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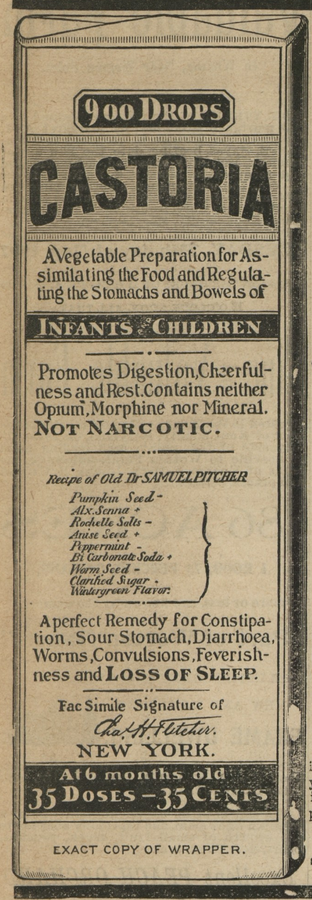

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SOME SIGHTS IN THE CITY OF MEXICO.

Letter No. IX. — A FOREIGN CITY SURROUNEED BY WALLS.

WE cross the mountains and in doing so view another panorama of majestic beauty. Walls are about the city like those of ancient Jericho and we enter through gates that are guarded by armed sentinels. Upon arriving at the depot we are met by hackmen and others who are all talking in Spanish and making a babble worse, *if possible*, than is made at American summer resort depots. We are fortunate in finding a gentleman who can speak English and soon learn a thing or two. There are three classes of hacks, viz.: the yellow flag is 25 cents per hour, red 50 cents, and the blue 75 cents. These prices rule except on Sundays and holidays, when they are doubled. The street cars are always of two classes and are propelled by mules, which in most cases are driven at a full run, and the driver has a horn. The shrill noise made by the horn was quite a contrast to our "ringing" system, and prove interesting to us. An electric line was started, but it was too fast for the people, three having been killed the first day, and the government ordered the company out of the city. On the railroads there are three classes of cars, different prices regulating each. The city is said to have 400,000 inhabitants, of which number there are 3,500 Americans. Many of these people are of the highest type of Mexicans, being refined, intelligent, wealthy and extremely polite. The city is laid out in streets of fair width, many being named after the apostles, and two by name of Jesus. The buildings are of stones or adobe and but few more than two stories high. We don't like the hotels, most of them being ancient in architecture, and with but few modern conveniences. No elevators, candles for lights, big rooms with two and three beds, bare floors, ranging in price from $1 to $6 per room. Meals are served "a la carte," and restaurants, of the kind, are to be found on all sides. Fortunately we find a Frenchman, who has lived in New York, and he served fair meals at reasonable prices. Fresh vegetables, strawberries, meats of all kinds were to be had every day.

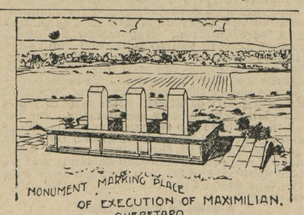
The early morn is ushered in by the bugle's call and the merry peal of the cathedral chimes. These bugles have a different tune for every hour, and as the hours go by, persons familiar with the "code," may know the hour of day by the tune. Cathedrals rear their steeples in many sections, the whole city being Catholic in religion. We visit the Great Cathedral, it being the largest, finest

CATHEDRAL CITY OF MEXICO

and most magnificent church edifice in the Republic, costing millions of dollars and containing wonderful historic connections. Its site is where the Aztecs fought with desperation the forces under Cortez. The interior is one of massiveness and grandeur, the decorations being of the richest and most costly character, and the different shrines are magnificent in their furnishings and ornamentation. Among the paintings is one by Murillo, and many other very costly works.

We board the street cars and visit Gaudaloupe, one of the most holy shrines in the Republic. The grandest places of worship every built by man is to be seen here. The altar railing is of solid silver and weighs 26 tons, and the crown of the Virgin cost $35,000, while precious stones costing millions are displayed at the shrines. The story of the Virgin of Gaudalupe as told us is a pretty one. She appeared to Juan Diego and indicated that a shrine should be built there. The Bishop would not believe Juan, but was convinced when he was brought a tilma filled with flowers gathered from off the rocks, and in the tilma was seen the picture of the Virgin. The spring of water in the vestibule is holy and each one of us tasted of the peculiar liquid.

