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# LAST OF THE PRETORIANS

Disappearance of an Institution That Has Been in Existence for 2,000 Years.

#### BY EX-ATTACHE.

Although the Janissaries are declared by history to have been exterminated some ninety years ago by Sultan Mahmoud II, they may be said to have survived until last week, for the bodyguard of Denmark, for Hamlet's step-father is go and a native of the village of Espiof Abdul Hamid, whose defense of the made to exclaim: "Where are my Switz-Yildiz Klosk against the troops of the ers? Let them guard the door." . . . .

Constitutional party at Constantinople has been responsible for most of the bloodshed that has taken place during the recant disturbances, were identical in kings of Naples, and it was solely due to race and also in organization with those Janissaries who for nearly 500 years may cis II's Switzers that his now widowed be said to have played a dominant role in the history of the Turkish empire.

Recruited originally by Sulian Amurath I in 1360 from among his Christian captives and formed into his particular bodyguard, endowed by him and by his successors with favors and prerogatives of international institution rather than a every kind, they were the principal source purely Italian organization. It is, thereand foundation of the absolute power of the Padishnh. Yet at the same time they furnish a restraint upon his despotism. For while they defended him against every foe and against every danger from the trality and for the policy of holding aloos outside, if he was imprudent enough to from international complications. do anything calculated to offend him they

did not hesitate to remove him. Indeed, of the thirty Sultans who reigned during the period extending from the first organization of the Janissaries in 1360 until their massacre in 1826 as many as twenty-seven are on record as having guard, and Plus X has seen no reason to as twenty-seven are on-record as nature withdraw this privilege, since, training those entrusted with their safety-that is those entrusted with their bodyguard. Solution to the bodyguard as a leaning toward as a leaning toward

sheelutism. Before many years were passed, how ever, the Janissaries had been replaced by another bodyguard, perhaps less arrogant, less imperious, and more subservient to the Sultan's wishes. At one figured as recently as in the reign of moment the imperial bodyguard was com- Alexander III at St. Petersburg, where posed largely of Kurds, at another time the late Emperor's bodyguard of Moslem of Bosnians, of Candiotes, and of Mag- Tcherkess, or Turcomans, were scarcely yar renegades, while Abdul Hamid able to utter a single word of Russian throughout the thirty-five years of his reign relied entirely upon the Albanians. He had a very large force of them in and Moorish guards were among the most

around the Yildin Klosk, several thou- picturesque features of the Court of Mai- tonian by birth and education, although sands in fact. Their pay was far higher rid, and there were few continental mon- for the past few years she has lived in than that of any other troops of the Ot- archs who did not have their Heyducks, New York. toman army and, moreover, was never in or Moslem bodyguards. arrears. Their excesses were treated with indul-

such as murders, perpetrated by their officers which the Sultan did not venture to punish for fear of displeasing them one else, even of the most devoted of his in those days her keen satire and talent and of impairing their devotion. It must generals, placed the blindest confidence for versification caused her to be elected be admitted that they made a brave fight for him against overwhelming odds. of men of his own race under his orders,

In several instances detachments al-lowed themselves to be shot down to the last man rather than to surrender the pest of defense that they had been in-The association of this Mamaluke with several instances detachments allist man rather than to surrenan the traying episodes of the Mapdeline tra-pest of defense that they had been in-structed to hold. They seem to have fought, indeed, as gallantly for the Sul-tan as the Switzers did for Louis XVI in Hurt it is difficult to account for the pre-tor when a difficult to account for the pre-tory. Upon her return, she made a name

