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has made me; for I had ever give up hope of seeing you both again. My grief are all the more that my husband and boy are away from me at present.

From George I have a letter saying that he has secured an excellent position with the Koolenben Oil Company, of Sumatra, and is making a handsome income.

"But it is about Matthew, my only boy, that I specially write you now.

"It has always hurt me to think that you and I should have been estranged so long, and as Matthew grew up I conceived the idea of sending him to sea in your own vessel in the hope not only that he might become a sailor like you, but that somehow he would secure our pardon.

"It was, perhaps, a childish thing to do, but I had brooded over it so long that it came to look like the inevitable. Matthew himself, though only fourteen, was eager to go, and so in May last I sent him down to Sidney to await the arrival of the Tertius. Since then I have not heard of him and I fear the worst has happened. Oh, father, dear father, write me quickly and tell me if you have seen him. He was to adopt the name of Matthew Grimm, and be known by no other. If it is in your power, make inquiries about him and bring him back.

"If we have lost him it will seem a fearful penalty for having disobeyed you, but God knows that beyond this we have had nothing to regret in our married life.

"Write me soon, dear father, and give me news of my boy.

"With love and sympathy, I remain, your affectionate daughter Manda."

Matt came over to us when he heard his mother's letter being read. The old man knew he was near, for he put out his hand and drew him to his knee.

"Matt," said he, kissing him on the cheek, "you are the best boy in the world. And to think you are my own dear grandchild after all! This is a day to be remembered."

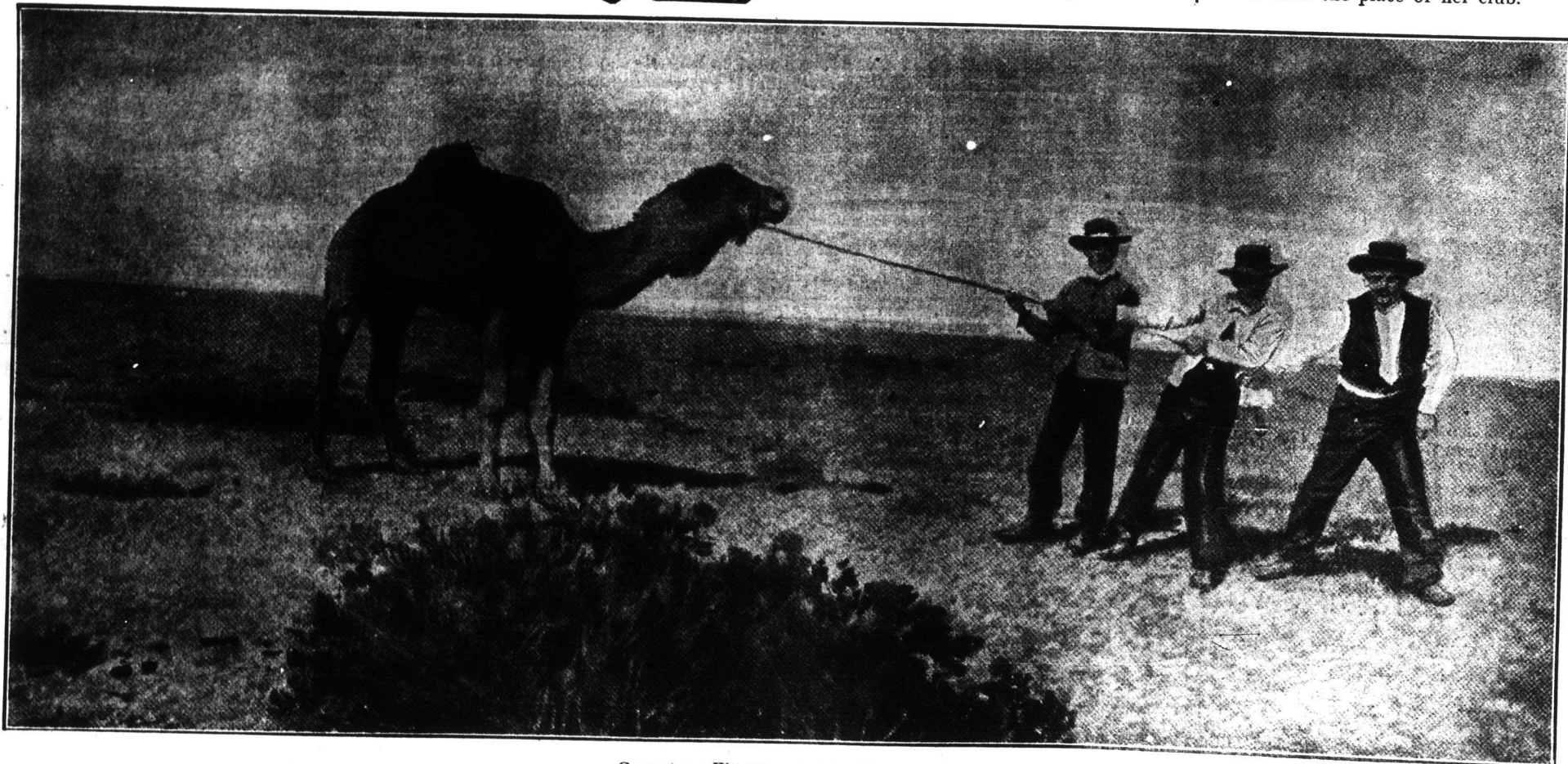
I saw them settled in their new home, and at the captain's request sent a telegram to Brisbane to the boy's mother. It was brief, but there was sufficient in it to relieve her anxiety regarding Matt and assure her of a reconciliation with her father.

