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Khafira Abdullah et about 300,000, says The London Chreniele. To this total the Baggara Arabs contribute 40,000, all trained and discliplined warriors. Under the Mahdt himself are two divisional commanders—Cherif and Vad Chelow—enjoying equal—authority, but controlled in some degree by a single chief or staff, the Emir of Emirs. The Khrilifa's flag is black; that of Cherif green (as he claims descent from the prophet), and that of Vad Chelow red. For purposes of organization the "century" Khalifa Abdullah at about 200,000, poses of organization the "century is adopted as the unit of force, each century being commanded by its Emir. These centuries are sub-divided into companies of twenty, under a"mukha

dem."

Cavalry is a very weak point, for M. Elisseleft declares that there are not 2000 horses in Khartoum, and searcely 10,000 in the whole country. Camels, however, are numerous. The Mahdi has about 100,000 stands of arms. most obsolete, only 20,000 Remarms. most obsolete, only 20,000 Remingtons being really serviceable. Of field artillery there is still greater lack, the guns taken from Hicks Pasha constituting his only resource. At Khartoum, Gordon's heavier pieces still exist, of course, and Omdurman is armed with five Krupps and twenty specimens of old ordnance.

He Bought the Beggar's Hat

To pedestrians on Maret street of late a blind beggar, who wears one hat on his head and carries another in his hand to receive the alms of the charithas become a familiar figure mendicant, while standing at able This mendicant, while standing at the corner of Tenth and Market streets late one night last week, attracted the attention of a well-dressed man-abouttown. The latter stopped and reached into his pocket for a coin. Just then a sudden gust of wind struck his tall silk hat and lifted it off his head. The tile skipped out into the middle of Market street and stopped on the cartack. A trolley car rushed by and left the tile a hattered and shapeless left the tile a battered and shapeless wreck. The owner picked up his ruined property and threw it away All the hat stores were closed, and there was no way for him to buy a new headpiece. His eye rested once more on the blind man and his two hats." Say," said tne man-about-town, "I'll give you 50 cents for one of those hats." The blind man emptied the hat in his hand of the few coins it contained and promptly turned it over.

The Maidens and the Muskrats.

A drove of muskrats, large sleek fellows, almost the size of a cat, ran things for a time in one of the rooms at the Central High School in Duluth, and succeeded in causing a dismissal of the pupils till a war of extermination had been carried on.

A recitation was in progress when the animals made their appearance from a desk, where they had evidently been placed by some fun-loving schol-ar, and in a second the room was in an uproar. The young women jumped upon the desks, and from this safe posi-tion watched the boys chase the rats, some of which showed fight. The teacher, Miss Mussop, was chased across the room by one of the animals, which began to climb the chair on which she had taken refuge, when it was killed

How to Clean Sweaters.

"If those who have sweaters they wish to wash will try clear gasoline, no soap, it will give them a clean unshrunken garment with half the trou-ble and time they now take," says a cyclist. Souse it and squeeze it a short time, press out the excess gasoline, hang on line in sun or wind and in a short time it is ready for use. I bave washed my entire suit a number of times and it always comes out as bright and clean as new. Will wash fine silk waists, neck scarfs, in fact anything. Try it, and you will never use water, cold or warm."

The Blue and the Gray.

Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go slope of life. As a matter of fact. the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray there's no need to resort to heir dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of

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E OF REV. DR. TALMAGE'S STERLING DISCOURSES.

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This allusion seems to be dramatic. The bible more than once makes such allusions. Paul says: "We are made a theatre or spectacle to angels and to men." It is evident from the text that some of the habits of theatregoers were known in Job's time, because he describes an actor hissed off the stage. The impersonator comes on the boards and, either through issed of study of the part he is to take or implices or official control of the habits of the hard he is to take or implices or official incapacity, the audience is offended and expresses its disapprobation and disgust by hissing. "Men shall clap their hands at him and shall his brim out of his place." If you have offer read. But we, put on the stage of this world to take some put. What hardship and suffering and discipline great actors have undergoon year after your have often read. But we, put on the stage of this ifte or epresent charity and faith and humility and helpfulness—what little preparation we have made, although we have three galleries of spectators, earth and humility and helpfulness—what little preparation; we have made, although we have three galleries of spectators, earth and haven and—hell—Have we not been more attentive to the part taken by others than to the part taken by others than to the part taken by others than to the part taken by others and preparing to be ironunitiously hissed off the stage? Each one is assigned it place, no compensation of the formation of the take this or that or the other part, as they may be called upon. No one can take our place. We find for other place. Neither can we put off or character; no change of apparel can make us and of life through dissipation. They

sre.

