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WESTERN PEOPLES ARE REMOVING THEIR ORIENTAL AIR.

A Remarkable Mixture of East and West is Found in Egyptian Metropolis—On the Same Street Are Men Riding in Taxis and Others on Donkeys—All Sorts and Conditions of Men Are Found Living There.

Twenty-five years ago Cairo was an Oriental city. Today it is a mixture, an amazing mixture, of East and West. Sit on the terrace of one of the great hotels on the Karnak street for half an hour at any time of day and you will see in the passing show the most extraordinary medley that the modern world has known, writes H. Hamilton Fyfe in The London Daily Mail. Here struts a taxicab, and scrambling out of its way is a man on a donkey, who looks as if he came straight out of the Book of Exodus. He jogs along with a dignified air. You meet men riding on numbers on every street. Silver stands for these patient animals, just as we have stands for cabs. You can hire them as we take a hansom.

After the donkey come smart motor-cars and carriages, in which wealthy Cairenes are taking the air. They might be in Piccadilly or the Avenue des Champs-Elysees. Then suddenly there is a stoppage of the traffic. What is that rattling noise? It comes from a body of ragged-looking men, biggars apparently, who are shouting along three or four abreast. They wear white turbans over a brown cloth skull-cap. Their dirty robes of white or blue reveal bare legs beneath.

Behind them come a more respectable procession, all men, some in European clothes with the red turban or fez, some in long garments of striped silk, showing at the neck a neat embroidered waistcoat. And see, following them again is a herd covered by a colored cloth and borne upon men's shoulders.

It is a funeral, a poor man's funeral. A well-to-do corpse would have a bier, and be carried by four bearers, ensens and dishes of green herbs, to go in front of it. This is the last promenade of a man who has lived. Yet the beggars cry with a will. "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet," the dead man is attracting more attention than he ever did while he was alive and kicking.

If you wait long enough you are sure to see the stream of fashionable cars and barouches interrupted by a wedding. First comes a band making merry music on brass instruments and bagpipes and tom-toms, then a string of decorated carriages. The bride is completely covered over by grey "Manchester" goods.

While the marriage feast is going on the band will play outside the house, which is also profusely decorated. Before the bride joins it the procession takes a detour three times round the quarter in which he lives. It is this kind of equivalent for the round the block which is given to the guests who mount gaily caparisoned camels instead of going prospectively in cabs, and the bride will be closed by a troop of donkey-riders.

Here in the Sharia Kameh I doubt whether you would see a crowd, but just round any corner they are passing all day long and getting mixed up with the electric cars, and the Cairo has an excellent service. Here, however, is a sight better than many carousels—a magnificent rider in a peculiar Arabian Nights costume comes curving along on a jingling Arab horse.

Nearly all the horses in Cairo, even those in cabs, are a joy to behold. They are small, swift and full of prancing energy. Here, see, is a mounted policeman (English) by the way, and a beautiful bay. The Egyptian cavalry are a smart lot, thanks to British drill sergeants; it is pretty to watch a squadron of lance troopers riding by on their mettlesome little chargers.

Walk along the pavement and the contrasts are quite as striking as any we have seen in the career. Dark-skinned Arabs, Nubian negroes, Egyptian Christians, Sudanese, Turks, and Syrians in their flowing robes, rob shoulders with the most smartly dressed people of Europe.

THE MALIGNANT MUMMY IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

The Hoodoo, However, is a Lady and Her Name Was Princess Hetare—She Put a Curse on the Man Who Should Disturb Her Remains and Has Won Out—Ordered Out of the British Museum.

What is perhaps the oldest hoodoo on earth was until very recently in the British Museum. After some 3,000 years of misbehavior the history of the first 30 and the last 20, of which are now known, but of which the intervening 2,970 are not, the spirit of the Egyptian Princess Hetare, priestess of Amun-Ra, has won a very signal victory. She has forced the staid directors of the British Museum to remove her mummy from their state of mind. While they will not admit that the misadventures which have overtaken all those who have had anything to do with the ancient hoodoo, they have, however, by their decision, evermore also pointed their action as a triumph for the departed Hetare.

Through the researches of certain savants who became interested in the ancient manifestations of the early history of the original occupant of the hoodoo case has become known. The Princess Hetare, it appears, was one of the daughters of Amen-Hetep III., perhaps the most famous Egyptian King of the 18th dynasty. Her father was a profound worshipper of the great god, Amen-Ra, and the beautiful Hetare, who was brought up in the same faith. At the age of 21 she was married to a priestess of Amen-Ra, and earned the favor of that deity by the earnestness of her ministrations.

She had a half-brother who, on the death of his father, became the Pharaoh Hetep IV. In his youth this young man became a warm devotee of the god Aten, and rejected the cult of Amen-Ra, the god of his fathers, and the cult of his half-brother. From that time she incurred the hatred and wrath of the Egyptian Amen-Ra, who, according to the ancient story, decreed that trouble and disaster should pursue her through all eternity.

