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## THE MOHAMMEDAN FLY AND OTHER CREATURES LIVING ALONG THE NILE

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Egyptian civilization is supposed to e stationary, except in the larger The fellahin scratch the rich soil with the same kind of clumsy wooden plough that was used then, the highways have been vashy when Marc Antony came down from Rome on a business trip and got all "working the reads" was a large joke. To avoid paying the tax the farmer in the same type of snug mud hut -clumsy wooden plough that was used do something to a public highway. Usabout the size of a lower berth. They about the size of a lower berth. They lift the water from the Nile by exact-ly the same wooden sweep that was in vogue when Cheops began work on the Pyramids. It may be remarked, en passant, that the fellahin are the



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farmers of Egypt. I might have said tana. As soon as the tax was "work-"farmers" in the first place, but what ed out" he discontinued the improveis the use of spending a month in a place and paying large hotel bills if one cannot pick up words of the fal-lahin description to parade up and down in front of his friends and cause them to feel ignorant and untravelled? corps of flat headed township supervied and discouraged, incapable of ini- utive household companion. The be- idiotic. Before we travelled far up the The en passant, which is tucked in so The en passant, which is tucked in so neatly above, I found in Paris. It means "under your hat," or something like that. It is impossible to translate these French phrases without sacrific-ing some of the piquant significance sors bring up the rear and "work" the It was in this same town of Assiut that we visited one of the greatest bazaars in Egypt. We had heard about this bazaar every day since landing. The traveller who had been up the Nile and who had come back to Cairo, sunbaked and full of the patronizing airs of the veteran, invariably said, "By of the original. For instance, "string beans" can never be haricots vert. they may loook the same and taste the same, but when they are both on the bill, nie for the haricots vert every the way, when you are in Assiut you must see the bazaar." He might as me: The only outlying dis To resu To resume: The only outlying dis-tricts of Egypt are supposed to be ab-solutely non-progressive. This is a mistake. While driving out from As-siut to visit another cheerful cluster of tombs we came upon a large gang of workmen engaged in improving the road. As soon as the carriage ahead of ours struck the improved road it turned turtle, and for a moment the air was full of jumping tourists. Our conveyance started over the improved section, but mired down, so we got out must see the bazaar." He might as well have said, "When you are in Washington be sure to take a look at the Washington. Monument." "Bazaar" has a seductive, Far East-ern sound, the same as "mosque." It is much luckler to shut your eyes and much luckier to shut your eyes and think of a mosque than to actually see a deserted lime kiln with an upturned sugar bowl on top of it. The same for "bazaar," only it goes double. A bazaar is a cosy corner gone wrong. If you will take the long corridor of section, but mired down, so we got out and walked until we came to an unand walked until we came to an un-improved road, and then we jumped in and sped merrily on our way. I stopped for several minutes to watch the men at work, and I was deeply five and ten cent store, kick up a chok-

At home, take it in the dog days, if we At home, take it in the dog days, it we have no rain for two weeks and the crick dries up, all the local apostles of gloom and advance agents of adver-sity clot themselves together in front of the Post Office and begin pronouncing funeral orations over the corn crop Fourteen days without rain and the whole country is on the toboggan, headed straight for bankruptcy. Yet here in Egypt, where they haven't ex-

perienced really a wet rain for twenty centuries, the people go about cheer-fully, and there is no complaint regarding Providence. But what an unsatisfactory heng-ou for the weather shark! In Egypt the oldest inhabitant never gets up in the morning and says, "I'm satisfied we're going to have rain to-day, because my eumatiz bothered me all night." There is no need of looking for rings around the moon. You never hear any one say, "It looks a little black in the north, but I think it'll 'blow' around,

pecause the wind is in the wrong direction." Every morning the sun rolls up in silvery splendor and surveys the same old parched landscape, with the strip of irrigated green, and after a strip or irrighted green, and after a leisurely and monotonous day sinks through a golden glow into the fat stretching desert. No one is looking for

and makes breeding spots for microbes and leaks through hotel roofs, so that

could not have done a more imbecilio job. In Indiana every voter is required to widely prevalent's solventria, or post in Egypt I should prefer to be a More intelligent directory which attacks even the for the fix. If I had to be something our city." Then when he begins spar-ing with them and using sulphurous in Egypt I should prefer to be a More intelligent directory which attacks even the intelligent reader may have no-tion, the highways have been vastly improved but there was a time when in the intelligent reader may have no-ticed that now and then I have refer-

