Bellefonte, Pa., January 15, 1915.

THE WAR TAX.

Uncle Sam has set a tax On Pullman seat and chewing wax On circus tickets, booze unmix And many other things 'tis fixed.

And Gladys at the drug store 'phone In calling Tom, to which she's prone To Uncle Sam must give her pence, If she talks more than fifteen cents

And when you send a wire to Jane, And say to meet you at the train, Then you must pay an extra mite, Because the Europeans fight.

The tax on some, of course, is rough, But it does not go far enough. The country would be helped a bit If several kinds of folks were hit.

The knocker should be forced to pay Whenever he must have his say. The man who always wants to fight The city's progress, 'twould be right

If he were forced to pay a dime For every slur, each separate time And many other kinds there be, You know them well and so do we St. Louis Globe-Den

BEFORE THE COURT.

It was the first day of the Christmas vacation and among the throng at the great New York station were many small groups awaiting the train from New England by which the boys of St. John's School were expected.

Prosperous-looking fathers exchanged hearty greetings and mutual inquiries of "How's your boy getting on?" while smartly-dressed, smiling mothers confid-ed to each other their plans, and expectant young brothers and sisters jumped about craning their necks to see if the overdue train were not in sight.

At last, long and heavily-loaded, it puffed importantly into the train-shed, and out between the ropes that kept back the waiting crowd came its hurrying passengers, among them the two car-loads of rosy boys wearing St. John's colors.
Some of the older ones passed carelessly along, but the small lads eagerly scan-

ned the crowd for familiar faces. Then there arose subdued little cries of "There he is!" and quick affectionate greetings followed as boys slipped under the ropes and submitted themselves to

Among his fellows of the youngest form come Dicky Tremaine, stepping quickly in spite of flapping overshoes which he had forgotten to pack and had

neglected to fasten. In one hand he clutched a hastily-rolled and bulgy umbrella, and in the other a bag as well as a dangling pair of skates. He gazed eagerly at the waiting par ents as if in search of an expected face, but only a sedate man-servant stepped forward and deftly relieved him of his

burdens. THE WELCOME

"Hello! Simpson! Where's my mother?" asked the boy. "The Madam couldn't come. Master Dick, but she's sent the car for you. May mother and— Dick, but she's sent the car lot you I have your trunk check now, if you please?" answered Simpson, setting down she cried, holding him fast.

His eyes grew moist, "My

rolled the offending umbrella. Dick produced the check from an overflowing pocket, disposed of a piece of chocolate adhering to it, and called out "So long, Mugsey, Merry Christmas!" to another boy who was passing him under

the escort of an admiring family.
"That's little Dickey Tremaine," commented "Mugsey's" fond mother to his proud father, who whispered back, "Not much of a Christmas there, I'm afraid." At the curb a motor-car was waiting and Dickey sprang to the front seat, waving the not unwilling Simpson to the padded shelter within.

"Not too cold for you?" queried the chauffeur smilingly, as he threw a rug over the boy's knees.

'Cold, rats! It was five below in the dormitory this morning. Let her out a little, Reed. This is great," and Dickey beamed approvingly at the avenue as the big car swiftly purred its way up-

his home, he had stormed up the steps and she has to ask him what he did in and given the bell a vigorous push. maid opened the door immediately, and belongs to his father. On Sunday, once, a fair-haired girl in a blue dress ran out in chapel, when the clergyman spoke

"Cut that out now, Conty," he ordered time. "Where's Mother?"

"Oh, Dickey" sighed the little sister.
"I'm so glad that you've come! Mother won't be home until late and I've lots of things to tell you."

What's the matter?" he demanded, catching a note of trouble in her voice. another scrap with Fraulein? Can't you tell a fellow As he spoke, she pulled him into the

library and carefully closed the doors.
"It's something awful, Dickey," she said shaking her head solemnly. "They don't know that I know anything about it, but I do. What do you suppose? Fathing and Mather are going to be dispresed."

I hoked at ner nusuand. I don," she said with form I'll had my latch-key and The servants did not see it in apology. "I will go." er and Mother are going to be divorced, and we'll never, never all live together any more.

