THE CITIZEN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Shah's Minister.

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When the Honorable Hadji Hassein Ghooly Khan arrived in Paris he found that his august master, the Shah of Persia, was there ahead of him, enjoying the sights of the city and going up the Eiffel Tower three times a day. When Mr. H. H. G. Khan called at the hotel at which the Shah of Persia was staying, and was informed that his Tremendous Frightfulness was in, he salaamed clear down to the grround and spread his hands horizontally three or four times, and then ventured into the awful presence.

"Well, Ghooly," said the potentate, "how's things? I thought you were over in the States."

"Your most august tremendousness," answered the Minister, salaaming again. "I have just come from there."

"Ah, ha," said the Shah, poking him jocosely in the ribs. "You heard what a time I was having over here, did you, and you wanted to come and enjoy it yourself for a while? This is a great town. Beats London all to pieces. If New York is anything like it I am going there on the first steamer."

"Alas, your sublime mightyness, you wouldn't like it over there. I came away in sorrow because of the items which the papers had been publishing, referring in common, every-day language to your most potential highness."

"What did the villains say about me?"

"Here it is, your gracious majesty. Here is an item from a vile Detroit paper, which says; "His Majesty, the Shah, has 3,695 wives, and every Monday being wash day he never shows up in the regal residence at all."

"And does the varlet who wrote that still live?"

"Alas, your gracious awfulness," replied the trembling Minister, "he does."

"Why did you not have his head stricken off?" asked the Shah, with a calm that was more terrifying to the Minister than his previous rage.

"If you please, your gracious Majesty, such is not allowed in that barbarous country."

"Nonsense," cried the Shah, "you can't stuff me that way. In the paper you sent me over it says that his Majesty the President of Harrison had the heads of his office-holders in a basket, and that his mightiness Wanamaker had beheaded nearly all of the postmasters belonging to the former government. Is is not so?"

"Your Majesty," cried the terrified Minister, "it is so politically, but not practically."

"What care I, 'shouted the Shah, "how it is done, politically, or with the broad-axe or the sword, it is the same to me. I care not how the heads are shorn, so be it they *are* shorn. Hast thou more of that stuff in your scrap-book?"

"Aye, your most gracious awfulness, it is indeed full of similar extracts."

"And thou hast dared to bring it in my presence," cried the Shah, now thorougly enraged, "while the authors still live?"

The trembling ex-Minister made no reply.

The Shah turned to one of his retainers and said:

"Just oblige me by taking this man to the bath-room, where it will not make too much of a muss, and take off his head."

This was accordingly done. A cable dispatch records the unfortunate occurrence thus:

"The Honorable ex-Minister Khan died suddenly at the Grand Hotel this morning. He was ill but a few moments with throat trouble, but by the time the court physicians of Persia arrived nothing could be done for the unfortunate man."

Her Face Was Her Fortune.

She was as pretty as a picture and so animated and lively that it did one good to look at her. She *was* all this but she is not now. Poor soul, the roses linger no more in her cheeks, the former lustre of her eyes are gone. She is a woe-begone looking piece of humatity now. She has one of those troubles so common to women and needs Dr. Pierce's Favorite prescription. It recuperates the wasted strength, puts the whole system right, restores the roses and the lustre and makes the woman what she once was, bright, well and happy. "Favorite Prescription" is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee*, from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been on the bottle wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

—Persons in Switzerland in the habit of handling bank notes printed in green are said to suffer from irritant poisoning.

—The largest collection of coins in the world is in Vienna. They are placed in the public cabinet of antiquities, and number over 125,000.

New Doctor's Story.

One day when they were criticising Dr. Bliss, General Sheridan came to the doctor's defense.

"Dr. Bliss was a good physician," said Gen. Sheridan, "he saved my life once."

"How? How did Bliss save your life?" asked Dr. Hammond.

"Well," said Sheridan, "I was very sick in the hospital after the battle of Winchester. One day they sent for Dr. Agnew, of Philadelphia, and he gave me some medicine, but I kept getting worse. Then they sent for Dr. Frank Hamilton and he gave me some more medicine, but I grew worse and worse. They sent for Dr. Bliss, and—"

"And you still grew worse?"

"No, Dr. Bliss didn't come. He saved my life!"

Problems for Boys and Girls.

1. A peddler sells a lot of lead pencils, some at 2 for one cent, some at 3 for one cent and the rest at 4 cents each; after selling his stock, which consisted of 20 pencils, he found he had 20 cents as the result of the transaction. How many did he sell at each price.

2. $\frac{1}{2}$ divided by $\frac{1}{4}$ gives 2 (whole numbers) as answer. Explain why the dividend is larger than the divisor.

3. A has 2 loaves of bread, B 3 loaves and C none; they sit down to dinner, and eat all the bread, C paying 25 cents for his share of the meal. How will A and B divide the quarter in equity.

An exchange says: There are more puns made on Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, free of charge, than are paid for by the owners. A good thing deserves the notice of the press.

—In the treatment of rheumatism, gout, neuralgia, sciatica. &c., Salvation Oil should be thoroughly rubbed in. It kills pain. Price 25 cents.

—"Bobby," said his mother, "I told you not to forget to bring up three scuttles of coal before you went to school, and you only brought two." "I know, ma, but I forgot the third one. Three scuttles is a good many for a little boy like me to remember."

—The population of Berlin has now reached a million and a half.

—The lace trade of France gives employment to nearly 200,000 persons.

Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaprilla, the peculiar medicine. Do not be induced to take any other.

—The survivors of the crew of the Earnmoor, who were at sea in an open boat for many days, say that eleven vessels passed them within signaling distance, but not one gave them the least attention. One British bark ran so close that they could see men looking at them, but she refused to stop. Man is more cruel than the sea.

An Ohio saloonist was told that a band of women were coming at night to clean him out. He arranged a keg of powder to blow them up, he got drunk in his anxiety to have everything go off right, and finally wandered around and kicked the string and blew his own establishment sky-high. It completed his disgust when he learned that the women hadn't thought of visiting him

For all derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels, take Dr. Pierce's Pellets. One a dose.

—The most ancient statue yet discovered in Greece has been found at Tripolitza. It represents a god, seated, and resembles antique Egyptian sculpture.

—If a few guinea fowls can be induced to roost in or near the poultry-house they will afford protection against chicken thieves. They are light sleepers, and make a tremendous racket when disturbed at night.

—In drying off a cow be sure that she does dry off, and that milk does not condense into a hard mass in the udder to obstruct and inflame it and play the mischief when the cow next comes in milk. More trouble with the udder comes from neglect in drying off the cow than from any other source.

—The time is approaching when the festive rabbit will be after the tender trees. To head him off, smear the tree with a wash made as follows: Quarter bushel of lime, one-half pound of copperas and one-half pound of glue; add the glue and copperas dissolved to the lime after slaking, and apply now with a brush.

—The hog can be made to attain a very large size. A Vermont farmer killed a cow, 8 years old, that dressed 877 pounds, but a hog only two years old, owned by another Vermont farmer, dressed 663 pounds. Large hogs, however, are only desirable for producing lard. The best pork comes from hogs that weigh about 150 pounds dressed.

—Is it well to let cows have all the water they will drink under all circumstances? Professor Sanborn found that by reducing the amount of water drank by the cow standing in the stable he reduced the flow of milk but improved its quality. Is it not likely that cows that have had water only once or twice a day get thirsty at times and drink to excess when they get at the water?—With free access to it, without traveling far, in all probability they would drink less and do better.