### EGYPTIAN WIZARDRY.

BY ANDREW LANG.

loses, we know, was learned in all the ric of Egypt, and, indeed, was confes-y a greater-proficient than the Egyptians saselves when he was challenged. It is ous that, despite our large knowledge of old Egyptian world, we know so little heir witardry, while that little is so futile

the old Egyptian world, we know so little or fewler's production of the windry, while that little is so fattle or fewler's linearitations written on papyrus make the staple of it: all sorts of beings with outlandish names are conjured to produce effects, which certainly do not follow it you read the incustations now. Of old the stape of the

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is, and names of saints or angels. Ina particular kind is burned, invocare mise en scène, and, except so far as they 15 in under since usedner, and, except so far as they impress the boy with a sense of a solemn occasion, and help to concentrate his kittenish mind, on his task, they have no effect in enabling him to see visions in the blot of ink. The horizeff is superitoren. I am acquainted with a haly who, in place of crystal going in a gas hali or joy of water, merely look hard and one at the plat about the lines on the contract of the contract agas and of pige visue, meets viscos and of one at the pain of your hand. She is not all the pain of your hand. She is not all the pain of your hand. She is not all the pain of your hand, she will be pain of your hand the pain of your white pain of your pain of

my tells us that in his time the Egyptian used vessels of stained silver, blackened prob-ably, when they consulted their god, the dog Anubis: promising the gods a good dinner at the same time, as we learn from Greco-Egyptian papyri. The gods and the dog had nothing ian papyri. The gods and the dog had nothing to the property of the gods and the dog had nothing to the property of the gods o

Lang, the translator of the Arabian Nights, his "Manners and Customs of the Modern his "Manners and Customs of the Modern his "Manners and Customs of the Modern Edystans," is the author who is usually restricted the author who is usually restricted the activation of the Modern writer on Egypta in a mirror (1833-34). M. Lefeburg quotes for ladder and the search of the manner of the search of the manner of the Modern was information in 1831, for Sir Walter State was very eager to investigate the Lagyst, and was very eager to investigate the saily as in Egypt dones on at Abbotsford as wealty as in Egypt dones on at Abbotsford as wealty as in Egypt dones on at Abbotsford as wealty as in Egypt and the Sir Modern of the Modern of the Pople, that there was something, it like the propie, that there was something, it like the propie, that there was something, it like the propie, that there was something, it like the propiet of the same pleasures precisively in "My Armi Margarit's Mirror", in Scotland, and of the interest vision of air Geradina shown to Surrey, in England. It is always the same story, An England. It is always the same story, as it is always the same story, as it is always the same story. An England. It is always the same story, as it is always the same story, as it is always the same story. The defension of the Carter effected. Inslator of the Arabian Nights

A mysterious figure gave him a gulderock, or magic stone, "about the size and something of the shape of a small lemon, looking like a smoothed lump of semi-transparent crystal. In such stones the wi-wirrecauns, or cleavest wirerds, see visions of the past, of what is happening in the present at a distance, and of the future." I have a photograph of such a stone, future. The way "but a such a stone, polished and egg-shaped, like one with which I have seen the most futile of professional medium make inefluient efforts to see visions. He said he saw "constainer," and was appeading the said he saw "constainer," and was appeading the said he saw "constainer," and was appeading the said he saw "constainer," and was appeading when the stories probably reached Scott jiff mistake not they were published in the (twatterly Review, then edited by Lockhart. The first boy who was tried uttered a loud yell, and said that he saw symmetring too frightful fig description. The next tooy was a jobly little fellow who went gaily (to work, and Saltan with a black beart, finding a white horse. That boy probably "had been there before," but he seemed very candid, and much little rested. The magician was an Algerian Arab. He invited de Labords and Lord Prad-hee to mention the people whom they wished the boy to see, an illegitimate method of the boy to see, an illegitimate method of Arah. He invited de Laborde and Lord Prud-the to mention the people whom they wished the boy to see, an illegitimate method of spreeeding. The question ought to be asked mentally, of course. Shakespeare was called for-be but Bason did not appear. The boy saw the scoventional Shakespeare of the effigy and t portrait. Many other persons probably unknown to the boy appeared in the mirror, and though there was a good deal of "irregularity" "the successes always left on us a profound impres-sion." At last the boy seemed intoxicated, and convalsed, so the experiments ended. "He gradually recovered, was gay, delighted with what he had seen, and pleased to tell his experiences."

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The Arab sold "the secret" (that is, the formule written on the boy's hand) for thirty plastree to de Laborde A couple of squares, the control of the control of

The incantations are not given, but they do not count. De laborde tred the experiment on a boy next day "with much souces, and all the emotion which the gift of so strange a power could exectio." He made experiments as conclusive on board ship and at Cairo and Alexandria. There are many formula: more elaborate than that of de Laborde, but the one thing essential is the gasing point, the blot of lake in the centre of the palm or if the square of paper, and ever that, though useful is not absolutely essential. (The Morning Post.)

### UNITED STATES AND CHINA

China threatens to boycott all American goods. Unless the United States Government modifies its policy of excluding Chinese from its territory Chinese merchants will refuse to buy from America, whose trade with China is second only to that of Great Britain. This boycott of American goods will be to the advantage of Great Britain and Japan.

