

TURKEY HAS RICH TREASURE HOUSE

Great Collection of Jewels Kept In Treasury.

ROOM JEALOUSLY GUARDED.

Throne and Many Robes of Past Sultans Are Incrusted With Thousands of Gems—Privilege of Seeing Treasure Gained Only by Influence.

R. J. Turner, in an interesting article in the Academy headed "Turkey's Treasure House," discusses the marvelous collection of jewels and curiosities that are in a corner of the old Blackern palace, known as the treasury.

"Here, in all conscience," says Mr. Turner, "is loot enough alone to justify a triumphal entry into the ancient city of Constantinople and to make the mouths water of the Bulgarian or Servian hosts if they were permitted to cross the threshold of the treasure chamber."

"In the time of Abdul Hamid access to this veritable cave of Abdullah was difficult to obtain. Ambassadorial intercession in the case of Europeans was necessary, and not always successful. Since the advent of Mahmud and the Young Turk, viewing privileges have been extended, but the signature of the grand vizier is still necessary to insure the unlocking of the famous portals.

"The procedure for a private view is quite an affair. After passing the sentries at the gate of the old palace and reporting one's arrival in the courtyard, a stately procession of befezzed and frock coated officials, headed by a venerable Bede, issues from a side building. Before the huge key is inserted in the lock the seal of the door is broken by the venerable one and carefully borne away. A distinct effort is required to turn the lock. The door opens only to reveal another barrier which is as solemnly unlocked. The black coated procession flows in and takes up strategic positions.

"The most striking object that meets the eye is the famous jeweled throne of one of the sultan's ancestors. This, as well as a smaller throne in the same glass case, is thickly incrusting with pearls, diamonds and rubies. It would be difficult to estimate the number of stones, some of which are of a fair size, but there must be many thousands, and the effect on the walnut colored wood is barbaric in the extreme. Its value is estimated at from one to two millions sterling. Here and there one sees a vacant setting, whence the stone has disappeared, probably passing into the possession of some nimble fingered favorite of the sultan.

"Ranged around the room in cases is a long line of figures of sultans in their jeweled robes and turbans. Some of the vestments are literally stiff with precious stones, while to fasten the siflet of the turban a stupendous emerald or ruby is invariably utilized. An idea of the size of the ordinary run of the stones may be grasped by looking at half a small sized hen's egg placed on end.

"The scabbard of each warrior's scimitar is elaborately incrusting with similar stones, with a specially large one on the top of the hilt. The collection of swords is magnificent, but it is when one comes to study the daggers that one realizes the huge fortunes embedded in such weapons. In some cases the entire haft is composed of one stone—an emerald or a ruby, as the case may be—that is to say, a mass of color about three inches long and one and a half inches thick. Displayed separately are some huge uncut but polished rubies and emeralds, quite as large, to use a homely expression, as an ordinary cake of toilet soap. Whether such abnormal gems are of the purest ray serene one cannot vouch for, but the whole effect is to recall the jeweled valley of Sinbad the sailor and his Roc or the more material properties of the pantomime. Rumor has it that occasionally when funds were very low old Abdul would withdraw a choice specimen or two, which would find their way to Paris. All credit to the Young Turks that, amid occasions of great stress, they have steadfastly declined to take toll of their country's ancient treasures.

"Still steadily outflanked by the black coated brigade another room discloses a magnificent collection of coins from the Romans onward, while other cases contain brooches, earrings and ornaments bejeweled beyond the dreams of avarice.

"Preceded and followed by the shuffling band of brothers, we ascend to a gallery and more rooms; more relics of departed padshahs and caliphs, more emblazoned costumes and bejeweled swords and daggers and a most appalling collection of paintings.

"Carefully shepherded downstairs and outside, we witness the resealing of the great door, with the guard at the slope. As an additional courtesy we are shown over some of the pleasant rooms of the palace, from the windows of which one gets the most magnificent view in Constantinople of the Marmora and Bosphorus. Then, having quaffed the famous coffee and partaken of the luscious roseleaf jam, we return the salaams of the remnant of the black brotherhood, find our araba and make a dashing return to Pers, as becomes those who have feasted their eyes upon the most extraordinary treasure house in the world."

PARCEL POST. The parcel post, which went into operation at the beginning of the new year, is not only going to give a cheaper means of transportation for a great variety of small parcels which have hitherto been handled by express, but it is going to be a great convenience for all those living on rural routes. Increasing as the rates do from points in more distant zones, the retailer in the small town is given access to the rural lines running out of his town at a much less rate than the catalogue house in the distant city. And it is fair to assume, if the country merchant is alive and awake to his opportunities, the parcel post as inaugurated will be a help rather than a detriment to him. A great variety of parcels will be handled under the new regulations, and the business of the postal department is sure to increase enormously.

