

## The Joker Club.

"The Pen is mightier than the Sword."

A NATIVE EGYPTIAN ON THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

BY DR. MULVANY.

Allah is great, my children, the one true God is He! And Mohammed is his prophet! and what of a slave like me? For the Usurer's tent is gone, ere the leech had gorged his fill; I owed him a half year's taxes, and Satan may settle the bill! And quickly to yonder ship the tax gatherers fly in fear—Ten lie in Cairo-street, throat cut from ear to ear, The barge on the Nile floats free, for the Frank is there no more To guard our masters' grain from the thin hands of the poor, And the English tourist-horde, with pen and note book in hand That haunted our ruins like ghouls, and covered like locusts the land; With their women who shamed our rags with their jewels and garments gay, Have vanished like ghosts at dawn from yon caravansarai, And he whom I hated most, the preacher, that saint superfluous, With coat as Elbis black, and face like a new-singed swine: Who in famine years when we starved, like a Pasha, ate, drank and fed, In the mission house there in the town, "to convert our souls," he said, He came to my hut one day, the season the Nile had failed, And my wife, hunger-stricken, lay dead, with her famine-worn face unveiled. No food that a dog would touch had passed through my lips for days; He came and talked for an hour, and went, to Allah be praised! He prayed of blessings we had in the khedive's enlightened rule, And, said he, I "advise you to send your sons to my mission school." And he asked me what blighted the crops and stunted the river's rise? And questioned of this and of that, and I answered him not but with lies. Allah is just, my children! Ye shall worship Him alone; And Mohammed is His prophet, and there is no God but One! Ye shall hold no traffic with traders! Be your hearts and your sabres true To crush the Christian schemer, and smite the dog of a Jew! But better the Bedouin camp in the desert palm-tree's shade Than your bran-new, foreign-built "civilized" town where fraud is a trade! And better be robbed by a strong man, who comes with a yard of steel, Than a lawyer licensed to cheat, with a bailiff and writ at his heel; But Allah is great, my children, and kind to a slave like me, And what is written is written, and what He wills shall be.

—The World.

It is stated that while in Louisiana, Oscar Wilde was a guest at a lynching. Everything has been done to make his stay in the United States agreeable.—*Boston Post*.

He—"Why do you persist in moving away from me so far, dear cousin?" She—"Oh, for a distant relative it seems to me you are near enough already."—*Fliegende Blätter*.

"Pa," asked little Johnny, "what does the teacher mean by saying that I must have inherited my bad temper?" "She meant, Johnny, that you are your mother's own boy."

The swan, we have been told, sings just before dying. When we heard Miss Uppasse vocalize the other evening we couldn't help wishing she was a swan.—*Boston Transcript*.

He had lost his knife, and they asked him the usual question, "Do you know where you lost it?" "Yes, yes," he replied, "of course I do. I'm merely hunting in these other places to kill time."

The extraordinary advance of what has developed into the human race is shown in the fact that Darwin left an estate valued at \$730,000. Eighteen millions of years ago no monkey then extant was worth half that number of chestnuts.

"In addition to its value as an article of food, the egg has a variety of other uses." The "star" actor in a one-horse travelling troupe is well aware of this fact, and deeply regrets that it is so.

No one ever believed that beef could get up so high. It was quite poor when it commenced to go up.—*New Orleans Picayune*. Guess Mr. Picayune never heard of the cow that jumped over the moon.

Aimee is coming back to America in the fall. Her voice is not so well proportioned as it used to be, but what is better, her ankle retains all its old time sweetness, compass and power.—*Denver Tribune*.

It is stated by a Princetown man that the reason his college is not winning as many athletic prizes as formerly, is that the students have adopted white flannel suits, single-barrelled eye-glasses and ice-cream.—*Pack*.

There was once a law in force in New England forbidding a man to kiss his wife on Sunday. An idea of how ugly the wives were can be formed when it is stated that few men desire to violate the law.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

Hens' eggs 1200 years old have been found at St. Eloi, France. Their usefulness for all purposes must be considerably impaired. Even as "tokens of regard" for presentation to crank "Hamlets" they are utter failures.—*Norristown Herald*.

### SUDDENLY SEIZED.

Mr. Arthur Fisher, of the *Toronto Globe* observes: "On my last trip to the States, I caught a very bad cold from a severe wetting I received one night in the city of Philadelphia, which settled into a very bad case of rheumatism, and made me most miserable. I did not know what to do for it, and could not think for a long time, until I bethought me, that on previous visits to that side, I had always bought for Mr. Gay, of our paper, a couple of bottles of St. Jacobs Oil. I remembered also, fortunately, that the last two bottles had cured that gentleman of the rheumatism and so I resolved to purchase St. Jacobs Oil for my own use. I went at once to the drug store and made the purchase; and that very night I began applying the Oil, and in two weeks time I was as well as ever."

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Secretary.



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By order,

F. H. ENNIS,  
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, 24th May, 1882.

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