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RHYSICAL AND MENTAL QUALITIES OF THE HELLENIC RACE

Distinguished by Many Acts of Heroism-Proverbially Domestic Instinct-Punishment for Infraction of Virtue. The foremost place among the various Christian nationalities cannot but be assigned to the Greeks on account PROPRIETOR of their intellectual superiority. Physically, as well as mentally, the Greek women of to-day exhibit the character-

istic traits of their Hellenic ancestry, and types of almost classical purity are constantly to be met with, not only the free Hellas, but also in parts of the Ottoman Empire. In certain localities, and more particularly in Macedonia, the Greek type has no doubt much deteriorated from admixture with Slav and other foreign elements. It has, however, remained almost perof the finest specimens of the race are to be found in Asia Minor, not on the

villages of the interior. The heroism which the long struggle of her days. for independence called forth in the Greek men was shared by their mothers, their sisters, and their daughters. The domestic history of these troubled The Kiondike Said to be Outdone b. times is faithfully and graphically recorded in the folk songs of this sufferoutburst of untutored feeling we must turn to hear how the wife of the Klepht chieftain waited with great impatience for news of him, or lamented him as dead; was carried captive to the harem of the Turkish General, or. rather than submit to such a fate, precipitated herself and her child over some precipice. During the protracted cage of Missolonghi the women and girls aided the defenders by bringing materials of every description to stop breaches made by the Turkish artillery. One of the surviving heroines

ens some 60 years later, expressed on her deathbed a wish to be buried in the pallikar's dress which she had worn during the war and had ever since treasured in secret. The Greek poet Kostas Palamas has made this incident the subject of a long poem, in which he describes how Captain Philio's daughter donned at her father's command the full white kilt, braided vest and jacket and felt capote, and stood in the breach at his side, pistol in hand, while he directed his cannon at the enemy. Her father slain, she had escaped in one of the many sorties with the Dominion Geographical Survey of

terward became her husband. 1878 without its heroines. The daugh- of the American continent. These sure which a letter brings, with its in his own mind murdering the girl ters and sisters of the patriots not valuable deposits are already known only braved the whizzing rifle bullets to extend over a country at least six and the risk of capture to carry hundred miles long by four hundred food and water to their relatives in broad. The Americans interested in immediate environment of home and cipice. The hero is standing near. Sudthe intrenchments, but, as one of their its development, will, it is understood, neighborhood. A letter is a bit of one's own folk-songs records, would them- begin operations early next season for friend, and however homely in its deselves on occasions, "bravely fight and the purpose of ascertaining more pregladly strive for Freedom." The name cisely the value of the enormous of one girl, Marighitza, a native of the wealth that they now control. For is a reminder that one's friend is not village of Makrinitza, on the hills this reason they are to outfit a indifferent to one's welfare. Usually above Volo, now Greek territory, was steamer for Hudson Bay, placing on more especially mentioned for intrepi- board \$100,000 worth of supplies and dity, and when the insurrection was materials. over she was sent for to Athens to be presented to the King and Queen by way of Hudson Straits, which is impulse is to sit down at once, before above, the whole of these journals

FETED BY THE INHABITANTS. A far more sensational story, however, is that of a woman named Peristera, "The Pigeon," who was an actual combatant in the rebellion, durthe Bishop of Kodjani. A photograph taken at the time represents her in full Klepht costume-sword, pistols and yataghan at waist, gun in hand and suspended round her neck the indisk bearing in relief a representation of gold, silver, copper, tin, etc.; are of the Greek patron Saint George in described as enormous. Specimens are long a space to elapse, and as procraster my mother and my father my stephis conflict with the Dragon. his conflict with the Dragon.

Such heroic qualities, however, are only brought to the surface by exceptially domestic.

