LIFE IN ASSYRIA.

Quaintly Described by a Native of That Land.

Girls Bought and Sold for Camels and Sheep—Children of the Products of Nature and Labor.

Men live on six cents a day in Assyria. Assyrian women, after one hundred years of Christian labor, are bought and sold as are made to work with oxen at the plow, and bless as little liberty as in the days of Cadmus. Men who pay six dollars a day to live and the ladies who ride in dogs in victories thought over these things as they left the Lincoln Park Congregational church the other night, says the Chicago Herald. Awen Rasi, born on Mount Lebanon, told these things in broken English. Awen Rasi is a tall, handsome Assyrian with a skin as rich as the cinnamon silks made at the foot of the mountain on which he was born. He looked into the curious, bright-eyed girls and told them that had they been born Assyrians in Assyria, they would not go upon the streets unless their faces were concealed; that they could neither receive nor make a call among women without their husband's consent, and that if at any time, even by accident, they were seen by any man or in any way recognized one, no one would marry them. He said that one, two couples, a tall man and a tall woman and a short man and a short woman, stood before a priest to be wed. The priest placed the tall man and the tall woman and the short man and the short woman together and none of the four knew whether it was right or not, neither of them knowing the other. But the parents hastily objected and placed the tall man by the short woman and the short man by the tall woman, as that was the way of the contracts.

Then Mr. Rasi showed how these contracts were made. He left the room and presently a man wrapped up in rich Assyrian raiment went up and sat upon the floor. Mr. Rasi came back and squatted beside him. "I would very much like," he said, "for a girl who is yours to be wife to my son Isaac." "I would be honored," returned the man, with a very unmistakable American accent. "How many have you?" "Three." "How many years have they?" "One is fifteen, one twenty and one twenty-five." "Don't talk to me about the twenty-five, no fine twenty-five; they are never fit to marry. How much do you charge for the little one?" "Five camels, four hundred three sheep and fifty dollars." "Ugh! I buy one hundred women for so much." "But not little ones!" "Oh, I think so." "Well, you can't have mine for a cent less." "I pay." But even so Isaac did not get the little one, because a few minutes after the Kaid returned as another man and by doubling the price secured the coveted little one deeply.

Then Amen Said looked at seventy men whose jaded faces were lit by seven dollars and told them that people in Assyria could live cheaper and wear clothes. The common people, he said, paid two silver cents a day for house rent, the cents for twenty-five pounds of cabbage and four cents for fifty pounds of turnips. Fifty pounds of bread were turned out at a bulking and met sometimes no fear and fire at a meal. He walked here and there, and then turning to a Rabbi sent behind him said: "The people of Assyria are a circle that would inclose a Thanksgiving platter.

Speaking of Assyrian cities he said that when in the gardens of Sidon the rain fell upon the oranges and lemon trees and knocked the fruit upon the ground a hundred could be purchased for five cents. He said that in Damascus there are one hundred and thirty thousand Christians, one hundred and fifty thousand Turks and ten thousand Jews. In the latter city the following haunted by John the Baptist ground. The door of the room in which he is said to have been beheaded is never opened. The Mohammedans say that once long ago a man entered it and the flights of blood flowed from over the city to a depth of six inches. It was the custom for worshipers to leave their shoes outside the temple. There were sometimes three thousand pairs of shoes piled in a street four feet [illegible] and the gooey person [illegible] their prayers last and then each selected the finest footgear in the row, thereby illustrating the great cleverness of the Assyrians.

THE VOLCANO IN THE SEA.

A Tunisian Island That Suddenly Disappeared.

The submarine volcano which gave such a bad shaking up to the island of Pantellaria recently is still receiving considerable attention from the Paris papers. Pantellaria lies at the northern end of Tunis, and the disturbance occurred about a mile and a half from the west coast of the island. The sight, says the New York Sun, was grand beyond description. Tidal waves [illegible] like mountains and roared in an immense whirlpool of boiling water, from the center of which came smoke and flames that rose far above the immense clouds of steam. All this was accompanied by what might be called submarine thunder of the loudest and deepest kind, while the water became black with the ashes of the volcano. Pantellaria trembled, as well it might, and its few lazy inhabitants were thrown into the wildest excitement.

From the point where the phenomenon appeared on to the coast of Sicily, the bottom of the sea is volcanic, and Etna and Vesuvius are set down as the chimneys of the great furnace below. It is in the vicinity of this spot that the great submarine volcano of Giulia appears from time to time, lifting its cone far above the water and throwing up lava and flames; and when it becomes exhausted it sinks down again with terrific rumblings, while the sea dances at a furious rate.

