

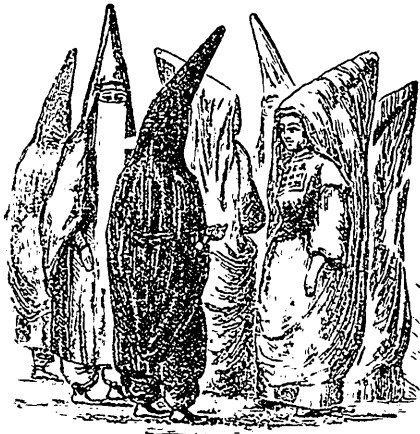
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DRUSE WOMEN OF MOUNT LEBANON.

It was late in the afternoon of Monday, the 2nd of May, 1887, that, standing on the quay at Beyrout, I bade farewell to my kind hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Mackinnon, and when, stepping into a boat, was rowed off to the Austrian Lloyds' steamer, *Daphne*, lying in the roadstead, with steam up, for Smyrna and Constantinople. It was getting near the end of the season for tourists and pilgrims, and the boat was crowded

Indeed, we had great difficulty in securing a passage at all, for every berth in the saloon was taken, and every foot of couch in the saloon itself; and my ticket was marked *senzo letto*—without berth—though paid for at full saloon rates. My friend M—— had bespoken a berth some days before, to find, when he applied for it, that he could only have a place in the second cabin, though he had paid for first-class passage, long before, in London.

The French line of steamers, one of which was to start next morning, are so roundabout in their circuitous coasting, and a trip on them involves so much extra time, that those anxious to get on expeditiously, and that means most people, after a round