

IN FAR OFF LANDS.

Our Own Correspondent Flirting With the Sphinx.

THE OLD WOMAN USES ROUGE.

The Bedouins and Their Ancestors—The Legends of Ingersoll—Our Consulate at Cairo—Views of Harem Life.

CAIRO, Egypt, June 28, 1889.—[Special Correspondence of THE HERALD.]—I have made to-day one of the greatest discoveries of modern times. I have unearthed

THE GENIUS OF ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, and I am able to prove that in the veins of "Infidel Bob" flows the most aristocratic blood on the American continent. In the wonderful museum of Boulaq, at Cairo, I find a statue of wood, which is the perfect likeness of him, and the records show that this statue is at least six thousand years old. It is of life size and its plump proportions, its smiling face and bright eyes form a photographic resemblance to the Ingersoll of to-day, and there can be no doubt that in the transmigration of souls the man who to-day lectures on the tombs of Moses, knows whereof he speaks and that his data were gathered on the ground, for he was here in Egypt more than two thousand years before Moses was born. He knows all about Abraham and Jacob, for they came down into Egypt nearly twenty centuries before he was born. He knows all about the building of the pyramids. This Bob Ingersoll of the past lived at the time that the greatest pyramids were being built, and he was such a prominent man at that time that the artists of the day considered it worth while to

COPT HIS FORM IN WOOD. They did it well, too, and the work will compare with that of our best sculptors. The elder Bob has a staff in his hand, and his bright eyes of rock crystal have the same hunted look of his great descendant. He has short hair and his fat, round head seems to be verging on baldness. His mouth is as pleasant as that which utters orations against the doctrine of immortality, and his attire is that of his illustrious great-grandfather, who lived real and not imaginary. He is dressed in a blue and white striped turban, and his eyes are as bright as those of his great-grandfather. He is dressed in a blue and white striped turban, and his eyes are as bright as those of his great-grandfather. He is dressed in a blue and white striped turban, and his eyes are as bright as those of his great-grandfather.

THE MUSEUM OF BOULIAC has been greatly increased in size within a few years, and there is no place like it in the world. There is room for room with the coffins of these monarchs of thousands of years ago, and in other mummy cases the bodies embalmed are exposed to view. I looked a long time to-day upon the face of King Tasmene, who, it is supposed, went to school with the Greek philosopher, and his black, was wonderfully life-like, and the teeth shown out as white as when he brushed them after his morning tub, something like four thousand years ago. I noted the silky, fuzzy hair over the crown of his head, and for a look of it for my collection of relics. The dead past became wonderfully real in looking at another box in which a mummy of a princess of about the time of King Tasmene was found. Her little baby, who was not many days old, in the coffin beside her, and when I saw the jewelry of gold beads of the same pattern which our belle lady wears in Washington and New York, and of the same color as the quite as beautiful as those made by Tiffany.

THE DRY BONES BEGAN TO MOVE and the pickled flesh resumed its life and I could see that human nature was the same six thousand of years ago as it is now and that these people of the past had the loves and hates, the troubles and the vanities, of the world of to-day. The Sphinx, and another case as taken from these tombs brought their very stomachs back to life and I wondered what Hannas took for the food and whether Queen Aikhotep, who lived before Moses, and who now lies here, and the hysterics. I noted the flowers which were put in another mummy case beside a king and I could not recollect the beautiful teeth and the fine intellectual face of King Sesi, whose daughter is supposed to have found Moses in the bullrushes, with the fat, bloated fingers, which show that he had the gout. There was as good living in the days of the Israelites in Egypt as there is to-day, but it was then as now, only

THE HIGH HAD THE FANCY COOKS and the poor as the scraps. In the tomb of Ti, near Memphis, I saw wall after wall in chambers of granite away down under the sands of the desert. These walls were covered with painted pictures of the life of the time when the tomb was made, thousands of years before Christ, and among these pictures I saw that pite de foie gras was one of the delicacies of that time. The feeding of the people by staves of bread was to enlarge the liver is there, faithfully pictured, and the eggs, mummified chickens and other dear departed delicacies which are found in the pyramids and tombs, show as that the people of the past have suffered and that they knew how to enjoy life as well as we do.

I have paid my second visit to the pyramids during the past week, and in these great piles of stones unchanged. The same gang of Bedouins surround them to-day as preyed upon me when I paid my first call on the Sphinx, eight years ago, and

THE ETERNAL CAT OF RACKBERRYHACK-SHEESH! RACKBERRYHACK!

still sounds upon the air of the desert in which they are located. I climbed to the top, assisted by two Arabs, and I peered through the gloomy recesses of the interior, and attempted to take photographs of the king's and queen's chambers by flash light. The pyramid which I climbed covers thirteen acres of ground, and it was at one time higher than the Washington monument. It has in the past been a quarry from which Cairo has drawn the stones for much of its buildings, and there is enough left to make more than eight hundred Washington monuments. The Sphinx is now well pulled out of the sand and there are iron cars at its base ready to be used for further excavations. It has put on a new aspect within the last few years and it seems blayer, more somber and more wonderful than ever. Its face is that of a remarkably good looking negro girl, and it is said that its complexion was

ORIGINALLY OF A BEAUTIFUL PINK.

