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TODAY ATKINS GOES SHOPPING.

There's quite a "buzz" going on just now about the prices being charged to soldiers shopping in the Cairo Bazaar. Entranced by the glamour of quaint articles inviting purchase for Christmas, men our East fall victims to the persuasive Egyptian traders. It's nothing new to buy Brumagen in Cairo, but even so its hard to resist the temptation. Its a Christmas shoppers paradise with its old silver and brass work, ~~quaint~~ quaint jewellery, brocades and perfumes - especially perfumes.

Ah yes, stockings. Letters from home tell how leg make up takes the place of fully fashioned hose. Sheer silk, sheer luxury, sheer extravagance, but no coupons. The seductive lure of the shop windows results in bundles for Britain.

Laden with parcels, they hire a gharry to take them back to camp. Every purchase is priceless - in sentiment.