

CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople Defeated by the Turks Over 400 Years Ago - A Desperate Struggle Between the Mohammedans and the Christians.

For nearly 425 years Constantinople has remained undisturbed in the possession of the Turks. On May 29, 1453—the city was then the capital of the Byzantine Empire—was "taken" by the Turks, the last Byzantine Emperor, Constantine III., losing his life in the defense.

A little before day the Turks approached the walls and began the assault, where shot and stones were delivered upon them from the walls as thick as hail, whereof little fell in vain by reason of the multitude of the Turks, who, pressing fast upon the walls could not see in the dark how to defend themselves, but were, without number, common and worst soldiers, of whom the Turkish king made no more reckoning than to abate the first force of the assailants.

Mohammed, seeing the great slaughter and disfigurement of his men, sent fresh supplies of his janissaries and best men of his army, who had for their purpose reserved for the day, and who by whose coming on their fainting soldiers were again encouraged, and the terrible assault began afresh.

The soldiers there present, dismayed by the departure of their general, and sorely charged by the janissaries, took their stations and in haste fled to the same gate where Justinian was entered; with the sight whereof the emperor fled in haste, and the Turks, seeing the flight of Justinian, were encouraged, and in great decision carried out as a trophy of his victory.

Two Fables. THE DOG AND THE BEES. A dog being very much annoyed by bees, ran, quite accidentally, into an empty barrel lying on the ground, and looking out at the bung-hole, addressed his tormentors thus:

Earnings of Artists. The high prices given for pictures during the last twenty years show no sign of diminution either in England or France; indeed, we seem to have reached a condition of things in which artists whose reputations are only from the present decade receive prices equal to those of great masters.

AGRICULTURAL

The Loss of MANURE.—Notwithstanding the universal outcry among farmers in the older States as to the want of manure, yet how often it is true that from one-half to three-fourths of the value of animal excrement, solid and liquid, are lost or nearly so.

A New Photo-Scissors Process.—In the United States Army Department at the Centennial, there was exhibited a handsome model of the Rock Island Agency. It is a photograph of the work of art and does not bear some description as to the manner in which it was produced.

VETERINARY SCIENCE.—One of our exchanges tells the following unpalatable truth, and admit it as we must, we can only hope that the cause may be remedied. We all know that the "veterinary surgeon" is a great improvement upon the "cow doctor" of the former generation, but that there is yet room for many more, and that the present day is a golden age for the profession.

FARMERS AND POULTRY.—It is no exaggeration to say that not one farmer in ten in this country keeps a few chickens. And fifty years will endure a strain of about four tons.

THE MUMPS.—In mild cases very little treatment is required, and the face and neck warm, avoiding exposure to cold and damp, drinking warm infusions of balsam, spearmint or sage, and taking a few grains of castor oil.

COFFEE ROASTED, ground and exposed in an open vessel, is one of the best poisons that can be used to exterminate the pest of the farmer, the tick.

THE CASHMERE VALLEY. In the beautiful valley of Cashmere, among the Himalayan mountains, lies a lovely lake called Dal. Floating about on its surface, sometimes carried by the winds from one end of the lake to the other, are numerous small islands, on which grow the fairest cumbers and the most luscious melons known.

SCIENTIFIC

SEVERAL WAYS FOR COOKING SPANISH CUCUMBERS.—As the season for this delicacy is approaching, some hints as to the manner of cooking may not be amiss.

THE SOUTHERN NEGRO COOK has an excellent and simple way of preparing fried chicken. The bird is plucked, washed with pepper and salt and dredge with flour.

THE FOLiage OF THE PINE TREE FOR MATTRASSES.—The Meridian Mercury says there is a manufacturing establishment in the city of New York, which manufactures a material for mattresses.

TOOLs and chisels for cutting French burr stones may be tempered by heating to a dark cherry red and quenching in the following order.

IF YOU GET A FISHBONE in your throat, and sticking fast there, swallow an egg white, and keep it down. It will loosen the bone and it will pass.

IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to make an angel of a young woman who persistently uses bad language, no matter how pretty she may appear, all that goes for nothing if she says "Good morning" and "Good evening."

THE FREEDOM OF SOME IS THE FREEDOM OF THE HERD OF SWINE that ran violently down a steep place into the sea and were drowned.

DOMESTIC

DRIZZLES LOVE MAKING.—The boy who sells fruit and confectionery on the train is usually a very vigorous sort of a boy, with one eye strictly to business.

THE YOUNG MAN sat in the seat with a pretty girl, and though the passengers couldn't distinguish their conversation, from the noise made by the cars, it was pretty evident that he was being sold.

THE MOTHERS, Mothers, Mothers. Don't fail to procure MRS. WINDSOR'S SOOTHING SYRUP for all diseases of teething in children.

FOR THE LADIES. Ladies who are making up Spring suits ought to try the new wool suit made by E. F. HOOKER'S.

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