

The Turk and the Crescent.

The crescent was not originally an emblem of the Turk. It was first used by the primitive Christians of Constantinople and the eastern provinces of the old Roman empire as an emblem of the growing influence of Christianity. It was not until about the year 1453, after the Turks had overrun Asia Minor and parts of southern Europe and had captured Constantinople, that the Turks adopted the crescent as their national emblem. The Koran prohibits the use of images and symbols in the religious ceremonies of the strict Turk or the internal decorations of their temples and mosques, the rule being so strict as not to allow the martial or civic decoration of their greatest generals or pashas, successful commanders or other distinguished persons. The adoption of the crescent by the Turk as a national emblem is an oddity which has so far remained unexplained.—Philadelphia Press.

Easily Amused.

When Professor Chumpleigh's hat blew off he made no effort to retrieve it. Instead he leaned against a lamp-post and watched half a dozen pedestrians join in a mad chase. "I could have picked it up myself," he murmured, "but I knew from my studies of human nature that everybody within sight would endeavor to get it for me." So he remained, chuckling cynically, as the hat dashed this way and that, and the kind people grew hot and frantic in their efforts to capture it. At last a boy made a fine long jump and held it with both feet. When he returned it to the professor it had eleven holes in it, eight ounces of dirt and was minus the brim. "Ah, well," murmured the savant, as he tendered the boy threepence for his trouble, "I suppose one must pay for one's pleasure."—London Mail.

A Ballet Averted a Revolution.

When Bonaparte put the Duke d'Enghien to death all Paris felt so much horror at the event that the throne of the tyrant trembled under him. Sir John Sinclair wrote. A counter revolution was expected and would most probably have taken place had not Bonaparte ordered a new ballet to be brought out with the utmost splendor at the opera. The subject he pitched upon was "Ossian, or the Bards." It is still recollected in Paris as perhaps the grandest spectacle that had ever been exhibited there. The consequence was that the murder of the Duke d'Enghien was totally forgotten and nothing but the new ballet was talked of.

Extinction of the Buffalo.

Speaking of the extinction of the buffalo, the director of the New York zoological park said: "It is by no means true that the extermination of the buffalo is due mostly to the encroachment of human beings on their feeding grounds rather than to their wholesale slaughter. The great bison herds of the plains, from Saskatchewan to Texas, were all of them exterminated by systematic robe hunting, hide hunting in summer, killing for tongues and slaughter for all other excuses imaginable. This occurred long before any of their ranges were wanted by man either for cattle grazing or for agriculture. The legitimate industries of man played no part whatever in the extermination of the bison, either west or east. The slaughter was systematic and deliberate and far in advance of the agriculturist and the stock grower."—New York Times.

Why Spiders Fight.

When two spiders fight there is generally a good reason for the attack and the vigorous defense that follows. It is not generally known that after a certain time spiders become incapable of spinning a web from lack of material. The glutinous excretion from which the slender threads are spun is limited; therefore spiders cannot keep on constructing new snares when the old ones are destroyed. But they can avail themselves of the web producing powers of their younger neighbors, and this they do without scruple. As soon as a spider's web constructing material has become exhausted and its last web destroyed it sets out in search of another home, and unless it should chance to find one that is tenacious a battle usually ensues, which ends only with the retreat or death of the invader or defender.

How to Make Use of Vermin.

In Paris, says a writer in the New York Sun, rats are made to serve a useful commercial purpose. When the animals are caught they are put into a deep walled pit and fed regularly. Once a month there is a general execution, accomplished in a scientific manner by means of gas. By that time the rats are sleek and plump, and their hides are in excellent condition. The hides are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves. It has also been found that the skins can be used for bookbinding and in the manufacture of photograph frames.

Inherited Idea.

"How the financier's little son is enjoying himself in the country!" "True to instinct, his amusement is strictly in the financial line." "How is that?" "Don't you see how he is now planning a run on a bank?"—Baltimore American.

Like a Scene From the Middle Ages.