All of this pink has been now ground away by the sands of the desert, which have for more than six thousand years been showing their enormous masses upon it, and all that is left is a little red paint just under the left eye. The Sphinx is the oldest woman in the world and it is painful to think that even she is added to rouge. She is certainly big enough to know better. Her head alone is so big that if you would build a vault the size of a jail, fourteen feet square and run it up to the height of a three-story house, it would be just large enough to contain it, and even though you measure six feet in your stockings and had arms as long as those of Abraham Lincoln, stood on the tip of the old lady's ear, you could hardly touch the crown of her head. I rode on a camel the quarter of a mile between her and the pyramids, and the Bedouin who owned the beast grew quite confidential in telling me of his property and his family affairs. He said

HE LIVED NEAR THE PYRAMIDS

and that he had just married a new wife who was as beautiful as the sun and as graceful as a cat, and he was ready to go and see her at his home near by and I saw a Bedouin girl who may have been his wife, as I went through this village on my way back to Cairo. She was a magnificent looking maiden of perhaps twenty years of age, with a gorgeous head dress of white and gold and with four great silver rings, as big around as the bottom of a tin cup, hanging from a string on each side of her face. Her complexion was that of Ethiopian blackness, but because was as straight

as that of a Greek and her eyes—large, dark and lustrous—were fringed with long eyelashes. She had a beautiful mouth and her picturesque head was well poised on shapely shoulders. Her gown, of dark blue, fell in graceful folds from her shoulders to ankles and her feet were bare. She was a noble looking girl and

THE BEDOUINS ARE THE SOLEST IN APPEARANCE

of the people of Egypt. You see them in the bazaars and on the deserts, and they have the monopoly of the care of the pyramids. They are very proud and they are the descendants of the Arabs of the sands. The most of them are Mohammedans and they make the best of soldiers. It was their forefathers that the shadow of Mahomet made such great conquests in North Africa, and during the rebellion of Arabi Pasha, the bravest of the Egyptians were these men.

I find our consul-general very popular in Cairo, and that he is on the best of terms with the khedive and with the leading officials of the Egyptian government. His majesty spoke very highly of him during the audience I had with him a few days ago, and during this conversation the contrast was drawn between him and several of the other consul-generals who have represented America here in the past. One consul-general who is dead now and who served during the reign of Ismail, the father of the present khedive, was

A NOTORIOUS DRUNKARD, and during his speech he said at times to Khedive Ismail and whined about the poor state of the government gave him. "The United States," said he, "do not give me enough to support me and I wish your highness, who has such a vast treasury, could add a trifle to the amount as a present." Khedive Ismail did this again and again, and the American government never knew how it was being disgraced. Another consul-general of the United States in Cairo was mixed up in the rebellion of Arabi Pasha, and when I heard here to that effect, and said that the state of affairs in Cairo was such that the man, who is still living in America, had combined with Arabi against the khedive, and that the understanding between Arabi and him was that in case of Arabian success, he, the American, might have a place in his cabinet, his highness nodded his head in the affirmative of its truth.

OUR CONSULATE AT CAIRO

is now in the most fashionable part of the city. It is a large two-story, flat roofed house situated in a beautiful garden in which there are many trees and flowers grow. The front gate bears a large oval shield on which is painted the American eagle, and over the front door our great American bird looks down on the visitors as he waves his flag in the air. Passing under this you enter a wide hall, at one end of which there is a pair of purple formed of American flags, and at the other end is a reception and waiting room of the legation. Entering this you are reminded of our national capital. Pictures of the great buildings at Washington hang upon the walls. There is the capital, one of the finest buildings in the world, the state war and navy building, which has not its peer in size among the granite edifices on the face of the globe, and the new building, which is the biggest thing that now exists in brick.

THERE IS THE SUMMER RESIDENCY looking more like a home than ever and wonderfully good in this land of orange, grape, and there among them all is the stern face of old George Washington himself with two little American flags peeping over the railing in front of him. He looks here than it ever looked to me before. There is nothing like travel to develop one's patriotism and I think one needs but to get away from one's political fights in order to appreciate our country in its national beauty and greatness. The consul-general, at this writing, is a Texas editor; his name is John Cardwell, and he is an accomplished man, about forty years of age. His wife and family are with him and his home, which is in the building occupied by the legation, is elegantly fitted up with rare French goods, with fine carpets and with rare Turkish and Egyptian goods and with a beautiful Turkish carpet.

