

A GLANCE AT MOROCCO

THE WORLD'S MOST COMPLETE DESPOTISM.

One of the Mandates of its Ruler is That His Subjects shall Obey All Foreigners—Atrocious Cruelties.

It has been often remarked of late that the Emperor of Morocco is about the most absolutely despotic monarch of whom the world knows anything in these days. He has Ministers, but they are merely his favorites for the time being, and subject to his whim. He has no laws to bother him save his will, and no precedents to respect or unpopular representations to fear. He himself, is law and justice, and 3,000,000 people hold their lives and property subject to his nod.

And yet his power is in many directions very narrowly circumscribed. The representatives of foreign nations have very diligently cut his claws. They have taken the natives under consular protection so freely that Emperor Muley Hassan must frequently have wondered whether or no he has any subjects to punish in that portion of his domains occupied by the foreigners. That is a good thing in its way, but a few years ago there was an angry dispute when it was found that, though there were only three Americans in Morocco, our consul there had made 150 American citizens out of the natives, that he himself insisted upon being their judge, and that he was in the habit of thrusting into prison anybody against whom they made complaint. The Emperor has been frightened out of his wits by these proceedings, fearing that they might lead to the dismemberment of his empire; and a few years ago he ordered his subjects implicitly to obey all foreigners and all people protected by them. Dark crimes against person and property have been committed under this sanction, and many of these shrewd proteges, and not a few consuls as well have grown rich from it.

Though the Moors have been nominal rulers of Morocco for 400 years they have never really been rulers of the whole country. The native Berbers were driven to the mountains, and there they have ever since remained, defiant and unconquered, and the emperors of Morocco have been glad enough to let them alone. The Kabyles of the Rif coast, who recently opposed the Spaniards at Melilla, belong to his stock, and Muley Hassan can in no way control them. They are a far superior race to the Moors, who are in fact largely Arabs diluted with Spanish and other blood.

Human slavery flourishes openly and without hindrance there, even in the accessible cities, and almost within sight of Gibraltar, while the poor Jews, almost the only thrifty and peaceful element of the urban populations, are bled most unmercifully. Morocco is a fertile country, and rich in copper and other minerals. But the government will neither develop these resources itself, nor allow anybody else to do so. The Moors lack the foresight needed for agriculturalists, and they never plant or gather enough to carry them through till the succeeding season, so that one bad harvest means great suffering.

The spirit of the Arabs is inherently antagonistic to Christian civilization, and were it not so the Government of Morocco would make thrift and industry impossible. Fez might readily be brought into direct steam communication with the world by means of the Sebou River. Instead, it was until very recent years almost an unknown city. There is not a highway worthy of the name leading from it. Indeed, there are said to be only two wagons in all Morocco. One is the coach, presented by Queen Victoria to Muley Hassan a few years ago. He uses it, though he makes the driver walk, since no man must sit above the Emperor. The young Hessian prince, who fifty years ago took the first carriage to Tangiers, was only permitted to use it after he had taken off his wheels. There is no regular means for the distribution of justice and none for the collection of taxes. When the Emperor needs money he directs the pashas to collect the tenth prescribed by the Koran. The pashas add a tenth for themselves, and the actual collectors put on another tenth for their trouble. If there is any suspicion that the man is not paying all he ought, the torture is a prompt and efficacious way of increasing the pile. Justice is openly sold to the highest bidder, and to be accused of an offense against the government is to entail confiscation of all visible property, whether found guilty or not. It is not to be wondered at, then, that the inhabitants of Morocco live in squalor; that they bury their money whenever they think they can safely do so; that they wear dilapidated clothes and let their houses go to decay. To show any evidence of wealth is to invite misery and perhaps death.

