

TRAITS OF MEXICANS.

They Are Artistic and Their Children Have an Intellectual Bent. That the Mexicans are an artistic people no one who lives long among them can deny.

One thing a foreigner in Mexico comes to notice is the decided intellectual bent of the youth of the land.

EIGHTY RADICAL CLUBS.

The Ga'n that Socialism is Making in the English Metropolis. There are eighty radical clubs in London, and as many working-men's clubs, to which the Socialists proffer their services on Sundays.

The Great Applejack Belt.

The great applejack-producing belt of the country lies between the Hudson river and the east and the Delaware river on the west, and is pretty much comprised within the bounds of Orange County, New York, and Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey.

A lawsuit in New York developed the fact that "after the owner of a lot in Cypress Hills Cemetery has buried a deceased member of his own family in it he is absolutely forbidden, by the law under which the cemetery is incorporated, to ever transfer or sell the lot outside of his family."

A Christian wife, surrounded by pagans, has just been discovered in the heart of Africa. They had never before seen a white man.

Father of Family—How much? Shoe Dealer (figuring on back of package)—Pair of shoes for the lady: \$8; eldest girl, \$5; boy, \$3; other girl, \$3; baby, \$1.63. Just \$23.50, sir. Thanks. Can't I show you some shoes for yourself?

Father of Family (wearily)—Oh, don't bother about me. I can go barefoot.—N. Y. Weekly.

LAND LEAGUE BALLADS.

They Are Crude, But Catch the Fleeting Impulses of the Celtic Race. That the land agitation in Ireland should be accompanied by a ballad literature of its own was a foregone conclusion.

The lady vocalist usually has a shawl thrown over her head, and her hair, which never seems to have made acquaintance with brush or comb, hangs over her eyes in a tangled mass.

DEATH BY GUILLOTINE.

The Awful Suspense of a Criminal Described by Abbe Faure. The recent double execution of Alberto and Seller at La Roquette has again given rise to a considerable amount of discussion as to the moral effect of the "guillotine" on the criminal classes.

In his report the Abbe draws a realistic picture of the suspense in which the doomed murderer lives from day to day, until he hears either his summons to the scaffold or the news of a reprieve.

Window-Washers' Peril.

The primitive plan of washing windows by sitting out on the sill to clean the outer sash killed one woman, who fell backward into the street yesterday.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

There were 516 conversions and accessions in the mission churches served by students of Garrett Biblical Institute last year.

The Polytechnic Institute at Worcester, Mass., has introduced a new course of electric engineering, leading to the degree of bachelor of science.

COUNTING BY ELECTRICITY.

Interesting Machine to Be Used in the Forthcoming Census. We have on more than one occasion published a note on the complicated electrical appliances which have been manufactured to be used in taking the forthcoming census.

As many as 250 items of information can be punched out upon a card, although no one card would ever have more than one-tenth part of the whole number.

TO PREVENT CONSUMPTION.

The Latest Medical Views Concerning Tubercular Diseases. Medical views of consumption have greatly changed within the last few years. It was once regarded as incurable; it is now regarded as curable.

As to the curability of the disease, post-mortem examinations at the New York hospitals constantly show that large numbers of persons who have once been consumptive have fully recovered, and have died long afterward of other diseases.

In consequence of these new views, the question of prevention has become extremely important. But to know how to prevent consumption, we must know how it is propagated.

Consumption, on the other hand, having its special seat in the lungs, is mainly propagated by microbes contained in the expectorations.

The microbes are harmless so long as they are in a fluid state, but when allowed to dry, they are taken up in the air as dust and inhaled.

To prevent consumption, therefore—1. Observe all the conditions of vigorous health. Most kinds of microbes are powerless against high health.

2. Have all sick rooms thoroughly ventilated. It requires many microbes to infect. Ventilation greatly reduces the danger.

3. Let the expectorations be invariably received in spit-cups, and carefully disinfected.

4. But consumption may be communicated by the milk of consumptive cows. Therefore, let all milk be boiled.

5. A New York physician recommends the Jewish custom of washing hands before meals as a preventive against typhoid fever.

THE ROCKING CHAIR.

My grandmother sat in this old rocking chair. But she was not my grandmother then. And her sweet little face was bewitchingly fair.

CHARACTER-MAKING.

