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Life within the closed walls of a harem furnishes a good example of what is mysteriously commonplace, for here no mysteries reveal the drama of the Seraglio, as at home they cast publicly on each lengthy lawsuit or breach of promise case; so that the imagination, unhampered by facts, may range at will over thoughts of women sewn up in sacks and built into walls, children bowstrung and appearing in the Nile, or a husband here and there suffocated among cushions by half a dozen of his jealous wives. All these things may, for aught we know, go on in the harem; but the one we visited, presented no tragedy of any kind to the outward eye, although it could hardly fail to afford most abundant interest to any human creature of Western nationality, from the simple fact that nothing from eating and walking, to feeling and thinking, is done there as we do it.

This harem, in which we spent a couple of days, stood a few miles out of Cairo, in the center of a large, well-situated garden, planted with date palms, olive trees, orange groves, with melon and gourd beds running among them.

The owner of this house, a wealthy Turk, had courted us to meet his guests at the village of Z—, about a mile from his residence, where he mounted us upon large white asses, richly trapped in crimson and gold, each by a slave, while he with his retinue accompanied us on horseback, making in all a goodly company and suggestive of something out of the Old Testament. On arriving at the harem garden we were admitted into the courtyard, where we were met by a young man, who, in a heavy doorway, and a venerable old potentate who had headed our procession, on an ass, and at this juncture our bodyguard abandoned us, remaining without the gate, and the principal left, to make our way alone toward the group of women whom we saw approaching in the distance, and which led to the house. They were evidently the wives of our friend, whose visitation to the harem had given us an opportunity of satisfying in a slight degree the interest we had long felt to private life in Eastern countries.

These ladies were dressed in loose gowns of figured cotton, red and yellow, with some of the younger ones were handsome, being not much browner in the face than those of Spanish origin, while their remarkably erect figures gave them an appearance of great dignity. One of the ladies present, Mirza by name, a niece of the Turk's, who had been born in Constantinople, was much more highly educated than the others, and able to talk French and Italian with fluency. She was over we followed her and our new friends, through an arched gateway, into a room of some size, the walls of which were empty except the narrowest chamber. Here we found a fat old woman, who, in a courteous and eating them, mouthful about, with a visitation to the harem had given us an opportunity of satisfying in a slight degree the interest we had long felt to private life in Eastern countries.

On seeing our interest in their customs they became very friendly, and generally neglected made of gold jewelry, and a few of them were engaged to be married to her cousin, Arden, her uncle's son, and showed us a ring that he had given her, which was a large, dull red stone in the shape of a cartouche, worn by her on the first finger, and it bore the inscription written in Persian characters, "There is a flower in the garden of Arden, and her name is Mirza."
In the same room where we found "Jessamine" eating onions, our friends exhibited to us the contents of a box that had come from Constantinople with Mirza ten years before. It was full of curiosities to them, because some of the things in it had belonged to one of the wives of Mirza's father, and she, we are told, had been half a European. It contained worn caps, gauze scarfs, and gold-embroidered dresses. The lady to whom all these treasures had belonged was a certain Princess A., who must have possessed a very remarkable individuality, as she succeeded in escaping from the conventional limits of her husband's house; the traces of this step can only be appreciated by those who have seen something of the extraordinary things in harem life.
Although we would like to have known many details of her story, even the simple facts, are sufficiently interesting to us. The lady in question, Princess A., was the only child of a Turk and an Austrian lady; she had passed her earliest years in a state of freedom, as her mother had never been father's only wife; she did not live in a harem, but was married to a Constantinople society. Here, after her parents died, she met the Turkish officer who was to marry her, and she was taken to his house, and very soon she had several visits from the Turkish mother being among the number. This piece of deception, considering her liberal upbringing, naturally put an end to all respect and affection on her side, and she resolved to leave him if possible, and seek the protection of Europe. Her first attempt was to recover some of her money, of which she had about £1,500 a year. Her first attempt was to recover some of her money, of which she had about £1,500 a year. Her first attempt was to recover some of her money, of which she had about £1,500 a year.

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