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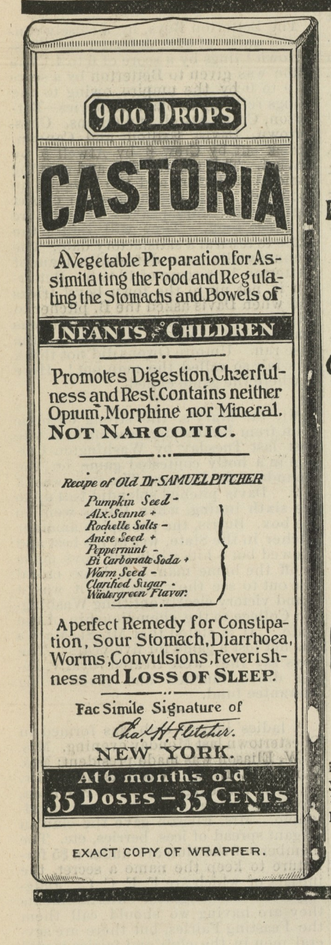

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SOME SIGHTS IN THE CITY OF MEXICO

Letter No. XI.—SUNDAY IN MEXICO—THE CLIMATE, &c.

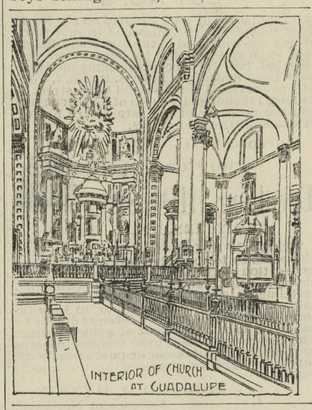
DURING our visit to the city the thermometer registered 84° in the shade but it was not sultry nor in any wise uncomfortable to those who were "summerly" attired. Owing to the high altitude and the proximity of snow-capped Popocatapetel a fresh breeze tempered the heat so that in the shade it was pleasant, but in the sun it was terrible. At 4 P. M. the weather began to grow cooler and at 6 o'clock thicker clothes were greatly to be desired. At 10 P. M. a light overcoat was really a necessity. At this hour the large front doors of all hotels are locked and also at all private homes. In the latter a porter is employed, who, for every time that he has to open the door after ten o'clock to his master or to anyone, he is paid six cents!

The pulque shops are all closed at six o'clock in the evening. They are usually guady affairs on the outside and each possess a high sounding name and some especially appropriate. For instance there was The Electric Hat, The Fires of Troy, The Club of Hercules, Little Hell, The Devil's Pathway, etc. This drink is claimed to be an infallible remedy for Bright's disease of the kidneys but like American whiskey it is used in most cases as a beverage.

Sunday in Mexico.

This Sabbath day is to the Mexican a grand holiday and everybody is allowed to do as he pleases so long as he keeps within bounds. The stores are open or closed as they see fit, the markets are in full blast and the sights to be seen are wonderful!

At the Cathedral doors are the lottery boys selling tickets, while market men



sit on every side with their wares, vegetables, etc. The flower market is a place of rare beauty and loveliness. Flowers formed into various designs were on sale at cheap prices. A large bouquet of La France roses or violets could be purchased for ten cents and for 25 cents we could get an armful! The Sunday we were in the city was a "Mardi Gras" season. Shells of eggs were filled with different colored paper and the *Senorita* over whose head one of these eggs was broken was considered very highly honored. Many could be seen walking about the streets bareheaded with this red and white paper glistening on their heads.

The thieves, market contains hundreds of various articles all of which have been stolen, and though you were to recognize a valuable knife, pistol, set of spurs or anything else, as having belonged to you, the law would compel you to pay the price before recovering it. The law against thieving is terrible but yet many things are stolen and brought to this market to be sold. The Mexicans think it a credit to steal a handkerchief, a piece of meat, a portion of meal or some small article while more costly things they will not touch. You may hire a boy to take your basket all day for a cent and he would guard his basket faithfully. But upon his dismissal, take care, lest he steal the contents of the same while your back is turned.

The Zocalo and Alameda are the two parks and on Sunday they are alive with pleasure-seekers. The former is the resort for the poor while the latter is frequented by the better classes. Seats line the walks in the Alameda and sell for twelve cents. A fine band of fifty pieces play in these parks every Sunday and three times during the week. They are platted with flower beds, pieces of statuary, smooth, paved walks, etc. To watch this moving panorama of humanity was indeed interesting to us. Here, moving along in a slow, leisurely way, with a consciousness of his superior position and wealth, is a Spanish gentleman, perhaps with his wife and daughter, the ladies elegantly dressed, bareheaded, with a loose mantilla artistically draped around their shoulders. There, moving in another direction a squad of soldiers dressed in their linen uniforms, with white caps. In the Zocalo is a group of Indians, with scarcely raps enough around them to cover their nakedness gazing at the sights. Standing there in the shadow of a tree is the picturesque figure of a typical Mexican, his bright colored Jerape thrown over his shoulder, his broad sombrero that cost perhaps $50, jauntily on the side of his head, his skin tight pants with three or four rows of silver buttons down the outside seam with a large flare at the bottom, a large red sash tied about the waist; with a brace of silver mounted revolvers showing their glittering barrels, all these in the bright light of a tropical sun with sounds of entrancing music makes this a delightful experience in this interesting city.