Dickey turned on her with flashing eyes. "I don't believe a word of it," he cried indignantly. "You've been listening to servants' gossip, as usual. I shall speak to Mother about it the moment she comes in.'

Constance's lip trembled. "Don't be cross to me Dickey," she begged. "You don't know how horrid everything is now. Daddy has gone to the Club to live and I never see him except on Sundays when he takes me to the park. Mother's, different, too, Dickey. She always sends me off to Fraulein, and I don't dare ask

There was a tap at the door and Simpson appeared looking slightly embar-

"Master Dick." he said, "the Madam left orders that you were to stay here in the library as—er—Mr. Tremaine is coming to see you at four o'clock. Also, Fraulein says that Miss Constance is to come to her at once, please.

NEW COMPLICATIONS. "Very well, Simpson," assented the boy mechanically, but Constance stamped her foot wilfully.
"Tell Fraulein to let me alone," she

said. "I won't go upstairs! I'm going to stay and see my father."
Simpson hesitated, but Dickey drew

himself up with a new dignity. "You things," answered the doctor as he dashthe door closed he pulled Constance down to a seat beside him.

don't you dare boo-hoo," he commanded. Constance twisted her bit of a handker-

chief nervously.

"Don't be mad at me, Dickey," she faltered. "I couldn't help listening when Marie and Fraulein were talking in the room next the nursery. They thought I was asleep, of course. It isn't sneaky to listen when nobody will tell you the things you've got a right to know." things you've got a right to know."
"Go on," urged the impatient boy.

"What did those lunatics say?" "They said there was going to be a divorce. Marie said that American wives were too cold-

French idiot, what does she mean by that?" growled Dickey.

"And Fraulein said that American and closed her eyes again.

"There, she's all right," said the young "There, she's all right," said the young much money," continued Constance like

"Dutch Bonehead!" exploded Dickey wrathfully, "How dare they talk about Mother? She's the nicest person in the

whole world."

"And so's Daddy," protested Constance.
"It isn't his fault. He's always kind and jolly. Oh, I don't see why they quarrel!
They always punish us when we do.
And, Dickey, Fraulein said that Mother
would probably take me to Europe to go to school. I know I'd have to study and practice all day and never have any

"And am I to be left here all alone?" demanded the boy.

"Oh, they said that you would belong to Daddy. You'll stay on at St. John's. I'd lots rather stay at home with Daddy than go to that silly old Europe," and Constance kicked viciously in the sup-

posed direction of the old world. "I don't believe that Mother means to go away and leave me," began the boy passionately and then stopped short, as the door opened and his father came into

the room. Constance ran to him and as she pulled his face down to her own, the marked likeness between them was apparent. Both were fair and blue-eyed; impulsive,

amiable, and pleasure-loving.

The pale dark-eyed boy looked almost of another race as he silently held out his hand to his father, who put an arm about him, gently detaching his little daughter. "Glad to see you Dick," he said. "I want to have a talk with you. Constance,

you run along to Fraulein now." But she clung to him, crying "Daddy dear, don't send me away. I know what's going to happen. I've just told Dickey about it. Don't send your own little girl away, please, please!"
Her father's face twitched and he sat

down, taking her on his lap. Dick stood facing them, his eyes fixed upon his father's face. Richard Tremaine, the elder, had a

strange feeling of being before two judges, and he began to speak with diffi-"I don't know what you children have

heard or how you heard it. The truth is that it seems best for your mother and me-to-to-separate. There was a pause until Constance said in a scared little voice.

"But what about Dickey and me, Daddy? We don't like 'separating' at all."
"I suppose, my darling," said the father sadly, "that you will stay with your "And never see you, my own Daddy,"

he said, reassuringly, "we shall see each other very often, I can take you to the Park, you know, and to the theatre when you're a big girl-

But the levity of his tone rang false even to childish ears and Constance sobbed, "No, no, Daddy, that isn't enough. I want to eat my breakfast with you.' Mr. Tremaine looked at Dick as if for help against feminine tears, but the boy's face was set and stern. "What is to become of me, Sir?" he

asked. "Well, you'll stay at school, you know, and then go to college, of course. I'll try to give you a good time in the holidays. We are going to be good friends, Dick," said the father pleadingly.

