

FIENDS' WORK IN ARMENIA.

VIVID DETAILS OF THE RECENT TERRIBLE OUTRAGES IN THE EAST.

**Brutality Unparalleled in the Annals of
the Century—A Story of Massacres
and Cruelties That Almost
Surpasses Credence.**

The following vivid and specific account of the outrages in Armenia has been prepared exclusively for THE TRAVELER from information furnished by refugees and personal letters from the suffering people of this distressed province.

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On the 15th of June, 1893, a terrible tragedy took place in the village of Kouraubush, within 1½ hours' distance of Van (the government seat). Four male peasants named Hagop Vartonian, Hagos Krikorian, Kriker Moveselian and Kolo Shakagan, accompanied by three young maidens, set out to the slopes of Mount Varak to pick up greens for cooking. While busy with picking they are overtaken unawares by a band of the "Hamidie cavalry," which is composed entirely of Kurds, and was organized by Sultan Hamid two years ago. The ferocious Kurds, with drawn swords, assaulted these helpless and unarmed peasants and butchered mercilessly the four young men. The savages, after committing these murders in cold blood, assaulted the three young maidens in a most brutal manner; then they departed in perfect indifference, being sure of receiving partisan aid and support from the Turkish authorities in case of prosecution before the Court of Justice, a term which, unfortunately, has no meaning wherever the Turkish rule exists.