There is a funny story in connection with this eccentric volcano. In 1831 Czar Nicholas sent some war vessels to reconnoiter the coast of Pantellaria with a view to building a fortress there. Just then there was an eruption of the Giulia, which sent up an island six kilometers in circumference. When the sea became tolerably cool and calm this island was captured by the crew of a British gun of war. They planted upon it "the flag upon which the sun never sets." The guns boomed, the sailors cheered, and the band played "Rule Britannia." At the close of the ceremonies the island began to shake, and soon it was discovered that it was slowly sinking down into the sea. Then there was a grand skedaddle for the boats, and shortly after the British flag had reached their vessels the island was gone. It evidently rather than belong to the English. The Russians landed, but they never got their fortress on Pantellaria.

—Urgent Business.—Laura—"Auntie, would I be justified in writing to a young man who has never written to me?" Auntie—"Only on very important business, my dear." Laura—"Well, this is important business. I want to marry him."—Demorest's Magazine.

—Two counter irritants—A mustard plaster and a woman shopping.—Life.

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Summit	2	10 01	11 41	5 34
Bradley	3	10 07	11 47	5 42
Glen Hazle	3	10 15	12 01	5 55

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Munster	3	9 35	11 25	4 48
Nant	3	9 31	11 33	4 42
Summit	2	9 29	11 41	4 36
Bradley	3	9 23	11 47	4 30
Glen Hazle	3	9 15	12 01	4 18

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WITH LOCKED ANTLERS.

How a Desperate Battle Between Bucks Came to an End.

A surveying party working for the Bear Valley Company up Millard's canyon were lately treated to a sight which seldom comes to men in this center of civilization, says the Banning (Cal.) Herald.

The men were working up the canyon about a mile above the Millard house when they heard a peculiar crashing noise. Looking up, they saw on the cliffs high above the stream and about a quarter of a mile from them two noble bucks standing with heads lowered about ten feet from each other. Thus they stood, eyeing each other and pawing the dirt for fully a minute. Then they made a simultaneous spring and came together with a noise like a falling tree. So violent was the concussion that the animals were thrown back until a distance of ten or fifteen feet again intervened between them. The men, fascinated with the sight, watched the deer go through the same performance again and again.

Finally, after a more than usually violent rush, the bucks did not separate, but struggled as if apparently trying to push each other back. It soon became plain to the men, however, that instead of pushing they were pulling away from each other. In other words, their horns had become locked, and from raging combatants the bucks became frightened animals and were only bent upon securing a divorce. Messrs. Ross, Pollock and party then conceived the idea of taking advantage of the helpless condition of the bucks and capturing them. They made a great rush for the scene, but before they reached it the deer in their struggles approached too near the edge of the cliff and both of them fell to their death in the pool below. When the party reached the water the deer were found locked in each other's horns, quite dead.

The gentlemen thought to skin the deer and bring in the hides to lend an air of authenticity to the tale, but the law is so strict as to having in your possession the hide of a newly-deceased deer, no matter whether the deer dies of la grippe, commits suicide or falls out of a balloon, that they forbore.

HE FOUGHT IN TWO WARS.

A Kansas Man Who Saw Service with Gen. Scott in Mexico.

There resides in Junction City a veteran of two wars. John Black, who until very recently endeavored to gain a livelihood on a farm, now lives comfortably upon the allowance granted by the government. He was born in Ireland sixty-seven years ago, but came to this country when a mere boy. Growing at the age of maturity he entered the regular army, serving twenty-one years in the Second dragoons under Gen. Harney. He was in most of the battles in the Mexican war, and carried the first shell to the battery that commenced the operations against Chapultepec. This act was recorded and stands to his credit in Washington. He was Gen. Scott's orderly when the triumphant entry was made into the City of Mexico. After the Mexican war closed Black was with his command in the Utah expedition. His company was the one that first visited the scene of the Mountain Meadow massacre, where he helped to bury the bones of the unfortunate men, women and children who were killed by the Indians under the leadership of Mormons. He secured from a tiorn bush a long tress of silky, brown hair, which told a sad story of some poor woman who there ended her journey. In 1859 he was stationed at Fort Ridely, where he served six years as orderly sergeant, his days of active field service being over. Ending a long and honorable service he retired to a farm in Riley county. His eyesight failing he has at last moved into town, where his faithful wife, who has followed him twenty years, now cares for him.

HIGHEST POINT OF ICELAND.

A Snow-Clad Mountain Ascended for the First Time Last Summer.