From the Alameda to Chapultepec is the Grand Boulevard of the Emperor, the Paseo, 5450 yards long and 170 feet wide, lined on either side with fashionable residence, and at about equal distances it widens into glorietas (circles) in which are statues of native heroes. Here every Sunday is seen the wealth of the city as they ride out in costly barouches, surreys, etc., behind gaily caparisoned horses. Some of the most noble animals we have ever looked upon was seen on this drive.

I noticed particularly the fairer sex, arrayed in sacques of rich and delicately shaded silks and satins, and beautiful dark-eyed *senoritas* with white lace "fascinators" upon their heads, and large soft fans in their hands, sitting placidly in their open carriages, as they rolled along the asphalt drive.

The Americans number 2500 in this city and they are making money having pluck and energy and are infusing more life into the business of the city. We met Dr. J. W. Purnell, dentist, who has been in the city three years, and he says he made $600 in one month! He was very kind to our party and proved of valuable assistance in seeing the sights.

All christian denominations are represented in the city but many are very weak, the natives all worshiping in the cathedrals.

A visit was also made by our party to Tacubaya where the noted Monte Carlo games are played by men, women and children. Silver was piled high on the tables while the women and children dexterously shuffled the cards and won as often as the men.

Some Queer Customs.

The proportion of beggars and thieves are very large and deplorable. The government hires a large number of musicians who with hand organs or similar wind instrument, go from post to post over the city serenading or cheering up the poor, diseased and afflicted people. Two visits a day are usually made to a locality and the influence is soothing and prevents quarrels, etc.

At the theatre one pays 25 cents for a seat. This entitles the holder to one act, after each act the theatre is closed and if you wish to return you must buy another ticket.

The way men greet each other is cordiality itself. They hug and then pat each other on the back. They tip their hats to each other. The ladies always kiss each other on either cheek on greeting or leaving.

A young man is kept "playing bear" out on the street for a year or two before he is allowed to come in the house and see his girl. The latter may go to the window and smile on her lover but he is kept on the outside for sometime. If the parents are willing to the match he is admitted to the house but is always in the presence of the parents. For this reason the wedding cannot come too soon, for the old folks soon become tired of the love-making. Young ladies marry as early as 12 years of age. The Peons very seldom marry because the priests charge $30. They pick out a woman and live with her. Most of the women smoke a small cigarette.

The Mexican schools are largely attended and the scholars are taught to study aloud. Such a confusion! It was worse than a flock of black birds.

Pedestrians and doorknobs turn to the left and when you want to stop a street car you ring the bell yourself. It is considered unhealthy to bathe at any time except in the morning.

The Mexican policeman is a very interesting personage. He is very short and round shouldered and has an innocent, child-like appearance. During the day they sun themselves at the street corners and on the benches of the plaza, and look like good little boys out for a holiday. At night they each take a lantern—made of tin and holding a tallow candle—a long staff and a little whistle, and, squatting down in the middle of the street, at short distances apart, watch the hours of darkness roll away. They blow shrill notes on their whistles at every half hour marked off by the clocks in surrounding cathedrals. Many times these officers will wrap their zerape or blankets about them and stand in some doorway out of the cold. They do not sleep, however, while on duty for the government offers $5 reward to any person who will bring one of these lanterns into police headquarters. They have no patrol wagon but a prisoner is turned over from one officer to another until he reaches headquarters. These men get 50 cents per day.

The crime of thieving is many times punishable with death. Men arrested for thieving have been known to take out their knives and cut an officer in order to make another charge rather than that of stealing.

Men and women carry enormous loads on their backs, braced by a strap about the forehead. When loaded they travel in a half run or pace and cover long distances. These burden bearers are not pretty, but many of the well-to-do have very pleasing faces. Barrels, boxes, bags, anything they can get a rope around they will handle in this way, and whether it be round or square they will adjust the rope so as to hold without slipping and carry it. Peons can be seen bringing vegetables, hay, lumber, etc., in the city, brought distances of 12 to 20 miles.

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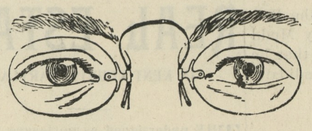

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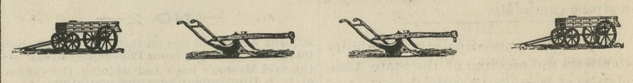

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Joe Patchen.....2.05¾
Rubenstein.....2.06
etc., etc.

LADY VON HOBSEN.
a 2.40 road mare.

BAY FANNY, trial.....2.25
sister of Kitty Cook.....2.26

ARISTOS.....2.27¾
Sire of dams of 18, including
Rubenstein. Sire of.....2.06
H. B. Winship.....2.20¾
Warren.....2.20¾
and 25 others in 2:30.

DANIEL LAMBERT.....2.42
Sire of Comtee.....2.19¾
and 36 others in 2:30 list.

FANNY JACKSON,
Dam of Aristos.....2.27¾
and six others in 2:30 list.

ABRAHAM,
Sire of dam of Ketch.....2.19¾
etc., sire of
Brightwood.....2.18¾
and 9 others in 2:30 list.

FANNY ALLEN,
Dam of Kitty Cook.....2.26
sister Daniel o Lambert.

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Sire of Dexter.....2.17¾
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