

—*Court Circular.*

Of course Sir John Maundeville has something marvellous to tell us about Noah's ark. He speaks of "a mountain called Ararat, but the Jews call it Taneez, where Noah's ship rested, and still is upon that mountain; and men may see it afar in clear weather. That mountain is full seven miles high, and some men say that they have seen and touched the ship, and put their fingers in the part where the devil went out when Noah said 'Benedicite.' But they that say so speak without knowledge; for no one can go up the mountain for the great abundance of snow which is always on that mountain, both summer and winter, so that no man ever went up since the time of Noah, except a monk, who, by God's grace, brought one of the planks down, which is yet in the monastery at the foot of the mountain." This must have been the plank afterwards carried off to Constantinople, for three of the doors of St. Sophia were veneered with wood from the ark.—*Cornhill Magazine for January.*