

CURIOSITIES OF CAIRO.

Street Cries and Queer Costumes—Odd Way of Carrying Infants.

The street cries that itinerant vendors of eatables indulge in at Cairo are most curious, very long and often musical. Their sound is, however, sometimes less musical than the meaning of the words, which are curiously poetical, considering the subjects with which they have to deal.

One of the most striking of the wonderful costumes to be seen here is the dress of the runner or sais. This is a very striking piece of ostentation which all wealthy people here indulge in, whether Eastern or European.

The number of blind and half-blind people is a very sad fact of life here, as indeed is the terrible proportion of the population which is deformed or crippled in some way.

Dumas often laughed at English stiffness and reserve. One of his stories was this: "One day Victor Hugo and I were invited to dine with the Duke of Ducazes."

"My dear Dumas, Lord Palmerston begs you will leave a chair free between you and Victor Hugo."

"I hastened to do as he wished. We moved away from each other and placed a chair between us. Thereupon Lord Palmerston entered, holding the hand of his wife, led her up to us, and invited her to sit down on the empty chair—all this without saying a word."

"My lady," he said to his wife, "what time have you?"

"Thirty-five past twelve."

"Well, then," said the great minister, "remember well that this day at thirty-five minutes past twelve you were sitting between Alexander Dumas and Victor Hugo—an honor which you will probably never enjoy again in your lifetime."

When brought to bay, the kangaroo jumps like a flash for a hunter's chest and tries to crush it in with his fore feet.

NAMES OF WOMEN.

They Change with Other Fashions and Quite Often, Too.

It would not be at all surprising if, in the centuries to come, the students of the social life of the nineteenth century should classify this great comic century into shorter periods according to the fashions of given names among women.

It may be taken as a general rule that the eggs of most birds vary more or less as regards size, shape and coloring. Gull-eggs vary in ground color from grayish white to grass green.

Recently the Tartar military commander in Fochow-China died suddenly, and the idea got abroad among the people that he had been slain by the idols of a certain temple.

"I am struck by one fact," soliloquized Tom O'Neill, Mayer Oregiers private secretary, in a short talk with the Saunterer.

A restaurant keeper in Paris has been robbed under circumstances very detracting to his dignity.

"A London scientist has come to the conclusion that the real sabbath in this world are the cats.

"The largest and costliest private mansion in the world is said to be that belonging to Lord Bute, called 'Mont-stuart,' and situated near Rothsay, England."

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The annual catch of fish on the European and North American coasts is computed by a German statistician to amount to 150,000 tons.

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A WAR SLING.

A Maddened Bull Charges a Regiment of Soldiers.

Near New Kent Court House, Virginia, General De Trobriand's brigade encamped in a field in which was an animal seemed to pay no attention to what was going on, but after the arms had been stacked and the men had scattered in all directions in search of wood and water, he began to be excited by the unusual stir.

With one bound the lieutenant-colonel jumped to one side, his foot slipped and he fell on his back, and the bull, seeing the brute was under such a heading that he could not stop nor even turn before striking our stacks of arms with his lowered head.

When the Newfoundland entered the lists everything was changed. For a moment the dog and the bull stopped in front of each other, while a circle of warriors was formed around them.

A German was boasting in the presence of some Russians about the obedience and discipline of the German army, citing numerous instances from the war between France and Germany.

On Sumatra, another gigantic plant also grows, the open flower of which measures fully three feet in diameter.

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Frank James, the former great Missouri outlaw, says of horseback riding, in which he is very expert:

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SPARKS OF WIT.

An American Buz—\$4.

A slow match—four years of courtship. Artists are generally designing creatures. Passing away time—handing over your watch to a highwayman.

"What do you find is the first requisite in business?" "Pluck," returned the dealer in live-goose feathers.

"You look sick. What is the matter?" asked Nobbs of Dobbs at the poker table, and Dobbs, who had just drawn the deuce of clubs to four hearts, feebly gasped, "Heart failure."

Dear Phyllis, will you share my lot? (It's not a corner lot, it's true!) I'm a poor fellow, but I'm a good fellow. Would be a paradise with you.

He drew the line at Elephant's Ears. Pat Maher, the wild Irishman of Vine street hill, has long borne the reputation of being the champion egger of this city.

"That will do," replied the German; "I give it up."—[Texas Sitings.]

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