Every one, who has any perception of the beautiful, loves the very name of the "Gazeile," whose ye is the softest, most melting and most beautiful in the world, whose form is the perfection of delicacy and grace; and the following exceelent description of the animal, from the pen of Sir Samuel Baker, the African explorer and hunter, will be read with interest: "In the evening I went out stalking in the desort and returned with five fine buck gazelles. These beautiful creatures so exactly resemble the color of the sandy deserts which they inhabit, that they are most difficult to distinguish, and their extreme shyness renders stalking upon foot very uncertain. I accordingly employed an Arab to lead a camel, under cover of which I could generally manage to approach within a hundred yards. A buck gazelle weighs from sixty to seventy peunds, and is the perfection of muscular development. No person who has seen the gazelles in confinement in a temperate climate can form an idea of the beauty of the halmal in its native desert. Born in the according sun, nursed on the burning sand of the treeless and shadowless wilderness, the gazelle is among its brethren, the high-bred and superiative beauty of the race. The skin is as sleek as satin, of a color difficult to describe, as it varies between the lightest marve and yellowish brown; the belly is snow white; the legs from the knee odownward, are also white, and are as fine as though carved from ivory; the is snow white; the legs from the knee downward, are also white, and are as fine as though carved from ivory; the hoof is beautifully shaped, and tapers to a sharp point; the head of the buck is ornamented by gracefully curved annulated horns, perfectly black, and generally from nine to twelve inches long in the bend; the eye is the well-known perfection—the fuit, large, soft, and jet-black eye of the gazelle. Although the desert appears incapable of supporting animal life, there are in the undulating surface numerous shallow sandy ravines, in which are tufts of a herbage so coarse that, as a source of nourishment, it would be valueless to a domestic animal; nevertheless, upon this dry and wiry substance the delicate gazelles subsist; and, although they never fatten, they are exceedingly fleshy and in excellent condition. Entirely free from fat, and nevertheless a mass of muscle and sinew, the gazelle is the fattest of the antelope tribe. Proud of its strength, and confident in its agility, it will generally bound perpendicularly four or five feet from the ground several times before it starts at full speed, as though to test the quality of its sinews before the race. The Arabs bourse them with greenunds, and sometimes they downward, are also white, and are as before the race. The Arabs course them with greyhounds, and sometimes they are caught by running several dogs at the same time; but this result is from the folly of the gazelle, who at first dis-tances his pursuers like the wind; but, secure in its speed, it halts and faces the dogs, exhausting itself by bounding exultingly in the air; in the meantime the greyhounds are closing up, and diminishing the chance of escape. As a rule, notwithstanding this absurdity of the gazelle, it has the best of the race, and the greyhounds return crestfallen and beaten. Altogether it is the most and beaten. Altogether it is the most beautiful specimen of game that exists, far too lovely and harmiess to be hunted and killed for the mere love of sport. But when dinner depends upon the rifle, beauty is no protection; accordingly, throughout our desert march we lived upon gazelles, and I am sorry to confess that I became very expert at stalking these wary little animals. The flesh, although tolerably good, has a slight flavor of musk; this is not peculiar to the gazelle, as the odor is common to most of the small varieties of

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Our party to witness the exhibition consisted of some twenty Englishmen, and among them a few ladies. After a long walk through the old town of Al-glers, we see shown into a Moorish house, in the quadrangle of which, open to the sky were a number of Arabs seated on the Loor in the center, singing, as is their mature, a most monetonous chant, to the accompaniment of a big drum. In a balcony above, and looking down into the court, were the Moerish women, most of them entirely veiled women, most of them entirely veiled, with the exception of their lustrous black eyes, which flashed into unusual brilliancy in the light of the numerous flambeaux with which the court was illuminated. The effect was remarkable and not easily to be forgotten.

The faces of the Arabs, some of them magnificent-looking men and excited by the music, the lights, the delicately carved marble pilasters supporting the gallery, and over all the star studded, blue sky, forming an impressive contrast to the noise and tumult beneath, made an extraordinary picture which

trast to the noise and tumult beneath, made an extraordinary picture which no canvas could accurately convey to the mind. Presently, with a howl like a wild beast, a man rushed forward and, standing over a pot of incense, commenced to sway his body in unison with the music. Gradually, to all appearance, becoming more and more excited, he at last rushed at one of his companions, and seizing about a half a window pane of glass from him, proceeded to eat it with great relish, crunching it between his teeth, and evidently swallowing the whole. Then another rushed forward, gesticulating furiously, and insisted on swallowing a dozen good sized pebbles.

But perhaps the most extraordinary performance was that of a man who held for nearly a minute between his teeth, a bar of red hot iron—so hot that one felt

bar of red bot iron—se hot that one felt its heat at a considerable distance. He afterward cooled his mouth by eating some prick y cactus, which, as it grows out into pins and needles of approved pattern, must be a delicious food. An-other Arab, after allowing a scorpion to hang by its tail to his hand and face, ate it distinctly and positively, and appeared in no way the worse. The sting may probably have been extracted. I examined for myself the stones, glass and scorpious, and there is no doubt in my mind that they were all actually swallowed, as I was within a foot or two of the performers. The Arab outsiders looked on, deeply impressed by the heavy religious nature of the termony. Dancing and howling dervishes I have seen frequently, but no entertainment of the sort ever impressed me less with the idea of religion or more with that of fanaticism than that of the St. Vitus-like dance and demoniac how is of those true professors of Mohammedanism.—Limit and Water. hang by its tail to his hand and face, ate

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