The Most Important End Any Community Can Have in View. With all our many appliances for spreading knowledge and disciplining the mind, and our rightful interest in the work, there are few who would not agree that, important as it is, the building up of moral character outweighs it in its serious results upon the welfare of the community.

THEIR WEDDING TOUR.

Jack and Katy's Somewhat Novel Experience.

Among the many German emigrants that from time to time landed at Indian Point, Matagorda Bay, on the coast of Texas, and proceeded inland for hundreds of miles to make a settlement on the extreme frontier of that perilous region, was a red-cheeked lass of seventeen, who, being an orphan, and without relatives in the old country, had ventured over to try her fortunes in the new.

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In her imperfect English, Gentle Katy managed to inquire how long he would be gone, and Jack assured her "it wouldn't be over a thousand years."

He finally took leave of her, in his rude way, and went about fifty miles to the eastward, where, partly for cash and partly on credit, he purchased a small shanty and land enough to live on comfortably, and then returned for the purpose of removing his bird to his cage.

But judge of his anguish on finding that Katy was lost; to him, perhaps forever. The young couple with whom she had made her home in the wilderness were almost frenzied with fear and tribulation.

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DISCOVERY.

When the world's first great westward voyager sailed out in faith to his new continent, he felt all his life-currents stir.

Alas! the dumb, inscrutable human sea! That will not tell us of the shores we seek! Its jealous waves, in moaning mockery, do not just return from pressing a blue cheek against fresh roses blown for us, unseen.

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The sun was perhaps two hours above the horizon when he reached the place where the Indians had encamped on the night following the capture of his wife.

At length he set his teeth hard, with an unwavering determination drew his hands slowly over his face, and outwardly became more composed.

With this he again set forward in the manner described, and, with only now and then a brief rest, continued the same hurried pace till near sunset, when he came upon the previous night's camp of the three Indians, showing that thus far he had gained upon his enemies.

Since branching off from the main body, the three warriors had kept a straight course, a little north of west; but on the third day Jack Hawksworth reached a spot on an open plain, where they had made a halt, and from which, to his surprise, he now found the trail led directly south, toward a range of hills that could barely be discerned in the blue distance.

When night again fell upon the scene, the hills were looming up in rugged lines before him, but still miles away. Knowing the exact location of the spring, and that it was so situated as to command a view of the broad plain in the direction of his approach, he resolved, weary as he was, to push on in the dark and gain a safe position among the hills before morning, even should he not succeed in surprising his enemies while resting in supposed security.

It was life or death to him, and he strained every nerve and muscle to the last tension, and succeeded in reaching the base of the hills in such an exhausted condition that he was obliged to throw himself down on the earth and rest for an hour to recover strength enough to go through with what was yet before him.

But now there came a thrill of joy to his heart that sent new life through to his drooping frame; for now it was he who heard the whinny of a horse only a few rods distant, and felt assured that he had not made a fatal mistake in his calculations.

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Six or seven hours was all the rest that Jack required; and the moon by that time being well up, and pouring down a silvery flood through a cloudless sky, he arose, took another drink,

rolled to and fro, holding her in his embrace, and finally sank down on the earth, and alternately wept, laughed and shouted like a madman.

It is not necessary for us to dwell upon their long, wearisome, perilous journey homeward. Suffice it to say that Jack Hawksworth put forth all his experience, sagacity and manly qualities and brought his pretty little wife safely back among her friends, to their great wonder and delight, he himself becoming quite a lion among her countrymen for his brave exploit.

"Ye see," Jack used to say, in winding up the narration of his adventures, "when a big nob gets spliced, as I've heard tell, they has what they calls thar wedding tour; and so, to be in the fashion, me and Katy tuk ours amongst the Comanches, and I'm jest one old scalp the richer for't. Whoop!"—N. Y. Ledger.

LITTLE HELEN KELLER.

Anecdotes Illustrating the Blind Deaf-Mute's Remarkable Intelligence.

Helen Keller has a wonderful memory, and seldom forgets what she has once learned; and she learns very quickly. She is a wonderfully bright child, and her teacher, instead of urging her to study, is often obliged to coax Helen away from some example in arithmetic, or other task, lest the little girl should injure her health by working too hard at her lessons.

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PITH AND POINT.

—People who call each other liars often get hurt for telling the truth.—Merchant Traveler.