MEDICAL.

SPEEDY INTERMENT.

THE WAY FUNERALS ARE CONDUCT-ED IN ARGENTINA.

Precautions That Must Be Taken on Account of the Climate-Elaborate Form of Death Notices-Burials In Mortuary Chapels,

Buenos Ayres being a semitropical city, the law requires that burial shall take place within twenty-four hours after death, and if the body is to be buried in one of the cemeteries within the city limits or placed in a vault it must be put not only in the regular coffin, but, in addition, in a hermetically sealed lead coffin, which fits closely inside the other, a glass insert permitting the face only to be seen.

As soon as a person dies the room it which the body is to be laid out is transformed by the undertaker into a "capilla ardiente," or lighted chapelthat is, the room is darkened, the walls are all hung in black, an altar is erected at one end, in front of which the body is laid, and the whole is lighted up by from six to a dozen large candles in heavy silver candlesticks three feet high.

As the time between the actual death and the burial is so short, there b usually not time to send individual notices to friends, so the invitation to take part in the funeral services, as it a called, is printed in the papers in the following form:

GUILLERMO PIZARRO.

GUILLERMO PIZARRO.
Q. E. P. D.
(Date of death.)

His wife, Mariana V., his children Mannel, Benedicta and Amanda, his mother,
Francisca G. Lavelle, his father-in-law.
Antonio P. Valdes, his brothers Luis and
Carios, his sister Maria, his brother-inlaw Jose, his grandchildren, uncles,
nephews, cousins and other relatives, invite you to accompany the remains of the vite you to accompany the remains of the deceased to the Recoleta cemetery, Friday, the 17th, at 2:30 p. m.
In the Church of the Holy Cross a mass

for the eternal repose of his soul will be sung from 7 to 10 a. m., the body being present. The family will take part in the one at 10 a. m.

The leave taking of the deceased will be Only invitation.

Q. E. P. D. mean "Que en paz descanse" (May he rest in peace).

If the death has been long expected, so as to give time to have cards printed, one about 3 by 6 inches, with a mourning border three-quarters of an inch wide, with the same wording, is sent to the nearest friends, in which case the words "Only invitation" are omitted from the death notice in the

It will be noted that the funeral services and the burial are distinct ceremonies, it not being the custom for women to accompany the body to the

The expression, "Leave taking will sonally and condole with the family at the funeral, but there is usually a servant in black livery, furnished by the undertaker, either at the house or at the church, with a silver salver on which visiting cards can be placed.

In default of this, on arrival at the cemetery, on one side of the entrance gate is a high wooden desk painted black, and on it a pencil and paper, and fastened to one side a regular kind of letter box, also black, with a silt in the top.

Into this the card is dropped or the name written on a piece of paper, and these are collected by an attendant and sent to the house after the funeral.

In a few days, to all those whose cards have been received as well as to those friends who have written notes of condolence, the visiting card of that member of the family to whom you may have addressed yourself is sent or the card of the member of the family who may know you best with the single word "Agradecido," meaning "Thanks for kind sympathy."

The funeral procession of the well to do is preceded by a large, covered landau, with glass sides, in which are piled the floral offerings, and just behind this comes the hearse, drawn by Business Education is an indispensable four or six black horses, with two men adjunct to the ambitious young man or FOR on the box in black and silver liveries and wearing cocked bats.

The hearse is a huge affair, open at all sides, the top or canopy being supit is surmounted by six huge plumes two feet in diameter, made of black ostrich feathers. The coffin lies on a black cloth, with the initials of the dead in full view at the sides, worked in silver.

The cemetery itself is a veritable city of the dead, for, instead of having a mound with a headstone or monument, regular little mortuary chapels, called "panteones," are built by every lot owner, completely covering the plot of ground he holds.

These are of stone or marble, about twelve feet high and from five to twelve feet square, and they are built in rows like city houses and laid out in squares like city streets, with broad sidewalks and a rondway between.

Each of these "panteones" contains an altar of marble, on which are candles, flowers, sacred pictures and other religious emblems and symbols of the Catholic church.

In front of this altar is a large slab which when lifted discloses a ladder or stairway leading down to a vault, which is a whitewashed chamber with spaces one above the other in the walls of sufficient size to receive a coffin. After each space is filled it is sealed up with a marble slab, giving the name, age and date of death.

Private vaults will usually hold from a dozen to fifteen bodies, but as these are expensive the various beneficial sopleties have erected mortuary chapels in which their members can be buried, the expense for the individual thus

being much less. Some of these chapels are as big as a church, with a vault two stories

deep and room for 1,500 bodies, the vaults under these large edifices being finished in marble and entered from the interior of the chapel by a wide flight of marble steps, the whole being well ventilated and lighted. For the poorer classes, who can

neither afford to erect a "panteone" of their own nor belong to one of these societies, there is a long peristyle on each side of the entrance gateway. and here niches can be rented or bought, these niches being about two feet square at their outer end, with sufficient depth to take the coffin, and arranged in groups of 500, the niche when filled being walled up with the usual slab. In the front of this slab there is often a photograph of the dead, covered with glass, and under each one is a small shelf on which flowers, votive offerings or little oil lamps, kept constantly burning, are placed,

When a near relative dies, like a parent or child, the men wear crape bands about six inches wide on the left arm, halfway to the elbow, and the women a crape veil, falling over the face and reaching to the ground, and usually a large black shawl hiding the figure, indicating that they have entirely withdrawn from the world and its fashious.-New York Tribune,

NORWEGIAN LIFE.

It Varies Somewhat From That of It Neighbor, Sweden.

While the Swedish people are nextdoor neighbors to the Norwegians, the life in the two countries is very different. This is no doubt the result of the physical conditions in the two countries-the rocky flords and snow capped hills and tempestuous torrents of the Norwegian coast making a constant struggle necessary on the part of the dwellers thereon, whereas Sweden has more facilities for agricultural success. And yet the Norwegian maid is, like most young girls, gay and happy, and the roving blood of her Norse ancestors leads her to emigrate to America or the British isles, although she generally returns to her native land. Confirmation is the official "growing up" of Norwegian young people. When a boy has passed the strict examination prepared for him by the priest, he is considered of an age to be apprenticed out and is given presents by his admiring family and friends.

The Norwegian baby when born in winter is kept within doors like a conservatory product until warm weather. but thereafter he is taught to be hardy and independent and is generally turned over to the mercies of his older brothers and sisters.

The Norwegian women excel in embe by card," means that friends attend- brolderles, tapestry work and lace, and heir handiwork is becoming popular charming Hardanger work, so fashionable last winter, being from the neighborhood of the flord of that name is

The national costume of the peasant classes among the women is comprised of a white chemisette, an embroidered cioth bolero and a gay colored cloth skirt, although the poorer classes dress more soperly. Some wear shawls over their heads and others black bonnets decorated with bugles.

The Norwegian dinner is not prefaced by an appetizer, as is that of the Swedes, but special dishes are scattered over the table and the guests partake of them when they please. Norwegian cookery has an individuality quite apart from the Swedish. The Norwegians are a hardy race, and their women are known for their capable

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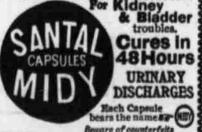
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