Among the paintings of the house are a number of which show more than ordinary skill. These are the work of Mr. Cardwell's daughter, who is still in her teens, but who promises to make an artist. Her mother intends to take her to Italy upon her departure from Egypt and she will there study under the Italian masters of to-day.

CONSUL-GENERAL CARDWELL

has some striking ideas about the harem as it exists in Egypt to-day. He pronounces the word as though it were applied harem, and that is the pronunciation I hear every where in the land of the Mohammedans. Colonel Cardwell says the harem is not the vicious institution it is painted. "It means," says he, "simply the women's apartments of the household of a sultan and I believe it is a great elementary institution. Its members are often merely the servants of the true wife of the husband. They are taken from the streets and are raised there and are better cared for than they could possibly be elsewhere. They are not necessarily the mistresses of the man, and the khedive, though his wife has a harem, is not married to her. The harem is here in Egypt, managed by the women. The husband has very limited rights within it, and there was an instance here in Cairo not long ago of a princess who was displeased with the actions of her husband who, by the way, was also of royal blood, ordering her servants to

WHIP HIM IN THE HAREN.

They obeyed her, too, and the man was soundly flogged. Another case was that of a lady of high rank, who not long ago brought a divorce suit against her husband and got a divorce from him. This fact will be surprising to the people of America, who largely believe that the rights are of the woman, and that she is the one who brings a divorce suit against her husband. This woman when divorced took the harem with her, and she is now living with the rest of her establishment here in Cairo. Monogamy," continued Colonel Cardwell, "is in fact growing in favor in Cairo. The khedive has set the example and the upper tendency shows a disposition to follow it. One of the princesses said the other day to her mother, 'Mother, according to the Koran, have but one wife.'"

"And how is that?" she was asked.

"The Koran states that he may have four wives and Mahomet had four wives, and two things in this world which delight me are these women and perfumes. These two things rejoice my eyes and render me more fervent in devotion." The great prophet had something like a number of wives and he especially gives all devout men the right to four.

"I assert, however," said the princess, "that the Koran intends that man should have only one wife. And this is because he cannot be good and have more. The Koran says that you must not love one wife more than another and that is impossible if you have more than one."

I drove out this afternoon past

A ROYAL PALACE,

which was for years occupied by one of the widows of Mohammed Ali, who, it is white woman Egypt has ever known, including in the list the long number of had, beautiful dunes, extending over back to Cleopatra.

This woman had a large income and she kept up a grand establishment here in Cairo with her eunuchs by the score and her servants by the dozens. Her palace was on the banks of the Nile and it had many secret chambers. From time to time, such men as this royal lady fancied, were invited by this lady's slaves to come into the harem and it is stated here that such as went in were never seen to come out. Her ladyship received their attentions until she was tired of them and then got rid of them by having them quietly strangled and thrown into the Nile. There was a dark passage leading down from the palace to the river and the lover availed from eunuchs dreams to find a silver cord around his throat and a force standing around large enough to make him submit if he struggled unduly.

CRISMON-SARFY COMPANY. Is Ismail Pasha, who is now living in Constantinople and who receives a pension from Egypt of \$300,000 a year, is a noble and a great man. He is in regard to monogamy and his harem is a large one. He took it with him when he went to Naples to live, but a young Italian, if I remember correctly, got into the harem with one of his prettiest wives and he moved his establishment to Constantinople, where his harem would

be more sacred and where he can, if he chooses, drop faithless wife into the Bosphorus without comment of courts. Mohamet Ali had also a number of wives and I went out this afternoon to Shoubra Khayma, in which the old man spent some of the last days of his life. The guides here show you a beautiful garden and in a summer palace a lake about four feet deep with a marble resting place in the center. It was upon this seat that the Napoleon of Egypt used to sit with his ladies in boats on the water about him. The boatmen were posted by him; at the crook of his finger they would overturn the fair Circassians into the pool and Mohamet would laugh in his old cracked voice as he watched their terrified struggles in trying to get out.

Year by year, however,

THE KEEPING UP OF THE BAREN

in the Mohammedan countries becomes more expensive. The introduction of the western civilization is inspiring new wants in the minds of the hour, and the nobles of them want French kid slippers and their dresses from Worth. They want diamonds and modern jewelry and if they have children they must have French and English governesses for them. The majority of the Mohammedans of Egypt are too poor to keep more than one wife under the new customs and this number is being reduced by the increased cost of living. Even the ordinary wealthy women of Cairo now have some European dresses in their wardrobes and the veils which they wear when out driving grow thinner and thinner each year. The wife of the khedive wears a veil of thin gauze through which her features can be plainly seen when she goes out driving, for the windows of her carriage are open and an American told me he could see the sparkle of her magnificent diamonds through this veil when he passed her a few days ago.