our city." Then when he begins spar-ring with them and using subhurous language they gather about him in augmented numbers and dogs when he strikes and side step when he staps himself and seem to think that he is trying to teach them some new kind of a "tag" game. The Mohammedan fly. cannot by any effort of the imagin-ation bring himself to believe that an human being would wilfully injure him. This feeling of overconfidence in markind heads The intelligent reader may have no-ticed that now and then I have refer-red to the dust in Egypt, Egypt makes all the other dust spots on elerth them dank and water logged. We asked truthful Hassim, our guide at Assiut, if there had been any valually interval to the source has unpopular as the million-tices that now and then I have refer-all the other dust spots on elerth them truthful Hassim, our guide at Assiut, if there had been any valually is the source has have any freeful, and suspic-tions that the the source has have any freeful, and suspic-tions that the the source has have any freeful and been any valuation to the source has have any free source has have any free source has have any free source that the source has have any free source have any free source have any free source have any free source has have any free source have any free sourc truthful diassim, our guide at Assiut, if there had been any rainfall lately. He said that about five years ago there had been a light shower, and during one of the Prolemy administrations The Ptolemy family occupied the throne about two thousand years ago. human being would wilfully injure him. This feeling of overconfidence

sees what appears to be a tempting figured that he had massacred a regi-



Inncheon of sweets and when he starts in to serve himself he discovers that he is caught and held by the treach-erous "tanglefoot" mixture. He sees a sign; "This way to the dining room," and after passing through a long cor-

and makes breeding spots for microbes and leaks through hotel roots, so that tourists have to carry umbrellas in go-ing to the dining rootm in March of this year there was a heavy rainfall around Assouan, extending as far north as Luxor, and when we came along, a few weeks later, the natives were still bewailing the visitation of Allah's wrath. The extreme dryness of the air in Egypt causes the visiting microbe to It is contrary to the religious teach-

ings to kill or even cripple this dimin- as being most unusual, not to say

his mount by twisting the tail. In the donkey race for ladies several of the contestants fell off gracefully and were carried to the refreshment, booth, where they were revived on tea. The "affinity race" was an interesting feature. The contestants rode their don-

Makes Child's Play of Wash Day

word "Go!" instead of running down the course they would snort madly and start off in all directions. If any of them finished under the wire it was by mere chance and not beca guiding intelligence. One demented water buffalo turned and ran at right angles to the course. The last we saw of him he was disappearing over a hills toward the setting sum, with the na-tive jockey riding on all parts of the upper deck, from the hords back to the

The gymkhana is intended to provide an afternoon of undiluted nonsense, and for the benefit of those who find reason tottering on her throne and who don't care what they do as long as they enjoy themselves I shall append a few sample competitions from an Egyptian programme and suggest that they be tried in America. Bucket Contest-Competitors to gal-lop past three buckets, throwing a po-tato into each bucket. Marks to be given for pace. Best of two runs. Hat Trimming Competition-Gentle-man to ride to lady with parcel con-taining hat and trimmings. Lady to trim hat and gentleman to return to trim hat and gentleman to return to the winning post wearing hat. Dak Race-Competitors to drive at the trot about one-half mile, unharness and saddle same pony and ride 200 yards, returning to the winning post. Housekeeping Stakes Gentlemen on side saddle to ride to lady and give her invelope containing an addition Lifdy to open envelope, add up this sum and return it to gentleman. First past the post with correct sum wins. Needle Threading Competition-Lady carries needle and thread 100 yards to gentleman partner. He threads the gentleman partner. He threads the needle and returns it to lady. First past the post with needle properly threaded wins.