A BIG SUCKER. It does beat all how a supposedly sensible granger who has worked hard and managed to lay up several thousand dollars will now and then get the notion in his head that he can beat a couple of professional sharpers in a poker or other skin game or on a deal in city real estate. We read of just such an instance the other day in which a farmer parted company with some \$3,000 in cash and put a mortgage of some \$3,000 on his farm. When the sharpers got through with him he was a wiser and sadder as well as a poorer man, and to conceal the humiliation of having been worked for such a sucker he bruised himself up some and gave his home people to understand that he had been set upon by footpads.

CAN'T SUPPLY THE DEMAND. Notwithstanding the number of young men who are being turned out yearly by the agricultural colleges of the country well equipped to have a hand in supervising and having a hand in scientific farming, the supply does not begin to keep up with the demand. With several of the professions overflowing, many boys who are today casting about to decide upon a definite life vocation would do well to consider seriously the possibilities open to them in equipping themselves as agricultural experts along one of the several lines. The greatest advance as well as the greatest wealth of the years just ahead will be made in scientific farming, and those will be sensible who equip themselves to have a hand in it.

HOT TAMALE WRAPPERS. Now and then some very humorous items appear under the guise of sober news items. One such is a dispatch appearing recently in middle west papers stating that a new industry seems likely to be opened up for Mississippi valley farmers as a result of the demand from the state of Utah for clean, white, long, thin cornhusks for hot tamale wrappers. Most any section of land from the Twin Cities to New Orleans could furnish enough cornhusks to provide all the hot tamales that the people of Utah could consume in two or three years. Unless hot tamales take the place of oatmeal and pancakes all over the country the industry referred to will not likely take on serious proportions.

SUGAR FROM BEETS. The beet sugar industry of the country has grown from a production of \$1,729 short tons in 1899 to 700,000 short tons in 1912, the output of the last named year being 100,000 tons more than for the year 1911. The output of beet sugar for the year past was equal to one-fifth of the total consumption of sugar, and the prospects seem good, if the industry is given reasonable protection, that a still larger proportion of the total amount of sugar consumed will be produced at home. Figures compiled for the past season show that the cane sugar output was the lowest for any year since 1899, and the prospects for the future are that the output of cane sugar will decrease rather than increase.

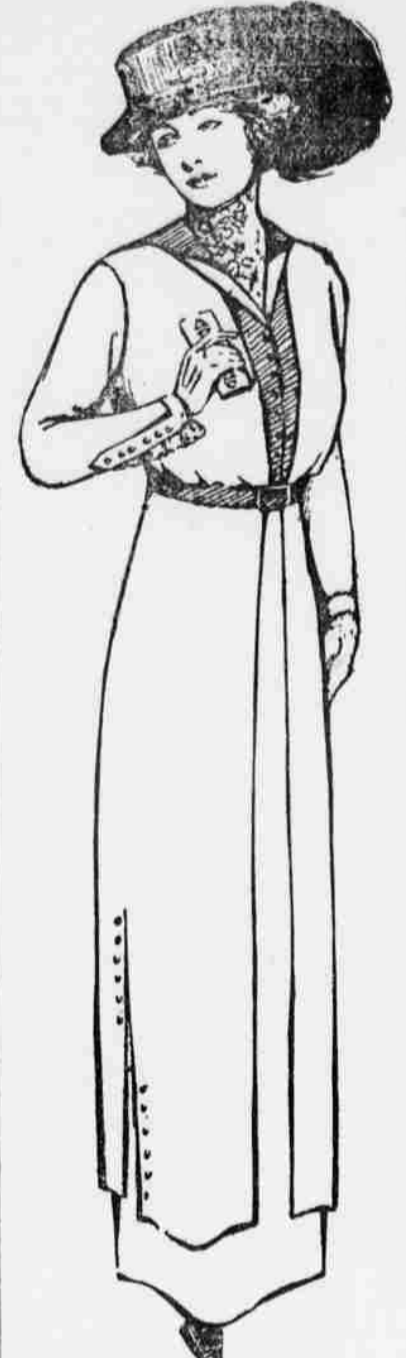
AN \$800 HEN. The difference in value between 281 eggs and eighty eggs, the average of the American hen, is only 201 eggs, worth, at 30 cents per dozen, \$5.02, but the difference between the hen that lays the smaller number and the one, Lady Show You, which made the above record is the difference between a scrub hen at 10 cents a pound and the pedigreed big layer which was bought the other day by the Chicago Poultry Journal for \$800. Lady Show You belonged to J. A. Bickerdite of Millersville, Ill., and has the distinction of having won the national egg laying contest, which was conducted at the Missouri experiment station at Mountain Grove.

