

Investiture of the Caliph.

PICTURESQUE CEREMONY.

LONDON (By Canadian Press).—A picturesque survival of the ancient form of investiture of the Caliph at Constantinople is the Girding of the Sword, though the Caliphate has been separated from the Sultanate for the first time since A.D. 1517, and no longer does one man combine secular sovereignty over the Turks and their subject peoples with the religious headship. The new Caliph Abdul Medjid, whom the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, sitting at Ankara elected in the place of Mahomed VI., was recently invested at Constantinople, the city known to all good Moslems as "Dar-ul-Khalifat," the abode of the Caliphate, and was girt with the sword of Osman, just as if he really possessed the "right of the sword" and were the secular Sovereign, as was his immediate predecessor. With the abolition of the Sultanate has gone much of the enthusiasm that used to be evoked among the Moslem masses of Constantinople, when they watched their new chief cross the golden Horn on the State barge Seydül, to the mausoleum of Eyub, Mahomed's comrade and standard bearer, for the ceremonial investiture, according to the Near East correspondent of the London Times. Eyub fell in his old age at the first siege of Constantinople. One thing missing from the investiture of the newest Caliph was the oldtime cry, "Padishahimiz chok yasha." Long Live Our Emperor. Abdul Medjid is Caliph but not emperor.

GIRDING THE SWORD.

The service of girding the sword was as brief as it was impressive. The sword, a long Damascus blade, somewhat less curved than many medieval scimitars, was carried before the Caliph on a jewelled stool. It is a famous blade, for Mahomed the conqueror last bore it in battle when Constantinople fell. On his death it was placed in the mausoleum which he had raised on the spot where one of his preachers fortunately discovered the tomb of Eyub in time to inspire the janissaries with fanatic courage for their last victorious assault on the walls of the city. The Chelebi first read the short opening chapter of the Koran and invoked the Divine blessing on the Caliph. Then he lifted the sword from the stool and girt it on, with a brief prayer that he on whom it was girt might bear it to the glory of God and the advantage of Islam. Thereupon the notables departed, and the Caliph was left alone in prayer before the tomb. When his prayer was concluded he appeared at the door of the mausoleum and gave orders to the procession of court carriages and out-

riders to start, state troops following in the wake of the procession. A RELIC OF THE PROPHET. The cortege went first to the Adrianople gate, and then to the Mosque of Mahomed the Conqueror, where the Caliph prayed at the tomb of his great ancestor. Next he went in procession to the palace of Topkapu-Seral, (also known as the Old Seraglio), where he visited the Noble Relics. These are a fragment of a camel's hair mantle which is said to have been worn by the Prophet of Islam, and a few hairs which are said to have come from his beard. There is also the Sanjak-i-Sherif or Sacred Banner which the vulgar aver to be that which was carried before the Prophet himself, but which undoubtedly dates from the Middle Ages. These relics are kept in times of peace in a glass case at the Baghdad Kiosk of this Palace, but they have frequently been removed in recent years owing to fear that they might fall into the hands of infidel enemies. In the past, when the Caliph was also Sultan, the visit to these relics was the only observance which the Sultan could be said to have fulfilled purely in his capacity of Caliph.

Just Like That.

Mr. George Robey, the English actor and raconteur, tells the story of a gilded youth of effeminate tendencies who by some fluke of luck found himself stony broke. Deciding that his best bet was America, he tried for a job on one of the boats crossing the Atlantic. After being down by ship after ship he almost despaired of ever getting out of England. Finally his luck changed. He struck a boat on the point of sailing and found that a stoker had failed to turn up. Joyfully he signed on, went aboard and was directed below by the captain. Then he disappeared. Nothing was seen or heard of him for three days. But on the fourth day the skipper suddenly came upon a resplendent figure in full yachting kit, glasses slung over his shoulder, promenading. "What the hell are you doing here?" he demanded. "I thought I told you to go below." The regilded youth gazed at the irate officer, tapped him lightly on the shoulder, and pleasantly enquired, "Oh haven't you heard? I've left."—The Argonaut (San Francisco).

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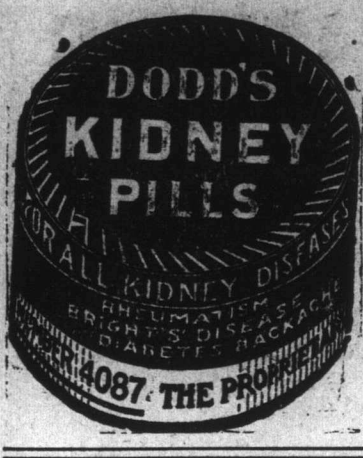
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Picture the world if each and all of us were considerate! The jostling, the pushing, the crowding, the hurt that is done daily and hourly to hearts, to try to make their way in life's press of work and business, would cease. If duty demanded that we should tell the truth we should do it considerately.

TEMPERING THE BLOW.
If we had to condemn work, manual or mental, that was not of the best quality, but the best that the worker could do, we should do it considerately.

If we were always considerate we could never be discourteous. If, for a reason approved by conscience we had to say "No" to one who begged, we should do it considerately.

We shouldn't push the weak, or snub the learner, if we were considerate. We could not be selfish if one rule in life was that we would always be considerate.

We should never be impatient of slower minds if we had learned this lesson. The human and kindly touch would be established between "all sorts and conditions of men," between "high and low, rich and poor," if the virtue of consideration were in every heart. The oil of life is consideration for others. Get it and use it. You, the world, and humanity, will thereby greatly gain. Be considerate!