The power of Amen-Ra soon made itself felt on the followers of Aten. The desert tribes began to harass the Pharaoh, and Hetep IV. lost most of the territory his fathers had won. The shrines and temples which were the seat of the worship of the god of Amen-Ra were pulled down, and the stones were used to rebuild the temple of Amun-Ra. Hetare was killed by a fanatic worshipper of Amen-Ra. Her body was mummified and placed in a leaden case. The desert tribes began to harass the Pharaoh, and Hetep IV. lost most of the territory his fathers had won. The shrines and temples which were the seat of the worship of the god of Amen-Ra were pulled down, and the stones were used to rebuild the temple of Amun-Ra. Hetare was killed by a fanatic worshipper of Amen-Ra. Her body was mummified and placed in a leaden case.

The exhibition in the British Museum to-day is not a mummy. It is only an unimpaired mummy case. Unimpaired? Well, that is the question. Some there are who boldly assert that the box is as empty as a vacuum. But others, more familiar with the ways of the Egyptians, solemnly point out that while the corpse of the priestess is indeed no longer to be found in the case, her soul has returned and now occupies the vacant space. The box is, in fact, the coffin of the unfortunate Hetare who attributed the long chain of disasters which had befallen her to the affronted soul of the unfortunate Hetare who attributed the long chain of disasters which had befallen her to the affronted soul of the unfortunate Hetare who attributed the long chain of disasters which had befallen her to the affronted soul of the unfortunate Hetare.

About thirty years ago four wealthy young Englishmen went for a holiday along the Nile. Best on pleasure they had no fear of Amen-Ra and did not hesitate when the opportunity came to secure the mummified priestess of Amen-Ra. They made plans to take her back with them as one of their most interesting souvenirs, and put it on a boat to take them up the Nile. But the boat was mysteriously destroyed, and the priestess was found floating in the water. The boat crew were examined, but were unable to prove their entire innocence of the theft, and finally it was decided to give up the chase, and the mummy was left in the water.

But the grievously offended Hetare was not satisfied. Whether she had been stolen, she did not propose to let the matter rest there. The mummy case was her home, and it had been stolen. Right away she began to be active.

The following piece of one of the four exploded and shattered his right arm. The accident was particularly unfortunate because the young man had intended to enter the Life Guards, and the loss of his arm, of course, made a military career out of the question. But this was only the beginning. Shortly after they arrived in England another was killed in a street brawl. Within a year after the termination of the trip a third lost his entire fortune and died shortly thereafter, and the fourth likewise died in dire poverty.

With the death of the last the case passed into the hands of his sister. Right away she passed it into the hands of the British Museum. A photographer secured permission to take a picture of it. But when he showed within the box the figure of a woman in long white draperies, and instead of the painted face on the case a face of a particularly malevolent expression. Only a few of these photographs were stricken off, and these have become extremely rare.

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King's Oak in Central Park

Tree Planted by King Edward Seems by Strange Coincidence to Have Gained Colossal Growth.

New York, May 9.—The death of King Edward VII. has set the folks in Central Park talking about the death of Queen Victoria and the King's oak, which Edward planted in Central Park at the time of his visit to this country in 1869 when he was Prince of Wales. The death of the oak took place a year ago, it was reported, shortly after the death of the King, and the King's health is said to have started on the decline.

Park employees recalled that in 1902 the oak was thought to be dying. Samuel Parsons, the landscape architect, reported to Park Commissioner Wilcox that he did not think the tree would live much longer. At the time Edward, then Prince of Wales was seriously ill. It was after the death of Queen Victoria and before the coronation of the King. An operation was performed upon the Prince and he recovered. At the same time a sort of operation was performed upon the oak. Some of the decaying parts were cut away, the soil about the roots was freshened and other things done to stimulate growth. The tree recovered much of its former vigor.

John D. Rockefeller got broke if he should have to give up his fortune. He is now trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for cholera, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one who has used it. Sold by all dealers.

WEALTHY WOMAN KILLED.

Run Down by "Joy Riders" in Auto. Chicago, May 10.—Before the eyes of her husband and two sons, Mrs. Albert Behr, wife of Albert Behr, wealthy contractor, was run down by a party of "joy riders" in a touring car and instantly killed. The woman's head was severed from her body by the wheels. The machine, which was running forty miles an hour, dashed northward at an increased speed following the tragedy. No clue to the identity of the occupants of the machine can be obtained by the police.

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PROPERTY SALES.

Capt. C. L. Allen has sold his fine fruit farm "Woodburn" one mile from Kentville to Messrs. E. J. Hilbert and George A. Facke. The purchasers are English gentlemen, who have some knowledge of agriculture and have certainly obtained one of the finest properties in this country. It contains two hundred and fifty acres of upland besides dyke and woodland and raises two thousand barrels of fruit. Capt. Allen will reside in Kentville and continue his business there.

MANY KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE.

SAN JUAN, Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 6.—Reports received from San Jose, Costa Rica, to-day, state that no habitable houses remain in Cartago, which was visited by a series of earth shocks on Wednesday night. Three hundred and fifty bodies have been recovered following the tragedy. Martial law has been declared in the stricken town to prevent disorders and looting. The authorities are making every effort towards the relief of the injured and destitute. The victims who survived their injuries are being sent to San Jose. A later despatch states that 1500 lives were lost.

