

THE STREETS OF MOROCCO.

Every-day Scenes in the "China of the West"—A Moorish Wedding.

Special Correspondence.

City of Morocco, Oct. 12.—Though the sharp metallic clash of cymbals, the rattling of bag-pipes, the shrieking of trumpets, the rattle of oboes, the rasping of snake-skin-covered violins, accompanied by the harsh, guttural droning of men's voices wishing the couple good luck, and the high pitched loo-loo-loo, lee-lee-lee of the women—the whole combination making a very deformity of sound. The females, of course, were closely covered as to their heads and faces; but with the strange inconsistency of oriental women, their dresses of neat-silk-tied-in-the-middle contour left their legs bare to the knees or thereabouts. A really catfished Arabian steed, led in the midst of the

procession, carried upon his back a neat, square box, painted scarlet, with aure trimmings. In it was the bride, securely packed, like an automatic doll—invisible to the world, even on her wedding day, though surrounded by all her kith and kin. Suddenly, from around the corner swept another procession—all mounted men, sitting their horses as if glued to them, cursing like mad, helter-skelter, pell-mell, leaning far over from side to side, standing up in their stirrups, flourishing their long, old-fashioned gams and firing them in fitful volleys, filling the neighborhood with smoke and the smell of powder. Thoughts of war, of Bulgarian bandits and Barbary pirates, and other incidents that frequently enliven this part of the world, flashed through our minds. But not it was only the bridegroom and his friends, come out in the usual way to greet the bride. How the two reckless processions could meet in that narrow street without clashing and killing a few pedestrians was a mystery; but apparently there were no casualties, and the united bands moved on together. They were not going to mosque, as might reasonably be supposed, for no religious ceremony accompanies a marriage in Morocco. Having bought a bride from her parents, (probably some little girl who ought still to be in the nursery, and whom she has never seen) the husband-to-be makes a feast, to which the friends and relatives of both are invited. On the appointed day she is taken to his house, securely boxed, like any other merchandise, and he goes forth with his party to meet her, or remain at home to await her arrival, as suits his convenience. In reality, two feasts are spread, etiquette demanding that the female guests be strictly secluded in an apartment by themselves, while the men remain in another. At a certain point in the subsequent proceedings the time arrives for the groom to claim his bride, and he announces the fact by a mighty pounding with the hilt of his dagger upon the door of the women's apartment. Then a shrieking and scrambling ensues, as each unveiled female hastens to hide her face in the accustomed folds, for to be seen of men, even for a moment in a crowd, is disgrace irradicable, like that of the scarlet woman. Having taken the door by assault, as it were, the men retire to the room they came from, the veiled women crowd around like a company of abashed ghosts and the poor little bride, still

closely wrapped like a package of goods in placed on a chair in the center of the room. The expectant groom takes his seat beside her, her mother removes her veils and wrappings, one by one—until at last the pair behold each other's face, for the first time. He does not kiss her, as a Yankee lover would, or say a word about love; that would be very bad form in Morocco. He merely stares at her, with the eye of a connoisseur in horse flesh; and if satisfied with the inspection, he nods approval and leads the way to his harem, she dutifully following at his heels. If not pleased with her looks, he may refuse her then and there, though to do so gives mortal offense to her relatives and involves the two families in an unending feud.

When the presumably happy pair have departed, to light the domestic torch on Hymen's altar, the guests go back to their feastings—the women behind locked doors and the men in their separate apartments; and festivities are continued two or three days, or as long as provisions hold out. Meanwhile the poor little bride, who has escaped one prison only to enter another, with probably less gentle jailers than her own father and

mother, is getting acquainted with her new surroundings. She has had no girlhood—that fleeting but happy season, as we know it—but has made a sudden leap from childhood to womanhood. Being married, she is practically the servant of her mother-in-law and all the older wives of her fractional spouse and the nurse of his many children. She is probably not more than twelve years of age—ten years being considered quite old enough to be married in Morocco, and a girl of fifteen is, in fact, an ancient maid. The only hope is in excessive fat, female beauty being measured according to quantity. To this end she is regularly dosed with pills of wheaten bread, made by taking the palms of the hands and rolling it into long, round masses, the size and shape of a chalk-crayon. After each meal she must cram down several of these, gradually increasing the obesity-encouraging dose until she can manage to stow away fifty or sixty of the bread crayons in a day. The result is most satisfactory, in Moorish eyes, the patient in a few months acquiring the desired contour of a sack of starch. After marriage, the Moorish wife may

receive visits from her female friends, unless her husband proves to be a regular grayer, she sees no men, except calling upon those of another harem, the fact is indicated by leaving a slipper on the threshold, and as long as it remains there the lord thereof may not enter.

