

**THE MOSLEM TEMPLE.**

There is a belief of long standing among the Greeks of Constantinople that the church of Santa Sophia, now a mosque, shall be restored to Christianity. This grand building, which covers about 70,000 square feet—more than one and a half acres—was erected by Justinian in the sixth century. It was eight years in building, and when at last it stood complete, it appeared so marvelous in the eyes of all who saw it that it was generally believed not only that an angel had given the plan, but that heaven had rained gold and gems for the express purpose of its construction.

The noblest temples of Greece and Asia were despoiled, and pillars of the most precious marbles were brought to Constantinople. Ephesus, Pergamus, Baalbec, gave up their treasures, and masses of Egyptian porphyry and syenite, which centuries before had been hewn for the honor of Teus and Artemis, took their places in the great Christian church. It was the boast of Justinian that he had excelled the temple at Jerusalem.

"I have surpassed thee, oh, Solomon!" he exclaimed, as he gazed upon the completed building; and it is said that he caused a statue of Solomon to be erected opposite the church, with a sad expression, as though grieving at the vast size and beauty of Justinian's work.

Earthquakes shook the church within a few years of its completion. The great dome fell, and was restored by a younger Isadorus, nephew of the mechanician. Repairs were made to the fabric by successive emperors; but the design was never altered and there were no additions. Then came the fatal May of 1453. At the high altar of St. Sophia, Constantine received the holy sacrament during the night before the great assault (May 29), in which he fell.

As the news spread that the Mohammedans had made their way into the city, the old awe and veneration which had spread a sort of mystery around St. Sophia returned. Senators, priests, monks and nuns hastened to take refuge within its walls, recalling an ancient tradition that an angel would descend at the moment when the infidels were advancing toward the column of Constantine the Great, and putting a sword into the hand of a certain man who would be sitting at the base of the column, would order him to avenge the people of God; whereupon the Turks, seized with a panic, would take to flight to the borders of Persia.

But no such heavenly aid came to the twenty thousand people who crowded St. Sophia. Mohammed, on entering the city, rode directly to the great church. Many women and children were divided among the soldiers as slaves; and all furniture, plate and ornaments disappeared so quickly that, in the words of Einley, "the mighty temple soon presented few traces of having been a Christian church."

Mohammed himself was, it is said, greatly impressed with the rich marbles and splendor of the place. He caused the mazzins who were with him to summon the troops to prayer; and his own prayer-carpet was spread on the high altar. There the "Son of Iniquity," as the Christian Ducas calls him, announced that an orthodox Greek Empire was extinct; and from that time the church of Justinian has served as the chief mosque of the city.

The various Christian emblems were covered with plaster, and thin coats of paint and mosaic which could have offended no one, were afterward treated in a similar manner. Several large and exterior buttresses, rendered necessary, it is asserted, by the shock of the earthquake, were added by Selim II. and Amurath III.; but what might be considered a fortunate neglect was more or less the fate of St. Sophia, until 1847, when it was placed in repair by the Italian architect, Foscati, at the instance of the Sultan Abdul Mejid. This work lasted through two years, and was completed under great difficulties. Only the zeal of Reschid Pasha, it is said, enabled him to bring it to a successful end.—*Phila. Sat. Night.*

**UNIQUE DINNER CARDS.**

At a recent dinner-party in New York, some odd dinner cards were used. They were exact imitations of square soda-crackers, made of pale silk, filled with down and sachet powder. The edges were slightly colored, as a cracker is browned in the baking, and the print of the cutting-stamp was copied by the silk being stitched together in places. In the centre, where the name of the manufacturer usually is, was the name of the guest. As they lay upon the pure white linen by the plates they looked like such fresh, good soda crackers that it was a disappointment to find that they would not break and crumble into brittle mouthfuls.

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Sept 29-82

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Sept 22-82

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