

The Modernisation of Palestine.

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for many centuries they have been out of repair and never used. The result has been that in modern times Jerusalem has been dependent on the rainfall, which comes in the winter months, for its water supply, accumulated from the fountains in rock-hewn cisterns built generally beneath the houses. A short rainfall, a few years ago, made it necessary for the municipal authorities to run a daily tank-train from a spring at Retic several miles down the Jaffa and Jerusalem railway.

Now this is no longer necessary as Solomon's old aqueduct has been repaired, or rather a modern pipe has been built along it, and pure water is now obtainable in the city from the ancient source. It is now proposed to build large reservoirs at the springs of Ain Falrah and Ain Fouwar, situated in the upper part of the valley of the Brook Cherith, some twelve and eighteen miles north of the city respectively, and bring in water from here. A German firm offers to erect the reservoirs and piping on favourable terms.

THE SEVEN WELLS OF BEERSHEBA.

The next Palestine town to have a water-supply was Beersheba, the name meaning "Seven-wells," the site being identified with the history of the patriarch. It is a place of hoar antiquity, and yet, as a town, it is the newest in Palestine, having been but recently established and built as a Government centre, in order to bring the Bedouin tribes of this locality into subjection. As in Bible times, when "from Dan to Beersheba" was proverbial, so now it marks the southernmost limit of Turkish rule.

A more recent attempt to establish another Government centre further south has failed. The wells mentioned in Genesis are in the valley below the town. It is said that all seven of them can be identified. From one of them the water is pumped up to the town

through piping by a motor. In this region the rich soil, under favourable conditions, still yields a hundred-fold of wheat or barley, as the sacred record tells us was the case in the time of Isaac.

If it seems strange that one of the most ancient sites, where stands the newest Government post, should be one of the first in Palestine to have an adequate water-supply, it is equally singular that the little squalid mud village of Jericho, whose only importance is because of the crowds of tourists that, in the season, pass the night in the hotels there, should be the next locality favoured with the water-supply.

Here a three-inch pipe has been laid from Elisha's Fountain, which lies to the west, near the ruins of old Jericho, for two thousand metres, to near the Serai, or Government House of the present Jericho, whence it is distributed by small pipes to the hotels, convents, and mosque. So that new travellers en route for the Jordan and Dead Sea can have pure drinking-water in place of the fouled water that formerly came through the ditches by the roadside, from the distant fountain. Then all over the country the primitive way of raising water for irrigation and other purposes is being rapidly superseded by pumps driven by kerosene motors.

Anniversary of Handkerchiefs.

A week ago (says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") fell the anniversary of the modern handkerchief in its present square shape. It is only 127 years that the latter has been in use. Previously handkerchiefs were of all shapes, long, narrow, oblong, even round; but one day Queen Marie Antoinette, at Trianon, remarked to Louis XVI., or perhaps to some courtier in power, that it would be much neater to use only square handkerchiefs. That was at the end of the year 1784. A few days later, on January 2, 1785, Louis XVI. issued an edict decreeing that "the length of handkerchiefs shall equal their breadth henceforth throughout the kingdom," and the edict of the King whom the Revolution guillotined has influenced custom to this day.

A Gorgeous Wedding.

Washington was in a fever of excitement a few weeks ago over a wedding which was declared to be the most gorgeous the city had ever seen. It was the union of Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, who is to win immortality as "the million pound bride," with Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, who is known to fame as Mr. Pierpont Morgan's partner and head of the great Philadelphia banking house of Drexel and Co. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, her son giving her away, and it was, of course, the occasion for a great gathering of fashionable people and men of mark in politics and diplomacy; but the magnificence of the ceremony, according to some voracious chroniclers, "was not a circumstance to the gorgeousness of the presents." Their value exceeded \$1,000,000. The bridegroom's gifts to his wife included "gift-edged" securities worth \$800,000, and a pearl necklace valued at \$100,000. It is asserted in Washington that this necklace is the finest in the world, but Mrs. Stotesbury's pride in its possession may be discounted to some extent when she has to wear this remarkable ornament, since it "reaches to the floor when circling the bride's neck." The lady will not lack jewellery, Mr. Morgan having sent her a necklace worth \$800, which contains 200 diamonds, and other friends having contributed numerous rings and bracelets for her personal adornment. One of the gifts is a sapphire valued at \$20,000, one of the costliest single stones in the world. Perhaps by way of affording appropriate settings for all this wealth of precious possessions the bride included in her trousseau eighty Paris gowns and sixty house dresses. Her friends in Washington, it is reported, have named her "Queen of Sheba," and certainly there appears to be good reason for this tribute to her gorgeousness. Mr. Stotesbury, of course, seems to have cut a quite insignificant figure alongside his magnificent bride. The only gift mentioned in a lengthy newspaper report as having been received by him is a set of three dozen plates which once belonged to Queen Adelaide. Happily he is a man of simple tastes and no doubt he is quite content.

AWFUL BAD LEGS.

RESULT OF ACCIDENTS.

HUSBAND AND WIFE CURED BY ZAM-BUK.

Mr. W. J. Ward, of 244 Perth St., Subiaco, Perth, W.A., says:—While timbering in a mine at Mt. Magnet, W.A., through insufficient light, I made a false stroke with an adze, which slipped and caught me on the shin, inflicting a terrible wound. The pain was dreadful, my leg swelled up to the size of two, and I was completely disabled. My leg soon got into a very bad state, and although I tried many remedies, nothing eased the inflamed condition. The wound was gaping open, presenting a repulsive and angry appearance.

"Zam-Buk was recommended to me and I commenced treating myself with this splendid balm. I dressed the injury night and morning, and in a few days the aching pain was relieved and the swelling and inflammation reduced. As I continued with Zam-Buk the out itself was cleansed and resumed a more healthy appearance. I persisted with Zam-Buk until the wound was completely healed and new healthy skin grown over.

"My wife, going into the kitchen one dark night, struck her leg against the front of the grate. The abrasion soon developed into an ulcer, around which the surface was black and blue from congealed blood. The wound refused to heal, and several times she went into hospital, and for over twelve months was an outdoor patient, but it did not get any better. After suffering for five years she commenced using Zam-Buk. This splendid balm quickly drew out all poisonous matter and cleansed the wound, giving it a chance to heal, which it did rapidly. My wife continued applying Zam-Buk until her leg was completely better. Now we are never without a supply of Zam-Buk handy." Zam-Buk is sold by all chemists and stores at 1/6 and 3/6 per pot.

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The paid-up capital on	
March 31, 1906, was	\$18,850
December 31, 1906, was	74,100
December 31, 1907, was	103,918
December 31, 1908, was	134,800
December 31, 1909, was	482,551.54
December 31, 1910, was	618,721
October 1, 1911, was	696,787
October 1, 1911, was	805,000
The assets of the company on	
March 31, 1906, were	\$89,435.00
December 31, 1906, were	251,838.33
December 31, 1907, were	371,492.62
December 31, 1908, were	482,551.54
December 31, 1909, were	623,005.34
December 31, 1910, were	1,643,496.50
October 1, 1911, were	2,060,000.00
The reserve and undivided profits on	
December 31, 1908, were	\$52,942.45
December 31, 1909, were	100,000.00
December 31, 1910, were	223,000.00
October 1, 1911, were over	410,900.00

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