MEXICO'S SIGN LANGUAGE.

Gestures With a Meaning Understood by Every Tribe.

Mexico is a land of many tongues, but above the Indian dialects and Spanish there is one universal language—the language of signs. It is the most expressive of all—the Mexican eye and hand are eloquent members. It is capable of infinite variation. Its shadings and suggestions are beyond all transla-tion. But there are certain gestures that have a fixed meaning, a signification well understood by every nation and every tribe from Guatemala to

A general upward movement of the body, shoulders shrugged, eyebrows raised, lips pouted and palms outspread, varies in meaning from "I don't know and I don't care" to a most respectful,

"Really, sir, I do not understand you." The index finger moved rapidly from jec right to left generally before the face means "No more" or simply "No." To move the right hand palm outward from the body toward another person means "Just wait: I'll be even with you

The index finger on the temple moved with a boring twist means "He's drunk."

The right hand held to the lips, three fingers doubled, thumb and little finger erect, varies from "He drinks" to "Have one with me." To move the open hand over the

cheek in imitation of a razor has reference to the idiom "playing the bar-ber" and means "to flatter." All four fingers and the thumb held

points together and moved toward the mouth means "to eat."

The right hand held before the face, the two middle fingers moving rapidly, is a familiar salutation. - "Modern

FELLING BIG TREES.

The Methods by Which the Woodsman Brings Them Down.

a plumb line. If the top does not lean meration, and the first man who escapes more than two feet in the case of a death will disprove it. large tree or more than four in the case of a small one, he considers that right person who called on me some to her son one day. "Now, we are going he can fell it in any direction he may years ago with a huge parcel of manuto have company to dinner tonight, and desire. He then views the ground and script, for which he wanted me to find I don't want you to say a word when selects the most promising "lay out," him a publisher. He had been cruelly the ice cream is brought on." The small and the undercut is made exactly fac- snubbed and ill used, but truth would about one-third through, and then the

such that it is necessary for the butt why, then you will have overcome the and the top to strike the ground simulking of terrors once for all. I returned taneously, the stump is snubbed off at the undercut, which provides a slanting surface, so that the butt has no research was so remote from those to

If the tree needs to be rolled off to surface of the other half. The result they are at once rubi

disease can even find their way through baby is brought out and exposed to an eggshell. For instance, the typhus view bacillus and the cholera bacillus have both been found to make their way headman, or chief of the town, sprinthrough an unbroken eggshell in about kles water upon it, leaving it a name 16 hours and locate themselves in the and invoking a blessing upon it, such nutrient contents.

eggs, since they may thus be made vehicles for most deadly poisons. Doubtless the immunity from such evils which due to the fact that we generally cook
them in a high temperature before we
eat them and thus deal death to the
germs and safety to ourselves.—Good
Words.

ticipates in the ceremony pledg
self to be a friend to the child.

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Recently a young man in New Jersey was treated successfully for tetanus the injection of serum into the brain. That is not the method of treating lockjaw out in Missouri. Several years ago a citizen of Liberty, Mo., was suffering from tetanus. Local physicians failed to relieve him, and Dr. Wood of Kansas City, a gruff old genthal that any of the employees have yet met tleman, was called. Arriving at the home of the patient he found the room full of sympathizing neighbors. The physician proceeded toward the sick man and remarked. "Why in don't you shut your mouth ?" at the same time giving him a severe "chuck" under the chin. The effect of the blow caused the mouth to close, and the man soon recovered.—Chicago Post

This word is used throughout the Australian colonies in connection with a coroner's inquiry. It does not figure in any dictionary that I am aware of not even in Professor Morris' "Austral-English." It seems distinctly jour-nalese How does the "i" come in, for one could understand the expression "a coronal inquiry?" Is it a variant of "corony + al?" Perhaps somewhat akin to the formation of "baronial" from "barony + al."—Notes and Queries.

Our Children. "Pauline, what have you done with your doll?"
"Mother, I have lost it."

"Well, well!"

"Oh, but I know where it ist I lost it on purpose, to have the pleasure of my, they are nailing the donkey's boots finding it!"-Figure.

A Verbal Melec. Going up on a Cedar avenue car the other night the passengers were much entertained by a verbal spat between a small citizen of German parentage and from the fact that the car was very much crowded, so crowded that the

two disputants were brought face to face in such close proximity that they couldn't make a gesture.

