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NIGERIA PROTECTORATE.

Fulani and Hausa Are the Leading Tribes—Lady Lugard Throws Some Light Upon Their Customs.

In a description of the kingdoms of Nigeria Lady Lugard, wife of Sir Frederick Lugard, High Commissioner for Northern Nigeria, said that the reigning chiefs were of the semi-Arab race of the Foulahs, or Fulani, and what the Great Mogul of Delhi was to the India of Clive's day such was the Great Foulah of Sokoto to the Nigeria of four years ago, says The London Times.

The Fulani were a striking people, dark in complexion, but of the distinguished features, small hands and fine, rather aristocratic carriage of the Arabs on the Mediterranean coast. They were of the Mohammedan religion, and were held by those who knew them to be rationally endowed with the characteristics which fitted them for rule. Their theory of justice was good, though their practice was bad; their scheme of taxation was most elaborate and was carried even into a system of death duties, which left little for an English Chancellor of the Exchequer to improve. The caravan trade across the desert, which was already old when the Arab historian, El Bekri, wrote of the country a thousand years ago, and which then supplied the ports of southern Europe with the leather known to us as morocco leather, and with many other articles of luxury which English people of that day had not yet learned to use, continued and paid its tolls to the Fulani.

The Fulani had come to be the ruling people, but the Hausa, who were also for the most part Mohammedan, formed a very important industrial and commercial portion of the population. The cotton cloth of Kano was famous through the world of Africa long before the Fulani had made their appearance as a governing race in history. Iron smelting and smith's work were spoken of in an Arabic manuscript, not yet properly translated, which carried them back to the mythical ancestry of the founders of Kano. Weaving, dyeing, tanning, brass work, leather work were among the local industries, and trade in these as well as in the raw materials with which the country abounds is largely carried on by the Hausa people.

Speaking of the slave trade, Lady Lugard said that at the time of the transfer the principle currency of Nigeria was in slaves. Large sums were reckoned, not in pounds, but in slaves; public tribute was paid in slaves, and all labor was slave labor. The result of the slave trade was seen in depopulation. Where Barth described in 1854 a population of 50,000,000 there were probably not more to-day than 10,000,000 or 12,000,000. Yet so wedded were the Fulani rulers to the system that when, on the assumption of power by the British Government, the Emir of Bauchi was remonstrated with and asked to give pledges of abstaining from slave raiding for the future, his reply was: "Can you stop a cat from mousing? When I die I shall be found with a slave in my mouth."

A Young Artist's Success.

One of the notable features of this Royal Academy exhibition is a picture by a young man who is only seventeen years old. His name is Austin O. Spare, and he is the son of Mr. Philip Spare, until recently a constable in the city of London police force. He sent two black and white drawings to the Academy, both of which were accepted, one being hung. They were executed when the artist was sixteen years of age. Spare was born in December, 1886. He was educated at St. Sepulchre's School, Snow Hill, and St. Agnes School, Kennington Park, and received his first art training at the Lambeth Evening Art School, under Mr. Macady. There, before he was twelve, he took three first-class certificates. At the age of fourteen he won a £10 County Council scholarship, and one of his drawings was selected for the British art section at the Paris International Exhibition. When he was fifteen some work which he was doing for Messrs. Powell, the stained-glass manufacturers, attracted the attention of Sir William Richmond and Mr. Jackson, R. A., and those gentlemen recommended the youthful artist for a free scholarship at South Kensington Art School. There at the age of sixteen he won the silver medal in the National competition and also the £40 scholarship.

A Tale About Food.

If a cup is filled with small shot, held up and tilted over, these pour out like water, and so with the sands in an hour-glass. The blood, says Health, is composed of globules, little globules, like sand or shot. All liquids are similarly composed, the thinner they are the smaller are the globules, so small that they cannot be distinguished by the naked eye, but seem to be one mass. The glob-

THE BIG CLEARANCE SALE

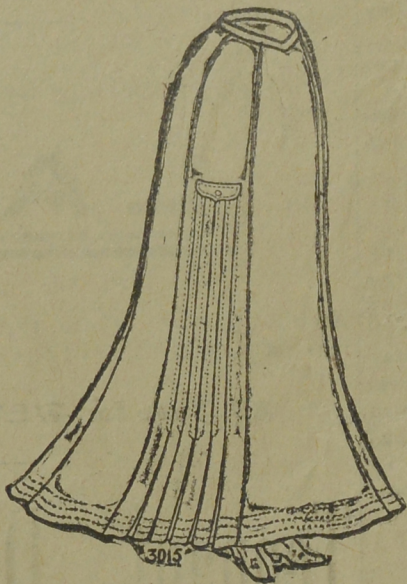
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Nervous Reaction.

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