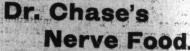
threaded wins. Egg Cartying Competition for Ladies -Each lady carries an egg in an or-dinary teaspoon for a distance of about fifty yards. If egg is dropped it must be receivered with the spoon and must not be touched with the hands. First past the post with un-broken egg wins. symptoms. The time to begin the restoration of the nerves by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is when you 'find yourself unable to sleep at nights, suffering from headaches or neuralgic pains in digestion or weak heart action. Loss of flesh and weight, chowing weakness and debility a tendency to weakness and debility; a There are many other contests which tax the intellect in a similar manner, but possibly the foregoing will be suf-ficient to provide a fairly demoralizing afterneon. Of course, in America it is impossible to secure the real Leyantine donkey. In Egypt the donkey takes the place of the motor car, the trolley, the hansom and the bicycle. In size he ranges from an average goat to a full grown St. Bernard. Ordinarily he is headstrong and hard to manage, There are many other contests which ncy to he ranges From an even of the bed. full grown St. Bernard. Ordinarily he is headstrong and hard to manage, having no bridle wisdom whatever, but he is of tough fibre and has a will-ing nature, and behind his mournful countenance there always seems to be lurking a crafty and elusive sense of humor. The names are marvellous. At the varieus steps on our way up the Nilo I became personally acquaint-ed with Rameses the Great Rameses Telegraph, Rameses Telephone, Jim Corbett Whisky Straight, Lovely Sweet; Roosevelt, Sleeping Car, Lydia Pinkham and others. equally appro-priate which I cannot now recall. cannot describe what I suffered, but now I am entirely cured, thanks to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. It is a plea-As I have indicated above, our wanderings have carried us as far as Luxsure to recommend this great medicine to any one suffering as I did from ner-vous disease." Dr. Chase's Nerve Food; 50 cents at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co. or. Luxor (the ancient Thebes) is the superlative of all that is old and amazing in Egypt and therefore it calls for at least one separate chapter. I can only say "Continued in out next." For Toronto. sale at all news stands.



by Nolan at his farm in Poquonnock. Mrs. Nolan told City Clerk Newell her marriage in this city was her first. She gave her birthplace as Windsor Locks, Ct., and her father's name as Harry Fowler. Green gave his age as



AND BY INCREASING NERVE FORCE RESTORES VITALITY TO EVERY ORGAN OF THE BODY.



Suicide; insanity, falling sickness, ralysis: these are some of the results of worn-out nerves. No one would ne sults as nervous exhaustion if the dan-ger were only realized with the first

Winter was brea were already gay Garth Lalor return Lobo as Don Q.'s from so uncommon have been accepted the eagerness show Don Q. wrote that friend, and Lalor r out at once, for he to like Don Q. for markable points in l

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sat for a few momen he disengaged one i pointing downward a ed in groups in the told a story in his was the first break several days. "One of these wolv apes," he began sou play a little part in i -of me, in short-w travesty. As regards self, it matters not a injured me in a deg that his blood alone his crime!" "One Pablo has ca to ransom a lady of not noble family. It c ledge as all events

ledge as all events and I descended the caught the fellow r chief went on. "Pe did me the honor to r

IN THE U.S.A. THE FLY IS ALMOST AS UNPOPULAR AS A MULLION

impressed by the fact that here in this heathen land, where they had no normal schools or farmers institutes to suide them, no agricultural week-lies to beacon them out of the Orient were "improving" the roads just as I had seen them inproved during my boyhood days in Indiana. In other words, they were scooping dirt out of the ditch on either side and dumping if in tall, unsurmountable hilloks right in the middle of the roadway. The most hydrocephalaus township supervisor in the whole Middle West



tiating any new and fashionable epi- lief in transmigration of souls seems Nile we had joined the grand army of demic. This same air, however seems to have a tonic effect on the flea seems to have a tonic enter on the new, In no other clime is he so enterprising, so full of restless energy, so given to unexpected achievements During a dull season, if there is a short supply of tourists, he associates with the natives. He prefers the tourist, but come what may, he is never idle. The bac illus, on the other hand, has circum-scribed opporunities. Insemuch as the entire population of the country lives along the river one might suppose that harmful germs would be bred and dis-

semirated by the billion. Yet both natives and visitors drink from the

her in transmigration of sould seems Nile we had joined the grand army of to prevail everywhere in the mystical East, and perhaps the fly that follows and nags you all afternoon may har-boy the spiritual afternoon may harbor the spiritual essence of a former under the auspices of the Luxor Sport-ing Club and every one of the two hunbor the spiritual essence of a former head waiter or a bey or some other dignitary. When the flies assemble in large numbers around the various ap-ertures of a baby's face the child, obeying an instinct of self-defense. The time to function for the two hun-dred spectators sat there wearily slap-ping himself about the head with the tuffed fly brush while looking at the

obeying an instinct of self-defense, irites to "spat" them and drive them away. But the mather restrains the infant as holding its hands and the fue dangerous as it sounds. The presiding indge of the races was a minister of the gaspel and the receipts were given the gaspel and the receipts were given to local charities. A gynchana is the last resprint of a colony shut of from the metropolitan forms of annueement, and yet it can be made the source of minch holter all over their bright young fear tures. This is not a pleasant thing to talk about, but inasmuch as the fly
Nfle and this friendly understanding between the fly and the native is constantly under the traveller's observation, a description of Egypt would be sadly incomplete without a chapter on the fly.
Having been a privileged class for a first there was a free between native.

