

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Disease has ravaged some of the grouse preserves in Scotland to an alarming extent. On one moor recently out of 300 birds killed and had to be buried.

—The government monopoly articles of Honduras are gunpowder, tobacco, cigars and liquor. It retains complete and absolute control of the liquor traffic.

—Although slavery does not exist, properly speaking, in China, in the eyes of the law the large boating-population and actors fill the position of slaves.

—There is in Windsor castle a gold punch-bowl and ladle for which George IV. paid 10,000 guineas, and the investment is wholly profitless because there is never a drop of punch brewed in it.

—When the construction of a railroad is undertaken in China the natives burn a temple, and then persuade the people that it is a manifestation of the wrath of the gods against the road.

—London lawyers now employ shorthand in their office work. The entries, drafts, affidavits and the multitude of other documents they are called upon to prepare are now taken down in shorthand at their dictation and are copied from that.

—In a village in the canton of Lucerne, Switzerland, there is a society of old maids. It numbers eighty, and, queer enough, it is under the patronage of the St. Catherine Matrimonial Agency. They perform acts of charity, and are highly esteemed in their neighborhood.

—There are now such a large number of foreign officers studying at Berlin that the German Government has established an international military academy for their accommodation. There are a great many Turks and also several Chinese officers.

—An association in London, called the Sunday Society, occupies itself with arranging the opening of private collections to the public on the Sabbath. For two Sundays recently the Duke of Wellington has opened Apsley house to those who wished to see its treasures.

—King Humbert, before leaving Naples, ordered that a bronze wreath should as soon as possible be deposited on Garibaldi's grave in place of the flowers he had put there. He said: "Our country and my house owe so much to Garibaldi that this island must bear from myself and my son a tribute of everlasting gratitude."

—Belgium is an uncomfortable country for embezzlers. A cashier employed by the city of Ghent, who embezzled 163,000 francs of the municipal cash, has just caught it very hot indeed. He has been sentenced to forty years' imprisonment and five years' police supervision to follow, has been fined 8,450 francs and ordered to restore the entire sum he has embezzled, and will, in addition, lose all his civil rights.

—The power of one of the greatest political figures of the day, perhaps of all time, is said to be on the wane. The Empress Dowager of China has been shorn of her prestige by the rebellious independence of the young Emperor. He refused to see the bride which she forced upon him, and has been issuing vigorous decrees on his own account. He has been censuring the old Ministers right and left, particularly Chang Chi Tung.

THE SULTAN'S POSITION.

Like That of Other Oriental Rulers It Is Decidedly Unsafe.

His Majesty, the ruler, leads by no means a happy life, notwithstanding his income of \$10,000,000 a year, and that he has his wives by the score. His predecessors lived in a great palace on the banks of the Golden Horn, or rather of the Bosphorus at the point where the Horn commences. In front of this palace stands the yacht of the Sultan, and there is usually a gunboat or two stationed near by to guard it. The last Sultan woke one morning to find the guns of these ships sighted on the palace, and a set of Turkish rebels demanded his surrender. The present Sultan has a palace away back on the hills. The grounds which surround it contain many acres, and there are watch-towers built here and there among them. In these guards are stationed, who keep the landscape ever before their eyes, and who would at the least hostile demonstration inform His Majesty. He has thousands of soldiers connected with his own body-guard, but he trusts very few, and like one of the former Sultans, he places implicit confidence only in his mother. He has had a number of revolutions during his reign, and if you look over the history of Turkey you will find that assassination is a very common fate for a Sultan. I saw the Turkish monarch several times while I was in Constantinople. He is a tall, nervous little man, with a Roman nose, with a pair of bright, black eyes, which sparkle as they look out under his red fez cap. He wears a suit of black clothes, much like those of a preacher, and his coat is buttoned high at the throat. He does not look

like a healthy man, and there is more timidity than braggadocio about his bearing. It is said at Constantinople that he dares not move about unattended through the streets of the Turkish quarter, and his home is on the European side of the water. When he takes a ride through his capital the whole army at Constantinople turns out to guard him. Yellow sand is sprinkled over the road in order that his royal boxes be not jolted, and he has a couple of the most noted of his Generals in the carriage with him. I am told that he is really fond of his subjects, notwithstanding the dangers of his situation, and that he would do much for the bettering of his kingdom if it were not for the plots and plotters which continually surround him. His situation is practically the same as that of the other Asiatic monarchs of the courts which I visited. Not one of them felt secure and safe upon his throne, and all of the countries of Asia have their political factions and their political intrigues.—F. G. Carpenter, in National Tribune.

—The wife of a bald-headed man is constantly shadowed by the suggestion that she is not an amiable woman.

God's Way Is Best.

Past, the portals of to-day;
Something waits us down the way,
Joys, perhaps, for you and me,
Some fond dreams to realize,
Waits for us, a glad surprise;
We may guess but can not see.

Just beyond the misty screen
Of the vast Time drops between,
Something waits us, joy or woe,
Thrills of heartache, thrills of bliss,
Echoes of a parting kiss,
Life or death. We do not know

Wait, then shrouded mystery!
It is well we can not see,
It is well we do not know,
Life and love are ours to-day,
God, in mercy, hides to-day,
We must tread in joy or woe.

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