Tan as the Switzers and the Looks AVT at a but it is anneal to account for the pre-But their bravery was of no avail. They have been wiped out of existence. It has an fact, the only explanation that I can are already been decided that the ruler of and for their strange taste for these Mos-already been decided that the ruler of and for their strange taste for these Mos-and for these Mos-base decided that the ruler of a count for the press of Ger-fact, the only explanation that I can and for their strange taste for these Mos-base Mos-base decided that the ruler of and for their strange taste for these Mos-base decided that the ruler of a count for the press of Ger-fact, the only explanation that I can are the compared for the strange taste for these Mos-base decided that the ruler of a count for the strange taste for these Mos-base decided has a free schelarship and ob-Furkey shall never be permitted to have term guards, whose very creed taught the offered her a free scholarship and ob-to permanent bodyguard of his own again, them hatred and lack of faith toward tained a position for her on the stage. lest it should become a danger to the con-stitution; and thus there disappears and the the utmost suspicion institution which may be said to have and disrust was that the otheria the otheria to be regarded with the utmost suspicion institution which may be said to have and disrust was that the otheria the otheria to be regarded with the utmost suspicion institution which may be said to have and disrust was that the otheria the otheria to be regarded with the utmost suspicion institution which may be said to have and disrust was that the otheria the otheria to be regarded with the utmost suspicion institution which may be said to have and disrust was that the otheria th institution; and thus that be said to have and distrust, was that, like Othello, they had its origin 2,000 years ago, when Em-

each of the royal personages in the pal-ace, others patrol, in felt suppers, with-out ceasing, the halls and corridors of the immense and somewhat gloomy palace which constitutes the metropolitan residence of the Kings of Spain. The corps was founded long before the kingdoms of the peninsula became united un der one crown by Don Sancho Garcia, Count of Castile, in recognition of the services of a hidalgo of the village of

After him, the kings of Castlle main tained the corps exactly as the count had founded it, and since the union of the Swiss guards at Copenhagen during the past century, yet I am able to refer to Shakespeara as me suite to refer to

go and a matter of the vinage of cash for the standing of the grand master of the are familiar with the dangers and diffi-command of the grand master of the are familiar with the dangers and diffi-culty inherent to combating configurance to any one else.

do not leave it until the termination of water, are involved. As is well known, the fidelity and bravery of the late Franthe obsequies, while on the document the attempt to extinguish with streams which certifies the death of the royal of water in such cases results usually personage their signature is affixed to in a spreading of the inflammable louid, the identification of the body. In all the an increase of the area of combustion, long history of the corps, extending over and a greater intensity of conflagration. Queen Marie was able to make so heroic a defense of the stronghold of Caeta If Swiss guards still figure at the Vatitear a thousand years, there has never The use of steam or of a current of inert een known any instance of treachery or gas is available only for incipient concan, arrayed in the picturesque uniform designed for them by Michael Angelo 400 years ago, it is because the papacy is an

fore, only right and proper that the guards intrusted with the protection of the ponth? and of his court should be re-

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Author of the "Bachelor

Girl" Not the Man-hater

Then, too, there are several hundre for 600 years enjoyed the highly prized

prerogative of placing their sons at the disposal of the pontiff for terms of serv-

cruited from the one country in Europe that stands more than any other for neu-

Scandinavian subjects. And although ]

Among the last of temporal sovereign

to retain a Swiss bodyguard were the

against the Garlbaldian army.

She Paints Herself-In-. . . . Orientals were formerly almost as much terview With Her. in demand at foreign courts as Swiss, and

> Washingtonians will be interested to learn that Miss Helen Rowland, whose "Reflections of a Bachelor Giri" and "Sayings of Mrs. Solomon" have been appearing in The Washington Herald during the past year, is herself a Washing-

Her first writing was done for the High The celebrated Mamaluke of the first School Review, of which she was co-Their excesses were treated with indul-gence by the authorities, and there have been instances of the grossest outrages, from assassination his master, across class poet at the time of her gradua-

and she returned a and newspaper corre

The method and the requisite apparatus have been perfected by a well-known Prussian manfacturing company at Sala-Germans Develop Apparatus for Subkotten, near Minden, Prussia, and have been submitted to exhaustive tests by fire

Espinosa, in the province of Burgos, who Cuts Off Supply of Air Necessary to had saved the life of his eldest son. Support Heat and Combustion.

duing Flames Easily.

