

ADVENTURES IN GREECE.

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GREEK PEASANT WOMAN IN
HOLIDAY DRESS.

THE visitor who makes even a short stay in Athens cannot fail to be impressed by the strongly - developed national spirit, wonderful to see in a country that remained for so many centuries under foreign domination. The advance in this direction has been very marked in the last quarter of a century. A desire has arisen to revive the classic language, and even the ancient customs, especially in legal procedure.

Athens is once more becoming noted for its schools, the impetus in that direction, together with very substantial aid, having been given by foreigners interested in the present city for the sake of its past. It is even said now that they are in danger of being too much educated; that is, that too many young men enter the learned professions,

but the law of supply and demand will remedy that evil. The manifest destiny of Greece is horticulture; as it should be of all those favoured climes where the vine, orange and olive flourish; leaving manufactures for the lands of the north where life in the open air is not so agreeable.

The railway journey from Athens to Patras is altogether delightful, especially after Eleusis is reached; from that place to Corinth the road follows every bend in the shore of the Saronic Gulf. In places the mountains rise abruptly from the edge of the sea, and the railway



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