

EGYPTIANS SLOWLY ADOPT WESTERN CUSTOMS AND DRESS STYLES PENETRATE HAREMS

London.—In the club at Gezira, Cairo's garden island, you may dine of a summer's evening underneath strings of Chinese lanterns, with pheasant and strawberries in the same menu.

Egypt is the land of anomalies. "And never the twain shall meet," sang Kipling. But in Egypt East and West do meet and intermingle, writes G. P. to the London Express from Cairo.

Most of the Effendis wear lounge suits and speak at least one European language.

Paris Frocks For Harems.

Even the women are becoming Westernised. The women of one harem I heard about ordered low-cut evening frocks from Paris, and so delighted were they with them that they wore them all day long.

The beach at Anfouchy, near Alexandria, is surprisingly like Brighton or Margate. There are the same sands, and spades and pails, the same sellers of fruit. But here the mode of bathing of the simple native women is a little unorthodox.

Wading in up to their wastes they

draw up their long black gowns over their heads. For, of course, to a Mohammedan woman it is of primary importance to cover her face.

Several of the open air cafes in Cairo and Alexandria have out-of-door cinemas now as an added attraction. A dark group of gum trees stands behind the picture screen, and in front of it is a mixed gathering of Egyptians in long gowns of striped silk, coarse blue cotton galabeyehs, or in dapper check suits English men and women in evening clothes, swarthy Italians, and sallow Greeks in straw hats and elastic-sided boots; native women of the harem with dark, almond-shaped eyes and henna-stained fingers half hidden in the sleeves of their gowns.

Western influences are not confined to the towns. Many of the villages were until lately almost isolated from civilization, but now a motor omnibus service runs between them.

What a service it is! The roads are just mud tracks, intended only for slow moving horse or ox-drawn traffic. There is nothing slow about the omnibuses. The native drivers urge on their vehicles, often belching steam

from their overheated radiators, in a way that would astonish Mr. Ford. And what loads they carry! Not only is there not an inch of sitting or standing room, but men, women and children cling to the vehicle like flies wherever there is an inch of foothold.

Usually they are on their way to market. An Egyptian market to English eyes is a most entertaining affair. The sellers, men, women and children, sometimes the veriest infants, squat with their wares laid before them on the ground. Everything that the fertile land of Egypt produces they sell—beans, pea-nuts, peaches, mangoes, water-melons, coarse brown bread, the most appetising looking fassisoles and fried fish, henna, kohl, and small ornaments of brass.

In a separate quarter of the market are the animals. There you may see sheep and water oxen and milk-white donkeys. And patriarchal Bedouins in spotless gowns and turbans, who have driven their goats and camels from across the Sinai Peninsula.

These Bedouins are rich, but they make no use of banks. They carry their money in cash, and sometimes it amounts to thousands of pounds. In business they do not trust their individual powers of bargaining, but employ one of their number to arrange all the deals. You may see the dignified owners standing apart while the

professional bargainer haggles with their customers.

The Egyptians are really a lovable people, especially the villagers. You find them always ready to laugh at anything that tickles them, for unlike many Oriental races, they have a strong sense of humor. They are naturally friendly to us, and especially, it seems, to women.

Trading in Riots.

Hostile demonstrations against foreigners are only joined in by a minority. A friend of mine was speaking to an Egyptian he happened to meet a short while ago, who told him that he was in low water. Business he said was slack—very slack indeed.

My friend asked him what line of business he was in.

"Oh," said the Egyptian, "provide crowds for disturbances."

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JAPANESE VISITOR HITS PRIV. SEC.

New York, Sept. 1.—The most important individual in America is the private secretary, in the opinion of Kataro Wakao, head of a dozen Japanese corporations.

"I have been impressed, when I walked into the offices of corporations at Boston, Schenectady, Chicago and New York or the importance assumed by the private secretary of the chief executive," said Wakao after a six weeks' visit throughout the country. "Often I have mistaken the secretary for the president of the corporation."

"His suavity and pomposity have forced from me the most excessive politeness, whereas when I met the president I have been induced to give him only prefatory attention, as if he were a person of no importance."

The Japanese private secretary is subservient, Wakao said.

"He claims this wife was intrinsically your lordship so he beat her into subjection with a golf club."

"In how many strokes" asked the judge.

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