

Too Much Knife!

The use of the surgeon's knife is becoming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm.

Mr. William Walpole, of Walshtown, South Dakota, writes: "About three years ago, there came under my left eye a little blotch about the size of a small pea.



It grew rapidly, and shooting pains ran in every direction. I became alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it cancer, and said that it must be cut out. This I would not consent to, having little faith in the indiscriminate use of the knife.

Reading of the many cures made by S. S. S., I determined to give that medicine a trial, and after I had taken it a few days, the cancer became irritated and began to discharge. This after awhile ceased, leaving a small scab, which finally dropped off, and only a healthy little scar remained to mark the place where the destroyer had held full sway.

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ABDUL HAMID, SULTAN OF TURKEY, SAID TO USE IT.

Details of How The Barbarous Sultan Lives Who Has Been Slaughtering Men, Women And Children in Armenia.

Sultan Abdul Hamid's table expenses are \$5,000 a day. For the 365 days last year he spent \$1,962,000.

No other human being of modern times is accredited with spending one-fifth this enormous amount. It does not include grand State dinners or other elaborate functions. It is simply for his Majesty's every-day meals.

Queen Victoria, Emperor William of Germany, the Czar of Russia, Li Hung Chang—not one of them spends anything like this amount. They are all most extravagant dinners, and the most expensive of the world's delicacies are piled upon their tables, but even by importing the costliest viands from all parts of the world, their table expenses are nowhere near the Sultan's.

The much talked of luxury of our own millionaires, such as the Vanderbilts, the Astors, and so forth, sinks into insignificance beside the expenditure of the Sultan.

A strange feature of the Sultan's dining is that no one enjoys the food with him. He eats alone. Never, upon any pretext whatever, does he have a companion at his meals. He does not even have a dining room, or a dining hall, but takes his dinner wherever he may happen to be. The menials, at the dinner hour, search out his Majesty, and then in a long procession bring the banquet to him, table, trays, dishes and all.

He may be in the palace, or in the garden, or any part of his great private park. It makes no difference, he takes his meal right up the spot. All the morning, the large corps of imperial cooks prepare the dinner. As the noon hour arrives, slaves are sent in various directions to discover the whereabouts of His Majesty. Having done this, they report his

exact location to the Sultan's chief chamberlain, who then calculates the time required to transport the numerous dishes to him without their getting cooled.

The chamberlain then stands beside the chief server and supervises the transferring of the different kinds of food from the kettles into the silver tureens. These vessels are very elaborate. They consist of many shapes, sizes and designs, and are beautifully chased and engraved. They are so constructed that they can be entirely sealed up, leaving no chance for any one to drop anything into the food.

As fast as each vessel is filled, the chamberlain seals it and puts on it his official stamp. This is a guarantee of its inspection, and that it contains no poisonous substances. Over each tureen a bell-shaped felt cover is clasped down tightly to retain the warmth. Over these felt covers magnificent velvet covers, embroidered with gold and silver threads and pearl, coral or turquoise heads, are spread.

The dinner procession, consisting of over a hundred persons, is then formed. First come ten slaves, bearing the great table. It is of silver, and perhaps the most exquisite table that has ever been made. The legs and sides are richly chased, and the top is so highly polished that it looks like a mirror. Then come a long line of jublakiars, or "first assistants of the chief cook," each bearing on his head a tray, upon which rests one of the silver vessels. These jublakiars are so perfectly trained in the art of head balancing that no accident—not even the jarring of a dish—has ever been known. Following come more slaves, bearing on their heads another course, and after them come still other detachments with other courses. In the rear follow the slaves who are to wait on His Majesty.

The procession moves up to where the Sultan is standing. Two slaves run forward with a silken rug, which is spread upon the floor or ground as the case may be. On this a divan is placed, and the Sultan reclines. The table is placed in front of him and the tureens are brought up. As each is set down the Chamberlain steps forward and breaks the seal. On each side of him stands an imperial taster. The Chamberlain hands a ladleful from each vessel first to one taster and then to the other. After it has been swallowed the Chamberlain then takes a spoonful himself, the Sultan meanwhile watching the operation. Everything being satisfactory, the kettles, one after another, are arranged before His Majesty, who runs his eye over the many viands. Then he picks and chooses, eating a piece here and a piece there, a mouthful of meat, a spoonful of water ice, a sweet cake and a tiny fish ball. The Sultan never uses a plate. He takes all his food directly from the silver tea kettles that are arranged in a circle around him, rarely ever using a knife or fork. A spoon, his bread and his fingers, which are constantly wiped by an attendant, who stands at his side, are handier and more to his liking.

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After he has eaten all he wants the Sultan sips his coffee and smokes his chibouk lying back in quiet reverie, which he calls taking his "keif."

The Sultan's whole household is at liberty to take their meals wherever it suits them best, and thus every one is served wherever they happen to be. After the Sultan has dined the imperial body guard, the chamberlains and other high functionaries are fed. After all the officers and others of high degree have eaten the soldiers and servants get their food, and at the same time all the men employed in the imperial stables have theirs, and during the progress of the meals any stranger, wherever it may be, is at liberty to come in and seat himself and eat. It is a sort of perpetual free lunch, and one that is enjoyed every day in the year at the Sultan's expense.

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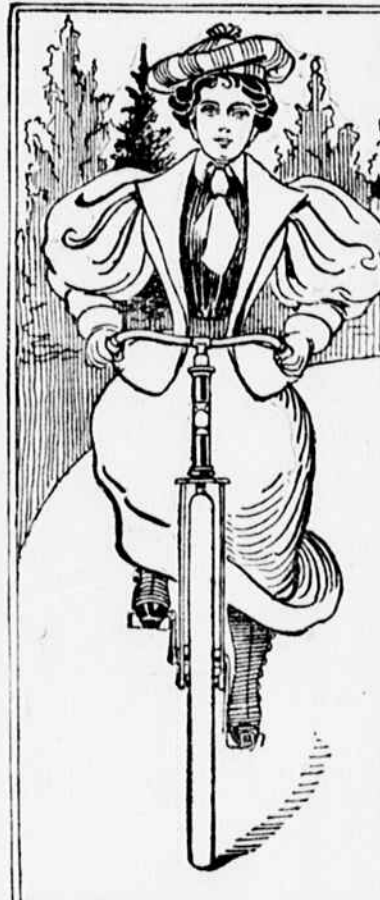
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