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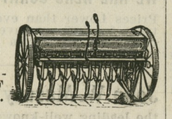

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Letter No. V—Scenes at the Rio Grande and Elsewhere.

WE arrive at the Rio Grande river, the door of the great Republic of Mexico, about 4 A. M., but cannot cross until after 7 o'clock, the hour at which the custom officers arrive. Promptly at 7 the three government officials appear and pass through our train, but knowing we were tourists and not likely to have any goods for sale, our baggage was not disturbed and we were permitted to enter without further delay. We cross the river and stop at Porfirio Diaz, where sweetest music from the government band comes floating to us as we shake off the sleep that had enwrapped us. Strains of this music kept ringing in our ears for days, so impressed were we with its beauty and excellent rendition. By special permission of the mayor this band, composed of boys, rendered the Mexican hymn or national air, which is never played except on State occasions or by special permit. In addition to the band, we were met by the mayor and his secretary, who welcomed the party to the Republic and wished us a pleasant and instructive visit. It is a law that all addresses by officials must be made in native tongue, and so on this occasion we heard for the first time a speech in Spanish. Mr. Londoner, one of our party, replied to the address of welcome, and then for an hour the town of Eagle Pass or Diaz was in our hands. The first sight that met our eye was peach trees in full bloom and other trees in blossom. We visit the money changers and exchange our American dollars for Mexican money. As most of our readers know, this republic is on a silver basis, and we get two Mexican dollars for every American dollar, less the five per cent for exchange. They use silver almost exclusively, however, their bank notes are acceptable. Their silver dollar is a little larger than ours but about the same weight, and after the exchange it was amusing to see the editors handling their money and playing with it like children with a toy. Pockets were heavy with silver when the train left Eagle Pass, but our readers will learn that the "big" dollar soon disappears in Mexico equally as rapid as the "little" dollar in America. For instance we paid $1 for breakfast. We were very much surprised in making our exchange to get $1.95 Mexican for an American *silver* dollar as there is but little difference in the weight; however, we learned upon reaching the train that a number of editors were unable to get their silver exchanged, the changers demanding gold or paper. The money bears a bullion value and prices vary according to the value it bears in bullion.

The people flock to our train reminding us of the description Browning gives of how the rats poured out of the houses at the sound of the bagpipe played by the Piper of Hamlin. They were no more a curiosity to us than we were to them and it was a stare for a stare. We try to mail a letter here but are informed that no postage stamps are sold at any place except at the big offices. The cost of sending a letter to the States is five cents. Postal cards cost one cent, if they are sent to the States, but to send them to the Republic it costs two cents!

This republic is as foreign, even at this point, as other countries that lie thousands of miles from the United States. When we enter the door of Mexico, by crossing the Rio Grande, placed our feet upon its soil at Eagle Pass and took our first survey of the surroundings, it seemed to us as if we had passed directly from the parlor into the kitchen of a well-equipped home. We leave Eagle Pass Sunday morning and for several hundred miles the country is utterly unproductive and parched to death, the road leading through almost a desert country. On every side, and rolling away to where a low range of mountains marked the horizon, there was nothing but piles of sand, that was blown into frills and rills, the dazzling whiteness being broken here and there only by clumps of cacti and chaparral. Off in the distance we could see a small settlement of a dozen or more adobe houses standing like rocks on a barren waste. Gradually gaining higher ground, however, the barrenness disappeared, and instead of the sand dunes there were long stretches of grazing land where herds of fine Holstein were seen. The valley, too, became broader, and the parallel ranges of mountains gained in height and beauty. Rising from out the tinted foothills and clearly outlined against a sky of deepest blue, castles of rock coquetted with fleecy clouds, and as the day waned, threw long shadows over the plains, as the sun subsided behind them. In many places the mountains were as barren of vegetation as the rocks, towering hundreds of feet towards the heavens. Here and there we could see curls of smoke ascending from some some far off hill, giving evidence that life of some kind existed among them. Upon inquiry we learned that lime kilns were scattered in and among the mountains and a good business was being begun by a company of Northerners.

Special religious services were held on the train for those inclined to spend the sabbath, and to the credit of all, be it said that the day was spent in a very quiet manner, many fasting, (as there was nothing to eat.) The first stop after leaving Eagle Pass was Sabino where the train was surrounded by natives. The first lesson a child is taught is to beg and they are skilled at this "art." Upon alighting from the train we are besieged by the little urchins pleading with mouth, expression and hand for a centavo, one cent. "*De me un centavo*" is heard on all sides, until we cry out "no get away!" Of course they did not understand us and continued to beg. We waived our hand, motioning for them to quit, but they came closer if possible! We soon understood the reason, however, and got along better. To drive them away, we were informed to *beckon* with our hands and to call them motion away—just opposite to the custom in America. It was rather difficult to practice this lesson but it soon became easy. Dr. S. J. Morris, of Morgantown, W. Va., was a member of our immediate party, and devised one of the most successful methods of getting rid of these beggars. Upon their approach he would hold out his hand, and in a most pitiable manner, would ask "de me centavo" before the beggar had a chance. This rather non-plussed the native and he would bashfully sneak away and try elsewhere. At many places we see a mother, poorly clad, holding in her arms a baby, half naked, and begging so that the little one, not yet one year old, would imitate the mother.

The dress of the Mexican is an interesting study and varies even greater than in the States. The poorer classes or peons wear in many cases but one garment about the waist, but most of them have two. Then there is another class, and a very large one, who take great pride in their hats. Sometimes they spend $10 for a sombrero while the balance of the apparel does not cost $1. The sombreros are made out of straw or felt and richly decorated with fancy cords, etc. The crown is like an old dunce cap while the rim varies from six to ten inches in width all around. These hats weigh from two to seven pounds! We lifted several from the heads of natives and really they were heavy as lead! The Mexicans have small heads but few hats being above seven in number. Many of the well-to-do-natives wear pants and jacket of chamois skin. The pants are tight as wax with large leg opening like sailor trousers while the jacket fits like a knit sweater. Of course there are thousands who wear no shoes, but the most of the countrymen and women wear "war hatches," a piece of leather held to the sole of the foot by means of leather strings which fasten at the heel. They reminded us of a sandal. We noticed but few persons outside the city wearing shoes. We saw at one of the stations a Mexican gentlemen, relative of the governor of the province. This was the first gentleman we had seen since leaving America and he was handled like a menagerie freak! His tight fitting chamois suit was felt by the ladies and men, his hat examined and shoes inspected. Really, we expected the man to resent such curoisity, but he rather took pride in showing himself to the "foreigners." He stated that his hat cost $30, shoes $15 and suit $55 and his occupation was —nothing.

We try the food at the station but the goat milk is too much for us and we give it up for the second time and go back to eggs as served on the train. While enjoying our meal at the next station we see a crowd of natives standing in a circle, and upon inquiry, learn it is a cock fight in progess! A cock fight on Sunday, yes, and the whole village is out to see it! The owners of the birds occupy corners in the pit and urge their cocks to the fray. They are pure game and both are killed before the train left. Side bets were made and a collection taken amounting to the cost of the chickens before the roosters were allowed to enter the ring. We learned that cock fighting was a favorite amusement in the Republic, many natives owning prize birds. Long gaffs were placed on each of them and both fought like they had been well-bred and trained. F. G. U.

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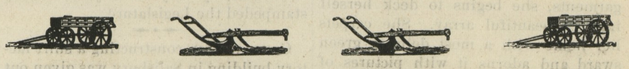

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