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RAS MAKONNEN.

An Amusing Abyssinian Who Left Kindly Memories Behind Him in Old London Recently.

Ras Makonnen, the Abyssinian General, whose arrival in London, wearing a green slouch hat, a satin cape and a white silk cloak, created so much amusement, has left a kindly impression behind him. A London writer says that the Abyssinian is far more demonstrative than the Orientals. About his visits to the King, the Ras assumed what was almost an awed, reverential tone. "The King is all goodness," he would repeat. "Nothing is too good for him," and then passing to what had evidently been borne in his mind by personal experience, he would continue, "But the people, from the highest to the lowest, all are good." Nothing struck the Ras more than the good behavior of the "common people." "Never," said he, has anyone said anything about me of an uncivil nature, nor behaved otherwise than kindly. And this he considered the outcome of the innate good qualities of the nation. Children were the special favorites of the Ras. His visit to the children's ward in St. Thomas' Hospital was one of his most delightful memories. So delighted he was that, before leaving, he sent £100 to the hospital—most of which is to go in toys—and also a silver watch to the doctor who showed him over the wards.

The Ras was a keen observer of natural characteristics. He recognized the Highlander from the Lowlander—"we have the same distinction," he added, "in our own country." He was very much amused when they told him some perfervid Gaels were trying to claim him as a member of the clan of McKinnon. He even knew that some people really took this quite seriously. "I hardly think so," he laughingly said, "but if they insist, I shall come back and claim my share of the family estates." He appreciated the Irishmen, and their loquacity greatly amused him. He greatly enjoyed the Irish night in the House—stopped there till 1 a.m.—and did not want to leave. Driving late home one night with a distinguished Irishman, he pointed to the light on the clock tower—the sign of a sitting House—and remarked jocularly: "Ah, your countrymen are still at it, I see."

The Ras enjoyed the western menu, but personally abstained both from alcoholic drinks and the use of tobacco. He brought the

of the religion of his land with him—even outvying the Oriental. His suite were equally strict. Some members had traveled, and spoke several languages. They all liked England, but it was clear that Switzerland, too, attracted them. The London policeman was an object of marvel. "All is so orderly, so full of system," said the Ras; "the policeman has but to put up his hand and all obey." "And what had he noticed of a less favorable kind?" He sighed, and said, "I see that everybody hurries!"

Great generosity characterized his stay. He distributed presents to all he knew with a marvellous degree of tact and delicacy, and often in a sort of "punishment fit the crime" manner. To Captain Ames, "High Ames," the tallest man in the army, he expressly gave a beautiful spear very much taller than himself. The last day or two were spent in purchases.

A Sand Tree of Prussia.

We are accustomed to regard sand as utterly barren, but the plants native to the coast sands of Prussia have been enumerated by naturalists, whose estimates vary from 171 to 234 varieties. Of these one of the most available is the *Arundo arenaria* (marram), which thrives only in sand and in the salt air of the beach. This in time serves to prepare the soil for larger plants.

Her Neighbor.

"I can't understand your dislike for Mrs. Nextdoor," said Mr. Goodart. "She seems a nice, quiet, home loving woman."

"Think so?" replied his wife. "Yes. She certainly appears to be a busy little body."

"You've got the 'little' in the wrong place."

Scheme That Failed.

Tom (teasingly)—Would you be sorry to hear that I am going to marry Edyth?

Mayme—Indeed I should. Tom—Why?

Mayme—Because I really like Edyth.

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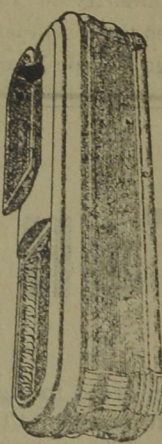
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