THE SIKHS A CURIOUS PEOPLE: THE FINEST MEN IN INDIA

A Militant, Warlike Race Whose Loyality Is Undoubted-Their Religious Rites and Beliefs-The Feast of the Lights.

British officials, inquiry is made about Sikhs. the hitherto always loyal Sikhs. The Visitors who come to Amritzar nose rings and earrings, as compared tinguished from the pantheists and Agra. "The Palace of Tombs" and loaded down with these adornments. the idolatrous worshipers of innumer- literally the most beautiful tomb in In the sea of turbaned Sikh men able gods by their monotheism, which the world, and from the ancient Mogul white predominated, but where the is as distinct and sharply defined as capital of Delhi, with its mosques and sexes mingled there was a maypole

They were with the relief column at beautiful in itself, to be placed in line, yet they were not obstrusive. Peking, and they today form part of juxtaposition to the holy edifice. the Shanghai police corps.

apparent.

and the Pool of Immortality are figured. There are really several giden temples among the shrines at the one known as Hari Mandar.

officers between the fair and the of vivid contrasts in colors—brilliant temple. The buying of camels and yellow, magenta and purple predomimules was business for the officers nating in their garments. and the Sikhs and their shrines were The visitors to the temple are o novelty, yet the Golden Temple

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In the unrest that prevades the had a fascination and a chance before entering. Among them was a natives of India and the occasional suggestion of an intention to visit it group of high-class Sikh women in dinal ideas of the creed may be obevidences that the Hindus and the always insured companionship. This loose white overblouses, the trousers Mohammedans of the north may sink compaionship was not only agreeable gracefully wound in loose folds from of the Sikhs. Here are some charactertheir antipathies and join together in personal, but was instructive, because the hips to the ankles. They were political agitation disagreeable to the the officers spoke the language of the

Sikhs are Hindus, but they are dis- wonderseeing from the Taj Mahal at with most Hindu women, who are the Mohammedan faith in the one other magnificent memorials, are said maze of flashing color-orange and Physically, too, they are different tive smallness of the Golden Temple, violet, blue and purple. There from the great mass of the Hindus. I happened to visit Amritsar first and They are the finest men in India and therefore was not disappointed ex- dotted calicoes, but also many fine are the pride of the British officers cept at the bad taste which had silks and satins. who command in the native army, caused a Gothic clock tower, very

The Sikhs are a militant, warlike Washington as a basis of comparison some making their way alone, and to race, and, since the defeat of the I was able to judge the relative effects the latter helping hands always were summarized in the concluding verse Khalsa or native Sikh army by the of gilt gorgeousness. Unlike the stretched out. English in the forties, the loyalty library the Golden Temple is not in the Sepoy mutiny has not been limited to a gilded dome or to gilded Because of their splendid interior decorations. It is of white qualities and their natural marble, the entire exterior of beaten a number of panel looking glasses, are the two nurses in whose lap the as he can during the day in his office. military instincts they have been the copper and the roof covered with z and it was somewhat humorous to see world sports. The merits and demerits It is surprising how many odd minmainstay of the British rule in thin layer of gold leaf. It stands in the magnificently proportioned Sikhs of all shall be duly considered by the utes even the busiest man can find in northern India. If the unrest is per- the middle of a large tank or pool. A pausing before them and stroking Supreme Dispenser of Justice, and all the course of his day's work to lean vading them the situation undoubted- marble causeway leads to it and a their splendid beards with the satisly will become a serious one for the marble pavement borders the tank. At faction that a woman shows over an Those who meditate sincerely on the Government, though it may be some the entrance of the causeway are ivory Easter bonnet, when the mirror tells holy name of the Lord, the same do rest can be prolonged for a few minyears before the manifestations are doors 400 years old, while the entrance a flattering tale. of the temple itself is through silver But what about the creed of the But it is on their distinctive the inlay work and the mosaics of the hood numbering more than 2,000,000, religious side and their maintenance interior are really fine, notwithstand- and when aroused a fierce fanaticism fellow mortals obtain liberation. of their distinguished characteristics ing that censorious art critics find impels them. that the Sikhs become so interesting fault with them. The marble mosaics The formal features of the creed maintain the observances of all the among the race masses and the are mostly blue and white. On the can be learned from books written by precepts of the Sikh creed and the multitudinous religions which compose walls, both without and within, are inquirers and students of religions, India. They are best seen and known the figures of birds, fishes and flowers, but I doubt whether any European at Amritsar, where the Golden Temple while the pavement entrance is also really has got to the depths of their The priests form an hereditary class