Roasting, stretching, pinching, whipping, branding and mutilating are familiar forms of punishment in Morocco. Revolts are put down by wholesale massacres. Slow beheading with butchers' knives and daggers in the public street are of common occurrence. Theft is punished by cutting off the right hand; eyes are torn out, ears and noses are cut off for various offenses, and the bodies of the poor are mutilated in still more horrible ways. Nor does conviction always precede punishment. It is ordinarily quite sufficient to have been accused, if the persecutor be a person of consequence. —[New York Press.

Some Remarks on the Bible

Curious Errors Which Have Been Found in Editions of Holy Writ.

Many lists of misprints in the Bible have been printed, but the following, compiled by the Brooklyn Eagle, is probably the best in existence:

The Breeches Bible is so named because it contains the phrase, "They sewed figge tree leaves together, and made themse'ves breeches," Genesis 3:7. Printed in 1506.

The Bug Bible: "So that thou shalt not neede to be afraid for any Bugges by night, nor for the arrow that flyeth by day." Psalms 91:5. Printed in 1531.

The Treacle Bible: "Is there not treacle in Gilead?" Jeremiah 8:22. Printed in 1568.

The Rosin Bible, printed in 1603, translates the same verse, "Is there no rosin in Gilead?"

The Placemaker's Bible: "Blessed are the placemakers." Matthew 5:9. 1561-2.

The Vinegar Bible: "The Parable of the Vinegar" appears instead of "The Parable of the Vineyard," as a chapter-heading to Luke 20 in an Oxford edition published in 1717.

The Ear-to-Ear Bible: "Who hath ears to ear, let him hear." Matthew 13:43. 1810.

The Standing Fishes Bible: "And it shall come to pass that the fishes will stand upon it." Ezekiel 47:10. 1806.

The Discharge Bible: "I discharge thee before God." I Timothy 5:21. 1806.

The Wife-Hater Bible: "If any man come to Me and hate not his father *** yea, and his own wife also," etc. Luke 14:26. 1810.

Rebekah's Camels Bible: "And Rebekah arose and her camels." Genesis 24:61. 1823.

To-Remain Bible: "Persecuted him that was born after the spirit to remain, even so it is now." Galatians v. 29. When this bible was in the press at Cambridge the proofreader, in doubt whether he should remove a comma, applied to his superior, who penciled on the margin these words, "To remain." This reply was thus transferred to the body of the text.

The Wicked Bible, printed in London in 1632, was so called because the negation was omitted in the seventh commandment, thus placing an awful injunction on the faithful.

The Printers' Bible makes David pathetically complain that printers (instead of princes) have persecuted without a cause.

The He and She Bible: From the respective readings of Ruth iii. 15, one reading that "she went into the city," the other has it "he went." 1611.

The Thumb Bible, being one inch square and half an inch thick, was published in Aberdeen, 1670.

The Murderers' Bible, so called from an error in Jude, verse 16, the word "murderers" being used for "murmurers." 1801.

Wierix's Bible: The edition of this Bible contains a plate by John Wierix, representing the feast of Dives with Lazarus at his door. In the rich man's banquet room there is a dwarf playing with a monkey, to contribute to the merriment of the company, according to the custom among the people of rank in the sixteenth century.

Growing Flax for Its Fibres.

The German linen manufacturers have heretofore got their supplies of flax fibre from Russia, but there is now a growing demand for another source of supply. Hon. Frank H. Mason, United States Consul-General at Frankfurt, advises American farmers to prepare flax fibre and send some to Germany for trial. To do this the flax must be sown quite thickly, the thin seeding required in growing flax for seed producing a coarse fibre only fit to be used in the manufacture of the coarsest kind of cloth and for sacks and bags. Germany, in 1892, imported 60,691 tons of flax fibre, of which 35,451 tons, or eleven-twelfths of the whole, was from Russia. Flax is very largely grown in the West for its seed. Whether it will pay better to grow the flax for its fibre can only be determined by experiment.

