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A SENORITA'S WEAPON.

An Innocent-Looking Box With a Rattler's Fang.

Harry Armitage, an old Mexican traveler, was chatting with a reporter. Naturally the conversation turned upon the unsettled condition of that country and the guerilla warfare that is being waged against the administration by the mountain people. During this conversation he drew from his pocket an object that to all outward appearance was nothing more than an ordinary match box.

As he passed it over to a reporter for inspection, he said: "Do you know that you have in your hands the most villainous weapon I have ever seen in my travels? That little silver box contains enough power to cause the death of ten thousand men. If you will touch that little spring just below the lid—ah!—You have it."

"Now, notice that protrusion. That is the tusk of the great diamond back rattlesnake, one of the family of venomous reptiles so common in the mountains of the Western United States and Mexico."

"If you will glance at that point you will find that it is slit and that an amber like matter exudes from it."

"That amber-colored matter is the venom of the reptile, taken from its venom sack and Mexicans set these tusks carved silver boxes, and the Mexican against anyone who dares to assault or molest them. One scratch from the point of that terrible tusk means an inoculation of the most deadly virus known to man. The person so inoculated will die a horrible death within seven or eight hours after receiving the wound and not know what had caused his death, for to all appearances it is just the scratch of a pin or a needle."

"In the hands of an unscrupulous person it would be productive of more evil than a whole battery of guns. I purchase it of an old Mexican hag in Durango, and I suppose she had stolen it from some lady of caste, but I have never seen anything to equal it as a death-dealing instrument."

HALLER WAS POLITE.

A Story of the Famous Swiss Scientist and His Election.

Haller, a famous Swiss scientist of the eighteenth century, was once well rewarded for his politeness to a fellow traveler. Some scientists find it hard to take an interest in anything except their own specialties. It was not so with Haller. His fellow traveler was a good woman from Berne. The conversation fell naturally upon the commodity for which Berne is noted—cakes.

The Berne dame said with pride that she could make fourteen kinds of cakes.

What was her surprise and delight when Haller asked her how she made them! She eagerly began a recital, with copious explanations, of those fourteen recipes, and she had a good listener.

Perhaps Haller regretted his rash question, but he did not show it. He listened patiently and smilingly to the end, and he and the Berne woman parted very good friends, though he had hardly spoken a word. It is safe to say that in all his scientific researches he had not learned so much about the combination of butter and sugar and eggs.

Some time afterward he was elected to an important political office. From some quarters he received an unexpected number of votes. Then he found out that his Berne cake-making friend had been so impressed with the intelligence and ability of her fellow traveler that when she heard he was running for office she gave her relatives, friends and acquaintances no peace of mind until she had secured their promise to vote for him.

CABS IN RUSSIA.

Fares are Low if You Are Up to the Tricks of the Drivers.

In no European country are cab fares so cheap as in Russia, for there is no tariff at all. On the rank are half a dozen drivers on the boxes of their droshkies—tiny victorias, hung low and with just room for two if the two clasp waists after the Russian mode.

If you know just about how far you want to drive you take the first driver and tell him where you want to go and what is the price offered. The etiquette is followed invariably. The driver throws up his eyes in horror. He calls upon the saints to witness that so ridiculous a price must be doubled before he could look at it.

You are not deceived. You walk on. And before you have gone ten paces the cabman is after you, pointing politely to the seat in the droshky and, with a grin, repeating frequently the Russian equivalent for "please."

But if you are driving to a destination at an unknown distance it is necessary to ask the opinion of the first belled, belted, bearded brigand on the box of a droshky. Then it is your turn to throw your eyes to heaven and call on the saints. A quick problem in division works itself out in your head. Three into a ruble? And you put yourself up to a Dutch auction along the rank. "Hotel So-and-so, sorok kopeck!" you cry, with a leaning toward generosity. There is a race for you. You drive a long way in Moscow for a dime.

When Vigo Was Famous.

Vigo, the Spanish seaport, is an old time scene of war. It was to Vigo that Drake and Norris sailed in 1588 to place Don Antonio on the throne of Portugal. They burned Vigo, but failed to capture Lisbon and went away cursing each other. So little plunder was there that the common sailors received but 5 shillings a man in wages and took to robbery, for which many of them were hanged in and near London. When the English under Rooke put into Vigo harbor again there was treasure in sight. A fleet of Spanish galleons, of which Benbow had been in pursuit, was in the bay, protected by a French fleet. Several galleons were captured by the English, but more went to the bottom and there remain to this day. Nowadays Vigo is a commonplace little town.

Great Men.

It is a matter of common observation that at the passing of the great men of each generation there is a pessimistic feeling prevalent that "there were giants in those days." But the feeling has never had any warrant in the actual deficiencies of the oncoming generations. Orators have come and gone and statesmen have come and gone, and sometimes their immediate successors have not been discernible. But in time the men have emerged who have taken their places and who have improved upon the patterns they left.—Des Moines Register.

Never Touched Him.

The old man paused at the parlor door on his way upstairs. "Don't forget, young man," he said, "that the lights in this house are all out at 10 o'clock." "Thanks," rejoined the young man, who was helping the fair maid to hold the sofa down, "but—er—couldn't you make an exception tonight and put 'em out an hour earlier?"—Chicago News.

Lucky Stars.

"I've had a very successful season," said the prosperous looking theatrical manager. "Well, you can thank your stars for that," replied the seedy looking manager.—Yonkers Statesman.

Inclining to Perjury.

Lawyer—Did the defendant to your knowledge ever incite another to perjury? Witness—Yes. Once I heard him ask a woman her age.

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Newark, Ohio, May 28, 1903.

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