um blcarbonate, sodium sulphate, and Consul Thomas H. Norton, of Chem- llcorice-root extract. Shakespeare as my authority for the fact this ancient body. The membership there-that they formerly figured at the Court of is hereditary and no one but a hidal- of a new German mechanism for fight-Appraisers of Norfolk Ferries Fail

The board of appraisers named to as-On the death of a king or of an infant of Spain its members guard the body and of or other liquid hpdrocarbons, lighter than the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction of it brought good prices, especially of it brought good prices, especially the now deceased prophet. Some years Goodrich, Hatton, and L. M. Silvester, representing the city of Portsmouth and

been known any instance of treachery of disloyalty to a sovereign on the part of the Monteros de Espinosa, whose very name has become synonymous with ab-solute devotion to the Crown. Thanks to them, the kings of Spain, no matter how

stormy their days, can always be sure of battling with such conditions has been ment of \$179,000. Judge James L. Mc-cest and quiet, peace and absolute safety made in Germany, where the use of a Lemore, of the Circuit Court of Norfolk Museum, as is proposed in a bill recent-

families of patricians and peasants in the Catholic cantons of Switzerland who have

### ington and Did Her First Writing Here-Had Ambition to Go on Stage.

ptly called.

off the supply of air necessary to main-

chiefs and others interested in the ques-

tion of protection against the dangers from combustible liquids. The apparatus employed consists of a simple metal

cylinder provided with a long spout and divided into two chambers. One cham-

of potash alum and sodium sulphate, the other with a similar solution of sodi-

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to put my thoughts on paper, but for a looting it, sold their plunder at public jewelry, another may pay much for a greater and stronger reason-because I "outery." According to another author- large box, to find it holds a rusty plow needed the money. And then I wrote ity, when Abraham bought the cave of shares. some more, because I needed some more money. But I always yearned for the stage, you know, and had a secret idea that I was cut out for a tragedy queen. Nothing but a merciful fate prevented me from perpetrating Lady Macheth and Within the last sevent: the transaction, he failed to perform the care of all is said to have soid to have soid to have soid to have being cer-cially in the large cities. Unique among these is a Massachusetts man, who fol-lows the so-called "speeder" plan, which is said to have soid to perform the large cities. Unique among these is a Massachusetts man, who fol-lows the so-called "speeder" plan, which mortifleat

"But fate was kind after all. For now standing of the profession among the peo-I have come to love my work, and there ple generally. Early in the last century if will bring the most money. Is no keener joy in all the wide world there was great opposition to auctions than turning out a good, round, swing-ing phrase or a pithy epigram. I don't when a petition to Congress was signed pine to become a great playwright, or a famous novelist. I believe that there is a wonderful future in plain, every-day fournalism, for the standard of news, with a view to destroring it altogether. journalism, for the standard of news- with a view to destroying it altogether. the latter city there is a constant stream paper humor is becoming higher every At that time the New York auctioneers of government officials and others conyear. The public has tired of horse-play; year. The public has tired of horse-play; dealt largely in imported goods, and they ing and going, who furnish houses when it wants real wit and humor, subtly administered, not laid on in cakes. ket and with other more or less helnous they depart. Articles belonging to ex-And, as for me, I would rather do first. offenses. They replied to these charges President Roosevelt and to the Persian class shoemaking, or washing and ironing, in a memorial to Congress, to such good Minister were recently sold there. There than second-class art. I would rather purpose that they were not taxed to are well-known auctions periodically in New York of books, stamps, coins, rugs,

Southern Type of Beauty.

