

POOR DOCUMENT

The Present Khedive of Egypt.

Tewfik is the son of a slave, and his father, Ismail, in changing the order of succession, never intended that he should be the heir. The ex-Khedive gave the place of legitimate spouse to another woman, who is now staying with him in Naples. Ismail intended to establish the Napoleonic distinction between a civil and a royal family. He was encouraged to hope that he might purchase the right to do so by the late Sultan. But when Abdul Aziz found there was no more money to be extracted from the Khedive, and learned that Tewfik was easy tempered and very ignorant, he insisted upon his right of primogeniture being respected. Only a few intriguing friends, who had secretly backed his luck, when Ismail was at Cairo, knew that he was not so ignorant as he made believe. One of them was Signor Martino, the cousin of his Italian friends, and now his private secretary.

Tewfik was supposed to be in the hands of Martino. This was an error. He had a very clever wife, and was uxorious. The Hanem Emeneh feared no rival. It was she who would reign, and was an Anglo-maniac. Her dearest friends were English ladies. Whenever the Khedive gives an audience to a Minister or foreign Consul the Hanem Emeneh is posted behind a screen of carved wood, where she hears and sees, but remains invisible. One day a conversation between the French Comptroller and Tewfik was suddenly interrupted by an altercation behind the screen. The disputants were Emeneh and her mother-in-law, who is jealous of her influence, and is a superstitious, ill-tempered old woman, who thinks it was by the virtue of her incantations Ismail was deposed. If the old lady had her own way, a sorcerer would have been placed over the Cabinet when her son began his reign. Tewfik would be delighted if Emeneh had a stronger belief in sorcery. Her faith in the supernatural, such as it has been revealed to him by his mother, is absolute.

He is fond of the companionship of children, and himself directs all the Christmas and other juvenile parties that are given by these three young people. The eldest of the trio is twelve years old, and the most youthful, Princess Kadshah, is in her fourth year. A prodigious quantity of roman candles and bengal lights are consumed at these fetes, to which the children of distinguished Europeans at Cairo are invited.

As a ruler Tewfik has adhered to the constitutional theory of government. He is satisfied with drawing his pay, and leaving to his Ministers all responsibility. Whatever they decree he countersigns, and asks no questions—except behind the scenes where he applies for information and advice to the shrewd Martino. Tewfik has never been in the money market. If there is one thing in which he is firm, it is the auditing of his household accounts, which he looks into carefully. His good nature always shows itself in a thousand small ways, but never in profuseness. Cairo is no longer the Eden of the Palais Royal actress.—London Truth.

The greatest pyramid is that of Cheops, one of the three pyramids forming the Memphis group, situated on a plateau about 137 feet above the level of the highest rise of the Nile. Its dimensions have been reduced by the removal of the outer portions to furnish stone for the city of Cairo. Its masonry consisted originally of 80,028,000 cubic feet, and it still amounts to 83,111,000 feet. The present vertical height is 450 feet against 460 feet originally, and the present length of the sides is 746 feet against 764 feet originally. The total weight of the stone is estimated at 6,316,000 tons. The only entrance is on the north face, 49 feet above the base, and about 24 feet east of the central line. The passage way is only 3 feet 11 inches high and 3 feet 5 inches wide. It leads down a slope a distance of 320 feet 10 inches to the sepulchral chamber and beyond this 52 feet 9 inches into the rock. It is supposed that it was intended to excavate another chamber at the end of the passage. The sepulchral chamber is 46 feet long and 27 feet in width, and its height is 11 feet 6 inches. Above this chamber are several smaller chambers connected with it by passages. The only sarcophagus found in the pyramid was in one of the upper apartments known as the King's Chamber. It is of red granite, and at the time contained the mummy of the King, which disappeared when the pyramids were first opened and plundered.

The greatest fortress from a strategical point of view is the famous stronghold of Gibraltar, situated on the most southern point of land upon the southwestern coast of Spain. It occupies a rocky peninsula, jutting out into the sea, about three miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. One central rock rises to the height of 1,439 feet above the sea level. Its northern face is almost perpendicular, while its east side is full of tremendous precipices. On the south it terminates in what is called Europe Point. The west side is less steep than the east, and between its base and the sea is a narrow, almost level span, on which the town of Gibraltar is built. The fortress is considered impregnable to military assault. The regular garrison at time of peace numbers about 7,000 men.

What Women Wear.

Ladies with aesthetic tastes are having dresses made of Madras muslin window curtains in Oriental designs and colors. India lawns come in great variety; the chief pattern shows checks in all sizes and colors. The garniture should be self goods and lace of a quality than can be handsomely laundered.

Dark straws with pompons are chosen for common wear. Lace caps continue the style for babies, and girls a year or two old wear the "Cherry Ripes," with shirred crown of silk or lace, and brim of lace with a full fill.

Pale gray French cashmere gowns have terra-cotta velvet trimmings, and light yellow velvet forms the garniture of a pale blue gown.

For midsummer, satin surahs and the twilled foulards are made up as Watteau polonaises for puffed skirts, and are called tea gowns.

Black tulle, beaded with gold, silver or jet, will be a fashionable evening dress the coming season, worn over underskirts of black satin or surah.

Pomegranate, pale ruby, coral pink, Florentine and turkey-comb rods, daffodil, maize, bee-brown and wheat color are some of the newest shades.