Many make a failure of their part in the drama of life through dissipation. They have enough intellectual equipment and good address and seniality unbounded. But they have a wine closet that contains all the forces for their social and business and moral overthrow. So far back as the year 395, King Edgar of England made a law that the drinking cups should have pins fastened at a certain point in the side, so that the indulger might be reminded to stop before he got to the bottom. But there are no pins projecting from the sides of the modern wines cup or beer mug, and the first point at which millions stop is at the gravity bottom of their own grave. Dr. Sax of France, has discovered something which all drinkers ought to know. He has found out that alcohol in every shape, whether of wine or brandy or beer, contains parasitio life called bacillus potumanies. By a powerful microscope these living things are discovered, and when you take strong drink you take stoned they of the some and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and then into your blod, and getting into the crimano against the stomach and the stomach and self-time tremens, a man see every form of reptilian life, it seems it is only these parasites of the brain in exaggerated size. It is not a hallucination that the victim is suffering from. He only sees in the room what is actually rawling a friding in his own brain. Every time by round the service of the servi

back into failure till the world is impatient for their disappearance, and human and diabolic voices join in hissing them off the stage.

Many also make a fullure in the drama of lite through indolence. They are always making calculations how little they can do for the compensations they get. There are more lazy ministers, lawyers, dectors, merchants, artists and farmers that have ever been counted upon. The community is full of laggards and shirkers. I can tell it from the way they crawl along the street, from their tardiness in meeting engagements, from the letharqies that seem to hang to the foot when they lift it, to the band when they put it out, to the words when they speak.

Two young men in a store. In the morning the one goes to his post the last minute obtained. The other is ten minute before the time and has his hat and coat hung up and is at his post waiting for duty. The one is ever and amon in the afternoon looking at his waich in each if it is, not most time to thut up. The other stay half as hour after he might go, and when asked why, says he wanted to look over some entries he had made to be sure he was right, or to the stay half as hour after he might go, and when asked why, says he wanted to look over some entries he had made to be sure he was right, or to the chart's gist to help the other details of age than at weaty. The other will be a mornhant prince. Indolence is the cause of morn failure in all companions than you have sever suspected. Foother as the common soutier, carrying a halfern across the asked, and of life they don't want to be a common soutier, carrying a halfern across the asked, and of life they don't want to be a common soutier, carrying a halfern across the asked, by some exercises and the second of life they don't want to be a common soutier, carrying a halfern across the common soutier, carrying a halfern across the asked, and of life they don't want to be a common soutier, carrying a halfern across the asked, and of life they don't want to be a common of the case of the

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states. Toward the end of life these people are out of patience, out of money, out of lifends, out of everythinz. They go to the poorhouse, or keep out of it by running in debt to all the grocery and dry goods stores that will trust them. People begin, to wonder, when the oursian will drop on the scene. After awhile, leaving nothing but their compliments to, pay dector, unietraker, and sabriel Grabb, the kravedigger, they disappare. Exount: Hissed off the stage.

Others fail in the drams of life through demonstrated selfishess. They make all the rivers empty into their see, all the roads of monlument end at their door, and they gather all the plumes of honor for their frow. They help no one, encourage on one, resous no one. "How big a pile of money can I get?" and "How much of the world can I absorb?" are the chief questions. They feel about the common people as the Turks, felt toward the Asapi, or common soldiers, considering them of no use except to fill un the ditches with their dead bodies while the tent toward the Asapi, or common soldiers, considering them of no use excert to fill un the ditches with their dead bodies while the other troops, walked over them to take the fort. After awhile this prince of worldly success is sick. The only interest society has in his illness is the effect that his 'possible decrease may have on the money markets. After awhile he dies. Great newspaper capitals announce how he started with nothing and ended with everything. Although for sake of appearance some people put hand-kerchiefs to the eye, there is not one youlned here is the continuous and the same and the same and the low has probably done with his money. It takes all the livery stables within wondiest of farmish funeral equipages, and all the mourning stores are kept busy in selling weeds of grief. The stone outters send in proposals for a monument. The minister at the obsequies reads of the resurrection, which makes the hearers fear that if the un. proposals for a monument. The minister at the obsequies reads of the resurrection, which makes the hearers fear that if the unsurpulous-flaancier does come up in the general rising he will try to get a "corner" on tombstones and graveyard fences. All good men are glad that the moral nuisance has been removed. The Wall street speculators are glad because there is more room for themselves. The heirs are glad because they get possession of the long delayed inheritance. Dropping every feather of all his plumes, every certificate of all his stock, every bond of all his investments every dollar of all his fortune, he departs, and all the rolling of "Dead March" in "Saul," and all the exquiteness of sarcophagus, and all the exquiteness of sarcophagus, and all the exquiteness of sarcophagus, and all the extravarance of epitaphology, cannot hide the fact that my text has come again to tremendous fulfillment, "Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place."