Before the spring of 1896, the captain bought a cottage at Penzance, where he and Matt went to reside and where they were shortly afterwards joined by Mrs. Gilbertson. Here the old man underwent another operation which restored his vision somewhat, although it was never anything but feeble. Matt's father remained for two years at Sumatra, and then came home to live with them. Matt himself was sent to college for a year or two. But the sea had cast her glamor over him, and he could no more resist her appeal than the rest of us. He is now an officer in the King's "Navee."

The Life of a Turkish Lady.

The revolutions which are taking place in Turkey affect the women of the country to a greater extent than would have been the case fifty years ago, for it is little realized in England how their position has improved, and how eagerly they are making use of the opportunities now offered them for a wider life and a better education. In this, says Eveline B. Mitford, writing in the "Queen," they have the help and approval of the most cultured and best educated among Turkish gentlemen, especially those who have been accustomed to mix with foreign ladies who are keenly desirous that the lives of their womenkind should be more in accordance with the ideas prevailing in Western Europe.

Turkish women are only returning to a former state of things, for in earlier days Mohammedan law allowed them much greater freedom. They spoke in public, and among them were recognized preachers who delivered addresses to congregations of their own sex in the mosques. They also figured in the literature of their country, and the names of two poetesses, Zehne and Mihri, who lived in the fifteenth century, are known to the people. Gradually the laws became stricter and their lives more circumscribed, until at last the position of the Turkish woman became a by-word in Europe for all that was most enslaved and retrograde. A great deal of misapprehension has existed on this subject, however, and the evils and miseries of the Turkish lady's life have been greatly exaggerated. It is true that after childhood she is only allowed the companionship of members of her own sex, for, with the exception of her husband and nearest male relatives, no men are ever admitted into her society; but she manages to extract a great deal of pleasure out of life all the same. The average Turk, far from being the Bluebeard story-book have painted him, is a courteous, kindly gentleman, who treats his wife with great consideration and respect. The best part of the house, commanding the finest views, is set aside for her use, and if he be wealthy she has all her heart can desire in beautiful furniture, bric-a-brac, and dresses from the great houses of London and Paris. She gives sumptuous luncheon parties to her friends; her well-appointed carriage and splendid horses fill many an Englishwoman's heart with envy; while her boat, with its rowers in gorgeous livery, is to be seen gliding over the waters on its way to some picturesque spot where she is giving a picnic or tea-party. The morning is passed at the public baths, which take the place of her club.



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