The oldest and largest university in the world is El-Azhar at Cairo. Founded in 975, it has been from the start a national institution, the khedive being the rector. The minimum age of entrance is fifteen, and the applicant must know half the Koran by heart—If blind, the whole Koran—and be able to read and write. The curriculum consists of virtually nothing but theology and canon law, the final examination fifteen years after matriculation being upon these, together with traditions of the prophet: Grammar, etymology, rhetoric and logic. It is the same instruction which has prevailed for centuries, and one who goes into the great court where the circles of students are sitting at the feet of their Gamalels looks upon a scene preserved from the middle ages, "a perfect specimen, living, breathing and entire."

Inefficient.

Mechanic—I've gone over that car of Smith's pretty careful, but I can't find nothin' the matter with it. Garage Owner—Ye can't, eh? What do ye suppose I hired ye for?—Newark Eagle.

Raised by Machinery.

"A mechanical age, truly." "How now?" "I just saw an incubator baby being lulled to sleep by a graphophone."—Kansas City Journal.

A Child's Quick Wit.

It was a very pretty reply Roger Sherman's little daughter made to George Washington. The general had been calling on her father, and the young miss opened the door for him as he was leaving. "You deserve a better office, my little lady," remarked Washington, smiling at her. "Yes, sir," she replied, with a courtesy—"to let you in."

Different Routes.

Philanthropic Visitor (to jailbird)—My friend, may I ask what brought you here? Jailbird—The same thing that brought you here—the desire to poke my nose into other people's business, only I used generally to go in by way of the basement window.—London Tit-Bits.

Damp.

"The climate is pretty damp there, isn't it?" "I should say so. It's really so damp the people can't raise anything but umbrellas."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Holding a Wake—Ditto a Girl.

Miss Loveleigh—The professor was telling us today about the moon. He says the moon is a dead body. Jack Spooner—That so? Then suppose we sit up awhile with the corpse.

—Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

County and Rural Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The fathers and sons in Howard are planning a get-together for the second week in January. The Junior group under the leadership of Mr. R. R. Welch is busy now on the plans for the banquet, which has been termed a Father-Son banquet. The board of directors, including Col. Woodward, chairman, J. Will Mayes and Dr. Kurtz aiding the group to make the proper arrangements. Each boy must have as his admission ticket to the supper, his "Dad" and will sit beside him during the evening's program. On the other hand, any man attending who is unfortunate in not having a son, must for the occasion, borrow a boy.

During the course of the evening boys will respond to toasts, after which their father will have opportunity to have a few words in his own behalf as the "Daddy." As the principal speaker of the evening, county secretary John M. Horner has secured Mr. Fred B. Freeman, member of the county work committee of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York. Mr. Freeman's ability as a boys' specialist is unquestioned, and should bring a real treat to the men and boys of Howard.

At a meeting of committees representing both churches of Milesburg, County Secretary Horner presented the matter of

the Father-Son banquet to the members, outlining with them the program used in such evening's entertainment and get-togethers. The object of the program will be to bring the fathers and the sons together to talk over the matter of future organization among the boys, and the possibilities of such work in Milesburg. Messrs. Wetzler, Dice, Baird, Rev. Piper, John Miles, McCullough and Bullock were the ones represented on the committee, and after the Holidays will again take up the matter with the county secretary.

Boys and Young men of Lemont are now working on plans for the continuation of the association work. Since early summer, the rooms occupied by the Lemont group have not been regularly open for group work. After the cessation of definite programs, the young men of the town are anxious to resume activities. Together with Rev. Mr. Barber, of Lemont, and secretary Horner, plans for two months were outlined to the members present and at the next meeting the election of officers will take place. The quarters occupied by the Lemont group are splendid and very favorable to a creditable years activity and service to the boys and to the town.

In conference with Mr. C. W. Clemmer, state leader boys' club work in Pennsylvania, County Secretary Horner made the first steps toward the formation of a

Centre county corn growing and home making contest. Lines of action were agreed upon, as soon as a county corn growing committee of the prominent agricultural men of the county can be organized, the first contest for the county will be put under way. Many of our neighboring counties have successful corn shows yearly, and their boys are permitted to enter competition with other boys of the State. With the close proximity of the College of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Extension of the State, Centre county should rank among the foremost in this respect.

At a recent meeting of the Inner Circle of the State College High school Secretary Horner addressed the boys prior to the campaign they were about to launch against the use of cigarettes in the High school. The boys meet in a room set aside for them weekly, and take up matters of vital concern to the school. In their efforts thus far they have met with remarkable success.

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