antiquity have been robbed to build this church. Within it there are four pillars of green granite, which were taken from the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, and there are other columns from the temples of Thebes, Rome, Athens and Alexandria. If you will take a two-acre field and plant within it a forest of columns, roofed with a dome bigger and grander than that of the capitol at Washington, hang thousands of lamps is the air between the dome and the floor, scatter ricily carved pulpits about various parts of the building, put immense foun-tains here, and hang gigantic Turkish intains here and hang guantic Turkisn m-scriptions there, you may have a mazed idea of how the Mosque of Santa Sophai looks when entering. You will wander for hours through the corridors of its columns, find-

NEW BEAUTIES AT EVERY STEP.

You will note that the great walls are lined with precious marbles, and that the inded with previous margines, and that the cornices and the friezes of the arches are of gilded bronze. At night when the thousands of lamps are lighted, when great stars of flame float in the air between the dome and the floor, when every pillar and every alcove is ablaze, and when the various galleries are wailed with flame, the wonder of the mosque takes on a new grandeur, which, added to the picturesqueness of the worshippers themsele's, make a Rainazan night in Santa So-phin one of the greatest sights in the world. By the liberal use of backsheesh, accom-anied by my Mohammedan guide, I obtained admission to the gallery of Santa Sophia last night. It was 9 o'clock when I arrived and the acres of floor below me were covered with worshipers. In long regular lines, with their faces toward Mecca, sitting on their knees, were at least 5,000 Mohamriedans. In turbans and gowns with their bare, or stockinged feet, looking up at the gallery, they formed long lines of curious color on the white mats away down there under the fluating fiames. From the back of the church came the shrill voice of the Inman, who was leading the devotions. It was a wonderful tenor - sich penetrated the remotest recesses of the vast mosque and in response to which these 5,000 tarbaned men rose and fell like clock work in their devotions. They moved as he man and when they sunk to their knocs the striking of ten thousand legs upon the floor made a noise like the rumbling of a the normal another the function of a first provided the first provide shipper was placed his shoes and at the close I the services each Mohammadau took these in his hands and walked with them out of

the mosque, the Mohammedan prayers and method of praying is fixed by the koran and these five Maand men

ALL ATED IN THE SAME WAY.

I no's their actions from the beginning to the and of each prayer. The person braying must first remove his shoes and sandals and tuan his face toward Meeca. He must bathe his hands and feet and certain other parts of his person before entoring the mosque and in the court of this Mosque of Santa Sophia there is a large and beautiful fountain. Entering the mosque and standing in the right position the worshipper begins by putting his hands to the lobes of his cars and he then helds them a little below his girdle. He then goes through a number of prostrations, reciting certain prayers from the korau as he does so. If he is a fullful dedecomedan reciting certain prayers from the korau as he does so. If he is a faithful Mohammedan he prays five times every day and he does not care for his surroundings. At the hours of prayer Mohammedans will begin their devotions in the midst of a crowd. They will stay their business transactions and whether in the store or in the field they will drop down on their knees and pray. I ro-member entering a rug basaar in Aloxandria niember entering a rug bazaar in Aloxandria and calling upon a gray-bearded turbaned Turk while he was engaged in his devotions. He was standing on a rug in the back of the store looking toward Mecca and mumbling the Korau. He must have seen me as I entered with a party of Americans and though he knew I intended to buy he

he knew I intended to buy he FAID NO ATTENTION TO ME. He continued his kneeling down and rising up for fully fifteen minutes and I sat down ider Abraham a great prophet. He is called

as 'The Stuffed Dog' has seldom been seen in any first-class theater." in Cairo which covers more than an acre. which is made entirely of alabaster, much of which is as beautifully veined and as transopera company for the road, to play a reper-tory including "Dorothy," "The Queen's Mate" and "Paola." Digby Bell, Laura Joyce Bell and several other good people parent as Mexican onyx. The floor of this mosque is carpeted with elegant Turkish rugs and I attended it one night when the khedive was among its worshipers. It is one of the most beautiful mosques in the and it is a fair representative of a great Mo-

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hammedan world.

hammedan place of worship.

have been engaged. They will go as far west as San Francisco. Work has been started on the new scenery There are many different sects among the and costumes for "The Corsican Brothers Mohanmedans but they are more liberal in their treatment of each other than are the in which Robert Mantell will be seen in New York at the Fourteenth Street theatre. Manager Pitou promises an elaborate and costly production and says that a number of christians. In this alabaster mosque a half dozen different sects were worshipping, and in one part the dancing dervishes were whirlnovel features will be introduced. ing through their religious gymnastics. The men and boys had dark yellow faces, The handsome theatre in Brooklyn,

formerly called the Amphion academy, will hereafter be known as the "Amphion." Manager Knowles, who is a trustee of the worn thin by fasting. They were dressed in long white skirts, fastened in at the waist with black belts and on their heads were ators' fund, is busily engaged in getting up a benefit to "The Actors' Fund of America," to be given in the Academy of Music, Brookhigh sugar-loaf hats. One of them played the flute another the tamborine, and the others after kissing the hem of the robe of lyn, October 11, in the afternoon. Jessie Millward, who appeared in "Roger