The more remote the community and the more isolated from contact with the outer world, the more rigid generally is found to be the code of social morals. In the mountain villages of Crete female misconduct is visited with the severest penalties, and even so late as the beginning of this cen- of a remarkable sight he saw while tury was punishable with death. sitting on the seashore with a guide Whenever a married woman was suspected even of faithlessness, or a single one of frailty, her hours were salmon in the Terra Nova River. They numbered, and her end was so tragical, had been watching for some time the so shocking to all the feelings of na- evolutions of a white-headed eagle, tural affection, and even to the ordinary notions of humanity, that one can hardly believe such a practice to have been observed on the very confines of eral circles above and in front of them. civilized Europe, and in the nineteenth the eagle suddenly dashed down into century, by any Christian people. Her nearest relations were at once her ac-

cusers, her judges, and HER EXECUTIONERS. There are still to be found consid- It was an old lobster, with a huge erable remains of patriarchal customs claw, white with barnacles. The eagle day when we come to search for them now detained. "For the thick skulls even among the wealthy and educated had him clutched firmly around the classes. One of these is that the sons back, and at first the huge claw hung gne, Mary Mitford, the ladies of the of my being the first to discover that ished to "the dower house," but retains the recently disturbed pool had not wealth, are good examples of the perthe place of honor in the household, died away, when the captive lobster fect letter. and receives every mark of attention suddenly awoke to the seriousness of A missionary who had spent a long and respect not only from her sons, the situation, and to think with him term of service in the far East said,

pulture has been observed by them pool. a chorus of other women. Such scenes a stone apiece to throw at the eagle as this may still be witnessed at the before the lobster, feeling himself at present day in the humblest cottage. home again, let go his hold. With his Pagan in sentiment; they contain no away flew the bedraggled eagle in of bliss, and no hope of a happy meet- cliff, while the lobster, to give Col. ing in Paradise. A dying son can Haggard's own wordse "still brandish-

young wife complains that her husband has abandoned her and wedded instead "the Black Earth." But, as

the upper world to his dreary realm seaboard alone, but in many towns and opinion would be treated with scant the speed of the train, or call for any respect by her neighbors for the rest

Had on Bay Mineral Lands.

of this famous siege, who died in Ath-

innabar and gypsum.

the assistance of a comrade, who af- Canada recently returned from Nor was the outbreak on Pelion in this country and reported that it is believed the feeling of plea- which man holds dear, and ends up by Paling

bay with mails and supplies from Eng-

now being analyzed.

Tale of the Battle of an Eagle and a Lob. and few of us, looking back over the made me grandfather of my step-

ster in Air and Water. Lieut.-Col. Andrew C. P. Haggard, an elder brother of Rider Haggard, the novelist, recently returned to Quebec from a trip to Newfoundland, and tells with whom he had been fishing for called by the Newfoundlanders a "grip." After soaring round in seva pool of water near them on the beach, and reappeared holding an en-

the death of her husband is not ban- for a second, though. The ripples on memoirs from art of our literary our feet."

ormous lobster in his talons.

Their death hymns are essentially neck all torn and devoid of feathers, directing her to a hill on which grow mained smiling at the bottom of the

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previous methods. It embodies the old idea of generating electric current by The mourning worn by the Greeks is of a most austere character, especi- the revolution of the car axle, but ally among the middle and lower class- with an effectiveness never before at-Ornaments are rigidly set aside, tained. Where, as in early systems, and all articles of dress are of the plainest black materials, cotton or the current for lighting has been genwoolen, and made in the most simple erated by a dynamo in the baggage with the every-day world by their own fashion possible. In some districts on car, run by power from the locomotive, idiosyncrasies. Each individual lives in the death of a relative they send all their linen and handkerchiefs to the dyers, the result, as may be supposed, as it was detached from the train: being funeral in the extreme. Women, but now every car carries its own too, frequently cut off their hair at light-creating plant, being fitted with in reaching-namely, the asylum docthe death of their husbands and bury it with them; men, on the other hand, allow their beards to grow as a sign When the train is standing still, the In some cases the proof-sheets are of sorrow. Mourning is also worn for car is lighted from the storage bat- just glanced at by the head doctor considerable period. Girls after tery. As soon as the train attains a before the magazine goes to press their fathers' death do not abandon their mourning until they marry, and widows and elderly women invariably dynamo is automatically connected lished by the inmates themselves. retain it as their permanent attire. with the mechanism, which transmits For in many country districts custom does not allow women to enter a second time into wedlock, and a widow the lights are then fed directly from