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Tou see the clapping come before the hiss. The world cheers before it damns. So it is said the deadly asp tickles before its stings. Going up, is he? Hurrah! Stand back and let his galloping borses dash by, a whirlwhad of plated harness and tinkling headgear and arched neck. Drink deep of his madeira and cognac. Beast of how well you know him. All hats off as he passes. Besk for days and years in the sunlight of his prosperity. Going down, is he? Pretend to be nearsighted so that you cannot see him as he walks past. When men ask you if you know him, halt and hesitate as though you were trying to call up a dim memory and say, "Well, y-es, yes, I believe I once did know him, but have not seen him for a long while." Cross a different ferry from the one where you used to meet him lest he ask for financial help. When you started life, he spoke a good word for you at the bank. Talk down his credit now that his fortunes are collapsing. He put his name on two of your notes. Tell him that you

life, he spoke a good word for you at the bank. Talk down his credit now that his fortunes are collapsing. He put his name on two of your notes. Tell him that you have changed your mind about such things, and that you never indorse. After awhile his matters come to a dead halt, and an assignment or suspension or sheriff's sale takes place. You say: "He ought to have stopped sooner. Just as I expected. He made too big a splash in the world. Glad the balloon has burst. Ha, ha!" Appleanse when he wont up, sibilant derision when he came down. "Men shall clap their hands at him and hiss him out of his place." So, high up amid the crags, the eagle flutters dust into the eyes of the roebuck, which then, with eyes blinded, goes tumbling over the precipice, the great antiers crashing on the rocks. Now, compare some of these goings out of life with the departure of men and women who in the drama of life take the part that God assigned them and then went away honored of men and applauded of the Lord Almighty. It is about fifty years ago that in a comparatively small apartment of the city a newly married pair set up a home. The lifst years ago that in a comparatively small apartment of the city a flewy married pair set up a home. The lifst years ago that in a comparatively small apartment of the city a flewy married pair set up a home. The lifst years ago that in a comparatively small apartment of the city a flewy married pair set up a home. The lifst years ago that in a comparatively small apartment of the city a flewy has of shadow. Did you ever know a home that for fifty years had no vicissitude? The young woman who left her father's house for her young husband's home started out with a parental bonediction and good advice she will never forget. Her mother said to hot the day before the marriage, "Now, my ohild, you are going away from us. Of course, as long as your taker and I live you will feel that you can come to us at any time. But your home will be elsewhere. From long experience if find it Is best to serve God. I

God.
Years passed on and there were in that home hilarities, but they were good and healthful, and sorrows, but they were comforted. Marriages as bright as orange blosoms could make them, and burrials in which all hearts were riven. They have a family lot in the cometery, but all the place is illuminated with stories for resurrection and renulon. The children of the household is illuminated with stories for resurrection and reution. The children of the household that lived have grown up, and they are all Christians, the fathur and mother leading the way and the children following. What care the mother took of wardrode and education, character and manners! How hard she sometimes worked! When the head of the household was unfortunate in business, she sewed until her fingers were numb and bleeching at the tips. And what close calculation of economies, and what ingenuity in relitting the gaments of the elder children for their mother's itleaches and headsches and trusters of the story of the country is the story of the country of the the couch of the out fally grown.

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MAIL MATTER DESTROYED.

Action of the Cripple Creek Postmaster May Cause an Investigation.

Cripple Creek, Col., May 25.—Wagon after wagon load of mail matter was taken from the Cripple Creek postoffice yesterday to the city dump, where an attempt was made by the postmaster's assistant's to burn it. Many citizens went out to the dump and saved some of their mail. In and saved some of their mail. In nearly every instance mail thrown away was plainly addressed, the box number appearing in full view. Mail was there for some of the most promi-nent citizens of the camp. When Post-master Rose was called upon for an explanation he said the burning was done on the authority of the postoffice done on the authority of the postoffice inspector, and acknowledged that some mail was destroyed which ought not to have been. An official investigation will be made.

SOLD UNDER FORECLOSURE.

Erastus Wiman Purchases the Property of the Staten Island Electric Power Co.

New York, May 25.—Erastus Wiman, in the name of his son, Henry Dun Wiman, has purchased at fore-closure sale the property of the Elec-tric Power company of Staten Island for \$110,000. The company originally absorbed from Mr. Wiman \$400,000, absorbed from Mr. Wiman \$400,000, and, according to the report of the receiver, has continuously for the past three years earned full interest on that amount. Against the property there are liabilities of less than \$200,000, mostly to Boston banks, who, through their attorney, are co-operating with Mr. Wiman in a reorganization of the company, in the expectation that their claims will be paid in full.

Woman's Home Mission Board,

woman's executive committee of the woman's executive committee of the home mission board held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon in the church. Mrs. Darwin R. James presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Dickey and several others. A spontaneous collection to relieve the from lack of funds resulted in a liberal addition to the treasury.

Toulon, May 25 .- The yacht Pinson foundered off this nort vesterday.

There were nineteen persons abourd
of her, four of whom were drowned before assistance could reach them.

Cholera Deaths in Earns

Cairo, Egypt, May 25.—On Friday and Saturday there were forty-five deaths from cholers in this city, sixty-one in Alexandria and fourteen in Old Cairo.