Writing on this subject, the Prairie Farmer says: The market value of the fibre depends mainly upon four qualities, viz., its length, softness, silkiness of texture and color, different qualities being required for the manufacture of the various grades of yarn. Whether the American fibre is as well adapted to the use of the German spinners as the Russian staple can be decided only by trial. At present Germany imports no raw flax from the United States. The only movement in that article during last year was the export of 10 tons of prepared linen fibre from Germany to New York. Those who are best informed, however, are confident that American flax, if properly cured and prepared, will answer all purposes in this country. There need be no dealing through commission merchants; the principal German spinners wish to buy and import their raw material direct and on their own account.

The Emperor and the Pirate.

Alexander the Great was about to pass sentence of death on a noted pirate, but previously asked him, "Why dost thou trouble the seas?" "Why," rejoined the rover boldly, "dost thou trouble the whole world? I with one ship go in quest of solitary adventure and am therefore called pirate; thou with a great army warrest against nations, and therefore art called Emperor. Sir, there is no difference betwixt us but in the names and means of doing mischief."

Alexander, so far from being displeased with the freedom of the culprit, was so pleased with the sense of his appeal that he drank to him.

Some Remarks on the Bible

A dog belonging to some fisherman fisherman was in the habit of feeding upon a species of mollusk which the sea occasionally cast up on the beach. It is noticed that the animal's mouth after such meals was always dyed a rich purple, and by investigation that color, which it is said the moderns have never been able to imitate, was obtained.

It was the oscillation of a chandelier in a Cathedral that suggested to Galileo the use of the pendulum, and about the year 1639 he applied it to clocks.

A Hessian Lieutenant by the name of Ludwig von Siegen noticed the effect of the dew upon his gun barrel, which had become rusted from the dampness. Some time after he experimented upon the discovery, and obtained what is now known as mezzotint. In the year 1643 he engraved a portrait of Princess Amalia of Hesse by its application.

The discovery of the principle of the manufacture of satin was a pure accident. The word "satin," which originally was applied to all silk stuffs, has since the last century, been used to designate simply those tissues which present only a lustrous surface. The discovery was made by a silk weaver named Octavio Mat. During a dull period of business one day he was plying before his loom, not knowing how to give a new impulse to trade. As he passed the machine each time he pulled short threads from the warp, and, following an old habit, put them into his mouth and rolled them about, soon after spitting them upon the floor. Later he discovered a little ball of silk upon the floor of his shop, and was astonished at the brilliancy of the threads. He repeated the experiment, and eventually employed various mucilaginous preparations and succeeded in giving satin to the world.

The Unpopular Spitz Dog.

The Spitz dog, and particularly the brown Spitz, has become so rare in this vicinity that a gentleman residing in Tiooga who recently lost a brown one, said to be related in a collateral line with the celebrated Marco, Queen Victoria's favorite, proposes to have it stuffed. Most grown people remember the hue and cry raised against the Spitz a decade or so since on account of its alleged susceptibility to rabies. Whether the popular prejudice was founded on fact or not, it is certain that full-blooded dogs of this beautiful, intelligent and affectionate variety are extremely rare. —Philadelphia Record

Cooking and Throat Diseases.

Specialists on throat diseases are beginning to take unusual interest in culinary methods. They advise a kitchen quarantine on wash days and boiled dinner days, giving as a reason that the steam from boiling clothes and pickled meats that require much heat produces many illnesses of the respiratory organs and aggravates slight or chronic diseases of the nose, throat, and lungs. Patients are advised to vacate apartments having dark or ill-ventilated kitchens and to keep all babies and ailing children out of the kitchen when cooking is going on. —Pittsburgh Dispatch.



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They also tint pineapples to make them look more attractive, and dye the common white strawberries a lovely red. Melons are now being treated in the same way and tinted a fine orange, their flavor being increased by injecting an essence of melon. The latest development of this business is in connection with pears, which are dyed red for a third of their size and blue below, thus presenting the national colors when peeled. These are said to be in some demand for dessert on account of their novelty.

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