

TURKISH FOLK-LORE.

Many Tales and Queer Stories with Which the Children Are Put to Sleep.

Much in the same way American mothers put their babies to sleep with fairy tales...

Of all the legendary characters in Turkish lore, the most interesting by far is the Hojah, or professor, who was a short-minded man...

The first of these relates to the old Hojah's wealth and his fear of robbery. One night quite late he was awakened by his wife...

A story more keenly appreciated by the Turkish children is that of the saucers, because it appeals more directly to their natures.

What is this? cried Ismail, when he saw the "young tenjerch." "I only heard you one!"

"I know it," replied Nasr-ed-din, "but the young (one) was born while I had the old. Take them and be thankful."

Now, Ismail was a simple man, so he took the "young tenjerch" with its mother and praised Allah. A few weeks later the Hojah again borrowed the pans, Ismail lending them gladly...

"You heard rascal, what have you done with my lovely 'tenjerch' and her young? Do you intend to steal them?"

"Beg your pardon." Down the street he goes again, crying in his usual abrupt way the thing he had last heard...

To the acute western mind, jaded with the incessant flow of wit and humor from the daily and comic papers, these simple tales may not appear as being out of the ordinary...

Weathering Criticism. There is nothing which more strongly aids the development of our powers than standing firm and unswerving through a storm of criticism...

Baked Crab. Take a can of the deviled crab meat, mix with one-third the quantity of moist bread crumbs, pepper and salt to taste...

The Result. Friend—Did you break your uncle's will?

Dooley—Yes. Proved that the old man made a million without knowing how to manage his affairs...

RELIABILITY OF REPORTERS.

Confidence of Public Men in Duty Accredited Writers for the Newspapers.

It would be difficult to prove that the fourth estate, which had its birth as a phrase in one of Burke's oratorical flights, has risen to the dignity of a profession...

But while the public men are safe in the hands of the regularly accredited reporters they run large risks in talking with globe trotters and others who write books and contribute to some of the periodicals.

One cannot tell in these days of universal writing and general publication how far his conversation will be reported by the unofficial reporters.

UNCLE SAM'S GREAT SECRET.

The Paper on Which Our Money Notes Are Printed Is Jealously Guarded from Pulp to Press.

If there is any secret which Uncle Sam jealously guards it is the process of manufacturing the fiber paper upon which his money notes are printed.

Indians at Work. A requisition was recently received at the Indian supply depot at Omaha for plows for the Sioux Indians.

A Remarkable Record. Modern steamship travel is so safe that the English government has not lost or injured in transit a single man of the 250,000 sent to South Africa.

ABOUT THE DARDANELLES.

Interesting Description of One of the Natural Defenses of Constantinople.

The gorgeous capital of the sick man of Europe is well guarded by nature. Situated on the European shore of the eastern entrance to the Sea of Marmora, Constantinople is reached from the Mediterranean through the 45 miles of the Dardanelles...

The Dardanelles form a long, tortuous and narrow passage, swept by a strong current. The average width of the straits is only two miles, while at the narrowest point the channel is only about 1,000 yards broad.

Gen. Tschichatschew, the celebrated Russian artillery officer, recently stated after a minute inspection of the Dardanelles that the straits can rely absolutely on the strength of its forts.

A recent visitor describing the approach to the city of imperial seraglios and mosques wrote of the Dardanelles as follows:

On the whole, the passage of the Dardanelles is only possible to strongly armored ships, and that, perhaps, by night alone. The dispatch of an army corps up the straits is impossible till the forts have been reduced, and Turkey has at its disposal, at the lowest estimate, 200,000 armed men...

The Turks have always realized the strategic importance of the Dardanelles and centuries ago took steps to fortify their position there.

The United States was not a party to any of these treaties and had always maintained its right to send men-of-war through the strait.

His Experience. Mrs. Jaggsby. According to this paper a physician has discovered that alcohol strengthens a man's mental vision.

RAISING IRON VALUES.

What the Possibilities of Bars Placed in the Hands of Different Artisans Are.

The man who takes the first bar may be a rough blacksmith, who has only partly learned his trade, and has no ambition to rise above his anvil.

When his work is done, he shows the astonished blacksmith \$2,000 worth of knife blades, where the latter only saw ten dollars' worth of crude horseshoes.

