

HOW THEY TRAVEL IN TURKEY.

Very primitive are the carriages which are used in Turkey. Instead of horses, oxen are used, and these animals are not notable for speed...

MODERN FABLES

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THE FAMILY THAT WORKED OVERTIME IN TAKING CARE OF NELLIE.

Once there was a Happy Family that had a little girl named Nellie who was almost too good to be true.

The family used to declare that Nellie was the best singlehanded Waife Artist in the Business, but none...

All the Members of the Household thought so much of Nellie, especially when they remembered some of the Blacksmiths who had officiated at the Range, that they wanted to give her a Merry Christmas.

So Mother gave Nellie a swell Imitation Lamb's Wool Jacket, and Father bought her a new pair of shoes.

On Christmas Morning the grateful Nellie came in to thank them, and she broke down and went into the Waife.

"It's a Cliché," said the Family. "A few Days after that Nellie attended the Annual Ball given by the Slavonic Pleasure and Democratic Club."

"A Butcher named Johnson hung around her all Evening, and when she came to the House, he offered Nellie a Home and took her away."

"Moral: Give them Helpful Books. Once there was a Man who smoked a Pipe. He had a Meerschaum that had been in Use for so many Years that Strangers did not care to stay in the same Room."

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"CHANUKAH"

Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen.

DURING the coming week Jewry will be celebrating the Festival of Chanukah or Dedication, called the Feast of Lights.

It is regarded as the only true historical festival, since the account of its institution belongs to annals which are trusted worthy of these times.

Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles were the great agricultural festivals, around which were clustered old religious reminiscences.

The New Year and Day of Atonement were later additions to the law code, and served a special religious purpose.

Chanukah commemorates a great deliverance, and gave birth to the Book of Esther; yet this festival, though historical to every little extent, only concerned a small part of the people.

But the freedom which is celebrated by the institution of the Feast of Dedication was won for itself by the Jewish nation as a whole.

Soon after their return from travels, they were a man of ability and energy. He was a keen Hellenist and a profuse worshiper of the gods.

In his reign, Judaea was included among his possessions. Three causes are given for his becoming a persecutor of the Jews.

(1) The character and aims of Antiochus himself; (2) the internal party strife in Judaea and Jerusalem; (3) the religious intolerance of Antiochus.

A genius orator has represented Antiochus as a Hellenist who chose Antiochus as a mark of victory. Under such circumstances we can quite understand his fury.

Antiochus did not come himself to Jerusalem, but sent an officer with an armed force to carry out the king's policy of violent hellenization.

The Jewish religion was to be completely eradicated. The prohibition of every Jewish rite and slaughter of all who resisted were the means he chose.

Antiochus' Epiphanes, or Epimanes, thus opens the long and deadly list of religious persecutors, a list which is still open to this very day.

The history contained in the Books of the Maccabees, regarded to the apocryphal books, shows us that a systematic persecution was organized.

The Jews were compelled to scorch at heathen altars, to eat forbidden meats, to wear the badge of obedience and a sign of apostasy.

Under these circumstances it was reasonable enough that the smallest Jew should acquire a peculiar and symbolic power. This was a rather curious sign which the people renounced.

The "abomination of desolation" was an altar of Zeus Olympius, for which the altar of Jehovah in the Temple at Jerusalem was to be replaced.

Thus began the awful period during which some of those agonized Pains, such as 41 or 70, may probably have been imposed.

The uppermost feeling was "For thy sake, for thy sake, we will slay all day long."

It was an age of martyrdoms, the first great historic instance of that long roll of religious persecutions and martyrdoms which have stained the annals of so many different religions.

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A REAL PRAIRIE SCHOONER.

Mr. R. S. Truck, of El Reno, Okla., has invented a real prairie schooner. It sails across the prairie as a ship sails across the ocean, and its motion is as smooth as that of a vessel when gliding through the water.

This remarkable craft has the rather startling name of Go-Devil. It was seen sailing across the country around El Reno almost every day at a great speed.

The Go-Devil requires a good stiff breeze, but when the wind is blowing just right it will whirl along the road at a rate that would give a fast automobile a hard chase to keep up with it.

It will seat four or five persons comfortably, and in a stiff breeze, with the craft running on a level, smooth road, another might be taken on board.

The new prairie schooner is an ingenious contrivance, and elicits praise as well as wonder. "In building this craft," said Mr. Truck, "we took the wheels and axle of a light road wagon, making a platform out of two-by-fours 16 feet long and two feet wide, which we hung eight inches under the rear of the axle, arranging the rear axle on a pivot, with which to steer the craft."

"Then we placed our four masts on equal distance apart, on the platform. Guying the masts with ropes to the sides of the platform and running out a bowsprit in front gives us five sails."

"We also arranged a brake on the front of the masts, holding it off from the axle by means of springs. The brake is applied by a rope, which, when pulled, will check the machine if not under too great speed. I have found out, however, that in a very high wind this brake is of very little use. The only way to stop the machine, is by drawing into the wind."

"The Go-Devil cost me altogether about \$30, but we have had hundreds of dollars' worth of fun out of it. It is not practical in anything less than a 12-mile steady wind, such as blows in the prairie countries."

"At the moment I am designing a machine which will thoroughly eclipse the present one. It will be 35 feet long when completed, and will carry 500 feet of canvas, and will be designed for two persons."

"The acquisition of fame," I continued, "consists of the doing, being or suffering something out of the ordinary. The conqueror and the crank are interested alike by the ruthless reporter."

"Not always," argued the old member readily of an ambitious old-timer who couldn't get himself in the papers satisfactorily, so he decided to hit his big business with lead.

MORAL. Smith, Jones and Brown got stripes and a year in the pen for their part in the case.

The First Ladies of the Day.

Part 3—THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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THE writer, when he recently wrote an appreciation of Her Majesty the Queen, had the honor to be called upon to deal next with another great English lady, her successor in the position of the first lady of the land.

When one reflects upon the great change for the better which we have to acknowledge in the position of the holder of this great title during the last century and a half, it is impossible not to be struck with the fact that in England, the Princess of Wales of that length of time ago, was a woman of a different type from the Princess of Wales of today.

There are two distinct types of feminine worth, on the throne or in royal circles. One is the type of the Queen, who has made her own—that of delicate womanliness, in combination with an ethereal calmness, and a certain reserve which attracts both men and women in every rank of life.

Like the Queen, the subject of this memoir was reared amidst modest surroundings, in a beautiful atmosphere of peace and seclusion of the country, withdrawn from the glare and glitter of the court, an only daughter of a noble and excellent mother, and her own companion from childhood, the idol of her father and brother.

Her mother, who lived in reality a self-sufficient and independent life for a young girl, quiet and retired for the most part, with occasional visits to the court, and at the state homes of the higher aristocracy, to which she was invited, but most part lived at home with very modest surroundings, with much comfort and a little luxury.

It was the very policy of the late Queen, that the Princess of Wales should, as soon as possible, make the circuit of the great Empire, which they will one day rule. After her lamented death, this wise injunction was religiously carried out almost every year of our great dominions was visited by them last year.

By our same British, used much of the land and sea covered by it has been traversed already. But for the great mother the long absence from young children must have been a trial even greater than the possible danger to their health and the influence of the natural nervousness at the prospect of facing strange assemblages in great cities, in which every eye would be turned upon her; the fear lest some mistake in ceremonial or etiquette might mar the whole effect of the adventure, and make the effort a trying one.

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