Three Big Attractions at The Nickel To-Day.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES IN GALORE. A GREAT SHOW.

Clinton and McNamara are giving a change of bill, which they say is going to be the best so far. Patrons are certainly in for a bumper show the remaining three days of this week. They will present a new comedy skit with all new jokes and songs and catchy dances.

The moving picture side of the bill consists of two big features, entitled "His Pyjama Girl" with Billie Rhodes and a Paramount picture "Passing Through," starring Douglas McLean. "His Pyjama Girl" is a play that will keep you guessing. The jilted lover knew his old sweetheart was married to another that day. Can you imagine his surprise when, at night in his own home, he opens a folding bed and finds therein the bride of his successful rival asleep. This is a story with a careful blending of adventure and comedy. "Passing Thru" is the humorous tale of a young man whose willingness to assume the troubles of others involves him in serious difficulties. Madge Bellamy is the leading feminine role. On Monday Jackie Coogan's greatest picture will be shown. It is entitled, "My Boy." Everybody thought "Peck's Bad Boy" was a great picture—but wait till you see "My Boy"—it's miles ahead.

BILLY'S UNCLE



Temple Seven Thousand Years Old.

Many antiquarians have regarded Stonehenge, in Wiltshire, England, as the most venerable relic in Europe, says a London paper. Its period has been estimated at 3,000 or 3,500 years B.C., and some assert that it represents Sun-worship rather than Druidism.

Miss Margaret Murray told the Royal Anthropological Society in London that she had discovered a temple in Malta 5,000 years old.

Miss Murray, who has been an earnest worker for many years with Professor Flinders Petrie, the famous Egyptologist, told a newspaper reporter that she spent her two months' summer holiday with Dr. Edith Guest, excavating at the temple of Borg en Nadur.

They worked on the remains of the most primitive of temples left by an unknown race of people, the period of structure being put at 5,000 B.C.

"We found Neolithic pottery and pottery of the Bronze Age," she said, "and, what is most important, we found pottery of the transitional period between these two well-defined periods. This has not been found before."

"The temple proved to be very small and consisted of two apses with an altar at one end of the furthest apse. The three stones forming the altar were still standing upright, but although the whole area was thick with bones no human burial remains or evidences of sacrifice were found."

"This temple is older than Stonehenge. There are others on Malta Island, and they are all built towards the south-east, so that whatever this principle means it is not Sun-worship."

"The origin of this race is a mystery. Anthropologists now hold that there was a race which inhabited the Mediterranean basin and possibly they were that race. They worked with crude flint implements, many of which I have brought back, and they had a crude art."

"From an archaeological point of view the discovery I have made of certain painted pottery on the site is important, as it shows at that very early period (equivalent in Egypt to about the 12th Dynasty) there was trade between Malta and Crete."

"This is the first occasion on which we have found any connection between prehistoric Malta and any other ancient civilization."



A COMMON FAILING.

On foot James Kickshaw is polite, a Chesterfield is he; he always treats his neighbors right, he's thoughtful as can be. If he should step upon your corn, by some unhappy chance, his breast by bitter pangs is torn, remorse is in his glance. I've seen him chase for half a mile, upon a redhot day, to capture some old fellow's title the wind had blown away. He has his gracious bows and becks on tap for young and old, his courtesy to either sex is something to behold. But when he climbs aboard his bus, and steps upon the gas, he is another sort of cuss, his charms of manner pass. He knows the traffic rules by heart, he knows they're safe and sane, and yet he seems to think it smart to treat them with disdain. He cares no boot for others' rights, he owns the right of way; he runs without his lamps on'tights, he hogs the road by day. He travels like a house afire, and as he crosses town he seems to have a crosser's desire to run the voters down. And when he's parked his deadly van, and left it for the night, he is again the smiling man, most thoughtful and polite. He gives assistance to the lame, helps out the human wreck, and bows to girl and withered dame until he aches his neck.

It is reported that the gumples will be worn more than the waistcoat with spring suits.

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By EDGAR A. GUEST.

AFTER THE BRIDGE LECTURE.

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Declaim on the value of trumps and the purpose of leading through strength.

So they talked of the value of tricks as I shuffled the cards for the deal.

And they talked of declaring a club and what such a bid should reveal.

I knew in my heart I was doomed to suffer and fall by the way. But I tossed out a heart my lead—

I'd four from the king—and they said: "If you'd heard Mr. Whitehead last night a different suit you'd have led."

Whatever the card that I played and whatever the bid I declared—

My sins of omission that night were frequently, thoroughly aired; they argued and wrangled it o'er, they talked and discussed and explained.

No two from the lecture they'd heard the self-same opinion had gained.

They told what they thought he had said, and what he had told them to do.

They'd been to a lecture on bridge and all that's worth knowing they knew.

And at last I rose up in despair and said: "Mr. Whitehead I hate. He has changed what was once just a game to an endless and bitter debate."

Rome Invites to International Tennis.

ROME—Italian tennis circles are awaiting with interest the replies of Allied Tennis Federations to invitations extended to them by the Italian Lawn Tennis Federation to send teams to participate in the International Hardcourt Tournament to be held in Rome next May. The reply of Germany already has been received, and is in the affirmative. Kleinroth, who is playing in his best form just now, will captain the German team. He is regarded by experts as the best singles player in Europe at the present time. Count Salm, of Austria, is expected to lead the Austrians. The feeling here is that Belgium, England and France will abstain, but that Spain will send over its Davis Cup team, the Alonzo brothers, Flaquer and Count de Gomar.

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