

### MODERN JERUSALEM.

A Sort of Topsy Turvy Land Where Living Is Cheap.

Life in Jerusalem, according to Miss A. Goodrich Freer, the author of "In the Holy Land," is one of anomalies and anachronisms. The street arab speaks three or four languages. Apart from the tourists who are representatives of half of the nations of the world, there

are Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. The streets of Jerusalem are unspeakably filthy. One can buy anything he wants in the city. There are even French dressmakers who will follow out the latest Parisian fashion. Water is scarce and mainly derived from cisterns. The rainfall averages only thirty or forty inches. There is a trade in good water, which comes from the village of Ain Karim, some three

miles distant from Jerusalem. There is a most unpleasant wind, the simoon, which is fatal to vegetation, "exhausting the nerves, irritating to the temper, parching the skin and ruining the hair and complexion." The Jews are heavy. Jerusalem has its special diseases, but the cure is found in quinine.

Insect pests are the mosquitoes and most particularly the sand flies. One may keep out the mosquito, but the sand fly is at home everywhere. Clothing affords no protection. Flies are overabundant. Winter is more pleasant than summer. Sometimes on a winter evening a fire is necessary. After all, it is a land of perpetual sunshine, the mean annual temperature being 63 degrees. With all its sacredness, Jerusalem is described as a "topsy turvy land." In a holy place the native takes off his shoes and wears his hat. The men sport petticoats, and the women expose their legs, while hiding their faces. Carpets are hung on the walls and pictures on the ceiling. There is no apparent gratitude, for in Arabic there is no word the equivalent of "Thank you."

Living is cheap. A good cook can be had by the month for \$6. Mutton is worth from 8 to 10 cents a pound, chickens about 25 cents a pair. Fruit is plentiful and reasonable. Considering the economy of living, the author expresses her surprise that so few English live in Jerusalem, "their number being insignificant when compared with the American residents." The population of the city is put down at 60,000, of whom 40,000 are Jews.

### A Narrow Escape.

"Once while sojourning in the City of Mexico I happened to call upon a friend at one of the principal hotels at that capital," said a congressman.

"While in his room I noticed a very fine revolver, and, making some comment upon it, he picked it up and began to explain how, although it was of single action, he could fire it as fast as though it were double action. In some way his hand struck the hammer, causing the weapon to explode. In a second my friend turned deathly pale and became so agitated that he could scarcely speak.

"Having noticed that the bullet struck a rug and took a downward course, I didn't see any cause for excitement and, lifting up the rug, showed him where the lead took lodgment. He became calm pretty soon, and then he explained his agitation. 'Had that bullet gone into the court (all the hotels down there open into a court) instead of the floor and had it struck any Mexican my life would not have been worth a ten cent piece. I have lived down here long enough to know how swift is the punishment meted out to foreigners, even in case of accident, where a native is injured. Indeed, had I been unfortunate enough to have caused the death of one of them it is quite probable that you as well as myself would have been executed. The fact that you had nothing to do with the shooting would have been of no avail, for your presence here would have condemned you.'"—Washington Post.

### Just Like a Woman.

Ma Twaddles—Tommy, you've been a bad boy today, and I shall tell your father all about it when he comes home. Tommy Twaddles—Aw, that's just like a woman—can't keep a secret.

### CHINA FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT

Notable Pieces Added to the White House Collection.

Mrs. Roosevelt recently secured several additions to her collection of presidential china, says a Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger. These consist of eight pieces of the Washington and Madison ware. They were originally loaned to the collection by Mrs. James Bradley of New York, a prominent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who has taken great interest in the work of Mrs. Roosevelt in collecting the dining ware of the White House from the foundation of the republic. In the belief that the effort to collect samples of the presidential ware at the White House is a work of history as well as patriotism, Mrs. Bradley consented to make the loan of her collection.

The Washington consists of an old rose English cut glass decanter, a glass preserve dish of the same make, an old Canton ware pickle dish of the willow pattern and a fish knife of Sheffield plate. These pieces were obtained by Mrs. Bradley at the final settlement of the H. L. D. Lewis estate in Virginia.

The Madison pieces consist of two handsome candleabra, which were used by Mrs. Madison while mistress of the president's house; a gray bowl and saucer of the Madison set and an exact match to the Madison plates which were given to the White House collection by Mr. J. Henley Smith of Washington a short time ago and a decorated cup and saucer of French china.

Mrs. Bradley obtained these pieces from the Payne Todd collection. It will be remembered that Payne Todd was the son of Dolly Madison.

### A NAVAL TEST.

Plan to Measure Smoke Emission of a New Cruiser.

The new cruiser Milwaukee, now nearing completion at the Union Iron works in San Francisco, when she starts on her official trial trip next summer will undergo a novel test, says the New York Post. In addition to the usual tests of speed, turning, stopping, backing and performing other evolutions, the Milwaukee will be observed for the amount of smoke she emits from her stacks. The volume and character of smoke given out while steaming has become regarded as a factor of the vessel's efficiency, for her visibility at sea is largely measured by the smoke she gives out, a steamer's smoke being ordinarily seen long before the vessel herself becomes visible. It is further desired to measure the smoke emission on account of its being a valuable index of the efficiency of boilers and furnaces, excessive smoke indicating inefficient fuel or imperfect combustion of the fuel.

According to the plans at present suggested, a series of photographs of the cruiser will be taken while she is under way, and from these, taken at fixed intervals of time, the amount of smoke may be determined with fair accuracy. Excessive smoking will be remedied as far as possible, and data may be obtained from which to avoid or lessen the smoke in future warship construction.

