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TEARS. My heart is lone, my Love is gone. The long, dark day will never have done: The rain falls fast, the clouds veil all. But not one tear can I let fall.

Adventure With a Turkoman Robber. A sedentary life being against the principles of the dervish character which I assumed, I often was obliged willingly or unwillingly to take my knapsack round my shoulders and to make expeditions, sometimes alone, sometimes in the company of my hadji comrades.

There was no fear of danger in the environs of Gomushtep (a place where we halted amongst the Yomut Turkomans); and, as the number of my acquaintances grew always larger, I felt not the slightest hesitation to extend my roaming expeditions a little farther in the interior to such tribes as were on the friendliest footing with my hosts.

One day, after having wandered about from one group of tents to another, I felt toward the evening quite exhausted. I espied from afar one solitary tent, to which I turned my weary steps. An isolated tent in the Asiatic desert is never recommended; but I had nothing to choose, and soon decided to ask the hospitality of its inhabitants for that night.

When the sun was nearly set on the vast and wild desert landscape, I saw my host growing more and more restless and unquiet. He sat down and rose again, went out and came back, without speaking to me a single word. I felt a little uncomfortable. Suddenly he approached me, and with a rather bashful air asked if I would not lend him some krans (money), as he intended to treat me with a dish of rice meat (a special meat for guests), and was highly puzzled at his not possessing a single farthing to buy rice.

The city of Davenport, Iowa, is being invaded by tramps. About 500 have gone up to Rock Island on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight trains, and other roads and steamers have probably carried as many more. Three or four hundred have been laying about there, and 150 have been arrested and locked up at the police station.

A ROYAL COURTSHIP. The late Empress of Russia, when a girl, received a very small and antique ring from her governess as a present. About a year after the occurrence, the court received a visit from the Grand Duke Nicholas, the brother of the Emperor Alexander, and who, at that time, was not the heir expectant to the Crown.

The next morning I rose early, bade farewell to my host, who appeared to be extremely touched, and after I gave him and his horse (as is the custom) a parting blessing, I left the tent for my return to Gomushtep.

My astonishment had no limits, and, as I took the whole affair for a joke, and laughed in his face, the Turkoman grew angry, and said, "don't delay, hadji, or I shall be obliged to offend you."

ASHES TO ASHES. The dead body of a man was carried through the streets of New York to Greenwood cemetery. Only eight carriages followed the plain hearse. As the unpretending cortege threaded its way through the noonday roar and whirl of traffic, not one passer-by in a thousand turned his head to look at it.

What a strange honesty! thought I to myself, as I took the money. The robber appeared quite satisfied. In his views of social and moral life he had accomplished a noble deed, and was impudent enough to ask me, on my parting for a second blessing, which of course I could not refuse.

We should always rest satisfied with doing well, and let others talk of us as they please, for they can do us no injury, although they may think they have found a flaw in our proceedings, and are determined to rise on our downfall, or profit by our injury.

A GALLANT LITTLE HUNTRESS. HOW A KANSAS SHEPHERD GILL DISPATCHED A CAYOTE. Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Five miles from Eureka, Kansas, lives a prosperous farmer named Robert Loy who is engaged in raising sheep. His "boys are all girls," and one of his daughters, Mary Belle Loy, barely fourteen years of age, is the shepherdess, whose rosy cheeks, sun-burned face and graceful form, as she mounts her pony, would excite the envy of many city belles and charm the eye of a connoisseur in search of a sensitive rose to complete the latest work of his easel.

What! give a ring at the dinner-table, and in the presence of all these people? "Let me see—press it into this piece of bread and give it to me." And press the ring into this piece she did, and gave it to the future Emperor. Nicholas took an early opportunity to leave the hall, and exhuming the treasure from its wheaten tomb, discovered an inscription on the inner side in French, and running to the following effect: "L'Imperatrice de la Russie." He is said to have worn the keepsake for the rest of his days, attached to a chain round his neck, the ring being, of course, too small for any of his colossal fingers.

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