### EXCELLENT GERMANY!

Life in Germany has little resemblar ife in England. Germany is not a countr Life in Germany has little resemblance to life in England. Germany is not a country that exists for the amusement of wangling political parties, and the fate of its boys does not depend on the whims of a beautiful talker like Mr. Balfour, or even of a man of settled but ancient principles like Sir Henry Camp-bell Sannerman. In Germany the basiness of the Government is to do, the best for the nation, not according to the popularity of speakers wi their own faction, but according to knowledg —"Morning Post."

### THE MARRIAGE OF OXFORD DONS

St. John's College, Oxford, has been St. John's College, Oxford, has been amend-ing its rules as regards the marrisge of its Fellows. Under the old régime a man elected to an official fellowship forfeited it if he mar-ried within seven years of his election, as it was considered essential that four at least of the official Fellows should reside in college. But after this term of probation was passed he was free to make free to was free to marry.

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By the new role nurther obstacles are put in the way of martimony. Now after the term of probation is passed, the official Fellow has still tog othrough the ordeal of applying to a general meeting of President and Fellows for leave to retain his followship after marriage; and, of course, they may refuse to grant the autication.

# THE SUDAN AND ABYSSINIAN RAILWAYS.

The negotiations which have centred round the proposal for the actension of the Djibonti-Harrar railway to Addis Abebs, the southern capital of Aloyasinia, have been conducted primarily with a view to the preservation of the independence of that country, a matter of great concern to the rulers of the Angle-Egyptian Sudan. Under the powerful sway of the present Negos, Meneikl II, that independence is assured, but hitherto the death of the Negus has been followed almost invariably by civil war and a state of anarchy which afford an opening for interference on the part of neighbouring nations, as in the case of Egyptian encroachments in 1874-75. It is the object of each of the Powers interested, Prance, Italy, and Great Britain, to secure from the others a ons which have

an opening for interference on the part of neighbouring sations, as in the case of Egyptian bouring sations, as in the case of Egyptian encroachments in 1874-75. It is the object of each of the Powers interested, France, Italy, and Great Britain, to secure from the others a sort of self-depring ordinance in the event of such a crisis recurring. Great Britain, in its frontier arrangements with Meeplendence. The frontier arrangements with Meeplendence. The interest is a strong supporter of the including has shown the understanding between France and English and the security of the cortial understanding between France and English and Eng be "internationalised" by the employment of British and Italian as well as French capital

be "internationalised" by the employment of british and Italian as well as Prench capital in its construction.

This line, it is hoped, will be linked eventually with the Sudan railways. As long ago as May, 1902, Great Britain obtained the consent of the Negues Henelik to allow the construction through Abysanian territory, of a railway to connect the Sudan with Uganda. Such a rail-internation of the Sudan Uganda line will start from Khartoun and descend the valley of the Bloa Nile, along one of the most fertile districts in the Sudan, a potentially great wheat and cotton growing region. The Blue Nile being only navigable for a few months of the year, the development of this province is greatly far as Roueires, 425 miles from Khartoun, has already obtained Lord Cromer's approval. Nothing forther has been decided upon, and Roueires is 800 miles from the terminus of the Uganda Railway on Victoria Nyanara. It is, however, not more than 400 miles from Addis Ababa. Between the two places is the district of Beni Shangul (just within the Abysanian frontier) which is known to be rich in gold, the furture industrial development, both of the furture industrial development, but the Kudan and Egypt, the Negue give his consent to the extension of the Abysanian lines to the Nile, and it will form an important link in the Clape-to-Cairo ocheme. Nile, and it will form an important link in the

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The ideal busband, continues Lady St. "The ideal husband, and the property of the lives of many women. Many a married life has been wrecked by the neglect of these amail attentions so dear to the heart of women, but to which men pay so little heed and attent so little these and attents house the lines of the little heed and attent so little these and attents house the little heed and attent so little heed and tatten be little these and attents of little heed and tatten be little these and attents of little heed and tentes of little heed and tentes of little heed and tentes of little heed and tatten be little these and attents of little heed and tentes of little heed and tentes of little heed and tentes of little heed

the heart of women, out to which men pay so little heed and attach so little value. It is not that the sense of affection on the husband's read that the sense of affection on the husband's read and his business occupations absorb his thoughts, and the wife should content herself with such evidences of tenderness as ho, harassed and busy, can find time to bestow, warmed feelings of their easier married life. One does not intend to convey the idea that the absence of these little contenies on the husband's part betokens the departure of only sure foundation on which happy, married life is built, remains, and is stronger and asfer than the more demonstrative love of youth. The real friendship which grows up between guarantee of happiness, and though something of the sentiment, romanos, and passion have disappeared, the realities remain on which real and lasting happiness depends.

### JAPANESE IN AMERICA

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place any restriction on emigrasons rives we country. "The American workman is not afraid of the Japanese in honest competition of labour, but he cannot live like them, neither can be afford to work for the wages they ask. There-fore it means extinction to him if the yellow will rain us if they get the chance, and even now they threaten the existence of our nation."

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