### DANCES SOLD FOR CHARITY.

Chicago Girls Resped a Golden Harvest From Dancing Partners.

Two of the happiest girls among those who worked for the success of the recent charity ball in Chicago were Miss Italia Blair and Miss Lena Small, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Just think!" exclaimed Miss Blair the next day. "A score of men paid at least \$5 each for the privilege—no, not that; I'm not so conceited as to think that—for sweet charity after dancing with me.

"When it got toward morning I was dancing for five dollar bills sticking out from between all my fingers. Some gave a great deal more than the minimum price of \$5 per dance."

Sixty-five dollars was the sum realized by Miss Small from selling her dances at the ball. Miss Small, however, extracted \$50 from the pockets of Chicago society men by selling trappes. Owing to her dividing her attention between the dance and the trappe booth the sum total of her earnings was a little less than that of her friend.

### Married His Grandmother.

There lived in the village of Arretton, Isle of Wight, many years ago a young man who was betrothed to a young woman. Both were poor and in humble life, but the grandfather of the young man had money, and he fell in love with the young woman and proposed marriage to her. The girl told her lover. He was displeased, but, having pondered over the dilemma, saw a way to extricate himself and his sweetheart from the same. "Marry him," said he to the girl. "He is rich. He cannot live long. When he dies you'll have his money, and I'll have you." She took the advice. By the marriage she became the young man's grandmother. Not long after the old man died, and then she wedded her first betrothed.

### Etiquette.

Anxious writes, "What are the duties of a father at his daughter's 'coming out party'?" To put up and shut up.—New York Herald.

### REALISTIC STORY WRITING.

Model Permits Author to Knock Her Down to Delect Jealous Rage.

A story built on a psychological study of emotions and passions, with a living model on which to "try out" the parts, and a faithful portrayal of personal experiences in lovenaking is what Clarence Wilbur Taber of Evanston, Ill., is bringing out, says a Chicago dispatch.

The heroine, known to the stage as Alice Moulton, has been transferred through the aid of psychology and realism to the pages of a bound volume and in the world of letters is a unique production.

In order that this may be done love scenes, a passionate proposal of marriage, the first awakening of two affections in the soft moonlight, the rage of a jealous man and a disappointed sweetheart have for the purpose of procuring realism been acted out like a play between the author and his model. In his own home at Evanston, in the presence of his wife, C. Wilbur Taber says he put himself in the position of his various male characters, while his beautiful model, properly costumed, placed herself in the position of the female characters.

Taber understood the part he wanted to emphasize, and with hard study and continuous application his model assimilated her portions of the story. Each memorized the part assigned and then went through the motions. These included lovenaking, kisses, caresses, weepings and moments of bliss.

The daring model who essayed to aid the author in his work permitted herself to be first embraced, then repulsed and finally struck to the floor in the frenzy of his angry passion, and then, in order not to lose any of the effect, Taber rushed like a madman from his house, across fields, down the road, and did not return until the psychologically produced passion wore off.

### BETTER THAN RABBIT'S FOOT

A Baby's Shoe Latest Good Luck Charm Prized by Negroes.

The day of the rabbit's foot as a good luck charm among superstitious negroes has passed, and a baby's shoe has taken its place. This was a statement by William Crawford, a negro, when tried before Judge Brady in a Kansas City police court recently for vagrancy, says the Kansas City Star. Detectives Arthur and Young arrested Crawford because he appeared to have no visible means of support.

"Judge, sah, Ah works," said Crawford. "Dese heah officers says I's a 'dope' user; but, judge, I am a bones, hard workin' niggah. 'Cose I got some 'dope' on dese heah playin' cards 'cause it's lucky toe hab 'dope' on dem. I got a bettah luck sign dan dem, though. Hit am a baby's shoe."

Crawford pulled the shoe from his pocket and held it up to the judge. "Baby's shoe am de luckiest sign da is in shootin' craps, judge." "The trouble with you, Crawford," said Judge Brady, "is that you quit a good job and went to gambling. It's bad business even with a lucky sign. I'll fine you \$10." "Dat's wrong, judge," said Crawford. "Ah admits dat I shoots craps some; but, judge, I nevah gamble."

### ADVICE FOR FARMERS.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon Tells Them How to Enjoy the Scenery.

In a recent address before the Kansas state board of agriculture the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon told the farmers what he would do if he were a farmer, says a Topeka special dispatch to the St. Louis Republic. He said first that he would take time to enjoy the scenery if he were a farmer again. He would take time to say "Whoa!" to the team at the end of the row occasionally and look around to enjoy the beauties of nature. Another thing he would do would be to buy a kodak and use it.

"A kodak," he said, "is not as complicated an arrangement as a binder and is a good deal easier to operate. It is a hobby that is worth cultivating—the taking of pictures. If I prospered I would buy leisure rather than land. It is as Christian to play as it is to work. I would utilize some means of education. I would look out for the comfort and convenience of my wife in her work in the house."

### A Plague of Rats.

There are all kinds of rat stories coming in from the country west of Springfield, Ill. From what the farmers say, the Pied Piper of Hamelin would have his work cut out for him if he should attempt to wheedle all the rodents into Spring creek, says the Springfield (Ill.) News. A well known farmer in speaking of the plague, for such the incursion has become, says that they simply overrun the fields and that many farmers have been forced to sell their corn because the rats invaded the cribs in such numbers that the stored corn was rapidly being destroyed or rendered unfit for use. One man living near Farmingdale who tore down a crib with the aid of two dogs and a revolver slaughtered over 200 rats in a space of time so short that it seems almost impossible. This seems to be a "rat year" in the country as well as in the city.

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