

TURKISH FUNERAL RITES

DEATH AND BURIAL IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

Sprinkling the Corpse With Hot Water—Carried to the Grave—Turkish Cemeteries and Tombs.

Emile Julliard, in his article on "Life Beneath the Crescent" in the Cosmopolitan, says:

If a Turk dies, or looks as if he were dead, no physician, no inspector, comes to make sure that death has really taken place; but if it has not, the fact will soon be established, thanks to a procedure more efficient than all the gentle and refined means in vogue in the West to make sure that the deceased is not hoaxing his heirs.

Scarcely has the last breath been taken when the corpse is lifted up violently by vigorous arms, the clothing snatched off, laid on the flag-stones of the mortuary chamber or vestibule, and besprinkled with hot water, which is thrown upon it by the imam, provided with a large pail.

The sprinkling is repeated two or three times, so that the family runs little danger of seeing the deceased resuscitated.

Thus scalded as a preliminary step, the body is washed and dried. Then it is powdered with camphor, and after being covered with a cloth embroidered with verses from the Koran, it is exposed for several hours in the court-yard.

Afterwards the imam returns, and accompanies the corpse to its last resting-place.

The flat, covered bier is usually carried on the shoulders of friends of the deceased, or upon those of hired pall-bearers. Sometimes strangers assume this duty gratuitously, looking upon it as a pious and meritorious act.

The cortege is made up only of those that carry the coffin by turns, thus relieving one another without stopping. The coffin is made of cedar, and it is seldom varnished, but it is covered with a rug or shawl, and there is placed at the head a turban or a fez, if the deceased is a male.

The procession always moves hastily, not for the purpose of getting rid of the dismal burden, but to hasten the moment when deceased shall enjoy eternal repose; for the Mussulman believes that the soul is restless and unhappy as long as the corpse is unburied. This is why three or four hours only elapse between death and burial.

On arriving at the cemetery, the imam so places the bier that the face of the deceased is turned toward Mecca; he then approaches the brink of the grave and utters a very long prayer, the conclusion of which is as follows: "Draw near, Mounkir and Nekir, angels of death and ministers of Allah. Great and blessed God, we humbly beseech thee to make the earth light for thy servant. May he find grace and mercy with thee, Amen." A Christian's prayer does not say anything more or any better.

According to the Koran, the deceased is the owner of his grave in perpetuity, and the objectionable system of sepulture in rotation is unknown to the Mussulmans; and in Constantinople, in Eyoub, and in Scutari, the rooms occupied by cemeteries is almost as extensive as that covered by dwellings. Within recent years it has been found necessary, in order to open roads that have been much needed, to curtail and even suppress some of the cemeteries; but it required an express order from the Sultan, which made the ulamas utter the wail of bigots.

The cypress is pre-eminently the funeral tree. Each tomb has to have its own. And Turkish cemeteries become gloomy forests in time, which impart to certain Oriental landscapes an aspect singularly stiff and somber. It is upon the sea-shore that these funeral forests are found in the greatest abundance, the trees, being nourished by the soil fertilized by human remains, reach a prodigious size and height. The largest and most celebrated of these cemeteries is that of Scutari, upon the Asiatic coast of the Bosphorus; it extends over an area more than six miles square.

The tombstones are in the shape of an oval, wider at the top than the bottom, and surmounted with a turban or a fez, the form of which, varying greatly, indicates the rank of the deceased. A gilt inscription in Turkish characters, cut in relief on a blue background, gives the name and enumerates the virtues of the deceased, and implores divine mercy in his behalf. These stones are sometimes perpendicular, sometimes leaning very much. In the latter case a hole is dug at the base of the tomb, intended to catch rain for the little birds that come to quench their thirst.

The dead are not buried very deep, and it is strange that the custom does not cause more sickness than it does. A large proportion of the epidemics of dysentery and typhoid fever that invade the low quarters of Constantinople can be traced to this custom. The proximity of the cadavers to the top of the ground produces, during the summer night, particularly in swampy and damp centers, a myriad of phosphorescent lights, lights, which dance and flit around the tombs; and these myriad sparks of fire, while inspiring the poets, also frighten children.

A Scene at Sedan. At Sedan there was a truce before the final surrender. General Wimpfen, who was in command of the French troops, wanted favorable terms; but, like General Grant at Fort Donelson, the Germans insisted upon an unconditional surrender.

"Then we will resist the battle," was the reply. "Very good, sir," said Von Molke, quietly. "We have 240,000 men, you about 80,000, and 500 cannon are in position to open on your lines."

WISE WORDS.

The bearing and training of a child is woman's wisdom.

The dome of the temple of happiness rests upon beams of joy.

A man's worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes.

Good manners and good morals are sworn friends and firm allies.

Happy are they who work. Then, the task finished, each one sleeps the same sleep.

When the forenoon of life is wasted, there is not much hope of a peaceful evening.

Nature intends that at fixed periods, men should succeed each other by the instrumentality of death. We shall never outwit Nature; we shall die as usual.

There are treasures laid up in the heart, treasures of charity, piety, temperance and sobriety. These treasures a man takes with him beyond death when he leaves this world.

Every action, every thought, every feeling, contributes to the education of the temper, the habits and understanding, and exercises an inevitable influence upon all the acts of our future life.

Clothing of the Koreans. In the matter of clothing Korea is unique. The prevailing color is what is supposed to be white. A man starting out in the morning arrayed in freshly laundered clothing presents a remarkably fresh appearance, but on his return at night he may not be spotted.

