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that it was expressly against the precepts of the Koran, and a sacrilege, not to mention a capital offense, to introduce anything of a strange and doubtful character without express authority of the Sultan.

#### A MIRACLE IN TURKEY

It was a hard one, and a devious one, but he finally got it all framed up to give a demonstration before that august monach. A great bonfire of tar barrels and boxes soaked in kerosene and tinder was prepared in the court of the palace, and the old tyrant and his ministers and favorite wives assembled to see the display. And it came off as advertsied. To the Arabain Nights was added another miracle. The fire roared, the flames sprang hungrily towards heaven, the heat and the light made a gastly display, and bang!-the drummer boy from Old Lyme pasted it into utter darkness with his new invention.

The Sultan was delighted. It was explained that he was charmed to a degree, and would confer upon the lucky traveler the tenth order of the Gazelle. Also that he would order himself —to be paid for later—five boxes of these truly heavenly grenades. But that of course if the Sultan was to use them they would then be too splendid and holy, not to say dangerous and mysterious for the ordinary mortal, and hence it was perfectly obvious that none others could be sold in the kingdom. Good-bye.

Our friend from Old Lyme went forth from under the Crescent with blood in his eye. The blandishments of a heathern king were nothing to him. He had not missed the world series and a bicycle trip to Lake Windsor for an order of five boxes. He'd show these jolliers, he would. And did.

THE SULTAN PLAYS THE GENIUS

For in the fullness of time the five boxes arrived at the palace. During the course of the seasons the Defender of the Faithful got wind of the fact, and conceived the happy idea of enhancing his already deathless reputation and standing as a genius and demigod. So he forthwith ordered a pyre of the highest combustibles to be erected in a great court, and a glorified grand stand to be framed up around, with cushions and draperies, the rugs of Bokhara and the silks of Samarcand.

And he summoned his ministers and captains, and the foreign ambassadors, and the distinguished doctors and strangers in the Empire to come behold him work the Alladin.

And so they arrived in great state, and a banquet was spread, and musicians played quaint Oriental airs, and all were seated and became silent while a terrifying blaze leaped from a pan of oil and sprang in a single bound over the pyre. Waiting until it became uncomfortable to the spectators and even dangerous to the surrounding edifices, with a deep chortle of joy he gave the signal for the grenades to be discharged.

Ten Herculean and grinning black amoors began hurling them into the fire. And then pandemonium! Every ball that broke seemed to lend fury to the blaze—to give it heart to leap into the silks of Samarcand, wings to follow the screaming Ambassadors through the waiting archway, momentum to lap up the deserted seats and spring upon the waiting bastions of the Seraglio. A very devil came to life from every grenade that was thrown, made of fire.

#### THE DRUMMER'S REVENGE

And small wonder. For our friend from Lyme had filled each one with kerosene.

#### The Fatal Mandate

The terrified Vizier was summoned into the awful presence of the signed potentate and ordered to post in every part of the Kingdom a final notice that death and destruction, hell and damnation, torture and fury, and the curse of Mohammet would be upon the head of any Moslem having or countenancing or permitting to be seen within the borders any diabolical glass balls, or anything faintly resembling them, or any glass anyway, or any balls anyway, or anything that could be construed to pertain to either, or that could conceivably contain the devil mixture of the evil genius of the accursed traveller from the Island of Lyme.

And this may serve to explain why the Butlers spent the shortest possible time in separating themselves from the fringe of the Orient, and why Annie Oakley has no first hand knowledge of the ordnance of the young Turk in battle array.