A FASCINATING SPECTACLE.

mritsar and also one at Tantaran, of never-ending fascination. A dozen altar made me a welcome visitor, are not particularly concerned about fifteen miles distant, which also has times or more I went to watch the placing me on good terms with the its pool of immortality, but by the pilgrims and devotees moving in end- priests and enabling me to gather Golden Temple is always understood less processions along the marble such information as I desired. One I learned something of the Sikhs Immortality. Some of the fakers or ally friendly, and would give me a during a fortnight's stay at Amritsar. wandering priests with their scant nod of recognation in the streets, Star. It was at the time of the great animal lion cloths, their bodies smeared with though at the temple it was not good fair of northern India, when the mules, ashes and their hair matted and horses and camels are marketed and braided, usually were to be found of the visitors. all classes of the population mingle, among the throng. Yet the Sikhs, This fair itself is very interesting, but while tolerant to their Hindu brethern its counterpart may be seen elsewhere of polytheistic beliefs, did not seem in India and its only novelty is that to care for the presence of the fakers. it draws in many of the Sikhs from The view any day was a symphony of the outlaying country. I divided my dazzling hues, for like all the natives am not sure but that it conveys a spare time in the company of British of India the Sikhs are intensely fond much clearer interpretation of the

quired to remove their shoes and put the same as in the Mohammedan a sympathetic understanding. mosques. On my first visit the devotees seemed to take little notice of me but in some way I found myself trailing along after an attendant. He Nurses' and sheep, that is the non-Hindus are the British officer who was speaking more or less constructed on the same while others again are injuriously af-Mothers' Treasure | cession of devotees who enter through the main door.

BEFORE THE ALTAR.

Elderly priests were sitting in a orient would not be the orient, and taries, male and female, as they pass- correct idea of their creed. ed around the altar, would drop their recognition from the priests.

Bible. The original is said to be kept locked in a repository of the temple, but there are various copies, and one of these is brought in at 3 o'clock in the morning and is guarded by relays of priests till 11 at night, when it is returned to its place. So it may be said that there are only four hours out of the twenty-four in which the Golden Temple is closed to the wor-

FEAST OF THE LIGHTS.

The best opportunity for seeing the Sikhs at their shrine was afforded me on the occasion of the Diwkali or Feast of the Lights. This is a Hindu national brilliancy, was very fine.

attracted my attention. A group of ward the tank was dug and the votaries in brown surtouts and full foundation laid for the Golden Tembelmets were gathered round a priest ple. who was haranguing them. This was scores of petty dealers selling baubles,

part of the celebration. Along the bank of the pool were bangles, symbols and various emblems temple door and prostrated themselves fancy of infirm human imagination. features and their moderation in to be disappointed at the compara- saffron, yellow, red, orimson, pink, much tinsel trimming and flimsy

Beggars were stationed all along the There were many blind votaries with With the Congressional Library in their staffs, some with guides and orders.

VANITY OF MAN.

doors. There are no golden stairs, but Sikhs? They form a religious brother-

faith. My frequent visits to the tem- and the complaint is frequently made ple and the regularity with which I that they grow very worldly. The But the human spectacle is the one tossed my tribute of rupees on the causeway or bathing in the Pool of fine black-bearded priest was especiform for him to appear to take notice MARVELS CONNECTED

lish, and several have written books telling what their creed really is. Some of this English is very quaint, yet I SLEEPWALKER STRONGER IN A Sikh doctrine than do the labored and learned treatises of the scholars who have undertaken to interpret it from Sorbonne in McCoy Hall of the Johns commends brain workers to interest the Sikh language into English. At Hopkins University this morning deon the slippers which are provided placed in my possession helped me to cine," and dealt with hysteria, particThe doctor suggests choral music. He