If the wife succeeds in making herself a favorite, she may sometimes indulge in the veiled dissipation of going out riding with his lord and master, frequently hear a voice shouting "Bahouki" ("Look out!" or "make room!") Cheyeh! (you bug the neighbor!) or "mule" (that represents the family carriage of some wealthy Moor. In the spacious saddle sits an imposing figure, clad in voluminous robes of snowy white, topped by an enormous green turban, with bare feet in yellow slippers, dangling straight down on either side; while behind him, pillion-wise, sits his closely-veiled wife, like a small white bundle.

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Women's fancy Swiss tea aprons, lace ruffles and ribbon..... 50c
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Assorted perfumes packed in fancy boxes, all popular odors, Colgate's, 471, Bradley's, Hoyt's German and others for..... 23c

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- Pleated Satin and Velvet Stock collars..... 19c
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- Exquisite Silk Tucked and Hemstitched Automobile ties and combinations..... 55c
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Begin Your Xmas Shopping

Don't wait until the 11th hour. Do you realize that there are just 14 more Shopping days between this and Xmas?

1901 Bodes to be the greatest Christmas season of them all. Indications all point that way and as usual this store has prepared accordingly. Every nook and corner will be found filled with Holiday attractions from the serviceable kinds Garments, Dress patterns, silks, Neck pieces, Furs, etc., to the tiny trinkets, Novelties, Art wares, Clocks, silver ware, Perfumes, etc., etc., at prices absolutely the lowest. There is positively nothing to be gained by waiting, and we cannot urge too strongly the advisability of buying early while trading can be done with ease and comfort and while assortments are complete. Not only are we showing double the quantity of assortments in every department as heretofore, but our enlarged store gives us ample room to accommodate the great Xmas throngs with perfect ease.

Dress Goods 45c



Dress Goods 85c

Black and Colored Dress Goods Remnants

A GRAND SERVICEABLE XMAS PRESENT OPPORTUNITY.

Tomorrow we put on sale in our Dress Goods section, an accumulation of short lengths of black and colored Dress Goods. It is unnecessary to go into details as our remnant sales are so well known. They come in lengths for waists, skirts and suits, and are priced per yard thus:

Black Goods per yard 75c Colored Goods per yard 50c

We assure our patrons that it is no exaggeration in saying that the above prices are not over half their actual value.

CLOSING OUT ALL OUR Suits



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PHENOMENAL CLEARANCE SALE OF FASHIONABLE READY TO WEAR GARMENTS FULLY A MONTH EARLIER THAN IS OUR USUAL CUSTOM IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

Every shopper knows that our line of Ladies' Suits is second to none in the city, and contains nothing but the most approved and up-to-date styles. All materials are represented and all styles of Skirts and Jackets are to be found on our racks to suit the most fastidious. Every suit in the house has been knifed to a quick clearance price making an unprecedented opportunity to give desirable and serviceable Christmas presents, at an immense saving in price.

NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ALTERATIONS DURING THIS WEEK'S SALE.

Suits that sold for \$16.00 \$9.90
 next week for..... \$11.95
 Suits that sold for \$18.50 \$13.50
 next week for..... \$17.50
 Suits that sold for \$27.50 \$19.00
 next week for..... \$22.50
 Suits that sold for \$36.50 \$26.50
 next week for..... \$32.00
 Suits that sold for \$42.00 \$26.50
 next week for..... \$32.00
 Suits that sold for \$50.00 \$32.00
 next week for.....

Holiday Sale in our Enlarged Handkerchief Department begins Monday.

For six months we have been gathering this stock together from all the great handkerchief centers of the world in order to make Cohn's the center of Holiday trading.

At 10c Women's Handkerchiefs, in endless variety, neat and pretty, Swiss embroidered, Irish embroidered and rever border effects, together with many fine sheer-plain hemstitched handkerchiefs.

At 15c, 20c One of the greatest bargain offers in handkerchiefs we have ever made in all sorts of lace trimmed, fancy scalloped, embroidered and Mexican drawn corner handkerchiefs, hundreds of dozens.