## **ART OF AUCTIONEERING**

### By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

It was recently announced by an auc- and headstones was offered for sale in tioneering firm in Washington, D. C., that the cradle of George Washington and a mirror once owned by the "First Lady ton sale was that which disposed of the betticeld of Control of the betticeld of Control of the mirror once owned by the "First Lady of the Land" would be sold at public auction in that city. The attention at-tracted was country-wide, for Washing-Not long age the Basingstoke Canal, in

ton relics at auctions are quite rare. The England, thirty-seven miles long, with special sale was held in due time, the twenty-nine locks and an annual reve-property of the old Magruder estate-an nue of \$25,000, was offered for sale at old family homestead near Mount Ver- anction. Perhaps the only instance of an old family homestead near Mount Ver-non-being disposed of. There was much was that of Winthrop Harbor, near of it brought good prices, those articles that had been obtained by the now deceased prophet. Some years ago a New Jersey man purchased two ponds at auction, and made a usat forune from chalk deposits found in the

Many of the prospective buyers were bed of the ponds. A number of rallfords have been sold at auction, pethaps the eleventh hour it was announced that the Washington cradle and mirror had been withdrawn. Those articles are held by United States government, bringing \$58,-096,000.

The government frequently patronizes Mc- Congress purchase them for the National the auctioneer. In war time captured tenacious foam, dissipated with difficulty, has been found of great value in cutting the amount. prizes are sold at auction. In the piping That was one case where the auctioneer tion, as are also obsolete naval vessels, and old furniture and other junk that accumulates in the Capitol and departgood. He has made good in so many other ases, however, that one failure should of demijohns were disposed of at a War ment buildings. Not long ago a number not be counted against him, when, in fact, Department sale. Nobody explained how he is one of the most popular and suc-

ceesful members of the community. His of the government, despite the anti-can-business, once discuedited, is now recog-teen law. nized as one of the fine, as well as useful, The annual dead-letter auction is a feaarts-the art of persuasion, it has been ture of Washington life, and though catalogues give a hint of the contents of The auctioneer can point with pride to letter and package, a lot of useless stuff the long and honorable history of his pro-feusion. Some authorities trace that his-tory back almost to the days of Noah and Adam, and it is certain that the unclaimed packages, and as it is "buyprofession is much older than Methuselah. ing a pig in a poke" game, there is much The first recorded auction, according to fun attached to such auctions. Where Josephus, occurred when the children of one man may bid in a package for a Israel captured a certain city, and, after song and find that it contains valuable

transacted, as well as in the improved whole and upon each parcel, and it is

Since then the usefulness and activity &c. One London firm has been conduct of auctioneers has increased until to-day ing book auctions for over a century.

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the demand far exceeds the supply. In the panic period from 1873 to 1875, when duct clearing houses of insolvency and

me from perpetrating Lady Macbeth and Juliet upon a helpless public. If anybody had told men I should become a popular States has advanced enormously in the States has advanced enormously in the husiness solicited alternately upon the plot as a humorist, I think I should have died of amount and character of the business solicited alternately upon the plot as a "But fate was kind after all. For now standing of the profession among the peo- sold together or in parts, whichever way

corner of a daily paper than the thickest trashy novel that ever was written."

Miss Rowland is of Virginian extrac- many business faflures occurred, auc- do a business aggregating over \$1,000.000 tion, and of the Southern type of beauty, tioneers were constantly occupied closing a year in unredeemed pledges of pawn

Gentle Cynic Born in Wash-

or Augustus formed his Pretorian co- terfere with the cutting of throats of any Each of his successore had his corps of Protorians, and when the seat of the em-

pire was transferred to Constantinople the system was retained by the Byzan-tine emperors, who, recruiting their guards above in that it is composed, not of aliens, pin-money while I was waiting for some-

the dynasty of Othman their bodyguards have never been composed of full-fiedged Turks or even of Arabs; and in the same way the Preterians of the Roman Caesars and the picked soldiers and officers assigned to the protection of the Byzantine emperors were almost in every case men of races allen to that of the imperial object of their care.

The very fact that this should have been the case constituted an admission that the actions and policy of the m arch were frequently at variance with the wishes and interests of his own people. It was because he felt that he could not rely upon the blind obedience and loyalty of his fellow-countrymen that he deemed it necessary to surround himself with defenders of foreign origin. He feared that if a native were called upon to choose between complying with an or der from the sovervign and his duty as a patriot to his country it was the latter that would carry most weight, whereas an allen would have no such compune tions.

