

THE TIDE OF TIME.

By Fanny Kemble.

I do believe
That at our feet the tide of time flows on
In strong and rapid course; nor is one current
Or rippling eddy liker to the rest,
Than is one age unto its predecessor;
Men still are men, the stream is still a stream,
Through every change of changeable tide and time;
And 'tis, I fear, only our partial eye
That lends a brighter sunbeam to the wave
On which we launched our own advent'rous bark.

AN EGYPTIAN BRIDAL.

(From Lane's Account of the Modern Egyptians.)

Soon after his return from the mosque, the bridegroom leaves his friends in a lower apartment, enjoying their pipes and coffee and sherbet. The bride's mother and sister, or whatever other female relations were left with her, above; and the bride herself, and the bellanch, in a separate apartment. If the bridegroom be a youth or a young man, it is considered proper that he, as well as the bride, should exhibit some degree of bashfulness; one of his friends, therefore, carries him a part of the way up to the harem. On entering the bride's apartment, he gives a present to the bellanch, and she retires. The bride has a shawl thrown over her head; and the bridegroom must give her a present of money, which is called "the price of the uncovering of the face," before he attempts to remove this, which she does not allow him to do without some apparent reluctance, in order to show her maiden modesty. On removing the covering, he says, "In the name of God, the Compassionate, be Merciful," and then greets her with his compliment: "The night be blessed," or "—is blessed;" to which she replies, if timidity do not choke her utterance, "God bless thee." The bridegroom now sees the face of his bride for the first time, and generally finds her nearly what he has been led to expect. Often, but not always, a curious ceremony is then performed. The bridegroom takes off every article of the bride's clothing except her shirt; seats her upon a mattress or bed, the head of which is turned towards the direction of Mekkeh, placing her so that her back is also turned in that direction; and draws forward, and spreads upon the bed, the lower part of the front of her shirt: having done this, he stands at the distance of rather less than a yard before her, and performs the prayers of the two rekahs; laying his head and hands in prostration, upon the part of her shirt that is extended before her lap. He remains with her but a few minutes longer: having satisfied his curiosity respecting her personal charms, he calls to the women (who generally collect at the door, where they wait in anxious suspense) to raise the cries of joy, or Zagharat; and the shrill sounds acquaint the persons below and in the neighborhood, and often, responded by other women, spread still further the news, that he has acknowledged himself satisfied with his bride; he soon afterwards descends to join his friends, and remains with them an hour, or more, before he returns to his wife. It very seldom happens that the husband, if disappointed in his bride, immediately disgraces and divorces her: in general, he retains her, in this case, a week or more.

NEWLY INVENTED HAT.—In Paris a new description, with a moveable crown, is now in fashion. The rim is of the usual shape; the crown is also attached to the rim in the usual way; but it is capable of assuming two forms. When pushed out or expanded it is precisely like the crown of an ordinary hat; but when not in use, it can be contracted by a peculiar mechanism into a depth of one inch. This constitutes its peculiar advantage. In travelling it may be put into a trunk, and will not occupy a greater space than a shirt; and at a theatre, concert, or assembly, the wearer may place it under his arm, or even stow it between his coat and waist-coat, and pass through the densest crowd without exposing it to the smallest injury. The crown is made very thin, and when pushed out or ex-

panded exhibits no crumples, but it is in all respects like the crown of an ordinary hat. Its interior frame work consists of two steel rings, connected by four slender steel rods, which are joined on one another like a St. Andrew's cross. One ring is attached to the rim, and encompasses the wearer's head; the other is attached to the top of the crown, which it keeps distended like the end of a drum. When the hat is in its flat or compressed state, a push of the fingers makes the jointed rods open; the crown instantly assumes its full size, and the hat is ready to receive the head. This is done in one second, and occasions no trouble. The crown is again brought down with the same ease, by pulling a part of the lining.

IMPROVED SYSTEM OF DUELLING.—The brave Dutch Admiral Von Tromp, who was a large and heavy man, was challenged by a thin active French officer. "We are not upon equal terms with rapiers," said Von Tromp, "but call on me to-morrow morning, and we will adjust the affair better." When the Frenchman called, he found the Dutch Admiral striding across a barrel of gunpowder. "There is room enough for you," said Von Tromp, "at the other end of the barrel; sit down, there is a match; and, as you were the challenger, give fire." The Frenchman was a little thunderstruck at this terrible mode of fighting, but as the Dutch Admiral told him he would fight him no other way, terms of accommodation soon ensued.

AMAZONS IN EUROPE.—Female warriors have been found in the heart of Christendom, even since the dawn of this century. We are assured by Bulwer, that the French armies have never been engaged in the neighbourhood of Paris, without there being found many of these females, whom one sees in the saloons of Paris, slain on the field of battle, to which they had been led, not so much by a violent passion for their lover, (French women do not love so violently,) as by a desire for adventure, which they are willing to gratify, even in the camp. Dumourier had at one time, for his aids-de-camp, two delicate and accomplished women, who delighted in the bloody scenes of war. Often, in the most desperate crisis of the battle, said the general, I have heard their slender but animated voices reproaching flight, and urging to the charge: and you might have seen their waving plumes and Roman garb amid the thickest of the fire. After the battle of Waterloo, there were found among the dead, several Parisian girls, who had gone forth with their lovers, and actually fought in their company. Nor was this an uncommon event. "One morning," says Mr. Scott, "when passing through the Palais Royal at Paris, I saw one of these women dressed in military costume, with boots, spurs and sabre. No Frenchman seemed to consider the sight a strange one."

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