Still another workman, whose processes are so almost infinitely delicate, whose product is so little known, by even the average educated man, that his trade is unmentioned by the makers of dictionaries and encyclopedias, takes but a fragment of one of the bars of steel...

Just as each artisan refines the crude iron some finished product, so must we see in our lives glorious possibilities, if we would but realize them.

HAVE QUEER OMENS.

Signs That Rule Every Act of the Superstitious Natives of Borneo.

"Animals of omen play so important a part in the eyes of the tribes of Borneo that much attention has been recently paid to the subject.

As stated in a recent article of the Popular Science Monthly, the "barking deer" is a very important omen to all the tribes.

The scream of a large hawk native to that country sends many a hunter or traveler scurrying to his home.

When the kingfisher that lives in the jungle utters this mournful note, the trapper believes that the trap he is building will catch nothing for many days to come.

Bologna's Tippy Towers.

Bologna's two square leaning towers, the Garisenda and the Asinelli, which are more startling than the tower of Pisa, are safe.

Know When to Keep Away. "Is your mistress in, Mary?" inquired the head of the house, as he came home.

No, sorr. The dressmaker spilt her new silk, an' she's gone there to see about it.

KEY TO PERPETUAL MOTION.

Girl Who Trisected an Angle Says Solution Gives Her a New Opportunity.

Gertrude Cutchin, of Lebanon, Mo., has copyrighted her solution of the trisection of the angle, a problem that has been vexing mathematicians since the time of Euclid.

Since solving this difficult problem Miss Cutchin has received many congratulatory letters from prominent mathematicians the world over, but she remains modest and unassuming.

OPERATION FOR HEADACHE.

Young Woman Suffering from Severe Pains in the Head Relieved by Surgeons.

A trephening operation was performed successfully the other night on Miss Waterbury, daughter of John L. Waterbury, president of the Manhattan Trust company of New York.

Miss Waterbury had been suffering for three weeks from severe headaches, and the physicians were unable to diagnose her ailment.

A FIREPROOF CAR.

C. T. Yerkes Invents One for Use in His Underground Railways of London.

Charles T. Yerkes, who will equip and operate the new underground electric railway in London, believes that one of the chief factors in the solution of electric traction is the use of fireproof cars.

When the London underground electric road is ready for business it will be equipped with absolutely fireproof cars.

What N Costs to Run London.

Statistics taken from the new edition of the London manual show that the total annual cost of London government is £16,002,873, which is about 72 shillings per head of the population.

Married Man Lives Longest.

Dr. Filz, the leading German statistician, is satisfied, after many years of collecting materials, that married persons live longer than single persons.

London Sees American Beauty.

One of the beauties of the coming season in London will be Miss Gladys Deacon, the pretty American, who has been taken about so much lately by the dukes of Marlborough.

A NEW ARMY RIFLE.

Improved Weapon to Displace the Krag-Jorgensen Now in Use.

Will Carry An Increased Powder Charge and the Cartridge Magazine Will Be Increased in the Stock of New Gun.

After several years' work the ordnance department of the army has designed a new rifle to take the place of the improved Krag-Jorgensen now in the service.

The new rifle will have a velocity of 2,300 feet a second and will carry an increased powder charge. The only change in the cartridge will be the cutting away of the rim at the base and substituting a groove in the cartridge case.

GIRL'S ASHES SCATTERED.

According to Her Dying Request, Her Incinerated Remains Are Cast Upon Waters of Hudson.

A unique funeral ceremony was that which closed with scattering the ashes of Miss Hannah R. Phillips' cremated body upon the waters of the Hudson amid a profusion of flowers.

SUPPOSED METEORITE FOUND.

Heart-Shaped Mass Weighing About Fifty Pounds Is Picked Up in Connecticut.

What is pronounced to be a meteorite has been picked up at Field Point park, opposite E. C. Benedict's residence, by Walter Freitag.

About a week ago what appeared to be a flash of lightning in the sky was seen by Edward Chard, night telephone manager of the New York Telephone company.

Calendar.

Julius Caesar's calendar prevailed in Europe until 1582, when it was supplanted by that of Gregory XIII, now in use, which omits three leap years every 400 years.