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Turkey in Europe.

Turkey has long been the "sick man" of Europe, and now the reigning Sultan is the "sick man" of Turkey. The removal of Abdul Hamid from the European arena would probably make a great difference in the position of Turkey. The events of the last quarter of a century have made it clear to the world that in point of political ability he is inferior to none and superior to most of the European crowned heads. He is a fanatical Turk and Mohammedan, and is the official head of the Moslems the world over. The possibility of his declaring a holy war against the Christian nations if he is driven to extremities has more than once, to all appearance, saved his empire from utter dismemberment. The result of such a war would be certain destruction for Turkey as a European power, but the consequences to such Mohammedan countries as Egypt and India could not be short of disastrous. British statesmen have always to remember these countries when they are dealing with the Sultan, and he knows this just as well as they do. This was in Sir Edward Grey's mind when, a few weeks ago, he warned the British House of Commons that it would be perilous to reduce just now the strength of the British forces in Egypt.

Twice within half a century Turkey in Europe has lost extensive territories as the result of war with Russia. The Crimean war of 1854 paved the way for the independence of the Kingdom of Roumania; the war of 1878 did the same for the kingdoms of Montenegro and Servia, while it enabled the Bulgarians to secure recognition of their right to manage their own affairs under the protection of the European powers. Nothing but the phenomenal astuteness of Abdul Hamid and their own mutual jealousies has prevented the powers from uniting to force Turkey to choose between granting Macedonia better government and recognizing its right to govern itself, as the case of Crete. If his ability did not suffice to stay the process of dismemberment it is not likely that his successor will have any better record to show. The inevitable retirement of the Turk from Europe may be appreciably hastened, but cannot be seriously delayed, by a change of rulers.

There is a reform party in Turkey, and many of its members are intelligent, much travelled, and well informed gentlemen. The weakness of their position, as of the position of the Russian reformers, is that there is an autocracy to deal with which takes itself very seriously, and that the masses of the people are intensely fanatical and obdurate. There is as little chance of any general uprising of the Turks against misrule as there is of the Sultan's ceasing to rely on massacres and assassinations to maintain himself on the throne. The former are always directed against such troublesome aliens as the Armenians; the latter are usually resorted to for the purpose of getting rid of aspiring or effete relatives.

Fortunately for British power and administration in Egypt the Sultan's right of interference has been reduced to a minimum, so that it matters little who occupies the Turkish throne. The Khedive, or hereditary ruler of Egypt, owes his present tenure of the throne to the British suppression of Arabi Bey's rebellion in 1882. The result of this incident was the abolition of the joint British and French control which had then been in existence four years, and the substitution of a single British financial adviser to the Egyptian Government. This position has been held for many years by Lord Cromer, without whose concurrence no financial policy can be carried out by the Egyptian Government. Great Britain's pre-eminence in Egypt is now fully and officially recognized by France as well as by the other European powers.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment, Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Honey Crop.

"Very disappointing" is the general verdict of Ontario bee-keepers regarding the honey season; the poorest crop that has been gathered for many years. Quebec and the eastern Provinces have done better, the west also reports fair to good results, but the market, looking to Ontario for its largest supply, is bound to be a slim one this season. —Canadian Bee Journal.

The Transvaal's Constitution.

Under the constitution which the British Parliament proposes to confer upon the Transvaal manhood suffrage is established, says the N. Y. Outlook, although the rule, "one man, one vote" does not apply to the negro population. The Boers themselves would have preferred a suffrage based on land ownership, but will not protest seriously against the idea of universal white suffrage provided the arrangement and division of constituencies are such as to give the Boers something like equal representation in Parliament with the British colonists. The old Boer political divisions were based on area, with representation according to total population, not according to the number of voters. To follow out this idea in the future would obviously have been unjust to the cities and to districts where the population is comparatively dense, and would also give the Boer men, usually heads of large families, a preponderance in the suffrage over the British population, in which there is a large proportion of unmarried men. The same facts made the Boers favor woman suffrage, which the plan now outlined will not grant. On the other hand, a division into constituencies might have been made that would have been unduly favorable to the English residents. In point of fact, the proposed basis of representation will give one representative to each of the old Boer magisterial districts, but this will be balanced by the establishing of universal white suffrage. Opinions differ as to just what the practical result of the arrangement of constituencies will be. One estimate based on the census of two years ago seems to show that Pretoria would have six members, the Rand thirty-four, and the rest of the Transvaal twenty-nine. In any case, it seems quite certain that the majority whether of Boers or British, in the new House will be very slender indeed—probably only two or three.

Cynicus—When do you consider a woman is too old to marry.

Miss Oldgirl—Well, I am only 28, you know.

Cynicus—Yes; I've known that a long time.—Philadelphia Record.



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