"FAR-DISTANT SAHIB."

dinctive name was given me. One somnambulism," he said. "To under-ters a caution, though, to automobilpiloted into the temple by a side door. day at the temple the group, which stand it well is, I believe, to underists, for he finds that some are exin their own language what my model.

group before a silk-covered, rose and thereafter I was always known as the flower-laden silver altar or table under a golden canopy. The "choir" was presence was very near. But the conmore beautiful description of the popbeating on a startling variety of fusion of place with person did not ular idea of somnambulism than in drums and other instruments the prevent them from the knowledge that Shakespeare's tragedy of 'Macbeth.' The reason why 40 is a critical age universal tum-tum, without which the I came from a long ways off, and per- Modern examples are much less dra- are manifold. One of its dangers is chantin the sacred hymns. The vi- more anxious that I should have a which have come under my observa- ed to give up his exercise. The play

The history of the Sikhs and their floral offerings and their cash contri- stand against the Mohammedam con- old, whom I will call 'Gib.' She heard ness of making a living and has begun butions, the latter being silver coins querors is easily told. The wonder is one day that her niece, who lived next earlier was engrossed in the baseball and shells. Of course, the vistor tossed that, holding to the faith in one God, door, had thrown herself out of the several rupees and secured a friendly they did not amaigamate with the window in a fit of delirium. She ness has become absorbed in the busi-Mohammedans. If they had possibly rushed downstairs and was confront nes of making a living and has begun Under the embroiderd canopy on there would have been less of Hindu ed with the sight of the body in the to size up his fellows by financial, the table was the Granth and Sikh polytheism and idol worship today. but the Mohammedans came to India seemed to be but little moved, pre- chances are that he passes hours as conquerors and the refusal of the pared the body for the funeral, and which should be given to sleep in plan-Sikhs to be conquered may explain the was quiet and calm. But from that ning a campaign for the morrow. He

and they recognize no caste.

ARGUMENT FOR VEGETARIANS.

The Sikhs follow some of the Hindu customs as to the sacredness of animal of the Lights. This is a Hindu factions as to the sacredness of animal control of the Lights. This is a Hindu faction of the call of the c festival. In the daytime there are their physical strength might be cited then she repeats these fits of delirium, outlawed. surging crowds with little that was as an argument for the vegetarians. She walks on all fours, rushes on peodistinguishable in the mass of color. However, they eat mutton and other ple, tries to bite them, even seizes At night were the illuminations and meat. Their antipathy to tobacco is photographs of children and chews attention to his food, he becomes more shaped lamps filled with sweet oil Golden Temple are requested to leave herself were a lioness. were placed along the balconies and cigarettes and cigars with their shoes roofs of the building surrounding the at the entrance. The Sikhs' antiptemple and when the wicks were lit athy does not extend to alchol, and the effect, while that of subdued after any one of the great celebrations a good many of them may be found The living picture as viewed from in weary attitudes taking their rest the Gothic tower platform was of the along the marble causeway at the steps

mished side of the Golden Temple is the plous daughter of a wealthy quisite. The fireworks were ordinary, and told her to support herself and I had been told that the day follow- her husband upon the grace of God. ing the Feast of the Lights was really The girl carrying the crippled husband than may be witnessed on the beach of the New Jersey coast. Bathing in the tank of Immortality is a religious rather than a sanitary observance.

A NOISY CELEBRATION.

A terrific beating of the tum-tum witness to the tower of Amrit. After
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Witness to the tower of Amrit. Afterthan may be witnessed on the beach upon he leaped into the water and was Baltimore Sun.