"And my mother?" asked the boy. "Oh, your mother will see you often, of course, and-But Dick interrupted desperately, "I know how it will be. There's a fellow at school whose father and mother are Before it had fairly stopped in front of divorced. His mother comes to see him vacation. She doesn't know. He just into the hall and threw her arms about about the evil of divorce, that boy got all red and looked ashamed. He knew

> As his voice rang shrilly on the last words, he turned to see a tall, slender woman, ghastly white in her dark furs, who stood gazing at him.

that we all knew about his family. It

"Mother!" he cried, and ran to her outstretched arms. catching a note of trouble in her voice. Passionately they clasped each other "Isn't Mother well? Have you got into as she murmured, "Dickey, my darling,

my own little boy." Then she released herself gently and looked at her husband. "I beg your pardon," she said with formality. "did not tell me that you were here."

"I had my latch-key and let myself in. The servants did not see me," he said as AN ACCIDENT. He kissed Constance and went toward the door, but the little girl uttered a heart-broken wail and rushed across the

room after him. Her stumbling, imetuous feet caught in a rug and she fell, ner head striking the sharp corner of a bookcase. "There she lay as still as death at her

father's feet.
"My God!" he exclaimed, as he bent over her and saw the blood on her forehead. "Have we killed her, Eleanor? His wife stood at his side, "Run, telephone," she gasped; "we must have a doctor at once! Hurry!"

She lifted Constance and laid her on the sofa while her husband caught up the telephone book in his trembling nands, but Dick shot out of the room past the servant in the hall, and out of

Over the snowy street, like a good little football player, he ran and caromed nto a young man coming out of a house which bore a doctor's sign. Dick tackled him, "Are you the doc-

"That's what I am," said the other amiably. "What's up, youngster, you look pretty scared?" amiably. "My sister! Her head is cut open. Please come along. It's just across the

"Hold on a second until I get some

street.

needn't wait, Simpson," he said, and as ed back into his office and re-emerging followed Dick up the steps of the Tre own to a seat beside him.

"Now tell me all about it Kid, and anxiously at the open door."

In the library Mr. Tremaine was at the telephone; his wife held Con-stance's listless hand; a German woman was washing the bleeding forehead, and some one in the corner was ejaculating in fluent and excited French.

The doctor took command of the situation as a captain clears the deck in a storm, and when Constance opened her eyes again, the room was quiet and dim. Dickey sat at her feet on the sofa and a strange young man held her wrist with

his fingers.
"I want Daddy," she said feebly.
Then from behind her stepped her father and knelt down at her side. She

doctor, gently laying her arm upon the sofa. "Put her to bed and keep her quiet. I'll see her early tomorrow."

He rose to go when his keen eyes rest-

"This young man looks pretty white around the gills," he said. "When did you have your lunch, youngster?"
"Well, I didn't like the lunch they put up for us at school, so I chucked it out

of the train window. I usually have tea with mother the first day of vacation,' faltered Dick in shaky tones. There was an exclamation from some one in the dusk, a quick hand on the bell, and an order hastily given to the servant who promptly appeared.

"WE MUST TRY AGAIN." "That's right," said the doctor, who knew nothing of the cloud that hung over the house of Tremaine. "You have jolly tea-party with mother, but don't disturb my patient here."

He donned his overcoat and picked up

his hat. "Good afternoon," he said, and added to Dick as he left the room, "Merry Christmas, sprinter."
Then from out her shadowy corner

came Eleanor Tremaine and stood conproud. Forgive me."

He reached up from his seat by the child and took her hand. Dick saw him

kiss it softly as he answered, "It was my fault, Eleanor, mine." A discreet footfall sounded in the hall; Simpson entered with his shining teatray and set it down. Then, better to Dick than all the good

things for which his empty little stomach yearned, more beautiful than the gleamng silver and transparent porcelain, were the sprigs of holly which Simpson, ir token of the morrow, had ventured to put upon the well-laden tray.

