

## TURKS ENJOY HORSE RACING

First Event of the Kind at Constantinople Proved Exceedingly Popular.

An enormous and motley crowd gathered on the beautiful plain of Vell-Effendi, on the shores of the Marmora, to witness the first horse races of the Ottoman metropolis. The day was magnificent, the weather propitious and the people at the height of their festive mood. The Moslems had never seen horse races before. To them it was in every way a new spectacle, and to all it was a real sign of advancing times.

Among the many thousands of spectators women predominated. Hours before the show they came from every quarter with baskets of provisions, intending to spend the whole day in gazing at any chatting over the events of the day. The groups of Turkish "hanoums" in their bright, multi-colored tchahshafs, feredjehs and yashmaks were picturesque in the highest degree.

The ladies of the imperial harem watched the races from their carriages. The sultan was fatigued and did not attend and his absence was a great disappointment to performers and spectators alike. Many of the diplomatic body were present on specially constructed platforms and large numbers of the most elegant elements of the European quarter also attended.

There were six races, and the highest prize, 100 Turkish liras, was won by Lieut. Djelal Effendi, a smart officer who rode a beautiful Arab horse, Zip-Zip. There was also a steeplechase, in which only two officers participated, and Rusht-Bey proved the winner.

Several deficiencies, such as not keeping exact time and the inexperience of the judges, will undoubtedly be remedied on the next occasion.—Constantinople Correspondence London Chronicle.

## CRITIC "WROTE UP" WEDDING

His Regular Line Was the Drama and Customary Style Showed in His Work.

In the absence of the regular society reporter the dramatic critic of the Daily Doings was detailed to cover a wedding. "I'll do the best I can," he said, "but I feel sure I shall make a mess of it."

This is what he turned in—omitting the preliminary remarks about the size of the house and the delay in beginning the performance:

"Mr. Barker, in the role of the bridegroom, acted the part in a stiff yet listless manner. He has a good stage presence, but mars the effect by a total lack of animation and an almost inaudible voice. Miss Perkins, as the bride, was much more effective. Her costume was bewildering, yet true to life. If one may venture to criticize, her effort to overcome her obvious stage fright was a trifle too evident. She was in good voice, however, and her enunciation was clear and distinct.

"It must be pointed out that both Miss Perkins and Mr. Barker were deficient in their lines, and had to be prompted almost constantly by the Rev. Henry Harper, who, as the officiating clergyman, was decidedly the star of the performance."

## Mothers and "Baby Talk."

A kindergarten teacher, in speaking of the attack made on "baby talk" by one of the Tufts college instructors, said: "Of course, we all know that 'baby talk' is a poor substitute for the real language, but we know also that it is the result of first effort. It will always exist, and thank heaven for it! The people who hate it are those who are too matter-of-fact to be motherly. No mother teaches her baby 'baby talk' any more than she teaches it to crawl and to adopt the Tufts method. And to curb the lisp of the baby, which is usually intelligible to the mother only, would be like forcing the youngster to stand when it can only creep. To mothers and women who know children the effort to check 'baby talk' is only another of the questionable steps toward making children 'grown-ups.'"

## He Overplayed It.

"Hello, Billy, old pal," was George M. Cohan's cordial greeting, says the New York Globe, as a well-known vaudeville performer was ushered into Mr. Cohan's dressing room one night recently. "How's every little thing?" "Track's a trifle slow just now, George. I'm laying off this week," answered the vaudevillian.

"Laying off! Gee whizz! I had you tabbed for one of those 'cut-ups' that worked right through the 365 squares on the calendar. What about it?"

"Well, you see, George," said the idle one, "I've been boosting my salary till I've got it so high the managers won't pay it."

## PLENTY OF TIME TO REFORM

Under the Circumstances, Autolst Concluded He Would Wait to Make Restitution.

"There's a thing that has happened to several acquaintances of mine that I wonder has not found its way into print long before this," said the autolst, as a sort of windup to the adventures he had been relating. "They say that when a man is drowning or falling from a great height he thinks of all the mean things he ever did in his whole life. It is the same with an autolst when his machine skids and he sees that he is headed straight for a tree or telegraph pole and cannot possibly avert collision."

"When did you experience this feeling?" was asked.

"About a month ago. I was going along the highway at a clip of 50 miles an hour, when—"

"You said 50."

"I did, and it was 50, though, of course, if I had been arrested I should have sworn that it was under 20. I was making nearly a mile a minute when I struck a wet spot and the machine skidded. Something went wrong with the steering gear at the same time, and we headed for a big telegraph pole. In five seconds I thought of how I beat a farmer out of a dollar; of how a bank once paid me \$5 too much; of how I poisoned an old woman's cat; of how I stole a boy's marbles; of how I lied about a man, and of the way I cheated a poor drayman in selling him a horse. All these things rose up before me in the five seconds, and I felt ashamed of them, and wished I could live to make restitution."

