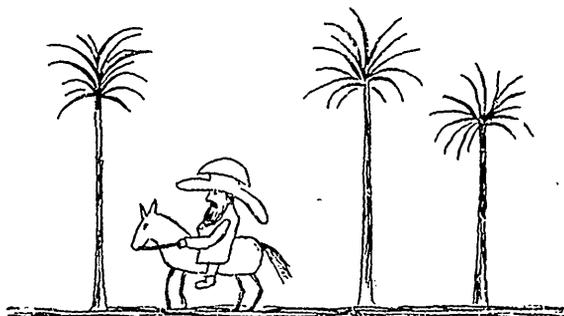


tion may be put up in a cup without any cover at all. The percentage on-prescription system has here been developed and refined as nowhere else. There are benevolent societies whose secretary receives as salary a certain amount on every prescription he has to settle for, and then he and the doctor agree that a new prescription shall be written for every dose!

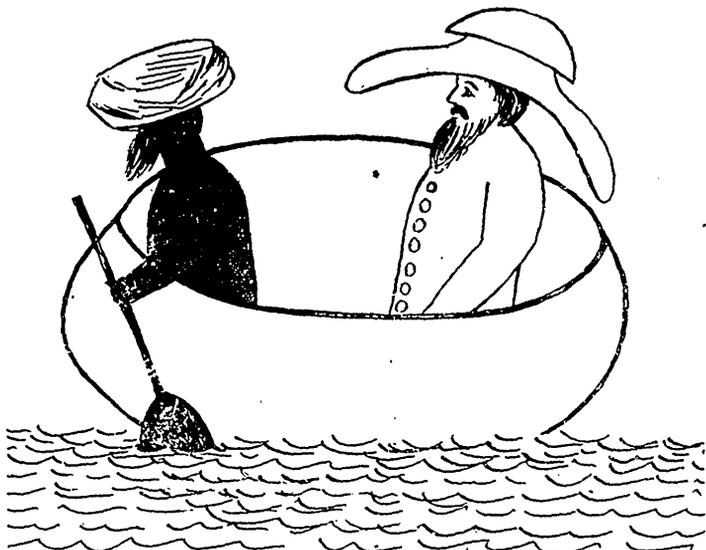
I go to see my patients, if they live far away, either on horseback or in a "coofa" (Tigris boat, round as a wash tub).

*Voilà*, the Hakim on professional visits.

In my professional capacity I have visited the harem of the Nakib, a hereditary saint, whose saintship dates back forty or fifty generations. I was permitted to see his wives' faces and examine their



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I could record many amusing incidents, thus: One day I was called to see a wealthy lady, highly educated, spoke French correctly and without the least foreign accent (thanks to the French sisters). I requested her to send me some of her urine and next morning a servant came to my office carrying a large chamber brim full!

tongues only by creeping under the robes which cover them from head to foot.

I am preparing a paper on the Climatology and Demography of Mesopotamia for the Pan American Medical Congress. Briefly stated, the summers here are as "hot as hell" and as "dry as a drunkard's throat in the morning." But this year the eastern bank of the Euphrates has given