The highest mountain in Iceland was ascended last summer for the first time. The successful mountaineer was F. W. W. Howell, who was encouraged when he started for Iceland by information from the Royal Geographical society that the difficulties in the way of ascending the Oræfa Jokull were supposed to be insuperable, says the New York Sun. The mountain is near the southeast coast and is an imposing sight from the sea. Mr. Howell made an attempt in 1890 to climb the mountain, but was defeated by the weather.

On August 17 last he left Sandfell, a little settlement on the coast near the base of the mountain, at 4 a. m., when, of course, it was broad daylight in that latitude. He was accompanied by two Icelanders as porters. He struck the snow slopes at 10 a. m., and it took nine hours and a half to reach the top of the mountain, whose sides are quite steep and covered with ice and snow.

Though this mountain is the highest in Iceland, its elevation was found by Mr. Howell to be only 6,550 feet, but owing to the latitude the phenomena of the snow slopes compares most favorably with those of mountains 10,000 feet high in Switzerland. Mr. Howell says the icicle galleries in the upper crevasses are particularly fine. This is undoubtedly one of the most successful feats of mountain climbing of the year, for the mountain presents as many difficulties as any of the Alps, with two or three exceptions. It is comparatively easy to ascend Mount Hecla, and this climb is made every once in awhile by one or two tourists.

American Lawlessness.

A wealthy German recently was bemoaning the want of respect for law which he said was everywhere apparent in this country. How different it all was in Germany! He told a story to enforce the point of his remarks. As a lad in Berlin he was apprentice to a tailor. One of his duties was to go to the apartments of the "young bloods" of Berlin every week or two, so that he might fetch their trousers to the tailor's shop. There he, with other of the apprentices, searched the linings for coins which they well knew would be there, for they had deftly made openings in the pockets through which they would fall. There was a quarrel, and exposure came. Then followed prosecution, and the imprisonment of two of the apprentices. Well, it effectually stopped the pilfering; the apprentices sewed up all the holes, and the "young bloods" never had any of their coins stolen afterward. If any were found in the trousers they were returned. Here, this wealthy German said, no amount of imprisonment has the least effect in stopping peculation.

Having a Good Time.

Queer ideas some people have as to what constitutes a good time. I heard a young man telling another over a restaurant table of his plans for a summer vacation of two weeks. He gave an invoice of his clothes, confessed that he had borrowed a diamond ring of a friend and that after paying steamboat fares he would have about eighty dollars to spend for board and other luxuries. "Don't you see," he continued, "I'm pretty well togged, and am going where no one knows me, so that I can swell around quite a bit for ten or twelve days. May find some one who'll think I own a summer residence and steam yacht of my own. I tell you I'm going to have a great time!"

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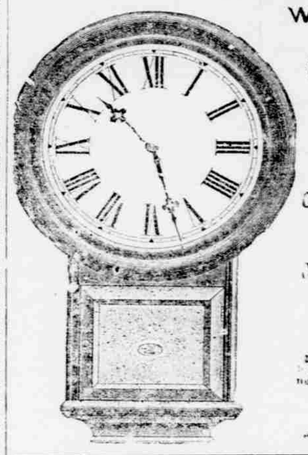

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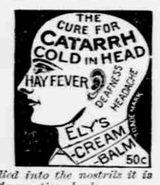

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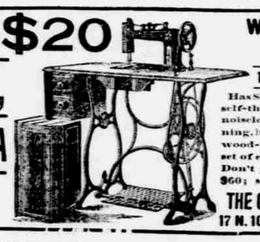

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Attempts to frustrate cattle rustlers on the western ranges have met with so many failures that the cattle raisers have started off on a new track with a new law in Wyoming that permits them to pounce upon the proceeds of the rustlers' sales in the markets and compel the proving of property before they can get their money. With that protection the cattle men have partly abandoned the expensive methods of protecting stock on the open ranges and have employed inspectors to watch the rustlers in the markets.

Under the law which was passed by the late legislature the stock commission was organized. All of the money realized from the sale of all estrays and cattle of unknown ownership shipped to Kansas city, Omaha and Chicago must be sent to the commission. Its inspectors look after the interests of the small owners and keep the rustlers from imposing on the buyers. The money received is known as the estray fund, and it has amounted this season to more than fifty thousand dollars. The commission holds the fund until proof of ownership of a share has been established. Cattle raisers are supplied by each county clerk every six months with lists of estrays that have been sold for which the commission holds the money. If a cattle raiser can claim any of the estrays he contests with the rustlers before the commission. The claim must be entered within a year, because the money is turned over to the general fund of the state at the end of that period. The commission will not pay any of the money to the rustlers except on the peremptory order of a court.