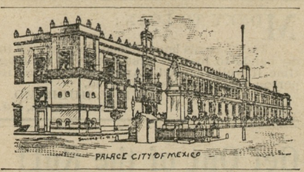
All the pictures in the church were visited; then some of the famous old vestments that are in the possession of the church, to which they have belonged for several centuries, were brought out by those in charge, by the orders of Father Plancarte. These are some of the most curious and valuable of worked cloths in the Republic, and probably on the continent; and they have within themselves a history. They were brought from China at least two centuries ago when Mexico carried on an extensive trade with that country and Japan; and when most of the goods that went to Spain from those countries, passed by way of Mexico. In the confiscation of church property that took place some score of years ago, these vestments were left in possession of the church, because they were not thought to be of any value.


MONUMENT MARKING PLACE OF EXECUTION OF MAXIMILIAN, QUERETARO

The vaults wers next visited; and we passed through the winding passages that led to them. These are quite extensive in character and are situated behind the main altar of the church, and underneath the sacred picture of the Virgin. The fine windows and the rich carving behind the main altar, and in the main choir room attracted our attention and the great parchment books of music written probably by some clever Indian a couple centuries ago were interesting. We climbed to the little chapel on the hill and were informed that often the Mexicans would crawl up to the temple on their hands and knees doing penance for some sin. The hill is paved with cobble stones and is about 200 feet high so that when the poor peons reached the hill they were sore and bleeding. It is quite a task to even walk up the steep hill. A glimpse of Mexican life was opened up to us in ascending this mountain, within a hut lay on the floor a dead man; no one was near and the room was entirely devoid of furniture.

The National Museum and Art Gallery are visited and in the latter are to be found some of the finest paintings in this country. We were astonished to see such a large and creditable exhibit of beauties from the brush of modern and ancient artists. In the Museum we see the Aztec calendar, a flat, circular stone about seven feet in diameter, traced with a lot of hieroglyphics which we could not begin to decipher. Here is the sacrificial stone, on which thousands of victims have laid, that a finest knife might pierce the breast and tear from it the heart, from which to read the omens of the seeding time or of the harvest. But the greatest interest seemed to be in the costly golden coach of the Princling Maximilian and some of our party paid 25 cents to sit for a minute in it, and then braged about it! Coming from a country where all men are born equal, isn't this a suggestive commentary on one of the failings of the American people?

And now to the Placis or capital. It is an immense two story building occupying nearly a square on the Grand Plaza and in it may be found the military, the police, the postoffice, the treasury, and every other department of government of the Republic of Mexico.


PALACE CITY OF MEXICO

Reports are made daily from every portion of the country as to the condition of affairs. The government owns several thousand miles of telegraph lines which makes this possible. Wells, Fargo & Co., is a big power here issuing stamps same as the government and handling all sorts of matter.

Mexico depends for her revenue upon her custom duties and her internal revenue. She does not levy a tax upon real estate, but collects a tax on the income derived from it. Nearly everything is taxed. You pay a tax on a telegram, the word "yes" cost me $1.90 to Galveston. If you get a receipt for money or stick up an advertisement they have to bear a stamp. The women of the city pay a tax and so do the preachers! The miners pay an annual tax which entitles them to every ounce of metal they can dig out of their claims. Liquors and cigars are taxed and everything except unimproved real estate. This system tends to the maintenance of large undeveloped properties, some containing 500,000 acres. When the change comes the farms will be smaller and easier to purchase. The present condition is one of the reasons why capital is being invested in lands as it can wait for increased valuation without being subjected to taxation. F. G. U.

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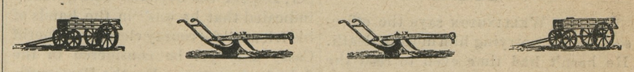

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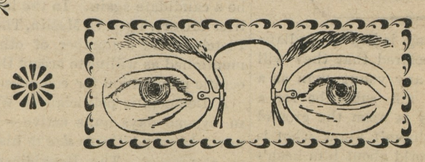

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GEORGE WILKES.....2:22
Sire of 68 winners with records from 2:13 to 2:30, of over 3,000 descendents in 2:30 list, among them
John R. Gentry.....2:01¾
Joe Patchen.....2:04
Flaxtail.....2:06¾
Rubenstein.....2:06
etc., etc.

LADY VON HORSEN.
a 2:40 road mare.

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DANIEL LAMBERT.....2:42
Sire of dams of Chimes and 30 others in 2:30 list.

FANNY JACKSON.
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sister of Kitty Cook.....2:26

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