He appreciated a fact which it is well to remember in these modern times, when it is the fashion to cynically deride everything in the nature of patriotism, namely, that there are moments when its claims rise superior to every consideration of personal advantage.

Nowadays, when emperors and kings no longer claim to reign by right divine. but admit that their rule depends upon the will of the people, to which they are compelled to defer, there is no such oc casion for foreign bodyguards as in the times when monarchical sway was of a more absolute character and when the population was ordinarily discontented and at odds with its soverign.

Without harking back so far as the story according to which Pontius Pliate was led by his birth near Fortingall, in Scotland, to surround himself afterward in Judea with a bodyguard of Scots, I would point out that most of the ancient kings of France had Scottish corps d'alite, organized and maintained for their personal protection. Later these Scotch guards, of whom a description will be found in Sir Walter Scott's popular novel "Quentin Durward," were su-perseded by Irish guards, from one of whom the late Marshal MacMahon was a lineal descendant.

But already some time before the Revo lution the places of the Scotch and Irish at the French court had been taken by Swiss regiments. Indeed, down to the middle of last century Swiss bodyguards figured at a number of European courts. Every student of French history will recall to mind the gallant stand made by the Swiss guards of Louis XVI in the courtyard of the Tulleries in 1752, on the outbreak of the great French Revolution, and the destruction of the entire corps before the mob was able to obtain access to the royal palace.

Louis XVIII and King Charles X of France each had his Swiss bodyguard, and so, too, did the first and second kings of Holland after the restoration of the house of Orange to the Dutch throne in 1815. Bernadotte, the French-born King of Sweden, not only had a regiment of Switzers to guard his palace, but, moreover, entrusted many of the most important positions at his court to Berness and Argovian patricians, preferring to rely on their devotion rather than on

sadder but wiser girl. It was then that she began writing for of their employer's subjects.

SUBMARINE RECENTLY LAUNCHED.

the Washington papers and contributing poems and stories to magazines. King Alfonso of Spain has one of the Wanted Stage Elevated. strangest bodyguards in all Europe. It

And while one of them is stationed at to New York to become a member of the During all the history of the Sultans of the entrance of the sleeping apartment of staff of the New York Press, which she

Not until Miss Rowland took up the

time immemorial, woman and her weak- promptly. nesses have been the standing jokes at which every wit almed his shafts, but with two-edged cynlcism, Miss Rowland has turned the weapons and given Mere Man the most thorough grilling he ever has received.

The man who reads "The Reflections of a Bachelor Girl" from cover to cover will lay it down with a feeling of humility akin to pain. On second thoughts he will probably hasten to hide it from his wife; or, as the Bachelor Girl says: "It's a wise wife who knows how lit-

tle she knows about her husband. Knows About Love Game.

But what the Bachelor Girl doesn't know about men and the love game isn't worth knowing. She touches the very well-spring of masculine motives and methods, puts her finger on the tender spot, and rubs the medicine in. Yet all this is done so good naturedly and in such a genial spirit that there is a laugh in every line.

"Of course," sighed Miss Rowland, whom The Washington Herald correspondent found at work in her husband's New York studio, under a huge skylight among a variegated collection of curios. rugs, leopold skins, and so-called "junk" collected from many lands; "of course, marriage has been a dreadful blight, as well as a source of material in my writing. It is such a temptation to lean back in the shafts of matrimony and let a mere man' do all the pulling. But about a year ago I picked up a little book, by Gelett Burgess, which I found on the deck of a steamer returning from Europe. And that book stirred all my writing and fighting blood. In it the author declared that woman was a joke; that she knew she was a joke, and that she had always acknowledged that there was nothing humorous about a man.

"Welli I fancy I've revenged our sex for that insult! Heavens! If you couldn't look upon the bright side and take a man as a joke, life would, indeed, be very,

very sad! "But the amazing thing to me is that so many people fancy I am a man-hater. Do I look like a man-hater? Do manhaters curl their front hair and wear fancy slippers and perfume their note-Now, wouldn't you fancy they paper. would know that none but a married woman with 'daily home hints' from her usband could write the things I write? Besides, only a married woman has enuine right to be disappointed in love.