REGARDED AS A DELUSION. In doctrinal books of the Sikhs the central idea is that life is an emanation from a divine creator, the suprem being, God, Brahma, or Hari. The idea of the faith. I watched the steady of the human soul existing apart from march of the pilgrims along the the Eternal cause from which it is marble causeway till they reached the evolved is regarded as a delusive tained from the Japii or prayer book istic extracts:

Om is His true name. He is the Creator and All-pervading Being, devoid of fear and hate, imperishable, unborn and self-existent. He is attainable through the favor of a true by President Roosevelt there has se ship. O inquirer. He existed in the beginning, He ex-

ever.

shipers and showers His blessings upand forms upon forms, and they all ures in Canada's public life. move and act as the Supreme Being

The doctrine may be said to be of the prayer book, which is as follows: Air is the protector, water the pre-When within the temple I noticed of all sentient creatures. Day and night at too high pressure to relax as often shall have their deserts sooner or later. back in his chair and rest. If it is away with pain and suffering when they throw off the mortal coil. Their souls glow with spiritual light, and though their instrumentality may

There are several hundred priests to ritual is regularly carried out at the various services every day in the year. British officials, both civil and military this worldliness. While they try to find out in periods of ferment like the present one is whether the priests are in sympathy with the agitation .-Charles K. Pepper in the Washington

Many of the priests, especially the with Somnambulism younger ones, are familiar with Eng-

TRANCE THAN AWAKE,

Professor Pierre Janet of the Paris anyrate the pamphlets which were livered a lecture on "Mind and Medi-trivial, apart from their daily work. ularly that form of hysteria which also says that the automobile has done evidences itself in somnabulism.

"I will ask you to consider one of On account of my frequent visits the most typical and characteristic the things it has done to the health of and my inquiring disposition a dis-symptoms of hysteria, and that is a large number of pedestrians. He utincluded many of the priests, asked stand all hysterical phases that are cited rather than calmed by riding,

nationality was. They knew I was "What is somnambulism? Popunationality was. They knew I was "What is somnambulism? Popunot an Englishman. He explained that larly, a somnambulist is an individual tor might have mentioned, too, that not an Englishman. He explained that larly, a sommandulate to the solution of sahib," said one of the Sikhs, and asleep. That answer is not very clear, haps on this account they were a little matic, but you will let me cite a few that about this time a man is tempt-

tion: failure of the amalgamation of creeds. time on she grew more and more rises unrefreshed, and after bolting Their version of their own history gloomy. Nearly every day now she breakfast, jumps on the street car. Had is that they are, like the rest of the enters into a strange trance. She he gone to bed and to sleep an hour Hindus, of Aryan origin, and with the seems as if asleep and she speaks soft- or two earlier the night before he mass of Hindus they hold to the trans- ly to her niece, calling her by name, would not only have had a better migration of souls until good deeds Pauline. She tells her that she ad- night's rest, but he would be in the wash away all transgressions. They mires her courage, that her death was humor for walking down town in the

also cremate their dead. But they have a beautiful one. She rises, goes to the morning. Up to the age of 40 it is none of the multitude of gods or idols window, opens it and if her friends did astonishing how many laws of nature not stop her would undoubtedly throw a man can violate and yet be not herself into the street.

was frightened by a lioness at the business with his health on a cash

FOR MAN OF FORTY

MAN IN HIS PRIME IS IN GREAT-EST NEED OF ADVICE.

Discussing the alarming increase of heart disease and kidney trouble, New York medical expert, quoted in this column a few days ago, uttered a strong protest against the strenuous life. A glance through some medical exchanges discloses the astonishing fact that the experts are apparently unanimous on this subject. Against the doctrine so persistently advocated spiritual guide only. Him thou wor- in a strong reaction. It is the man of 40 who seems to be in greatest need of advice, and by a man of 40 is isted before time began its existence, meant the man who is in his physical He does exist now and He shall be for- and mental prime. In this sense of the expression, some men continue to be In the universe of truth dwells the 40 for 15 or even 20 years, and it is incorporeal Lord. He sees His wor- in this class that death has been se busy in the past few months, carryon them. There are worlds upon worlds ing off some of the best-known fig-RELAX OFTEN.

Dr. Leonard Corning, the New York authority on brain and nervous diseases, speaking of business or professional men who have reached the age of 40, makes the following remark: server, and the great earth the mother "I advise every man who is working but momentary, it is a benefit; if the utes the resulting strengthening of the response of the tired nerves is very great indeed. I have recommended many men getting into middle life to put a couch into their offices and a few times a day to throw themselves upon it and relax every muscle for a minute or two. But even if it is only a matter of leaning back in the desk chair, the benefit is decided, the restful position induces by suggestion the relaxation of the brain. The process of exhaustion gives way to that of repair, and though this is but momentary, the course of the cerebral circulation has been altered and the tired brain cells relieved of the strain for which there is, though we too constantly forget the fact, a limit.