Dick picked one up and fastened it in

nis mother's gown, saying to her half shyly, "Merry Christmas! She, smiling at last the lovely smile that to him meant home and holidays this year and for all the years to come, answered softly in his ear: "And a happy New Year for us all, please God, my Dickey."—By Emily Sargent Lewis, in Harper's Bazar, December, 1914.

Our Friend-the Banana.

The banana is of the Musa family, embracing many species and varieties, and is to be found almost everywhere between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, extending its limits a few degrees to the north and south in some cases.

While certain varieties of the bananatree, so-called, attain a respectable size, the species most generally cultivated for the fruit are the kind that average a height of four feet. The smallest bana-na is that of the "fig" variety, one that is comparatively unknown in our north ern markets, but the one almost exclusively eaten in lands where the banana

The banana is mostly grown from "suckers," or roots having "eyes" like potatoes.

Each of these eyes will produce a plant. From the largest of the plants appear at the end of one year or more a huge purple blossom hanging from a thick stem, large and round at the base and tapering to a point, being composed of many compact rows of big overlapping petals. From the base of the blossom these petals curve upward, showing the tiny "hands" of bananas, each hav-ing from eight to ten "fingers," the term applied to the individual fruits by the cultivator.

In this fashion the successive hands are gradually brought to view by the unfolding and dropping of petals on alternate sides of the stem, until the bunch is complete. When the fruit has been formed, a period of three months is usually consumed in "filling" or attain ing its full size. Although it is still green, the bunch is then cut and hung in a shaded place to ripen. Bananas, like pears, ripen best after being gathered.

From banana skins there is obtained tough fiber that may be woven into a cloth. Juice yielded by the skins during the operation of extracting their fiber has been employed as the basis of an in-delible ink and has also been fermented into an excellent vinegar.

France Must Go Cold.

In the American Magazine appears a war article by Will Irwin, special correspondent of that publication. The article is entitled "Hats Off to France," and it gives a complete, vivid picture of the courageous French in their present misery. Of the threatening coal shortage he says in part:

"France must go pretty cold this winter. The Germans held all summer and fall the coal mines of the northern strip. The rest of the mines, their workme exempted as a military necessity, must serve first of all the navy and the arms factories. Even at that, coal is a bulky burden to the railroads, which are run ning irregularly. Everywhere the peasthe trees in order to keep the pot boiling this winter."

Lightning.

The color of lightning is almost entirey due to the nature of the substance in ts track that is made incandescent. The blue, red, purple, or silver tints, which are ordinarily much more brilliantly marked in tropical countries than they ever are in this latitude, are due to the same circumstance as that which produces the color designedly communicated to the light of different kinds of fire-

Each different foreign ingredient that floats in the air has its own proper hue, which it can communicate to the lightning. The vapor of iron has one kind of shine and the vapor of sulphur another.

FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. Back to Jhansi After Six Weeks in the Mountains. A Homey Letter.

JHANSI, NOVEMBER 21st. 1913. Dear Home Folk:

"A very Merry Christmas and a most bright New Year." I just must prod myself into some

Christmas spirit for here in Jhansi all the winter aspect that Kashmir had is gone and, as I told you, the water failed -dust, dust, "slathers and gobs" of it every place, in your mouth and lungs, until I am getting to again feel my clothes. I lost some fat while away and felt rather lank but if I swallow as much dust in the next two months as I have these ten days, well, I can't imagine just what I will wear when starting home. It all seems like a dream, my going home, and yet I have written to Cook's for my passage, hoping to leave Colombo by the twelfth of February, so it's a real fact. I am glad to leave India in many ways, but of course, a wee tinge of regret creeps in when I know I shall never see these people who have been so kind to me; but you know that has been my portion for so many times think I ought to have gotten accustomed to "breaking ties" by this time.

I am almost ashamed to write letters to you after those long ravings I sent while away, but must bubble over to some one when seeing things, so be prepared for I know I will do it all again when I start

on this homeward way. The hospital is closed this morning and so I am sitting chatting to you while four of the nurses take a second examination, they having failed in the first tritely before her husband.