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All day long the pitiful life, (Habbled of death on the mountain side, And all day long with post and sign, They who were doomed that day to die, Turned dejected ears to the warning roar, They had heard so oft, and despised before.

Yet women trembled—the mother's eyes Turned out to the lowering, sorrowful skies— And shuddered to think what must befall, Should the flood burst over the earthen wall, So all day long they went up and down, Headless of peril in doom's Johnston.

All day long in the chilly gloom Of a barely mercurial summer morn: Of the leader bent with anxious care, Old Periton's only son and heir, A commonplace, plodding, industrious youth, Counting debt and credit the highest truth, And profit and loss a more honored game Than searching for laurels or fighting for fame, He saw the dark tide as it swept by the door, But heeded it not till his task was o'er; These sudden things he had black-petted bay, High springing, tall-blooded—grandson of the May— Hawk-boned and deep-chested—his eyes fall of fire—

The temper of Satan—Mance's was his sire— And he, too, he had a heart of fire, And iron, boy head—his dam gave him these— The foal of a racer trained to a job, For the son of the merchant was when out of a job, "Now I'll see," said Dan Periton, mounting the bay, "What danger there is of the dam giving way."

A marvellous sight young Periton saw When he rode the saddle of Conemaugh, Seventy feet the water fell, With the roar like the angry ocean's swell, Seventy feet—'t was the foundation rock, Seventy feet fell the cascades fell into the boiling gulf below, Dan Periton's cheek grew pale with fear, As the echoes fell on his startled ear, And he thought of the weight of the pent-up tide Rushing on the rocks and the swirling spray, He saw the swirling valley of Conemaugh, He saw the dam, he saw the dam, Displayed a brave's instinctive fears, Shortened and parted with flashing eyes, Seized to the curb and turned to fly.

Dan Periton tightened his grip on the reins, Sat close to the saddle, gripped the handle again, Touched the bay with the spur, then gave him his head, And down the steep valley they chattering sped, Then the horse showed his breeding—the close gripping knees, Felt the strong shoulders working with unflagging ease, As mile after mile, north the high-blooded bay, The steep mountain turpentine flow backward away, While with outstretched neck he went galloping, With the message of warning to periled John's town, Past farm, house and village, while shrilly out rang, O'er the river's deep roar and the hoof's iron clang, His miller young rider's premonition shout, "Fly! Fly to the hills! The waters are out!"

Past Mineral Point there came such a roar As never had shaken those mountains before! Dan cried, the good horse then with word and snort: "Would he his last race, that mattered little, A mile farther on and behind him he sped, The wreck-laden crest of the death-dealing tide! Then he waded wisp and spur and rebounded the shout, "To the hills! To the hills! The waters are out!" Thus horseman and flood tide came racing it down, The elder-paced streets of doomed Johnston!

Daniel Periton knew that his doom was nigh, That a good Mother's cry, "Fly to the hills!" The blood ran off from his good steel side; O'er him hung the white crest of the tide; His hair felt the touch of the eye's breath; The spray on his cheek was the cold kiss of death; Beneath him the horse 'gan to tremble and droop, He saw the pale rider who sat on the croup; But clear, over all came his last warning shout, "To the hills! To the hills! For the waters are out!" Then the tide reared its head and leaped vengeance fully down, On the horse and his rider in fated Johnston!

That horse is a hero, so poets still say, That brought the good news of the treaty of Aix; And the street is immortal which carries Hervey, Through the echoing night, with his message of fear, And one that bore Sheridan into the fray, From Winchester town, "twenty miles away," But none of these merits a nobler lay Than young Daniel Periton's race-loned bay, That raced down the valley of Conemaugh, With the tide that rushed through the dam of straw, Roaring and rushing and tearing down, On the faded thousands in doomed Johnston! In the very track of the great, the great, With Dan on the saddle and Death on the croup, The foam on his nostrils flew back on the wind, And mixed with the foam of the billow behind.

A terrible vision the merrow saw In the doleful vale of Conemaugh; The river had shrunk to its narrow bed, But its way was choked with the heaped-up crowd, "Galt the granite bridge with its arches four Lay the wreck of a city that deters no more; And under it all, so the searchers say, Stood the sprawling limbs of the gallant bay, Still, as in the drift of the Conemaugh, yep, her statue Dan's foot in the stirrup, his hand on the rein! So shall they live in white marble again; An eagle's nest as they gaze on the group, Of the race that he ran while Death sat on the croup.

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