For centuries more people have traveled through the southern Yemeni port of Aden than any other part of Yemen. The port has a rich history, although it remained isolated and with a small population throughout its history. In 1839 the British gained control of Aden, through a cash deal that is not unlike the trinkets used by the Dutch to "purchase" Manhatten in the early 17th century. In the early part of the 20th century there were many postcards with views of Aden and its people. Many of these can be found on a Google search for images. Some are vividly "Orientalist" but others give a glimpse of everyday life. As a sentimental journey, here is a selection of several postcards. Let's start with the parade of camels...
and now for ordinary life...
and the people...
Arabian school.
and scenes around the port ...