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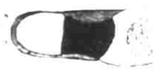

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### A Crisis Approaching

The situation in Afghanistan is as apparently critical, notwithstanding the reassuring tone of the recent despatches. There is no reason to doubt that the Russian troops they have not actually seized on Cushan Pass have advanced and massed their forces in the disputed territory so as to make the possession of Zulfiqar Pass and advance on Herat from the north a mere question of their pleasure. Russia has already so much the advantage of Penjdeh in the movement she can cause more or less of her force to be thrown in the rear of the Afghans at Herat, and would probably be able to do so without the knowledge of the latter. Four days' march would bring the Russians to Herat, and the Ameer's army is not in a condition to offer any effective resistance. Its artillery is inferior, and its cavalry, which is its strength, is not to be relied on. Under the circumstances, the Ameer's only hope is that the Russians will not dare to violate the neutrality of Afghanistan, and that England will be able to bring pressure to bear on the Czar to prevent him from doing so. Whether this hope will be realized remains to be seen.—*London Telegraph.*

### Rot as a Green Manure.

[illegible] of the Suakim and Berber [illegible] is to be the ordinary [illegible] four feet eight and a half [illegible] material will all be sent [illegible] ten mile sections, complete [illegible] ready for laying, and it is expected that from twenty to twenty-five miles of it can be laid in a substantial manner each week. There [illegible] the need of preliminary survey, [illegible] having been thoroughly done in 1884, and having since been [illegible] gone over by experienced engineers. The line will in the main follow the great caravan route of the Arabs, thus, of course, touching the wells, which for the eastern half of the journey are numerous, but small. The distance is given on the war map as 251 miles, though some of the route are forty or fifty miles longer. For about a dozen miles from Suakim the road is over a gravelly plain, but it then begins to enter the mountains, rising to the level Sinkat, a dozen miles further on, to over 950 feet above the sea. It continues through gorges and valleys till it reaches the fertile oasis of Arab, 119 miles from the coast, which is the chief point of defense of the line. The mountains are left a few miles further on, and from the Bak wells, 173 miles from Suakim, the road to the Nile is a treeless, waterless and stony plain, crossed at one point by a belt of sand dunes five miles wide, and rising nearly seventy-five feet above the plain. This belt will cause the chief mechanical difficulties of the undertaking, for except at one or two points there will be no rock cutting in the mountains, and it is thought that all cutting may possibly be avoided. There will also be little earth work and no masonry except for culverts. Indeed most of the route is practicable for wagons. Gen. Earle, it will be remembered, marched over it with his Krupp guns, and Sir Samuel Baker, who had crossed it three times, insists that the tramp for an army would be "merely an agreeable promenade." This belief is not shared by the authorities, clearly, or the railroad would not be built.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

### "Imanenjana."

In looking over a volume the other day that contained accounts of different manias that have taken hold of nations in past years, says a writer in the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*, I came across the following, which I submit to the consideration of roller skaters and other interested parties:

In the month of February, 1863, the Europeans resident at Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, began to hear rumors of a new disease, which it was said had appeared in the west or southwest. The name given to it by the natives was "imanenjana," and the dancers were called "ramanjana," which probably comes from a root signifying to make tense. The name did not convey any idea of its nature, and the accounts given of it were so vague as to mystify rather than enlighten. After a time, however, it reached the capital, and in the month of March began to be common. At first parties of two or three were to be seen, accompanied by musicians and other attendants, dancing in the public places; and in a few weeks these had increased to hundreds, so that one could not go out of doors without meeting bands of these dancers. It spread rapidly, as by a sort of infection, even to the remote villages in the central province of Imerina; so that, having occasion to visit a distant part of the country in company with an Englishman, we found, even in remote hamlets, and, more wonderful still, near solitary cottages, the sound of music, indicating that the mania had spread even there.

The rapidity of this spread was certainly remarkable, but not to be compared with what is related of the outbreak of the child pilgrimage, at Lepzi, when on the 15th of July, 1, 15,000 children assembled, as by instinctive impulse, without concert, and unknown to their parents.

The dancing was regulated very much by the noise, which was the greatest possible. The patients were fond of carrying sugarcanes about with them. They held them in their hands or carried them over their shoulders while they danced. Frequently two, they might be seen going through their singular evolutions with a bottle of water upon their heads, which they succeeded wonderfully in balancing. The drum was the favorite instrument of music, but others were used, and were acceptable.

The disease was rarely fatal; still a few cases of death undoubtedly occurred, and occasionally occurred, as far as I am aware, where [illegible] was restrained from [illegible] dances. It would [illegible] those persons actually [illegible] up passion or ex[illegible] The dancing, no doubt, [illegible] salutary. The music [illegible] regulate and control the [illegible] movements that [illegible] otherwise have proved [illegible] A most remarkable fact is, [illegible] more physical exercise, [illegible] and long-continued as it [illegible] disease, seems perfectly [illegible] and we know of no fatal [illegible] from it.

### Building a Desert Railway.

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### What Famils Government Is

It is not to [illegible] expensive one, to [illegible] heads of ministers [illegible] press their favors [illegible] mould them into [illegible] models of aged [illegible] And when they have been [illegible] simply "minis[illegible] of the personal [illegible] devoted [illegible] Not so [illegible] with anger [illegible] with rebellion [illegible] by hard names, [illegible] express his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]