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tuary for their daily prayers, and for reading sessions of the Koran, the first textbook ever offered at Al Azhar.

in the face of loose court manners and even the sultans' greed.

panded its three colleges and began offering undergraduates both professional and post-graduate courses, including Islamic law and Arabic studies.

REFLECTIONS

On Concern for One's Good Name

by Syed Mahboob Alam Choudhuri



He was a member of erstwhile PSP. He became Inspector General of Police of Bangladesh. He became the Chairman of BRTC, BOGMC, BJMC and BADC.

in a brief span of time. "O! Kalua, handel maar." "Hey Kalua, knock the handle hard."

He changed but he changed for better and better service. We travelled by train from Dhaka to Feni.

As we got into his jeep, Habib was giving instructions to his uniformed men. In those days, the sight of Superintendent of Police in the mufassil areas used to attract people.

Laissez-Faire for Hoi Polloi

by Iftekhar Sayeed

THE education of a ruling class (when it is at all educated) must be fundamentally different from that of the ruled.

erudition. Unless a statesman feels — and the stress is on the word feels — the truth of such remarks as "when the streets of Damascus were lined with lamps, London was a village".

wonders, how can I relieve him of his wallet? In our relationship with outsiders, we should emulate the professional indifference of the looter.

One appreciates, then, why it was enjoined that a Mussulman should not did against another Mussulman. Envy and jealousy, not camaraderie, are the diseases that fester in the market place.

Sultan by A Friend and Admirer

In the early dawn on a peaceful day he left for the unknown horizon. May be the peace lay among the higher reality.

Unfortunately, the biggest market for every commodity, from ladies' underwear to Ph.Ds in economics, is the Western world. This results in a massive perversion of the imagination.

Yet the Japanese have enriched themselves by exporting everything to the West, except their pride. Surely there's a lesson in there somewhere.

Like the answer to all profound questions, it is simple once grasped, so it should not be easily forgotten. Our attitude towards the foreigner should resemble that of the highwayman.

Feeling the Pinch!

citizens, and to offer some sane advice to the two national leaders to lead the country in the right and in the same direction, without pulling with opposing forces.

from the opposite camps. Not that the women lack grace and rhythm, but in cases such as the above, they upset the rhythm of the society.

third parties. The heart has its reasons, and the head has its logic; and sometimes both work in water-tight compartments in the land of floods as well as in dry countries.

The Passing Show

Chuckles advancing towards a matriarchal society, but the males must be thinking aloud about face-saving devices, as they feel apparently side-tracked by the wiles of the Eve.

There is another problem with the human beings: the very presence of the heart and the head. There is no option to this double presence, as none is available singly.

Philosophically speaking, leaders come and go, but the country and the janata remain. We are climbing out of the bottomless basket, and have not been thrown out from the heavens above.

Champagne versus Champagne

by Francoise Baroche

IN 1991, Yves Saint-Laurent himself found the name for his new perfume which he intended for women who "sparkle", an allusion to the legendary champagne bubbles.

The media-commercial event of the beginning of 1994 was the big fight between a haute-couture firm and great champagne producers, over a perfume.

Fantastic publicity for Yves Saint-Laurent While awaiting the fatal date, there was a terrific rush to buy the perfume everywhere.

It is, however, a pity to see French luxury goods firms involved in such important matters as world imitations of famous names (a challenge on a planetary level).



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