UNGAVA'S RICH DEPOSITS.

and Ungava, on the east side of Hudclare that the mineral wealth of that region puts the Klondike in the shade The story of the discovery, or rather of the re-discovery of these mineral that this objection loses its force from lands, reads almost like a romance. the fact that the number of lights Some time ago a Western Canadian, J. A. Osborne, of the Rainy Lake Herployee of the Hudson Bay Company, long ago dead. In this diary he came upon a minute description of these deposits, on the eastern shore of Hud-

The account was so clear that Mr. Osborne had no difficulty in having an exploring expedition equipped by American capitalists. This expedition its members have just returned and uable lands, containing gold, silver, copper, precious stones, nickel, iron,

The specimens of coal found there have been analyzed. It is a pure anthracite and is shown to contain 66 per cent. of carbon and 34 of ash. It will be remembered that A. P. Low of exploratory tour through a part of this country and reported that it is

This vessel will have to go around men't towards the writer, so that the the route followed by the only ship of the year that reaches the various Hudson Bay Company's forts on the acknowledgment by return mail

The explorers report that if a railway was built from Winnipeg to the ing which her brother met his death. bay, good coal could be laid down in can keep up a regular correspondence relli' really tweak the Doctor's nose? On the occasion of hostilities this wo- Manitoba for \$3 to \$4 a ton. The involving a daily letter on each side, Why did 'Ranji' throw the ball at man joined a band of brigands and beformation of the country is most pecuordinary mortals need not try to an'W. G.'s' head during practice at the came their leader under the name of liar, and indicates that the land is Vanghelli, to which her followers add- rising. The rocks rise along the shore swer letters with such startling nets?" Perhaps it should be explained the subriquet of Spano, "The of the bay in some places to a height promptness. Indeed, the doing so car- above are not those known to the public of Klopfet for some two years with ing of Klepht for some two years with-out her sex being discovered she finalout her sex being discovered she final- layers of rock run at right angles to ly gave in her submission to the authorities was pardened and become the rivers, looking as if the water as the recognition of obligation is appared and become the rivers, looking as if the water as the recognition of obligation is appared to the rivers. thorities, was pardoned and became a pressure was pushing up the land. In parent, the letter loses something of ror " gives the following reason for some localities on the mainland, as its spontaneity, and much of its flav- his detention:—"I met a young widow well as on several of the islands in the bay, the explorers found large deposits of iron which had evidently un- A week, or even a fortnight, is an the widow married me, then my father, dergone great heat, being reduced to appropriate interval to allow between daughter and married her. That made slag, as if a volcano had been at work, the receipt of a friendly letter and its my wife the mother-in-law of her fasignia of chieftianship, a large silver Besides the iron and coal, the deposits

tional circumstances, for the virtues of BY RIDER HAGGARD'S BROTHER. the habit of letter-writing is the ten- also the son of my wife's step-daugh-

and her son Astyanax, how the mother batants, for the spiashing of the con- might make a mental note of the need daylight and by the electric light. "The and sister-in-law took up the lament, flict continued in the shallow water. of courtesy in answering the letters of best effect," savs the journal in questhe burden of which was repeated by But they had hardly time to pick up all exiles and absentees. QUEEN VICTORIA'S PROGENY. assurance that the dead are in a state melancholy guise to a neighboring grandchildren and great grandchildren -32 of each-which, together with her seven children, make the number of comfort his sorrowing mother only by ing his enormous claw in defiance, re- her descendants 71.