the chief held out their arms and began to whirl slowly around to the music. As they continued to whirl one of them sang verses la Hoate" in New York, yesterday, will be recalled by the excellent work she did in from the koran and at intervals there were orayers by the chief. After the prayers Henry Irving's company, on his first visit to this country, and later still when she created the difficult part of Pauline in "Called were over the whirling became more rapid uncil they at last went around at the rate of Back." Previous to joining Irving's com-pany Miss Millward was leading lady with At this time their skirts stood out like

the Kendalls and Genevieve Ward. those of a ballet dancer, they became red in the face and 1 noted that one of the boys feil Victoria Vokes is training a pet canary to perform a part in her new play, entitled "The Doctress." The bird now performs to the ground and was carried off in a fit. The howing dervises are even more horri-ble and there is a great society of these at Constantinople. I cannot describe their re-ligious gymnastics, but they work them-selves into a frenzy and in the interior of his part of swooping down upon the come dians, piping shrilly and chasing various characters about the stage with great skill. The only fear is that it may suffer from stage fright when the noise and lights of the first Turkey where they are away from the re-straint of western civilization they often take knives and cut themselves and each performance are encountered. To provide for this, two other birds are now in training by the stage manager of the company, so other in their religious ecstacy. They often go into epileptic fits and foam at the mouth, that understudies can be substituted rapidly

and they are as dirty a set of long-haired heathen as you will find in the world. They are, however, the cranks of Mohammedan-Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, by its vitalizing properties, will brighten pale ism and are not a fair sample of the Mocheeks, and will transform a pale, hag-The Mohammedan religion, as it is ob-served in the east, has more good in it than gard, dispirited woman into one o sparkling health and beauty. \$1 per bottle.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

"Live and let live" is not the motto of the

many christians suppose. Its followers are by no means savages and its teachings are such that we could in some instances follow them with profit. The koran prohibits the drinking of spirituous liquors and the Mo-hammedans, where they have not been contaminated with our civilization are total abstainers. They not only abstain them-selves, but they make their neighbors keep ive electric wire. A watchword-"How much can I get on hist from drinking, and I was told last night how a Constantinople merchant lost his life by his love for fiquor. He had gone to the The more people become wrapped up in themselves the colder they grow. interior to buy rugs and had located in one of the towns there. He became drunk and he was called by his brothers at the mosque No New York sport should be allowed to shoot Niagara Falls out of season. The man who was compelled to bite the dust" was probably trying to ascertain if

at which he worshipped and warned that. HE MUST REFORM OR DIE,

There is a great movement on the part of as he was bringing reoroach upon the Mo hammedan religion. He promised to reform and did so for a time. He tell, however, after the anarchists-when the barkeeper offers to treat to beer. The chimney-sweep is a contented fellow-

the coin was good.

and did so for a time. He tell, however, after a few weeks, and shortly after this he dis-covered that a plot was haid to kill him. He again repented, renounced his sin in the mosque, and then prepared to leave the town. He took a large amount of goods with him, and opened business in another city some miles away. Shortly after his arrival he again took to drinking, and as soon as he did so he was assasshated. It is supposed at least he is always sooted. The time approaches when the extravagant youth realizes that he cannot trade a linen duster for an overcoat. Don't be frightened. The house isn't haunted, It's only the hired man getting the furnace ready for the fall campaigu.

did so he was assassinated. It is supposed that he was killed by the mule driver, who, coming from his old town, had heard of his Stranger-Cau you direct me to a deutist who administers gas! Citizen-No, but) can direct you to a barber who does. promise to reform, and who killed him for the good of the church.

The man who keeps an exact cash account of his daily expenses generally earns an ex-The Mohammedans believe in God and the prophets. They look upon Christ as the great prophet, and believe that Mohammed pert bookkeeper's salary in trying to remem-ber where the money went.

The city sportsman who thirsts for the life blood of the attenuated jacksnipe may now be found sticking about half way out of any marsh that you may happen to menand Christ will act together as the judges of all mankind at the last day. One of the minurets of the noted mosque at Damascus was built in memory of Christ, and Damascus is one of the most fanatical of Mohammedan

Sing a song of fifteen cents, A tumblerful of rye Quite a lurid case of joy, Plain to every eye When the jag was over, Closed the wild carouse Wasn't that a doleful sight In the station bouse?

is one of the most fanatical of Mohammedan cities. They look upon Adam as a pattern of human perfection, and they believe that the Garden of Eden was originally located in heaven. When Eve seduced Adam in eating the apple our parents were cast out the Garden of Eden and feil to earth. Adam landed on a mountain in Ceylon, and Eve dropped down near Mecca. Adam for his sin spent "How are you getting along with your work on the plano?" asked Blinkins of a TWO HUNDRED YEARS LOOKING FOR EVE. work of the planor asked blinking of a young woman. "Oh. very well; I can see great progress in my work." "How is that?" "Well, the family that lived next door moved away within a week after I commenced to and at last he found her in Arabia, and the away within a week after I commenced to practice. The next family staid a month,

cork, and poured a quantity of the medicine into a spoon he had also brought along, "will allay any undue excitement, quiet the nerves, aid digestion, and restore lost appetite. I sell it at 38 6d a bottle. This is a dose for an aduit. 'Inke it, dearest.'

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