MONEY FOR SILOS. Enterprising citizens of Oklahoma who have the future welfare of the state much at heart have proposed a bond issue of \$2,000,000, the proceeds of which are to be loaned to the farmers of the state for the construction of silos in time for use by the fall of the coming season. Under the plan suggested those receiving the loans would repay the state for the working capital advanced only. It is urged by those in favor of the measure that this amount of money would insure the erection of 5,000 silos, which would vastly increase the ability of the farmers erecting them to keep stock, which in turn would add greatly to the wealth of the state.

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IN THE REALM OF FASHION

Gown For a Plump Woman. A gown with suitable lines for the plump woman, which may be developed in accordance with this design in cloth, velvet or corduroy. Black vel-



BLACK VELVETEEN DRESS. veteen is suggested, with collar and vest of black satin or Persian embroidery. The tiny revers are of cerise panne velvet, likewise the little cuffs, and the buttons are covered with the black velveteen. Shadow lace is used for yoke and sleeve frills.

PRETTY NEW BELTS AND GIRDLES.

Exceptionally Smart and Attractive Are Styles Now Shown.

If you affect rather severe frocks the belt should be of leather, suede or kid in black and white, gray and tan or dark red, moss green and taupe. If you prefer one tone in the leather strap have it ornamented with jewels of different sorts mingled in an attractive design.

Black velvet ribbon interlaced with black metal links, each one tipped with a gold pendant, makes an attractive and unique looking belt, but if you would have something very stunning indeed decorate a strip of white suede with a pattern in seed pearls interspersed with emeralds and have a kid covered buckle with enameled eyelets. Equally chic and unusual, are the belts composed of a row of imitation cameos of large size connected by a double set of links and finished at the ends with metallic tassels.

Bodice girdles are considered exceptionally smart, and they undeniably are attractive. One very unique model has a bodice of black patent kid, exactly shaped to the figure, and a girdle of heavy black silk braid interlaced with double strands of white kid and finished at both ends with a long black floss tassel. In any color this model may be attractively worked out, and it is especially good in white with silver braiding. Very attractive is a sash girdle composed of an Indian red patent leather belt with an ivory buckle of oval shape at either end, through which is run an Indian red surah sash with a three inch long fringed end.

High girdles support the sashes which are a feature of many of the smartest French costumes brought out this season. A considerable number of these are of wide ribbon in satin, moire or taffeta and when not permanently attached to the waist band are retied each time that they are worn.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JAMES H. FIVES, Late of Mt. Pleasant township, deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment on TUESDAY, FEB. 4, 1913, at 10 a. m. at the office of Searle & Salmon in the borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented, or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

R. M. SALMON, Auditor. Honesdale, Pa., Jan. 7, 1913.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of FRANK L. WASHBURN, Late of Preston township, deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment on MONDAY, FEB. 3, 1913, at 10 a. m. at the office of Searle & Salmon in the Borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented, or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

C. P. SEARLE, Auditor. Honesdale, Pa., Jan. 6, 1913.

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MONDAY, JAN. 20, 1913, and to continue two weeks;

And directing that a Grand Jury for the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer be summoned to meet on Monday, Jan. 13, 1913, at 2 p. m. Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners and Justices of the Peace, and Constables of the County of Wayne, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at said Court House, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said 13th day of Jan., 1913, with their records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done, and those who are bound by recognition or otherwise to prosecute the prisoners who are or shall be in the Jail of Wayne County, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Honesdale, this 24th day of Dec., 1912, and in the 19th year of the Independence of the United States FRANK C. KIMBLE, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office Honesdale, Dec. 24 1912. 102w4

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the accountants herein named have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register of Wills of Wayne County, Pa., and that the same will be presented at the Orphans' Court of said county for confirmation, at the Court House in Honesdale, on the third Monday of January next—viz:

- First and final account of Charles A. McCarty, executor of the estate of Rose Sheeren, Honesdale. First and final account of Mary Tierney, executrix of the estate of Bernard Tierney, Texas. First and final account of J. G. Bronson, administrator of the estate of Cortland Brooks, South Canaan. First and final account of Myrtle Swingle, administratrix of the estate of J. Lee Swingle, South Canaan. First and final account of Frank Hauenstein, executor of the estate of Nancy Hauenstein, Mt. Pleasant. Second and final account of Alonzo T. Searle, executor of the estate of Maria A. Hufelund, Preston. E. C. Mumford, administrator of the estate of Fannie E. Brown, Damascus. Third and final account of H. T. Wright and John Page Spencer, executors of estate of John Page, Mt. Pleasant township. W. B. LESHAR, Recorder.

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