

homet as their prophet, it is the mission of the Mussulman to destroy. It is this conviction which makes them such formidable enemies in time of war. This is the secret of the almost super-human bravery which they displayed at the battle of Timatal. One of the fanatical phases of this strange religion is found in the order of Dervishes, a brief account of which will close this article.

Dervishes have been called *Mohammedan monks*, but in just what respect they resemble them I can hardly tell. They are fanatical religionists, and are of many different orders, or sects. Some



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marry, and many are engaged in business like ordinary mortals. Most of the orders are distinguished by a high conical hat of light felt. They wore the full drawers and voluminous girdle of the ancient Oriental costume, and over all a long, loose garment, made of some light material in summer and fur-lined in winter. This is entirely without fastenings, and as they walk is blown back by the wind, revealing the under garments. They