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Elia Kazan in Kayseri

Last month when Elia Kazan visited his birthplace at Kayseri, he went into a barber shop early one morning to get a haircut. As he sat down, he said to the barber, "Either turn my chair away from the mirror or take that mirror down from the wall."

"Why?" asked the barber.

"Because I don't want to start this day looking at a Kayseri  
man."

Note: There is a belief among the people of the villages around Kayseri that you will make no profit on that day which starts with the sight of a Kayseri man.

Elia Kazan visited Turkey in January 1962, and while here he spent some time at Kayseri inspecting sites for scenes in a forthcoming movie.