The St. John Lumber Failure

Cushing & Co. May Have Liabilities of \$1,000,000—Union Bank of Halifax Largest Creditor

St. John, May 13.—The recent failure of Andre Cushing & Co. is still a topic of conversation, and of deep interest in business circles. Lawyers concerned in the affair as representing debtors and creditors are not communicative. H. A. Powell, K. C., who is acting for Mr. Cushing thinks that the time is not ripe for public statement, and the firm of Weldon & McLean, which represents the Union Bank of Halifax, takes the same view.

As yet no meeting of the creditors has been called by the Eastern Trust Company, the assignee, and meanwhile the mills are being operated by the arrangement with the Union Bank of Halifax, the largest creditor. From well informed sources the information is given that both the liabilities and assets will be found much larger than was generally supposed. The liabilities of the firm are now supposed to be in the neighborhood of a million dollars, probably a little above that figure. Some of the creditors for comparatively small amounts are local men. A few are in other countries. But it is believed that some two thirds of the liabilities is to the Union Bank.

One estimate places the bank's claim at a round three quarters of a million. Another makes it \$700,000. Probably the latter figure will not be far from the mark. The bank's claim is largely secured, and much of it represents the cost of the logs which the firm has in the St. John river and its tributaries, and in lumber at the mills and yards.

The lumber cut last year is placed at 30,000,000 feet. There is on hand a good deal of manufactured and unmanufactured lumber of the previous season's cut. Altogether it is said that some \$400,000 to \$500,000 worth of logs and lumber are included in the assets of the firm. There are three mills, and the real estate in the neighborhood, as well as the accounts and other assets.

The firm operated on a very large scale. Mr. Cushing was an exceedingly busy man, and is universally regarded as having made a long, brave struggle against adverse circumstances. As it proved, it would have been better for himself and his creditors had he given up sooner. But he always hoped to be able to meet all obligations and rescue his fine property from sacrifice.

WORRY CAUSED DEATH.

That King Edward's death was partly due to worry over the political situation is officially declared in a statement regarding his illness which physicians, Sir Francis Laking, Sir James Reid and Sir Richard Douglas Bowell, are publishing over their signatures in the Lancet tomorrow. The statements say: "His Majesty had for some years suffered from dyspepsia, with attendant bronchial catarrh, signs of which were permanently present at the base of the lung. On several occasions digestive disturbances had caused his medical attendants to realize that His Majesty no longer had the reserve constitutional power which had stood him in such splendid stead after his serious operation in 1903, and that many intercurrent catarrhal or bronchitis attacks, of a serious kind would at once call upon both heart and lungs for their fullest effort.

"It must, here, be said that these around him knew how earnestly concerned he was at the present strained position of political affairs, and this fact should not be lost sight of, in an all round consideration of the King's health."

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If as much intelligent care were given to keeping the body clean and pure within as well as without we would see more healthy vigorous old men and women. The daily bath does its part by keeping the pores of the skin open so that they throw off much of the body's impurities, but it is even more important that the bowels and kidneys should be kept regular and active.

If the bowels fail, as they often do late in life, to move regularly at least once a day, the waste matter from the food accumulates, decays, poisons the system and upsets the stomach. If the kidneys are sluggish the impurities which they should filter from the blood remain and cause rheumatism.

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THE WORK-HORSE PARADE

Plans have been perfected in Chicago to hold a great parade of work-horses on May 30. It is a cause for much satisfaction to note the spread of the "work-horse" idea. Many of the large cities of the country have established this competition and have held several most successful parades.

In Boston, where the first parade in this country was held in 1903, each annual event has brought not only a greater number of entries but greatly increased interest in all matters concerning the condition and treatment of work-horses. The parade has become a fixture in several cities where the benefits to the horses are clearly apparent.

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WORTHY OF NOTE

Boldly ventured is half won. To be happy you must forget yourself. Whatever else you do with your worry don't pass it on. Benevolence is the only cure for a morbid temper. Don't hold your head so high that you can't see where your feet are going. No quarrelsome man ever made a success of any important or worthy undertaking.

The Impossible Has Become Possible--English Chemists Are the Discoverers.

TO GROW HAIR ON BALD SPOTS WAS ONCE CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE. They have recently discovered the long-looked-for remedy. Ladies need never wear hats. The ladies of Paris have abandoned all false hair dressings, and are using the new hair grower--SALVIA. Hair can be grown in a few weeks. Mrs. Jackson of New York, writes stating that since using SALVIA her hair had grown six inches in two months. Marvellous are the results obtained from this new preparation. Not only does it produce a beautiful, fluffy head of hair, but at once destroys the dandruff germ. Mr. Warren guarantees SALVIA to grow hair, kill dandruff and to make the hair soft and fluffy. SALVIA is not a dye; does not contain anything injurious. All of its ingredients are simple and harmless. A dainty perfume, hair dressing, used and endorsed by men and women of society. A large, generous bottle only costs 50c., and remember, a money back proposition.

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