"Richard," she said, "for their sakes we must try again. I have been too "They are seated on the hard, cold stone" floor, writing on their knees, and look determined to succeed, and the questions are as easy as I can make them, so I have no doubt about them; but I do sympathize with them for I remember how my heart used to jump when I had to go and tell how little I knew about things. the Bible.

Already we are feeling the shortageeggs have gone to fifteen cents for small ones, per dozen, and eighteen cents for 16 A. (32 cents) per "seer" (two quarts.) By the way, speaking of prices, in Kashmir you could get all the vegetables you wanted at two to four cents a "seer" (two pounds.) Eggs were but six cents living was cheap. But wood-any fancy articles, jam, sugar, crackers, cheese, house rent, (an ordinary boat, little and mean, costing ten and fifteen dollars per troops. month) were all just about the same, or even more than you are paying at home. nearly what I used to give in the States -ten and fifteen cents; and then, the worst part is that this must be given at every station, if you happen to change cars, and having to carry so much with you for comfort, makes it expensive. Rawal Pindi (twenty-six hour's run) was, third class, four dollars; but it allows of but thirty pounds of luggage, so that by the time I paid excess luggage, tariff I had added six dollars to my fare; and ten dollars was not so very cheap after all for the comfort you had.

I just wonder what you are all doing; your lives as it is in mine this year it will pass as any day might-not a single gift will I send, just a few little notes. and it will all be over. In one way I am sorry for this inertia, but it sure does save energy, and India is not kind in giving surplus anything to strangers. Next year, if all goes well, perhaps, with you all, I can revive a bit, so I am living in hopes.

I had so much to tell you and now I seem to be able to think of nothing. At least I can tell you I hope to have a month in China and a week or two in Japan, then a wee while in Pasadena, June. Am not looking forward to it all with any great pleasure as both lack of money and the fact that I must travel I received a most charming gift from a native woman and when I get back and will readily understand how brilliant, and yet how tawdry it all is out here.

I should have much to tell you for I know I have written but little for several weeks, and yet it is all so much the same. Even the gaunt wraiths of cattle prowling around eating the dry leaves, (for that is all that is to be found on the ground now) are just the same; of course, this should be their full season, and one wonders how their poor bones and skin will hang together for another six months.

One of the biggest stores in the ba zaar burned last night, and not a drop of water could be used. They estimate their loss at two lac's of rupees (two hundred thousand rupees, or sixty-six thousand dollars.) Just to stand and watch your possessions burn up and not one thing done to save them-well, that takes courage; since no one will fall to and help another out as they do in English speaking countries. This is a country of "pice" and work (any kind) is only done for money.

Friday morning-And this must go in today's mail, but what a day—everything upside down, truly I can't say even I am mission there are native Christians and

cells are empty and in chaos. The patients are at times almost more than I can be smooth with and I am afraid I am most irritable. Don't think this is due to any other cause, but I had to make ing me re-write much, and you know how impatient I am with stupidity. The greatest fault I have to find is that they them explained.

I wish you could see the garden we lasingle green leaf, and nearly all our flow- by Turkey. ers dead. I regret all those hours of sleep lost and that steamy heat endured, just to have a pretty garden-and this is the result. The violets and the fernsthose we gave water, and they alone, are in their greenness. When I get back I in their greenness. When I get back I am going to camp on father's grass—the greenest, softest spot I can find, and there I shall yell (for I have learned the there I shall yell (for I have learned the habit of shouting when I want anything) -for roast chicken, French fried potatoes, pumpkin pie, and any and all sorts of berries and I know I'll be a regular bear if I don't get them. What a lot of folks prayers.

May you each and all have the best kind of a Christmas and the nicest kind of a New Year.

(Continued next week.)

Starvation Stalks Among Jews of the Holy Land as Results of War.