"And you are now going about and squaring yourself, being that you lived."

"Well, not exactly. I'll do that some other time. You see, the machine took a skip at the last second and came back into the road again."—Exchange.

## FOR A LAW ABOVE PARENTAL

Surgeon Advocates Compulsory Operations for Relief of Deformed Children.

The question of compulsory operations upon crippled and defective children, which was decided by Judge Sulzberger at Philadelphia as entirely a matter for the discretion of the parents, has found a vehement protestant in Dr. E. A. Spitzka. The brain specialist comes forward with the statement that these operations should be made compulsory by legislative enactment. Doctor Spitzka said:

"Parents should not be permitted to prevent an operation upon a child when that operation was absolutely necessary for the child's good. If a conference of surgeons finds it is possible to correct some physical deformity by an operation, then no parent should be permitted to step in and prevent that child from having at least a normal chance to compete with the rest of mankind.

"The good of the community should be considered first and laws should so be made that the parents must be forced to hand over the child for an operation at the hands of competent experts when it is deemed necessary to have an operation."

## Why They Don't Have to Play.

Manager Charles Carr of the Blues and a few friends were eating lunch in a grill room one night not long ago, says the Kansas City Journal, and while waiting for their orders were reading the scores of major league games which are posted there.

A Jewish bartender, who is a very enthusiastic baseball fan and likes to talk when any of the players are around, walked up to the table where the men were seated and said:

"Look at the batteries, fellows; all O'Tooles, Finnegans, Cheneys and the rest of the Irish. Those Irish sure like to play ball."

"Well," said Carr, "I don't notice that there are any Goldsteins, Goldbergs or any other Jews in there doing anything for the national game."

"Don't worry about any of us Jews putting our names in the batteries," said the barkeep; "we own the clubs."

## Clothes Must Be "Amusing."

The women are tired of fashions that are merely chic or lovely and are now cultivating the eccentric. They like a dress which they can term "amusing." Their hats, also, must be "amusing." Their frocks must be "funny," their ties, belts, coats and hosiery "ducky." The latter term describes articles that are pretty and also amusing.

The clothes now worn include braces for women with skirts or trouser effect. Some of the hats are trimmed with two tennis rackets made of plush, with white stockings having black, spreading trees for clocks, and little curate coats and cabmen's hats copied in straw.—London Letter.

## Camp Sleeping Outfit.

Camp time and summer time seem to be one and the same thing to a great number of persons, and for the camp there are sleeping outfits of camel's hair velour. These comfortable arrangements consist of a blanket of it, into which one slips as into a bag, and is buttoned along the side and at the foot, and a knit cap and sleeping shoes, matching in color, complete the set. It is an exceedingly warm outfit and yet so light to carry that it can be rolled and added to one's traveling needs without any appreciable difference in weight.

## TRAGEDY CUTS

WIDE SWAT.

Shots Fired by Angry Man Causes Series of Bad Mishaps

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 6.—When Mrs. Anna Baur tried to remove the furniture from her husband's house on Beaver avenue last night the husband, Charles Baur, shot her twice, it is alleged, fired one shot at the teamster and then made his escape. Attracted by the shooting a large crowd gathered. Five year old Alice Partridge, and her brother Joe also wanted to see what was going on. Just as the little girl ran across the trolley tracks a car caught. Joe tried to pull her away, but was too late.

## Arrest Caused His Death

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 6.—Joseph Melbaum, eight years of age and toll-gate keeper on the Newtown turnpike for or grieving over forty years is dead as the result of disfigurement recently he was arrested on complaint of a neighbor whose yard had been damaged by Melbaum's cows. He was sent to jail for two days and sentenced to be preyed on his mind that it brought him to the grave.

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## Angela's Arrival

Three cowboys turned their ponies into the corral and hurried off to the bunkhouse in search of their comrades.

"Hi, boys," shouted the first to enter, "have you heard the news?"

"What news?" queried a lank and unshaven individual.

"Aw, nothin' to int'rest you, Shorty. You ain't int'rested in females, I reckon."

"Females!" chorused the remaining occupants of the room.

"Why, sure, ain't you heard? The boss' sister's comin' to visit him."

"How old is she?" inquired the youngest of their number, called "Handsome Bob Barnes" because of his fondness for the cracked mirror.

"Oh, I ain't sure," drawled the bearer of the news, "but Skinny here seen a photo of her up to the house, an' he says she's somewhere 'round twenty. Curly an' dimples an' purty as a plecter, ain't she, Skinny?"

"Aw, now, I call late she's a purty fair lookin' gal as females go,"