Brainstorm Soon Cured.

"This is the way it is done. For instance, when something goes wrong with my husband's collar button and there is a brainstorm in the dressing-room and the buildog gets the benefit of it. I rush for my desk and write:

"'One advantage of a buildog over baby is that you are not haunted by the harrowing fear that he will grow up to resemble his father!' And that cures the brainstorm

"So you see, it is not so much inspira tion as desperation that has driven me to write. It was desperation in the very beginning; for the career of an author in a garret was the last in the world I uld have chosen. I wrote, not as most authors declare, because I was burning c



### GODCHILD OF MISS HELEN GOULD.



This little girl was given a \$1,000 consecration dress by her godmother when she was consecrated recently in New York. Her name is Anna Maria daugistar of Rev. Samuel F. Gordnino, of Mexico.

shops. In Australia.

Auctioneers are subject to licenses and I ever attain my highest ambition. I shall never like lobster palaces and pink teas. I haven't found Bohemia yet; but I consider pink teas a form of paresis." "And what is your highest ambition" inquired the intervewer. ""D become as well known as Sanolio cudgels in behalf of her sex, did it oc-cur to any man that there could be any-thing humorous about himself. From sortment of old tombstones, grave rails, private sale. Then again something valuable goes for a mere song. In England there is an Auctioneers' Institute with a membership of 900. There is also a quarterly magazine published quoting auction prices obtained for all sorts of things in New York, London, Paris, and

> There is an old theory that an auc tioneer, like a poet, is born, not made; but that does not seem to be borne out by the facts. Some years ago John T. Graham, of Des Moines, Iowa, started the first school of auctioneering, from which knights of the hammer were turned out after a four weeks' course During that time they were taught the ethics of the profession, voice culture, how to act, and what to say under almost every conceivable circumstance, and other useful knowledge, which was epitomized under the heading of fifty-eight sugges tions. While education does much, natural talent counts for a great deal also. as do experience and heredity. There have been many families of auctioneers. Representative Greene, of Massachusetts, belongs to one of them. His father started business at Natchez, Miss., in 1888. The Representative succeeded his sire, as young Mr. Greene will succeed the present head of the firm.

During the Democratic filibuster in the House of Representatives several years ago, when there were roll calls on every possible proposition, the voices of the reading clerks were worn out, and a Capitel policeman, who was an ex-anc was called to the rescue. For days his tireless fog-horn voice was heard from one end of the Capitol to the other. The qualifications of a good auctioncer are many. An Ottawa authority summarized them as follows: "He must be strictly temperate, moderately honest, and up to date." In addition to these qualifications, he should have good health, the "gift of gab," a pleasant voice, a fine presence, and a knowledge of languages; be an excellent judge of human nature, well informed about the things he sells, good-tempered, and quick-witted; altogether "the smartest man in the world," as one admirer of the profession says. He must have a sort of hypnotic power if he would emulate the man who induced a street-sweeper to buy a base viel, which the disgusted laborer kindling wood. The ideal knight of the hammer plays upon the feelings of his customers as a successful advocate sways a jury or a musician coaxes and woos his Dstrument

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Schools,

#### Spanish Executioner's Remorse. From the London Telegraph.

A curious story comes from Sevilie. On Sunday night the local executioner died, his death being due to remorse. For several years he had not carried out any executions, but recently he was summoned to Cordova to inflict the final penalty on some criminals. The impression made upon him was so painful that he was unable to face the ordeal when summoned to execute the last criminal condemned in Seville, and the santence will have to be carried out by the Madrid executioner

Picture of the now United States submarine Stingray, which, with her sister ships Tarpon and Narwhal, were recently launched at the Fore River Ship Building Company's yards, Quincy, Mass. She is 105 feet long, the more than questionable loyalty of his | and when completed will be one of the finest submarines in the world.