At present all cattle bearing a rustler's brand, or believed to be of a rustler's brand, according to the information obtained by the commission, are seized by the inspector, in the principal markets and sold as estrays or cattle of unknown ownership. The rustlers swear and threaten, but they are asked in simple terms to show their titles to the stock. The results have been so satisfactory that the commission has taken a bolder step, on the ground that a bill of sale is not sufficient to establish ownership and that any man who buys a bunch of cattle from anyone believed to be a rustler is worse than a rustler.

Three men who had cattle with recorded and recognized brands bought small bunches from an outfit that, according to the belief of the commission, belonged to rustlers, and shipped some to Chicago. They received the money for the cattle with the proper brand, but the money for the cattle with the suspected brand was sent to the commission. Bills of sale from the supposed rustlers have been sent to the commission at Cheyenne and suits at law have been instituted, but the commission refuses to return a dollar of the money. The argument is that by fraudulent bills of sale and collusion the rustlers might foil the efforts of the commission to prevent them from stealing cattle.

A SINGULAR DISEASE.

Young People Made to Look Old and Senile—Its Symptoms.

A new disease, called agermosphism, has been described by Drs. Charcot and Souques. The word means age-like, and the disease produces an appearance of senility. The case reported was that of a woman whose age was twenty-one, but whose physiognomy was that of sixty to seventy years.

Her apparent senility, says the Medical Journal, was so striking that her father, aged fifty-two, had occasionally been asked if she were not his mother. The pathology of the case is limited to the skin, especially on the surface, and is a "decrepitude of the cutaneous system." Otherwise the girl had nothing old appearing about her. Her hair was blonde and of average length.

Her intelligence was good, her memory precise, and her judgment reasonable, but she was readily frightened when in a crowd or by a railroad and its noises; her emotional nature was fairly well balanced, but she was despondent on account of her appearance of age, which she had become to believe was incurable, and the slightest indisposition begot a fear of death. Her cutaneous sensibility was normal. The special senses of smell, taste and hearing were normal. There was a slight impairment of vision, without contraction of the visual field or color blindness; there was no arcus senilis. The hepatic, renal and uterine functions appeared to be normally performed.

The wrinkling had begun about ten years before, at which time she received a great fright. She was then a bright, joyous child, very pretty and refined in her appearance, and always in the lead of her classes at school. When the change in the skin began there was for a short time the formation of pimples, which persisted a few days and then disappeared without ulceration or mark of any kind.

There was no oedema of the cutaneous surface. The wrinkling changes took place so rapidly that, it is stated, her friends were unable to recognize her if they had not seen her within the period of a fortnight; the skin at that time is described as resembling the "scales of a fish." No form of treatment, whether by electricity, hydropathy or tonics, has been competent to improve her condition.

DECONSECRATION.

Depriving a Building of Its Recognized Sacredness.

A queer story comes from Evanston Ill. Some Methodists, desiring to form a new congregation, purchased an edifice vacated by an Episcopal congregation. On taking possession the pastor announced that there would be no dedication of the building inasmuch as their Episcopal brethren had already dedicated it to sacred purposes. This was entirely satisfactory to everybody. But at the end of six months, says the Cleveland Leader, it was learned in some way that the bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Chicago, unknown to the Methodist purchasers, had formally deconsecrated the building. On hearing this some of the Methodists waxed wroth at what they called a piece of petty Episcopal arrogance, and others inquired jocosely whether the act of deconsecrating a church is anything like the process of demagnetizing a watch, while others still maintain that not even a high church bishop can extract the sacredness out of a building so long as it continues to be used for sacred purposes.

An Old Shark Story.

One famous shark story has long been current in the navy. A professed eye witness locates the incident in the gulf of Mexico, and fixes the date somewhere in the early seventies. According to this historian the ship lay at anchor in a spot where many sharks were visible, and the younger officers fell to fishing through a port-hole with a great hook baited with a hunk of meat. Presently an immense shark was hooked and drawn up to the port-hole. Then a sailor reached down, and, with keen knife, ripped the fish so that only the shell was left hanging to the hook. An instant later somebody cut the rope and the monster fell back into the gulf. "And d'ye think that shark was dead?" asked the narrator. "Not by a darned sight. He swam round for a minute, and, before we knew what he was about, gulped down everything the sailor had cut out of him."

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"Looks as if it had seen service."

"Has. But that ain't it. All my pals has carved their names on [illegible] old wooden leg. See here, [illegible] —he's dead this ten years. [illegible] —Jack died in the African slave [illegible] Tom, Billie Bounce, Harry [illegible] Charlie Buzz an' [illegible] ley an' Henshaw." All my old [illegible] Say, ain't that grand? I [illegible] this here old wooden leg for a [illegible] advance. It's the grandest thing [illegible] York to-day."—N. Y. World.