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The Asylum Magazine Is An Interesting Work-First Journal Starfed in Scot-

Dotted here and there over the earth are little colonies whose inhabitants are cut off from all intercourse the car would lose its light as soon a world of his or her own creation a dynamo and a storage battery, for and the asylum magazine.

speed of twelve miles an hour, the but they are written, printed and pub-Although America produced the the power of the revolving axle, and first two lunatic journals, to Scotland belongs the credit of having started who venture thus to violate public it. This does not in any way lessen the first paper of this kind which has survived its infancy. In fact, the birth additional power from the engine. A of lunatic journalism took place when whole car full of lights can thus be the first number of the "New Moon" was issued from the Crichton Royal kept burning all night, if need be, at Asylum, Dumfries, on December 3rd, a merely nominal cost, and the ordi-1844. Since that date the following nary expenses of maintenance are sav- have been successfully launched: "The ed, as no electrician is needed, the "Moringside Mirror," from the Royal dynamo and storage battery both be- Edinburgh Asylum; the "Excelsior," The last members of the exploring ing regulated automatically. A five from James Murray's Royal Asylum; ing people, and to these spontaneous party to return from the newly dis- minutes' inspection of the battery ev- Perth; the "Fort England Mirror," covered mineral lands in Labrador ery six weeks meets every require- Grahamstown, South Africa; the ment. This battery will keep seven- "Murthly Magazine," from the Perth teen lights burning for twelve hours County Asylum; "Under the Dome," son Bay, got back recently, and de- if the car is at rest. The objection the organ of Bethlem Royal Hospital, has been raised that if the train were London; and the "Conglomerate," snowed in the battery would quickly which belongs to the Middletown Asybecome exhausted, and the cars would

lum, New York. be left in darkness. It is pointed out These magazines, touch the journal istic ideal, as being written by thereaders for their own amusement, they cannot fail to hit burning could be reduced and the cars cannot fail to hit could be lighted from the battery

THE POPULAR TASTE. alone for over a week much more ald, came into possession of an old brightly than they now are by lamps We find that those mentally derang- Whether our patrons be RICH or yellow leaved diary of a former em- or even gas. The brilliancy of the ed like about four-ninths of their read- POOR we aim to please every lighting by the new method is strik- ing to take the form of travel and time. ingly seen when a car equipped with heavy prose articles of a strictly theit runs into a station alongside of the oretical nature. The rest of the conbest-lighted Pullman fitted with gas. tents comes in order of quantity as son Bay, in the vicinity of Great and The light, in fact, fills the car, and as follows:-Humor, local notes, poetry, Little Whale rivers, in what is known it is reflected and diffused by opal chiefly in a light vein, special articles shades, it gives a soft and restful il- on local theatricals and fiction. lumination which is absolutely perfect | The most striking feature about for reading. The new system im- journals, is the almost total absence measurably advances the luxury of of gloom and melancholia, and we have railway traveling, and it is more than it on the word of the doctor of one went north last June and the last of probable that it will hasten the day of the leading asylums, that this is Mersereau's Photo Rooms when railway passengers will no long- not owing to such contributions being filed claims on a large tract of val- er be parboiled in stifling and foul- tabooed. But now and again one comes smelling cars, but free from the cap- on a poem or tale drenched with melrice of conductors, will enjoy the civi- ancholia and morbid insanity. In one lized blessings of automatic electric of these journals appeared a story written in the first person, about a hero-undoubtedly the writer- who had his head twisted round the wrong way. The consequence was he invar-When to answer a letter, not imper- iably had to walk in the opposite di iously demanding an instant reply, is rection to which he wanted to walk. a question which appeals to one's This terrib'e fate haunts him right through the story, causing him to lose Laths sense of the fitness of things. Few peo- friends, money and everything else

