

### A FROLIC IN MEXICO

**BREAKING THE PINATA DURING THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.**

**This Mirth Provoking Pastime is the Great Social and Fun Making Feature of the Season—Dressing and Filling the Olla.**

Christmas in Mexico is not the typical Christmas of cold and snow and ice, but one of bright, warm sunshine, cloudless blue skies, flowers in profusion, trees in full foliage and a life of out of doors.

At least a week before Christmas in the principal streets of Mexico arches are erected from sidewalk to sidewalk, festooned with wreaths of flowers and bunting in the national colors—red, white and green. Under the arches booths are erected, and every toy manufactured in Mexico is on sale.

In every Mexican house great preparations are made for what is called the "pinata." Every child begs and scrapes and saves the centavos for weeks and months ahead. All kinds of articles are made especially for this ceremony, and every family vies with its friends and neighbors to have its pinata more beautiful and fanciful than any one else's.

The pinata is really an earthenware utensil which is in general use for cooking. It is called in common parlance an olla and is of brown pottery something like the old fashioned earthenware crocks used in the north before enamel ware became the fad.

The pinatas are large or small, as the purse of the purchaser permits. They are round, pot bellied and very large at the top. They are sold from door to door on the streets and in the markets. They cost only 10, 15 or 20 centavos, but the olla is the least expensive part of the game.

The body of the olla for a woman is covered with tissue paper; then a crinkled paper dress is fashioned; then a bodice is built up draped to represent a loose white waist, and above this is placed a false face. The hair is made with black paper, braided into one long plait at the back, as the women wear their hair in Mexico. Sometimes a white tulle headress is made of the lace paper used by bakers and confectioners.

A flower pinata is decorated with large paper flowers in every color of the rainbow. Red, white and green ribbons, forming long streamers, and silver and gold tinsel, glass balls and colored lights all help to make the flower pinata very beautiful. The possibilities for dressing these pinatas are endless. In a large family the mother and daughters have their own pinatas, and great secrecy is maintained in the decoration of the olla. It is the aim of each to devise as original a dressing for the pinata as possible, and it can be made a very extravagant ornament. In the families of wealthy Mexicans the luxury of the pinata often mounts into thousands.

After the olla is decorated to the taste it is filled. The filling consists of peanuts, hazel nuts, hard candies, like marbles, and all kinds of Mexican dulces. These dulces are candied fruits, nut paste, etc.

Christmas night the pinatas are carried in great state into the sala and suspended from the ceiling one at a time. All the relatives of the family are present, and as cousins of the fifth and sixth degree are recognized and children are very numerous there is generally a large gathering. They all sit very demurely on chairs ranged in a row around the walls of the room.

One person is constituted master of ceremonies, the eldest son or daughter of the house. He or she stands in the middle of the room. Near by is a jar or umbrella stand filled with apisco canes or sticks. When everything is ready a child or grown person is selected and called by name. She comes forward and is blindfolded.

Then the fun begins. The person blindfolded is turned round and round until she loses all knowledge of where the pinata hangs. A cane is put in her hands, and she is told to hit the pinata and try to break it. She is given three chances. If she fails to hit it she sits down amid laughter and ridicule. If she hits it without breaking it she is entitled to a small prize.

And so it goes on, one after another being called up, blindfolded and given a cane and three chances to break the pinata. Finally one more fortunate than the rest succeeds in giving a hard enough blow, and, crash, the pinata falls to the grounds in hundreds of bits, and its contents are scattered far and wide.

A wild scramble ensues. Everybody rushes forward to gather as much of the spilled contents as possible.

The fortunate breaker of the pinata gets a handsome prize and is awarded the seat of honor. He or she sits down and is debarrred from another trial at breaking another pinata. As soon as the confusion dies down and order is somewhat restored another olla is hung up and the same routine gone through. So the fun continues until the last pinata is broken, and then the prizes are awarded.

The pinata party is the great social and fun making feature of the Christmas season. After the pinatas have been broken and a supper has been served there follows dancing, or a traveling company of Indians from the mountains is brought in to sing and dance in native costume.

These traveling Indians are somewhat like the singing bands which go around at Christmas time from house to house in England, Germany, France and Italy. They have been known and popular in Mexico from time immemorial. They are much in demand during the Christmas holiday season.—Kansas City Star.

### CHAUTAQUA IS GRAND SUCCESS

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Reading of the Scripture, Prof. Everett Kemp.  
Sermon, Dr. Frank W. Gansauls.  
4—Sacred concert for two hours by Parsons' orchestra.  
8—Music by Chautauqua Chorus and "Boy Choir."  
Sermon, "Jewish Socialism vs. Rockefellerism," Dr. Roland Dwight Grant.

A great exhibition of fireworks will be given Saturday evening, July 22, and the management announces that it will be the best ever given at the assembly.