The articles of clothing worn are, first, a hat, or rather two, or even three, are worn at the same time; a tunic, loose and reaching to the waist; loose, baggy white trousers supported by a girdle; white leggings, white stockings, shoes of various kinds, and over all a coat the sleeves of which are very flowing, and reach down to the hips or lower, and are sewed up from the bottom to the wrist, so as to form very capacious pockets, where merchants often carry goods in astonishing quantities.

In these pockets the petty official carries his fan, his handkerchiefs, his tablets for writing, and sundry little articles. Not to be forgotten are the purse for coins and knife and the tobacco-pouch and pipe suspended from the girdle, without which no Korean is dressed. In the case of men of high rank, however, these latter articles are carried by his servants, a great retinue of whom attend him. Of all lands in the world Korea is the land of hats. There is some variety but no change of style. The fashion once set, everybody follows it and sticks to it.

With the exception of the forests of the Amazon, where hats, like umbrellas, are worn to shed the snakes which rain down from the dense overhanging branches, Korea leads the world in the superficial area of headgear. They may be seen there measuring two feet from the rim to the crown. The stockings and shoes are also very peculiar.—London Figaro.

Schools for Pickpockets. The ex-chief of the Parisian detective force, M. Mace, gives some curious notes about technical schools for pickpockets, where apprentice thieves are initiated into all the mysteries of the art, and submitted to theoretical and practical examinations on a lay figure.

This lay figure, dressed like a man, but covered with grelots or little bells, is suspended from the ceiling by a wire, so that the slightest movement will set the bells tinkling. The apprentice is considered fit to operate professionally in a crowd when he can steal a purse or a portfolio from the pockets of the lay figure without causing the bells to ring. The stiffest examination to pass is to undo a button of the lay figure's waistcoat, slip out the chain, and lift the watch. M. Mace believes in the existence of international associations of pickpockets, and, curiously enough, he does not consider the English pickpocket to be the cleverest. The English pickpocket is dexterous with his hands, but his movements are stiff and formal.

He is a great walker, and tires out the police who are told off to watch him. He is very prudent, not easily tempted, never stays more than ten minutes in the same crowd, and rarely makes more than one victim in the same spot, except on a race course. At the races the English pickpockets work in bands, and the man who steals a pocketbook or purse never keeps it, but passes it on through a series of accomplices. These pickpockets have indicators, resident at Paris, who select victims for their compatriots to rob. The weighing paddock at the races is the favorite hunting ground.—New York Sun.

Metropolitan Night Venders. The wandering sausage man has become a familiar part of the night life of New York now. He brings his wares into saloons, and sells them at the street corners. I noticed one in the Bowery the other night who had a quite pretentious outfit, and looked as if he had come to stay.

The New York sausages are about double the size of the Western ones. The price, too, is double. But here they throw some mustard in with the horseradish and put oleomargarine on the bread. The refinement of metropolitan taste is met also with a side dish, without which the boiled sausage is hardly complete. Our local sausage men supply sauer-kraut with the sausage for an additional nickel.

There is a vender who makes a trade in chicken and turkey sandwiches and another who sells hard-boiled eggs exclusively. A man now makes the rounds nightly with a basket-load of fried oysters, which he sells at the rate of two for five cents. As the oyster-houses charge at least thirty cents for half a dozen fried oysters it must be manifest either that they make a great deal of profit or this humble tradesman loses money. He looks fat and clean and happy, however. The old-time crab and lobster men, who used to purvey midnight banquets to the revelers in our public houses, seem to have entirely vanished in the new crop of rivals the growth of gastronomic taste has brought into existence.—New York News.

A Queer Calf. Uncle Joe Black, of Sandy Ridge, has a calf without eyes, a single horn in the center of its forehead, two well-defined dromedary humps on its back, hoofs like a mule and a tail like a horse. The calf is hearty and doing well.—Henry County (Ga.) Weekly.

Living Longer.

The prolongation of life in England by reason of the application of sanitary measures in the last thirty years is such that 349,000 persons were alive at the end of 1886 who would have been dead if the rate of mortality of the period from 1870 to 1880 had not been reduced as it was. The death rate for the six years since 1880 was 19.3 per 1,000 of population, as against 31.4 in the decade between 1870 and 1880. The lower rate is largely due to the decrease of zymotic or filthy diseases. Between 1860 and 1870 there were 4.15 deaths for each thousand of population from such diseases. Since 1880 the rate is but 2.43. The birth rate last year was 32.7, or lower than at any time in the past forty years. Infant mortality also diminishes. Since 1880 the rate has been 141 per 1,000 births, against 149 in the decade preceding 1880. These facts as a whole indicate, it is thought, a larger diffusion of knowledge and the real comforts of life.—Baltimore Sun.

"March 1882," wrote C. C. Shyne, 103 Prince street, N. Y. "Crippled with lumbago; I tried St. Jacobs Oil; it relieved; tried again, it cured me." November 1, 1886, he writes: "Confirm my statement; was completely cured." Price fifty cents.

The Emperor of China, the shortest monarch in the world except the baby King of Spain, being only five feet tall. The tallest monarch is Emperor William, of Germany, who is six feet, just surpassing his great-grand-nephew, the Emperor of Russia, of one inch.

Mrs. M. Pollock, 65 Alsewith St., Baltimore, Md., says: "Red Star Cough Cure for colds, coughs and sore throat has no equal." Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

CHARLES H. SPINNEY, of Baltimore, has in his possession a curious old copy of George Washington's will. It was printed in Alexandria, Va., in 1800, and consists of thirty odd clearly printed, but time-stained, pages. It makes very interesting reading and is a curious souvenir.

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Chronic Diarrhea Cured.—D. LAZARUS, Esq., 278 and 277 Decatur Street, New Orleans, La., writes: "I used three bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and it has cured me of chronic diarrhea. My bowels are now regular."

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