

On the Bosphorus

A Turkish Love Story

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Selma and Rabieh, two little Turkish girls, the former sixteen, the latter seventeen, living in Constantinople, went one day for a walk together along the bank of the Bosphorus. The location of Constantinople is beautiful, and since Leander swam what was then called the Hellespont to visit Hero on the opposite shore it has been associated with romance. History comes in for its share of interest from the time Constantine made the city on the European bank the capital of the Roman empire.

These two Turkish girls each wore the chador, the long gown of the women of that country, and veils over their faces. The custom of keeping the face covered is not as obligatory among Turkish women as formerly, and some of them dress in European costume. Yet these girls, being very young and unmarried, did not think of



THE TWO STOOD ALONE

lifting their veils while walking where they would be liable to meet men. But coming to a grassy spot, where their faces would be to the water, they sat themselves down and, throwing their veils back, permitted the cool air to fan their faces.

The Bosphorus was covered with all sorts of craft, from the swift to the ocean steamer lying at anchor, while on the opposite shore towered a profusion of buildings, minarets and trees. The boats did not come very near the slope on which the girls were sitting, so there was no necessity for them to let down their veils. They sat looking at the various craft out on the water, now a little steamer plying between different points on the strait, now a motorboat and now a small sailer with log-of-mutton sails. It was all so charming, so soothing, the breeze was so refreshing that the maidens reclined on the slope, Rabieh laying her head in Selma's lap.

It was not long before Rabieh was dozing and Selma was blinking. There was a sharp point on one side of them which cut off the shore in that direction. A rowboat came round the point and passed within a few yards of them. Selma, who was nodding, suddenly started at seeing a young man with a pair of oars in his hands looking straight at her.

At sixteen a girl may be captured by a look. The young man, who was but a few years Selma's senior, was wrapt in admiration and expressed it in every feature of his face. To Selma he seemed so beautiful that for a moment she forgot to drop her veil. Then, remembering to do so, she shut off what was to the young man a vision of loveliness.

"Rabieh," exclaimed Selma, shaking her friend, "wake up and let down your veil! That boat you see pulling away came very near us. The young man in it is, oh, so beautiful! He has a face that must have been copied from that of Allah."

Rabieh yawned, arose, and the girls walked on.

It was not long after this that Selma and her mother were crossing the Bosphorus in one of the little steamers used for ferriage. They were seated in the harem, as all women's apartments in Turkey are called, and were unveiled. A flutter of wind blew aside a window curtain, and there on the deck without sat the young man who had looked upon Selma while she was sitting on the shore. For the second time the two pairs of eyes met, and two hearts leaped toward each other.

After that Selma saw the young man several times, though he did not see her, for she was always veiled. Once they passed each other on the Galata bridge, once in Stamboul and again in Scutari. Every time she met him she studied his face and either saw or fancied she saw the wrapt expression of a lover.

At the meeting in Stamboul, Selma was walking with her Aunt Lella.

"That is Orkhan, the son of a very dear friend of mine," said the aunt. "Is he a fine young man?" asked Selma, with a tremor in her voice that she could scarcely conceal.

"A very fine young man indeed,"

There was silence for some time between them, during which Lella had forgotten having met Orkhan. Presently Selma said:

"Aunt Lella, when will mamma arrange a marriage for me?"

"I don't know, child. Do you wish to be married?"

"Certainly. Doesn't every girl wish to be married?"

"Well, dear, I will speak to mamma about it."

Soon after this conversation Selma's mother, Gulistan, at her sister's suggestion determined to look about for a husband for Selma. She knew no men personally—Turkish women know no one but those of their own sex—so she made inquiries among her friends for a marriageable young man. Aunt Lella also took a hand in the matter and quite naturally called on Orkhan's mother, Mikri, to ask if a match could be arranged between Orkhan and Selma. Mikri said she would see about it.

One day Selma overheard her mother and her aunt talking about getting her a husband.

"Mikri says," said Lella, "that she proposed to Orkhan to get a wife for him, but he will not marry; that he is looking for a girl he has seen on the bank of the Bosphorus and again on a steamer. If he can find her he will marry her, but no one else."

This was very harrowing to Selma. The man she desired wanted her, and she wanted him, but could not find her. He must not be informed who or where she was, because a Turk sees his bride's face for the first time when he lifts her veil immediately after the wedding ceremony. An American girl would have found a dozen ways to make herself known without appearing to have anything to do with the matter. But Turkish women, especially the girls, are very helpless.

But Aunt Lella was a woman, and even a Turkish woman likes to have her own way. She knew nothing of the meeting between her niece and Orkhan, but his mother was the only woman she knew who had a marriageable son, and she determined to get him for Selma. Lella was wealthy, and she offered Mikri a large dowry for Selma if her marriage with Orkhan could be brought about. Mikri told her son that he must stop dreaming about the girl he had seen and, like a dutiful son, marry the woman she had provided for him. He seemed to think about it and at last gave in because he need not be restricted to one wife and if he ever found the girl with whom he had fallen in love he could marry her as well.

One day Gulistan told her daughter that she had found a husband for her and that they must begin to make preparations for the wedding. Of late years there is not always an objection to letting the bride know something of the appearance of the man she is to marry. Gulistan, not dreaming that Selma had ever seen Orkhan, showed her his picture, telling her that he was to be her husband. Selma, who had been almost crazed at the thought of marrying any one except the man she loved, on seeing the photograph was like one relieved just before an expected execution. How she ever concealed her emotion she never knew herself.

Meanwhile Orkhan continued to look for the girl on whom he had set his heart, for the expense of living has risen in Turkey as well as elsewhere, and only wealthy men can afford more than one wife. The young man was very miserable, for he wished to find the girl he loved in time to break with the wife his mother had provided for him. But since he was permitted to look upon the face of no woman except his wife how could he find her? He had passed her three times without recognizing her she being veiled.

The wedding day came, and he had not found her. The women were seated, most of them smoking cigarettes and eating sweetmeats. Then they were taken to inspect the apartments to be occupied by the bride and groom, in which were the wedding presents and the trousseau, the latter including articles of apparel belonging to the groom. Then the guests were seated in a large room to await the entrance of the wedding party. The bride, veiled, was brought to the door of the house, where she was met by the groom. He led her into the house and past the guests, who were elbowing one another to get a view of the bridal pair, into a chamber, the door of which was closed behind them.

This is the moment when at Turkish weddings the groom lifts his bride's veil and for the first time looks upon her face. Orkhan had proceeded thus far like one going to a funeral rather than a wedding. How the bride looked no one could tell, for her face was covered. The two stood alone. The groom, conforming to what was expected of him, raised the veil.

A pretty subject for an artist would be this incident—the man's face changing from indifference to surprise and delight at recognizing the girl he loved, she looking up at him lovingly, enjoying his surprise, unforging her happiness with his. Then they were locked in a long embrace.

Curiously enough, there is no other marriage ceremony in Turkey than this, though there is always a formal betrothal some time before. No religious ceremony corresponding to the European peoples is required. The marriage with the Moslem is simply taking possession of his wife.

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Alice Pelletier, Dr. Dudley's sweetheart, retracted her plea of guilty to being an accessory to the case and pleaded guilty.

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The indictment for murder against Kate Michaud was not assayed and she was released.

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social ball at the home of Guy Welch.

Mrs. William Martin, proprietress of the Bristol Hotel, entertained her friends very pleasantly one evening last week at a party in honor of Frank Cameron of the Bank of Commerce, who is leaving town.

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