RANDOM SHOTS ALONG THE ROUTE TO MEXICO!

NO. IV.--IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WE departed from Galveston at night time, after having spent therein four days, and awoke in the city of San Antonio. Here we spend a whole day and not a moment was lost. We were favorably impressed with the city at first sight and it was generally agreed that it was far ahead of Galveston in cleanliness, hotels, public buildings, parks, business appearance, etc.

The history of San Antonio's early days is the history of all Texas. And now, bustling modern city that is, its people are not likely to forget it all, for throughout its confines are landmarks of those early days. Right in its midst is the sacred Alamo, which we visit and hear its history told by our guide, whose hair was whitened by seventy winters and who graphically portrayed the awful massacre. Said he, "Every school boy knows of the Alamo, that Thermopylae of the new world in which a few score of dauntless heroes held at bay Santa Anna and his 5000 blood thirsty troops for 11 days, while the Texas patriots in the East, under Gen. Sam Houston, were assembling for the final victory over Mexican invasion. It will be remembered how those patriots, beleagured in the close quarters of this old Alamo fort, held a consultation over the course to be pursued. Escape was yet possible by the aid of night and an old irrigation ditch running through the fort. But if they chose to escape Santa Anna would march at once to the east and meet the eastern patriots before they could be fully prepared for the conflict. At the final council the gallant Col. Travis ended all consultation by drawing a line with his sword across the dirt floor and inviting all to cross over with him who preferred to remain and block the progress of the enemy with a fight to the death. With him quickly crossed all of the 180 heroes except two. Of these one wished to escape, and was left to do so; the other was the world famed Bowie, the inventor of the bowie knife who was confined to his cot with rheumatism, but who begged his comrades, Davy Crockett and Col. Fannin, to lift his cot across the line, where he might fight, even on his back, to the last. So the die was cast, and from this romantic deliberation and its issue Texas' liberty was born. The conflict raged for 11 days against terrible odds, and when finally the battlement walls gave way under the constant cannonading of the Mexicans, the little band of heroes, wounded and bleeding but determined, retired within the sacred walls of the old Alamo church. Here the final conflict took place, in which 1500 Mexicans were killed, and which left nothing of the patriots but blood and mangled flesh. Not but one survived to sate the vengeance of Santa Anna in his orgies over the victory. But while he delayed to rejoice the forces under Sam Houston had rallied and massed themselves, so that when they met the enemy at San Jacinto, the crown of independence was vindicated in a glorious victory, and Travis and his Spartan band were avenged and glorified."

The survivor, whose picture is here given was seen in this city living a secluded life with her pet dog as constant companion. She could not talk to us, being too feeble for such exertion. Writings were seen on the wall with

THE ALAMO. SAN ANTONIO

Davy Crockett's signature, the old stove, the ditch and other relics. The "Fall of the Alamo" has been celebrated in many a song and story and while we were at Galveston a sham battle entitled the "Fall of the Alamo" took place in the park by the national artillery company.

The Missions of Texas are conspicuous in and around San Antonio, there being four, all having been established by Spain early in the eighteenth century. We did not visit the "First Mission" but could see its twin towers and mauresque dome in the distance. The Second or San Jose is the oldest having the year 1720 on the corner stone. Its mutilated, yet exquisite remains attest to its being a labor of love. The carving on entry, doorways, capitals and windows must have been a miracle of the time and place. Its extensive cells, granary and rooms are noted features.

The Roman Catholics are the strongest body here, being pioneers, and they have blocks of buildings for charitable purposes. The Episcopalians come next then the Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists.

We also visit fort Sam Houston conspicuously situated on Government Hill. This Post is the headquarters of the Military Department of Texas. Many troops are stationed here and the parade grounds are very fine and extensive.

San Antonio has a lovely and tortuous river. So winding in its bed that a stranger never knows on which side of the river he is and its many bridges add to the puzzle.

Here we can catch faint glimpses of Mexico, for as we pass in the outskirts we see the quarters which are reminders of the old Spanish domination of the country. Chief among these are the very picturesque but squalid habitations termed "Jacales," of the poorer class of Mexicans. In the open square we see scores of countrymen who have driven to town a poor oxen, a pair of mules or a pair of bronchos, hitched to an old wagon or cart, and loaded with a small lot of wood. Here they remain for days trying to sell the little jag of wood and then possibly spending the proceeds for liquor. Speaking of liquor reminds us of one of the most interesting sights to many of our party in San Antonio. It was a saloon, the ceiling and walls of which were decorated with the greatest collection of horns and heads of animals it has ever been our pleasure to see. Here we see a deer head with 42 prongs on the horn, two deers killed while fighting and whose horns had become so interlocked that it was impossible to extricate them. From Africa we see two heads, respectively Bull and Cow; from India the Musk Deer, Axis, Deer Goat, Antelope and Mountain Deer; from Switzerland is exhibited the Chamois Antelope; the great State of Arazona is represented by a large number of fine Elk antlers; Texas has the greatest representation, with heads and necks in proper, natural style of wild Texas Mustangs, fine specimens of Texas Antelopes, Fawns, etc. Two pair of Texas Steer Horns which measure: One pair from tip to tip 7 feet ½ in.; the other pair 7 feet 1 inch, mounted on their original heads.

Another interesting feature is a large collection of Rattlesnake rattles, which forms a fine display under glass. The collecting of these has taken a great deal of time, trouble and expense. The last we will mention is the 78 pronged horn, in which he feels the greatest pride. It is mounted on a shield, forming a star containg five tips, on which is spelled the word "Texas"; protruding therefrom is a head and neck of symmetrical proportions; growing from its head are a number of horns, and forming a unique cluster, that on the whole wraps the beholder in astonishment and surprise. The curator of the Smithsonian Institute says: "The antlers are the most remarkable I have ever seen. In the number of points it far exceeds any specimen of which I have knowledge."

All about us we could see that Texas was also in the valley of hard times, and wherever we went we heard the general complaint of depression in business. But, we hope confidence has reached these people ere this.

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That "consistency may be a jewel," but you can't get anything on it in a pawnbroker's shop.

That we may do away with foreign labor, but we can't run the trolley cars with out poles.

That there is no man easier to be deceived than he who hopes, for he aids in his own deceit.

That if we had no defects, we should not take so much pleasure in discovering those of others.

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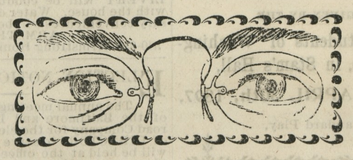

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