Having been a privileged class for a First there was a race between native, many generations the flies are imput water carriers, distance about three, dent and familiar to a degree. When hundred pards, and each contestant dent and familiar to a degree. When hundred, yards, and each contestant the white unbeliever, with no consci-entious scruples against murder, somes. Then there was a donkey boys' race, up the river they swarm about him and buzz into his ears. "Welcome to ward. This enabled him to encourage ward against when the second state of the back-

PRESENCE OF MIND. Mme. Rachel, the great actress, was resting alone in her dressing-room one night, preparatory to going on the stage, when a man suddenly entered, and, drawing a dagger, said he was go-ing to kill her if she did not at once consent to marry him. The actrets saw at a glance the man was mad and meant what he said. So with the utmost seelness are replied: "certainly I will marry you. I wish nothing better. Come with me to the iest at once; I have had him, come

here for the purpose." She took his arm and they went ou together-to where there was assistance, of course, and the man was immediately put under arrest.-Philadel hia Redord.orf teven the did restie body and

OF FREEZE-WINTER

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger The mariage of Mrs. Bessle Estella Winter, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Estella Winter, daughter of Mrs. James Mc Carthy, and J. Chester Freeze took place at 7 oclock last evening in the Pari Avenue, Methodist Episcepal Church. The Rev. Linn Brown, pastor of the church officiated.

Mr. Freeze is connected with the Fairmont Coal Company.







and Expired-Drowning Accidents.

ANTIGONISH, May 25.—The death took place here yesterday of Alexander McKeen of Goldenville. The deceased, in company with his brother, was on his way from New Glasgow and was considerably under the influence of liquor. About two miles from town they entered the house of Samuel Chis-holm, where Alexander grew faint. Dr. Gillis was immediately called, but the deceased was dead before the doctor deceased was dead before the doctor arrived. At the inquest held today Dr. Gillis said that without knowing anything of the general health of the deceased he thought the direct cause of death was alcoholic poisoning. The jury found a verdict in accordance with Dr. Gillis' evidence.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Hugh McGillivray of Pleas-ant Valley, who fell dead while work. ing in a field. The verdict of the coroner's jury was death from heart failure. Dr McDonald of Antigonish act-

ed as coroner at the inquest." A sad drowning accident occurred at Blue Rock, this county, early this week, and the finding of the jury in this case was that the deceased fell from his boat while hauling trawls. Deceased was Phillip Pettipas of Tra-

did me the honor to m saynno yesterday? 1 ing both Pablo and me. The senorita hac even maltreated! emitted a hiss of su malevolence that Laid rejoiced that it against himself. "TI what I should do." The outcome of the ings appeared to be a Q. now unfolded before lishman. "What do you think he asked. "I will read ting the compliments which you are familiar self to the governor Castelleno." "What!" ejaculated man whose ears-" Don Q. bowed in his "Whose ears I regre "Whose ears I regreed to add to my little in the mountains—the began to read—the domain of the domai in the mountains-the began to read-Don Q to send herewith the Gomez, formerly of hi committed the unpart tion of holding to ran responsibility, the Sen de Lucas. Don Q, quaint themselves with of the day are aware, his long memorable a reer, held to ransom a trusts that his excelles of the prison of Caste man of honor, clear t Q, of the stigma cast horrible action of the gomez, and garrote th highest point of the p sight of all the world' usual greetings of fan appear to you, senor, t my meaning plain?" "Very much so," repi iThe chief clapped his bledo came running up cave. Giving orders and the senorita into h C. resumed-"You must understa that the rabble of the too giad to soil the ri so much better than could naturally rease. so much better than could naturally cause F in many excellent way instance, blindfold him