

THE BANNER OF THE CALIPHATE.

"The Heavenly Standard" - Why the Sultan brought it from the Army - A Banner which has reversed - Missionaries - Caliphate to the World.

An Oriental correspondent of the London Telegraph writes: "On April 25, the Sultan Abdulhamid, in a Turkish army, said: 'The fatherland is in danger. It is my duty to take in my hand the banner of the Caliphate and go into the midst of my Mohammedan subjects. If, necessary, my life for the independence of the empire and the honor and life of our women and children.'"

The banner of the Caliphate, to which the Sultan alludes in his speech, is that which the Turks call the Heavenly Standard, and in their language, "Basmak." Its color is green, and it has a white crescent and a white banner of the Prophet Mohammed, delivered to him by the angel Gabriel, through the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Laws first made the acquaintance of the lion by seeing the animal in the New York Zoo. He was then in Philadelphia at the time. He had been in a den with two lions and two tigers, and there had been a case any serious attack on the lions. The course of which had been bitten on the neck by the lion.

It is confirmed by trustworthy historians that the banner of the Caliphate has been always kept with extraordinary care and reverence - not even the Janissaries, who were so disrespectful to the Sultan, had the right at the sight of this holy ensign.

Extremes in the Black Hills. An incident occurred on route and between stations Government Park (an old camp of Fort Lyman) and Cheyenne that amusingly illustrates the opposite extremes of Black Hills character.

A Last Flag Restored. A recent discovery at Strasburg recalls an incident of the battle of Proseville at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war. The colors of the Eighth Regiment of French Cuirassiers, which was supposed to have been captured upon the field of battle, have been restored.

New York's Trade in Alligator Skins. New York handles about five thousand alligator skins per annum. The business is entirely in the hands of a single firm, who employ men to procure the reptile in the bayous of the Mississippi river, and the work is usually done at night by the aid of lanterns, the rifles used being aimed straight at the creature's eyes.

Female Education. - Keep as much as possible in the grand and common road of life. It is not so much the seldom success. Depend upon it, men set more value on the unutilized means than on the accomplishments of women, which they rarely value to appreciate.

Thoughts for Saturday Night. Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them. The expectation of future happiness is the best guard against anxious thoughts, the most perfect cure of melancholy, the guide of life, and the comfort of death.

THE FIRST SHIRT BUTTON.

Experimental Housewife that Nearly Wrecked a Happy Marriage.

From a letter from home and abroad. Military officers have been attached to the Chinese army in Hunan and Turkey to the first following from the New York City Directory has been issued, thus ending the annual season of discontent.

Of course, "why not?" said Emma, delighted at a chance to show her skill. She took the garment, seated herself, and said: "I can't remember for the life of me whether I had a button on my dress when I was a child."

Charley looked in the box, which was a case of perfect buttons, and he found the desired article, concluded that he would not bother Emma for further information, so he pulled a button from another assistant.

Why, "Em," he cried: "where in thunder did you sew on the button?" "Oh, Charley, my dear, I sewed it on," exclaimed his wife. "Where are your eyes?"

Drinking Water. The quantity of water we need in the form of beverage depends greatly on the nature of the substance we consume as food.

A Watermark Timepiece. A Watermark, a watchmaker of New York, has invented a new timepiece, which has been described.

A Giantess Dead. The American giantess, Mrs. Ruth Beaton, alias Fanny Wallace, who has traveled with circuses all over the country, died in Wisconsin.

Good Measure is the Watchdog. Information worth thousands to those of health, and the best of all, is that which is not known.

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NEW YORK'S DIRECTORY.

Interesting News Concerning its Contents. We take the following from the New York City Directory.

The preparation of a directory, containing the names of all the residents and addresses, and a vast amount of information about the city, is a work of great magnitude that it takes the resources of a large printing and book-binding establishment to accomplish in a month.

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George Carlyle, a prisoner with a black eye, a delicate countenance, mounted the stand of the Jefferson Hotel, at midnight, and hurled a crowd.

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