The two great musical events of the season occur Saturday evening, July 15, and Saturday evening, July 23, when a great chorus of over 100 voices will render the cantatas, "The May Popen," and "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast."

### LOCAL NOTES

E. W. Barden, of Anasconda, Wash., is visiting his nephew, Ted Burden.

Quarterly meeting for Oregon City M. E. church, South, will be held at Corvallis, Or., on the 29th of July, 1905. There will be preaching in the morning and evening by the presiding elder, Rev. C. L. McCausland, of Corvallis.

Mrs. Williams, of Denison, Tex., is visiting at the home of R. D. Wilson in this city. Mrs. Williams is the mother of E. E. Williams, formerly of Oregon City, but now of Portland.

David Williams, councilman from the first ward, received a fine collie dog today from a friend in Washington.

L. E. Jones and Carl Church returned this evening from a two days' fishing trip at Barrins, on the upper Clackamas river. They brought home with them a number of mountain trout.

J. M. Price is suffering with an attack of poison oak.

James H. Reid, fruit inspector for Clackamas and Multnomah counties, is attending to business here today.

Mrs. Mary Songall, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. F. A. Sleight during the week.

Frank Newton has the only first-class undertaking parlor and hearse in Oregon City.

The paper mills have completed plans to build a new sidewalk from the west end of the suspension bridge of Oregon City, south along to the mills. It is their intention to tear down the present bridge walk and replace it with a new walk eight feet wide and the boards will be three inches thick. This will be a great improvement, for the present structure is becoming very weak, and many of the boards have been worn through.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Taylor, of Seattle, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. N. W. Randall during the past few days, left yesterday for their home.

Ralph McGetchie and Chas. Putnam left this week for their stock ranches in Washington.

Mrs. James Shaw, of Chicago, visited Oregon City friends this week. Mrs. Shaw was formerly an Oregon City girl.

Mrs. F. D. Sherman and children will arrive in this city tomorrow night from New York. They will spend the summer here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Daulton.

Mrs. J. W. Boatman and daughter, Miss Glyenth, of San Francisco, are visiting Mrs. A. N. Munsey.

W. Claude Adams, of this city, who has recently returned from a four-years' course in the dental colleges of Iowa and Denver, Col., has been elected one of the vice-presidents of the Lewis and Clark dental congress being held in Portland.

R. L. HOLMAN, Leading Undertaker and Embalmer, Office in Caulfield Bldg., Oregon City, Ore.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the German Lutheran church of this city will give an ice cream social on the evening of Thursday, the 25th, on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Seiler, Third and Adams street. Coffee and cake will also be served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Adams and Miss Sadie Chase left Thursday for a visit with friends in Southern Oregon.

### EUREKA CADETS WERE HERE.

Marched from California to the Exposition.

Congregational Cadets from Eureka, Cal., on their way to the Exposition, at Portland, arrived in this city at 3 o'clock Wednesday, and Thursday left for Portland. The company, consisting of 60 boys, officered by Captain Emory, formerly of the United States Army, and their own complement of officers, and accompanied by a Congregational minister and several leading business men of Eureka, are spending their vacation by taking this march to the Exposition. On their way the boys are making their expenses by giving entertainments. All of the boys, except the officers, are under 19 years of age, and all abstain from tobacco, profanity and liquors. On arrival in this city they immediately went into camp. They will remain about ten days at the Exposition, after which they will leave for their homes by steamer. The cadets were met at the outskirts of the city and accompanied into camp by the Oregon City Boys' Brigade, captained by J. D. Shaw.

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Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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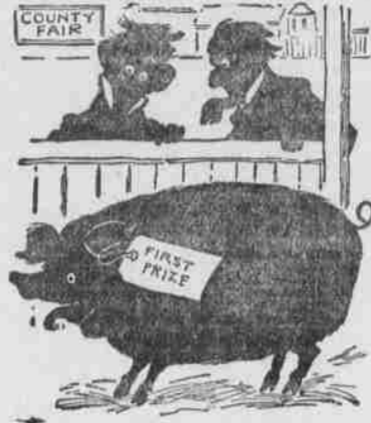
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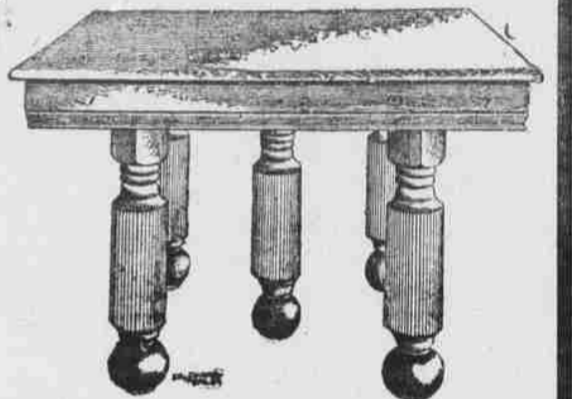


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