

Fez

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Dear Professor Goldziker,

Please accept my  
best thanks for  
your kindness in  
sending me your  
article on "Traces  
also of *Damon*  
at *Umbreus Mithel*,"  
which (I hardly  
need say it) I  
found extremely  
interesting and

instructive. I beg  
at the same time  
to thank you for  
the valuable information  
you gave me in a letter  
which I had the  
pleasure of receiving from  
you more than a year  
ago.

When I read your  
article I thought of  
a custom prevalent  
in Fez, but not  
generally spread in  
Morocco: - if a  
person is compelled  
to sleep alone in  
a room at night,  
which he greatly likes

to avoid, he puts  
near him a vessel  
filled with water  
as a means of  
keeping the *Genie*  
away.

Among some tribes  
in the neighbourhood  
of Fez it is the  
custom for those  
who have dug  
the grave of a dead  
person, as also for  
other persons who  
are present to the  
burial if there is  
plenty of water, to  
wash their hands  
over the grave when

it has been fixed  
with earth and  
before they go away.

I have now  
been in Morocco  
since the end of  
June, mostly in  
Fez, but shall  
have to go to  
London in the  
middle of April,  
to return here,  
however, in the  
beginning of July.

With kind  
regards

Yours very sincerely  
Edward Westermarck.