A HOBBY RECOMMENDED. "Never stand when you can sit, and

never sit when you can lie down," was the dictum of a famous old-time physician, and apparently modern science is circling back to his ideas. Such a dogma is utterly at variance with the practice of the strenuous life as is the advice given in this column a few days ago, recommending a hobby. Dr. Corning says that nothing could be more beneficial to the health of the average business or professional man great things for the health of business fected by strain and close attention

THE CRITICAL STAGE.

instinct ceases to operate powerfully; "There is a young woman, 29 years life has become a pretty serious busicalled to account, but after this age "Another case, a woman 35 years old, has been reached a man begins to do A MAN'S FOOD.

fireworks. Myriads of small cup- very pronounced, and visitors to the them up, and acts altogether as if she interested in relative advantages of a Three-fourth cup of coffee..... 0.26 vegetarian and a carnivorous bill of One-fourth cup of cream 0.78 There is a man of 30, with both legs fare. It is men of this age who will One lump of sugar..... paralyzed, who has been an invalid be most interested in the tables prefor years. In the middle of the night pared by Professor Chittenden, of Yale, he rises slowly from his bed, takes his whose experiments on college students One teacup home-made chicken pillow and hugs it close, walks out of were mentioned not long since. Prothe room, through a courtyard and fessor Chittenden says that the aver- One Parker House roll. climbs to the top of the house. His age brain worker eats about 30 per Two one-nich cubes of butter... 0.38 massed Sikhs sitting on the marble pavement around the lakes or packing the roofs. The tower and eaves of all the temples were lighted with arabesques, intertwined along the marble massed Sikhs sitting on the marble ple.

The name Amritsar means the Jews of heaven or the divine elements of heaven or the divine elements of water. The legendary origin of the moment he awakes his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he does not understand how he has reached the housetop and why he, other expert Dr. Curtis, uses this legs of energy, he produces 4,000 of these units and in describing the result and the lakes or packing on the marble friends have difficulty in reaching him, for the moment he awakes his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he arabesques, intertwined along the lakes or packing on the marble friends have difficulty in reaching him, for the moment he awakes his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he arabesques, intertwined along the lakes or packing on the marble friends have difficulty in reaching him, for the moment he awakes his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he arabesques, intertwined along the lakes or packing on the moment he awakes his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken his legs become paralyzed again when awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken he awaken his legs become paralyzed again. When awaken his legs become para all the temples were lighted with of heaven of the driving the result and the describing the result and the water. The legendary origin of the has reached the housetop and why he, other expert, Dr. Curtis, uses this of lemon. "Again there is a girl made ill with solid ash which must be raked down proteid within the organism yields a was brought out subdued and clear and unnatural father who because of despair at her mother's death. They by the liver and thrown out by the was brought out subdued and clear a passing displeasure gave her in lived in a garret, and for two months kidneys. Now, when the task gets to One teacup cream of corn soup. 3.25 under great strain, tending her mo- ly to go on strike. The grate then is One-inch cube of butter. ther and earning her living at the not properly raked; clinkers form and One small lamb chop, broiled. 851 sewing machine. After the old lady's slowly the smothered fire grows dull One teacup of mashed potato. 3.34 the best occasion for seeing the Sikhs,
The throng was very dense and the
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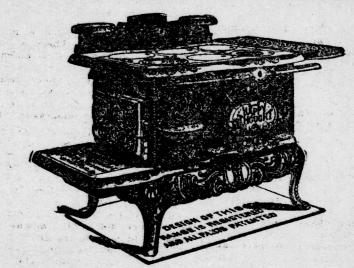
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-Toronto Mail and Empire.

A lot of curiosity has been excited lately by the new soap that has coins into such general use, superseding the old-style makes. It is a pure castile laundry soap and is called the "Olive Oil" laundry soap. It lasts longer than the old soaps, it doesn't cost any more and it is a cleaner, more healthful KEEP MINARD'S LINE ANT soap. Ask for it at your grocer's. He has it, or he can get it for you.