thought of friendly remembrance, and its breath of the world outside the cording to the story, the heroine was its breath of the world outside the standing on the edge of a great pre- Bappel Heading denly the heroine becomes giddy and Matched Flooring totters on the brink. The hero tries to dash forward and save her, but of tails and simple in its expression, it course runs the other way. Here comes a break in the narrative which is fin-ished by the following sentence: "And Dimensioned Lumber the gater of an asylum for those menthe reading of an affectionate letter tally deranged shut the writer off Sawn Spruce Shingles. produces an expansion of kindly senti- from his friends in the outer world. Apart from such tragedies as the

the impression fades, and send back an are SATURATED WITH HUMOUR. In one we find the following among Yet as only lovers and romantic "Questions we want answered:" schoolgirls, or aevoted married pairs temporarily absent from one another, tend to recognize the royal rank of

with a grown-up step-daughter, and who was a widower, met my stepreply. A month or two months is too ther-in-law, and made my step-daughshe who waits a month may awaken daughter of my wife had a son. That after awhile to find herself derelict in boy was, of course, my brother, bethe correspondence of a year. Fatal to cause he was my father's son. He was dency to postpone the return letter, ter, and therefore her grandson. That road of life, fail to see how friends have brother. Then my wife had a son. dropped out of sight and hearing, sim- My mother-in-law, the step-son of my ply because at one or another point son, is also his grandmother, because the interchange of expression ceased. he is her step-son's child, because his Time was when men and women took step-sister is my wife. I am the letter-writing very seriously, and sat brother of my own son, who is also the down to the desk as if to an important child of my step-grandmother. I am task. The scrawls of the modern girl; my mother's brother-in-law, my wife her hasty dashing off of an epistle to is her own child's aunt, and my son is catch a post; her dozen notes scrib- my father's nephew and I'm my own bled in hot haste and illegible penman- grandfather. And after trying to exship, sealed with sprawling wax, and plain the relationship in our family dismissed with a sigh of relief, would some seven times a day to our callhave filled a young woman of Jane Aus- ing friends for a fortnight, I was tin's day with unfeigned horror. Apart brought here-no, came of my own from the stilted style, affected by per- will."

sons who had the courtliness of their | Another declares that he never found period and its leisure, without the in- rest from his mother-in-law before, born grace of the raconteur who is of no and he intends to hoodwink the doctors period, but belongs to all time, the as long as possible. And yet another epistolary remains of the last cen- points out that it has always been tury, and of still earlier centuries, the fate of really great men to be possess an interest which we shall ignored or ill-treated by their convainly seek in the annals of our own temporaries, and that is why he is LIGTHING A DRAWING-ROOM.

An English journal of electricity embut from their wives, who consider it was to act. Up moved the great barn- with emphasis: "People at home do phasizes the care needed in undertakno indignity to kiss her hand or that acled claw until it seized his eagle not dream of the solitude of the for- ing to light a drawing-room by this of their father-in-law when receiving round the neck. There was a furious eign missionary. At first, and for a means. It is desirable to avoid any their morning greeting or evening benediction.

Greek women have in all times play
diffused light to avoid any bear or two, those at home send many letters; then they lose interest, and choking throat, and then, tumbling one by one ceases to write, and except diffused light. For the general lighted a conspicuous part in funeral ob- and rolling head over heels in the air from her own family, the missionary ing of the apartment, a main central servances, and from the days of Anti- in a confused mass, down came eagle receives few communications. The light is probably the best, but this argone the fulfilment of the rites of se- and lobster again, splash back into the disappointment and heartache are too rangement should be carefully studied great for realization by outsiders when in its relation to the various objects in as one of their most sacred duties. The two spectators of the scene rush- a mail comes in and no letters are the room before it is adopted. Often a Homer describes how Andromache ed forward, thinking that they could brought to the woman who is half the great difference wil be noted iin the chanted a dirge to her dead husband perhaps in some way secure both com- world's width away from home." We effect of furniture and paintings, by tion, "is undoubtedly obtained by putting incandescent lamps in moldings or sinking them into the mantel shelf, or elsewhere, so that the light may It is a curious fact that Queen Vic- be diffused while the lamps are invistoria should have an equal number of lible."

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