

Women in Turkey.

HON. S. S. COX, OUR MINISTER, EXPOSURE OF THE SECRETS OF THE HAREM.

The first wife has no right to oppose her husband's marrying a second, third and fourth time.

The dowry is obligatory, though it is not necessary that it should be a part of the marriage.

Moreover, anything which is capable of being legally acquired may be made in payment of dowry, except wine and hogs.

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Evils in American Railway Methods.

A recent article in Harper's Magazine on "English and American Railways," as seen from the stand-point of the traveller, was a revelation to large numbers.

A residence of several years in Europe leads me to believe that the author of that article has given even too favorable a view of our railways as compared with the English railways.

Other features of our railways do not fare better in the comparison. Our stations are inconvenient and ugly, sometimes even filthy.

But the chief evils of American railways appear when we come to treat of them as performing economic services in the transportation of goods, and when we view railway property as an important element in our national resources.

The present article will treat of a few points selected out of the vast number which present themselves, either because they have not generally received satisfactory treatment hitherto, or because they are especially weighty in a consideration of railways from an economic point of view.

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Washington as an Intellectual Capital.

America has hitherto had no social and intellectual capital city. Boston, with all its culture, is not national but local, and the severity of its climate must always be a drawback from its attractions.

In the course of the past twenty years a wonderful change has come over the city on the Potomac. It used to be nothing but the meeting place of Congress, but now it is becoming a favorite place of residence for people unconnected with politics or the administration, and a corresponding change has taken place in its outward appearance.

It is interesting to note that the new and beautiful buildings of the White House, and far from the Capitol with its politics, has grown up a new quarter of houses of the better class, rising, many of them, to the dignity of mansions, with broad streets, avenues, open places ornamented with statues, abundant burials and verdure.

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Approved Recipes.

Try these muffins: Cream together one cupful of butter and one cupful of sugar; add three eggs and one pint of milk, stirring well; then add one quart of wheat flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one cupful of Indian meal.

Mrs. T. sends this recipe for thickened milk: Two quarts of milk, three eggs, one cup and a half of flour, one cup of sugar, a little salt, and flavoring to taste.

Try this way of cooking steak: Put one pound of tender, thick steak, having a little fat, in a saucepan. Pour over it two cups of boiling water and a finely minced onion, seasoning with salt and pepper.

Breaded potatoes are prepared in this way: Boil potatoes in their skins until done, but not too soft.

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ODD ITEMS.

There isn't much difference between a real truly dude and a monkey. What difference there is, is in favor of the monkey.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is going to astonish the world with his oratorio. It will come up to Handel, but it will be artistic.

Somebody has assassinated a New York Congressman, for the papers say that a natural gas well has been struck in that State.

Point lace will be beautified by being rubbed gently with powdered magnesia and then exposed to the sun for several hours.

Revivalist Manhall, who has held meetings in Denver for a month, has stopped his work there with a signed list of 800 converts.

The Empress of Russia is the most devoted imperial wife and mother in Europe, but she does not tolerate smoking in the grand salon.

A writer says: "God has given us all a musical voice." "Thank heaven, there are some of us who are wise enough not to try to use it."

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt wore her \$100,000 diamond necklace at her late court presentation. Queen Victoria can only beat that by one.

It is said that the green turtle can live for six weeks without food. This is nothing to talk about, however. The mink turtle never has to be fed.

It is about time for somebody among the back seats to rise up and remark that the mosquito bar, like the campaign lie, is made out of hole cloth.

A Frenchman has found that by placing a few drops of glycerine and lead into the corners of the eyes of dead persons their lifelike appearance is restored.

Julia Foot, a colored evangelist has been conducting revival meetings in Denver. She is described as a good preacher, with strong, tall voice, and considerable natural ability.

"I hear his movin' round on top his yearn moose eighty yars no, an' it an my solemn belief dat de peeson who pays de least attention to de weather injoys life 30 per cent de best."

When a man stops at a railroad station with three minutes for refreshments and is handed out a scalding hot cup of coffee, it is dangerous to ask him, "Is this hot enough for you?"

A newly-converted reporter thus notices a minstrel troupe: "For those who do not consider it a sin to witness minstrel shows this entertainment will furnish a pleasant relaxation from revival meetings."

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