At 25c An endless assortment of women's choice handkerchiefs, such dainty lace edge and deep lace corners, either Irish embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched.

35c, 50c for women's fine lace and linen scalloped edge handkerchiefs, made by Irish and French peasants.

CLEARANCE OF HIGH GRADE SILKS

This year we present an unusual opportunity in making this clearance before X-mas instead of after the holidays as is our usual custom.

27-inch Black Taffeta, regular \$1.25 quality,..... 85c
 24-inch guaranteed Black Taffeta, \$1.50 grade,..... 93c
 24-inch Black Taffeta made by 1 of Lyons, France, imported to retail at \$1.75 per yard..... \$1.45
 24-inch Black Peau De Soie, Swiss made, \$2.25 quality,..... \$1.65
 24-inch Black Peau De Soie, Swiss made, \$2.75 grade,..... \$1.95
 22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, our regular \$2.25 grade,..... \$1.75
 24-inch Black Satin Duchesse, our well known \$2.50 quality,..... \$1.90

WE ARE OFFERING EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN VERY RICH UP-TO-DATE, EVENING SILKS, WHICH WILL CREATE MOST REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAKING USEFUL, EXQUISITE AND MOST HIGHLY APPRECIATED X-MAS GIFTS.

- Men's initial handkerchiefs, in neat boxes, fine white Belfast cambric with handsome hand worked initials, 6 handkerchiefs \$1.75 in a box, per box..... 20c
- Children's handkerchiefs, 3 in box, with fancy Irish printed borders, neatly tied with ribbon at, per box..... 20c
- Children's handkerchiefs, 3 in box, with hand-worked initials, white or fancy colored trims, per box..... 21c

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED AND SATISFACTORY GUARANTEED

MANICURE ARTICLES

A variety of 12 Manicure pieces, mounted with genuine Stag Horn Handles, a most slightly, durable and serviceable article, that sells everywhere at 50c and up. QUAIL PRICE..... 25c

EBONY TOILET WARE

EVERY PIECE WARRANTED REAL EBONY.

Real Ebony nail polish..... 35c
 Real Ebony hair brushes with good English bristles..... 75c
 Real Ebony hat brushes..... 85c
 Pair of real Ebony military brushes with leather case..... \$2.50

HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS



Nothing more appropriate for a holiday gift to either sex. Space will not permit us to describe our stock in detail but suffice it to say that you will find at our umbrella counter every kind and variety from the plain natural stick handle to the elaborate pearl and silver mounted ones at prices ranging from \$8.00 down..... 60c

SPECIAL SALE OF SKIRTS

Silk, Wool and Walking

\$1.00 Dress Skirts, black..... \$1.13
 \$3.00 black brilliantine Dress Skirts..... \$2.48
 \$5.00 Walking Skirts, Oxford, navy and black, some with hair line stripes..... \$3.45
 \$5.75 Dress Skirts, Oxford gray, corded flounce..... \$3.98
 \$15.00 Taffeta and Wool Dress Skirts, beautifully trimmed..... \$8.95

GLOVES For Christmas

New importation specially intended for our holiday Glove Sale in glass, all the latest colorings, a real kid, suitable for dress or evening wear, and prime lamb skin pique seams for street wear, these are both the best Gloves in America..... \$1.00

The Palau Royal Kid Gloves in suede and glass, two clasps, and embroidered with the latest style stitching, all the best colorings, fitted to the hand. Unparalleled at the price..... \$1.50

Men's Gloves, Mochas and Glace. A special importation for the holidays has just been received, and it is an elegant assortment. Prices..... \$1.50, \$2.00

Pretty Little Holiday Gifts for Infants

Novelties in Infants' Zephyr Knit Sacques, cream, white with solid pink and blue yokes, full sleeves, finished with ribbon trimmed cuffs..... 75c
 90c \$1.25 up to \$2.00

Infants' dainty cashmere Sacques, handsomely embroidered in wash silk. Prices from..... \$1.00 up to \$3.00

Pretty flannel Wrappers for infants, daintily embroidered at \$1.45 and \$2.25, and upwards; the washers and flannel shawls, hemstitched, ribbon trimmed and embroidered at reduced prices.

A nice assortment of infants' knit Booties, 10c, 15c, 25c; hand knit Booties for 35c, 50c, 75c; mercerized silk Booties in pretty delicate shades for 75c; pure silk, hand knit Booties for \$1.00.