Silks designed for summer wear are manufactured especially for the season. They are light in weight, showing a splendid array of colors and shades—a class of goods not so much worn at watering places as formerly.

Laws give promise of holding a prominent place in dress outfits for summer rustication. The texture is bright and airy in appearance, so appropriate for the summer. No outfit is complete without one or more lawn outfits.

The most startling parasols exhibited thus far are those of vermilion satin, lined with old gold silk and trimmed with double ruffles of wide gold lace. The ferrules are surrounded by a wreath of brilliant scarlet roses, mixed with small yellow sunflowers.

In millinery the manila shades are very prominent. This line is a pale yellow, very noticeable when associated with crimson. Brilliant olive, overspread with a golden shimmer, is styled an antique color, very striking in tone, and possessing the quality of combining nicely with almost every dye.

There are a number of novel effects in greens, especially those shades that partake of other colors. The lichen green in dress materials has a golden lustre; elder green has a silvery veiling; sycamore green has a changeable appearance—it is very soft and delicate, showing off splendidly in superfine goods.

Summer silks having the new Japanese patterns are much sought after in the making up of combination suits. India foulard silks are desirable, especially those with porcelain patterns of hawthorn branches. Raw silks are deemed quite unique; the designs are copied from stained glass, and so closely scattered over the goods that the original texture is entirely concealed.

It appears that the choice of colors in personal adornment is governed this season to a great extent, by aesthetics. "Tawny shades ascend and descend the scale in as many degrees as one or more octaves on a musical instrument. Fading away they sink into pale yellow blondings, or growing deeper, they attain gradually to the 'leoline' hues of the new prominent sunflower."

Those rods that are tinged with purple are considered novel, the orchid red ranking first in this list. True red has the pure garnet hue, and looks well with "Telegraph" blue, which shade blends beautifully with several of the aesthetic colors. Creamy white is highly favored, and particularly in the choice of fine all-wool goods, and satins intended for full dress. The grayish Russian blues are popular. Blue deepening to purple has a very pleasing effect. Green lightening into yellow is charming.

Greek adornment in dress has always held in a more or less degree a very important place in refined modes. Just at present this classical style of dress is seen in touches. Here and there the eye will rest on a dainty curve or a delicate outline that reminds one at once of the picturesque effects so profusely expressed in Grecian drapery. These artistic expressions in personal adornment are not easily secured; only the skilled workman can produce the desired results in the construction of such fashionable toilets.

A little five-year-old boy was being instructed in morals by his grandfather. The old lady told that all such terms "as 'by golly,' 'by jingo,' 'by thunders,' etc.," were only little oaths, and but little better than other profanities. "In fact," she said, "he could tell a profane oath by the prefix 'by.' All such were 'dalls.' Well, then, grandmother," said the little hopeful, "is 'by telegraph,' which I use in the papers, swearing? 'No,' said the old lady, "that's only lying."

It is said that England has 20,000 men ready to be despatched to Egypt on the shortest notice, and it is reported from India that Sepoy troops will be sent, if it becomes necessary to maintain a large force there.

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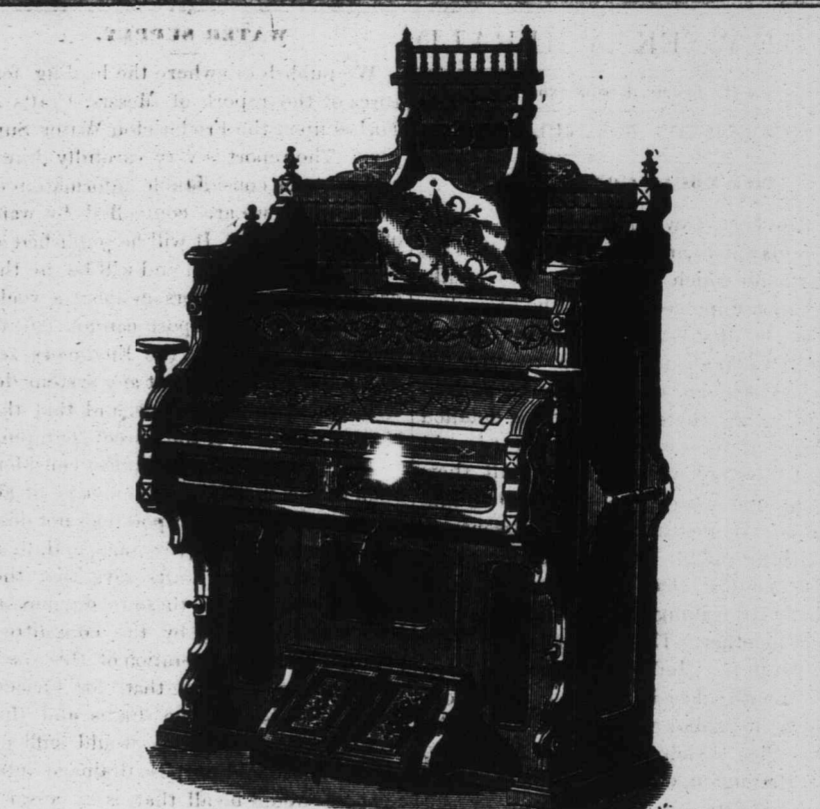
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