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Day labourers at Sebili Fountain II



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Object: Day labourers at Sebilj Fountain II

Description: Two men are sitting on the stone bench

of the Sebilj fountain in Baščaršija. They are dressed in shabby dark suits and fes, and have their right legs crossed over their left knees. The man in the foreground is wearing opanci and has a large moustache. His battered fes has lost its form. The young lad sitting behind him is seen in profile. His fes is in perfect shape and pushed far back on his head, giving way to some curly locks on his forehead. He is bent over his leg, scratching his ankle. In the background, the goods of a nearby shop are on display.

Comment: The two men are day labourers (težak, pl.

težaci). The older man obviously cannot afford to have his fes steam-cleaned back into shape. Analogue photographic process, negative-positive (Agfa Isopan 17 DIN). Original preserved as a negative and positive on silver bromine paper.

Date: 1938

Location: Sarajevo, Baščaršija

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina or Yugoslavia

(contemporary)

Yugoslavia (historical)

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