BY THE RELIGIOUS RAMBIER As outlined in this column many weeks

ago, Turkey has become embroiled in the war, and a whole train of religious complications have ensued. Once more blood-stained soil of the holy land sends to heaven the cries of the desolated and the dying. The ears of Christen-dom are keenly alert to news of the places about which we all learned from

One of the earliest dispatches reported fighting at Gaza, where Samson carried off the gates of the city. Turkish troops have mobilized around the gulf of Akaba large ones; (small ones are the size of and the Sinai peninsula, and they are bantam's eggs at home.) Milk is now quite as likely to cause trouble with their commissariat as did the children of Israel when Moses led them over the same ground, more than 3000 years ago. Turkish troops have been concentrated at Mosul on the Tigris, which is across the river from ancient Ninevah, say the same a dozen, fruit: apples and pears, six to there toward Egypt. The average reader eight cents a dozen, so that the actual has no conception of the hundreds of miles of desert travel involved in this, and by troops inadequately equipped and provisioned. All of Palestine proper is astir with the movement of Turkish

Private advices, which I have been receiving from the holy land, indicate Coolies are paid two to four cents at a time, but you nearly always have to hire three or four so again the tipping is between the ages of 18 and 42. It appears to the tipping is between the ages of 18 and 42. pears that the Jewish colonists in Palestine are especial sufferers, and there have been acutal deaths from starvation

among those in the holy city itself. The reason for this is clear. Most of the more than 60,000 Jews in Jerusalem are from Russia. Rumania and Germany you for comfort, makes it expensive. countries affected by the war. Their The actual train fare from Jhansi to source of livelihood has been the "portion" which they have received through the mails. War and Europe's financial paralysis have summarily stopped this Very many of the colonists are old folk, who have gone to the land of promise to spend their declining years; and they are unequal to the special exertions necessary to secure funds or to leave the country. Comparatively few of these Jewish settlers are Americans; but if if Christmas is making as little stir in relief goes to them it will have to be

sent chiefly from this country. One bright prospect appears on the horizon for those Zionists who may survive to realize it. Defeat for Turkey means disintegration. Palestine would then pass from Moslem control, probably into the hands of a commission of the powers, with considerable self-rule for the inhabitants. Thus, the vexatious burden of Turkish authority and exactions would be lifted from the Jews in the holy land. They would be free to colonize to the full extent of their ability. It might even be that at least a part of Palestine would become a Christian-Jewish democracy, with full religious tolerance. The site of David's temple, is now the Moslem Mosque of Omar. may pass once more into the hands of and so will arrive in the East in May or the chosen people, and worship be reestablished there according to the laws of Moses.

Still more significant, as a possible remoney and the fact that I must travel ligious consequence of the war, assuming alone, detract from the delights of it. Turkey's ultimate defeat, would be the realization of the dream of the Crusaders. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where now sits a Turkish guard, day and night, you see my weird jewelry (all gifts) you would become wholly a Christian possession, and the scepter of the Moslem would pass from the land which we call holy. Russia's dream of restoring the cross to the mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, is likely to be realized. Time brings dramatic changes, but the fulfillment of the magnificent surprises of the Crusaders of the middle ages, after these many centuries, would thrill the

Meantime, though, the Christians in Turkey are destined to suffer severely because of the war. With Turkey in conflict with most of the great powers, which have hitherto protected Christians from Moslem fanaticism, the Mohammedan population will feel free to wreak their hatred upon defenseless neighbors. The Roman Catholics, the Greek Catholics, the Armenians, the Chaldeans, Jacobites, Copts, Nestorians, Maronites and Protes tants (such are some of the many va rieties of Christian faiths in the holy land), will all feel the bloody reprisals of fanatical Moslems. Added to the deadly blight of poverty will be the worse hor

ror of persecutions and massacres.

No nation outside of the levant has citizens and property more widely dis-tributed over the Turkish empire than the United States. The American board and Presbyterian missionaries are found dotted over large parts of the extensive

on my feet, much less how can I write a American property to be protected. And letter, especially when my poor brain the missionaries traditionally stay by their posts. Now that the capitulations have been canceled by Turkey, who can tell what will befall?

