

step and shout they beat their right fists with all their strength against their left breasts, all together, so that a heavy solid vibration sounded out from their chests. They egg one another on, and unconsciously themselves, to a kind of fanatical transport, and the longer they march round the arena the more clouded their senses become, the deeper and harsher sound their voices, the harder they strike themselves on the breast, until at length it becomes red, swollen, and suffused with blood; they remind one of the howling dervishes in Constantinople.

There are certainly as many as 3000 people in the court, and on the roofs around some 340 women have taken their seats. *Sakkas* go about the court offering water to the crowds out of sacks they carry on their backs; they hold a cup in their hands, fill it with a turn of the hand and present it to the thirsty spectator gratis. The spectators themselves bring dried dates, which they munch from time to time.

Tebbes has two tekkieh. One is that of the mollahs or priests; it is more dignified and religiously orthodox, and is more confined to the recitation and intoning of sacred legends, without any *tamashah* or theatrical plays. The day is commenced at the mollahs' tekkieh and continued in ours, which belongs to the *hokumet* or government; that is, is under the supervision of Emad-ul-Mulk. Here the play begins at mid-day and lasts for four hours every day, and is especially arranged to satisfy the religious needs of the people. I had wished to set out again as soon as possible to avoid the great heat in Baluchistan, but my servants declared with one voice that it was unlucky to begin a journey during the ten days' celebration in Moharrem, and I was quite content to wait till they were over.

Then we went back to the silent peacefulness of our garden, but on the way looked in on two lanes on the north side of the *khiaban*. They were exceedingly picturesque and attractive, as may be seen from some of my photographs. In the middle, small bridges span a tiny canal which waters the roots of mulberry trees and willows, which, now stripped of leaves, throw a pleasant