Along the Mediterranenan, in unfortified cities, are the great American mission schools, with Syrian Protestant College, of Beirut, at their head. In Sidon out a hospital report and the assistant and Tripoli and Alexandretta and Mesmade many and various mistakes mak- sina and Tarsus (a few miles in from the coast), and Smyrna, there are important mission stations of the Americans. In most of these places there are also German missions. Both Haifa and Jeffa do not understand the meaning of the have German religious colonies; while on both ends of Mount Carmel are monasteries of the French Carmelites. The great American colleges at Constantinople are outside the reach of the foreign warbored over so hard last spring; not a ships so long as the Dardanelles is held

There is a possibility that a deliberate effort may be made to embroil the United States in the present strife by attacks upon its citizens and vested interests in Turkey. Certainly in the complexity of the problem the situation for this counis vastly increased. try

be almost negligible. The knowledge is general among Moslems that the sultan is not a true caliph, for though he is the keeper of the green flag of the prophet, yet in his veins runs none of the blood of Mohammed or of his tribe of Koreish. Moreover, the solidarity and simplicity rot I do talk about, you might think I really cared about my food—I don't, not a whit, and it's only words, like most and that religious freedom is complete, while prosperity is greater. More than 10,000 caravan fires on the road to Mecca, the Indian and Egyptian pilgrims have contrasted the protection and assistance given them by Britain with the tyranny and extortion which they suffer in Tur-

So while Turkish Moslems may mas cre Christians, and cry aloud for a "jehad," or holy war, yet the Moslems of other nationalities, Indians, Egyptians, Arabs and Malays, will be slow to jeopard both their civil and religious liberty by attempting to make war against their

own national rulers. With enhanced interest and anxiety, the people of America will read the war news from the land which embraces the oldest empires of history.-Philadelphia

HOW MALTESE DERBY IS RUN

"Go-as-You-Please" Rules Govern a Yearly Sporting Event in That Island.

Horse racing is a favorite sport the world over, but it is doubtful whether any nation can boast of a more unique race course or claim more remarkable ideas of the sport than the Maltese. Once a year, says a writer in the Wide World, the road skirting Sliema harbor is reserved as a race course and the people turn out in thousands to back their favorites. There is no regulation of the course; the crowd simply clears out of the way as the horses come along. The jockeys ride without bridles or saddles and each carries a whip in either handone for his own mount, the other to keep back any horse which may try to overtake him. We saw one of the spectators deliberately trip a horse by putting his leg out, at grave risk to himself. These things, however, incredible as they may seem to sportsmen in this country, are taken as quite a matter of course, and consequently hardly a year goes by without a fatality of some kind. All things considered, it is not likely that the "go-as-you-please" rules of this Maltese derby are likely to commend themselves to our turf authorities.

History of Westminster Hall.

Westminster hall is used as a vestibule to the houses of parliament, but in it were held some of the earliest English parliaments. Edward II and Richard II were deposed in this historic hall. Here English monarchs gave their coronation festivals. Here Edward II entertained the captive kings, John of France and David of Scotland.

In this hall Charles I was condemned to death. Here also Cromwell in 1653 was saluted with wonderful enthusiasm lord protector of England. He wore no king's crown, but he held a Bible in one hand and a golden scepter in the other, and he was clad in royal purple lined with ermine. But only eight years after this great honor the protector's body was dragged from his grave in Westminster abbey and thrown into a pit at Tyburn, while his head was exposed on one of the pinnacles of this Westminster hall, where it remained for over twenty-five years.

Pleasure in One's Work.

Pleasure in work produces a sympathetic, teachable mental attitude toward the task. It makes the attention involuntary, and eases the strain of attending. It stops the nervous leaks of worry. One of the secrets of lasting well is to avoid getting stale and tired and in a mental rut. Pleasure gives a sense of freedom that is a rest, as a wide road rests the driver. To know a thing thoroughly and attain mastership in it, one must be drawn back to it repeatedly by its attractions, and must find one's powers evoked and trained by its inspiration. -Prof. Edward D. Jones, in Engineering Magazine.

Different Now. "He's sure that the people can't be trusted to act wisely in great public

"That so? Only last week I heard him telling that he believed in the people."

then, and most of them voted for the other fellow."-Detroit Free Press. -Have your Job Work done here.

"I know. He was running for office