"Push up a little, can't you?" inquired the tall man in an irritable tone. Several people were pushing him, and

his irritability was quite excusable.

"Vell, no, I can't," replied the little
man, "and, vat is more, I don't hef to." "You're not much of a gentleman,"

"Oh, I ton't know!" said the little man airily. "Ven I vant an opinion on chentlemen, I go to some fellow vat has got a leetle knowledge of der sub-

tall man in a tone of deep sarcasm.
"Vell," said the little man, "I may
hal some senses of humor, but I'm not
so hart hearted as to laugh at der foolishness of one idiot." "Do you call me an idiot?" gasped

"As long as I ton't know your name," said the little man, "I couldn't murder. The Indian's name was Zu-aimake der identification any more gom-plete."

Pretty soon the car stopped to let off half a dozen passengers, and when things finally settled down the tall one and the short one were separated by a dozen seats.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Immortality Cranks.

Immortality of fame is something desired by many, but attained by few, says Dr. John Fiske in The Atlantic. Physical immortality is something of his family. The small boy was very which has hitherto been supposed to be fond of ice cream. It never cloyed his inexorably denied to human beings. The phase "All men are mortal" figures in textbooks of logic as the truest of table, and upon each of these times he truisms. But we have lately been assured that this is a mistake. It is only by crying in rapturous tones: "Oh-o-o! The chopper approaches the tree with an induction based upon simple enu-

So at least I was told by a very downing it. The "undercut" usually extends surely prevail over bigotry, as in Galilei's case. I took his address and let

the strip of wood remaining.

Where the surface of the ground is you make a heroic effort and stay alive, you make a heroic effort and stay alive, why, then you will have overcome the place to rest and perforce slides to the which I was accustomed that I could not give him intelligent aid.

one side, half the undercut is slanted.

A Curtous Ashanti Custom.

and a rile of chire is placed on the flat. When children are born in Ashanti. never fails to manifest the efficacy of mixture of oil and red ocher, this being this device. Again, by leaving one side repeated every two days. Their mouths of the uncut wood between the under- are washed with a fiery concoction in cut and the saw cut thicker than the other, the tree may be drawn considerent, and a crier goes through the town ably away from its natural course. ing for it a name and a place among the living. Some one else in a distant part It was formerly thought that an egg of the village acknowledges the fact must be safe eating whatever the sur-roundings, since its shell covered com-pletely the part eaten, but it has now into the community. The townspeople been shown unmistakably that germs of the vinage deshowledges the fact and promises, on the part of the people, that the newborn babe shall be received into the community. The townspeople then assemble in the streets, and the

as, for instance, that it may have health, This is a clear indication, therefore, that the greatest care should be exercised in the storage and handling of eggs, since they may thus be made vecample of the headman, and the poor child is thoroughly drenched before the ceremony is ended. Every one who participates in the ceremony pledges him-

Not being able to trace anything in connection with the loss of the 2,000 rupees from the cash safe of the Surati Bazaar company, the directors have resorted to astrology and finally sorcery. Every employee of the bazaar was given a mouthful of rice to eat which had been previously put through some magic preparation, the belief being that if person who had taken the money with a disaster. - Rangun Gazette.

A Slanderous Tale. "Briggs is awfully hoarse this morn-

ing. "Yes. You know how damp it was last night? Well, Briggs and his wife stood on the corner waiting for a street car, and Briggs' wife started in to say something, and Briggs stood there for fully a half hour with his mouth open trying to get in a word edgewise. That's where he got his hoarseness."— Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "did

yer hear 'bout Alaska ?' "Lots Are yer t'inkin of de trip?" job in dat locality as night watchman, I dunno but I'd be willin to work."-Washington Star.

One of my granddaughters, said the Duke of Westminster, when about 5 or 6 years old, burst into tears on passing a blacksmith's shop, and on her mother inquiring the cause said, "Oh, mum-

Names of Litigants. In an old Indiana case a man named Shallcross undertook to live up to his name by running an unlawful ferry, but the decision of the court said to

was canceled and who was thereupon expelled, was Run Hannah. A California woman who said in her

will, "I have no fear of the hereafter; O my Lord, teach me to live right, then in dying there is no sting," bore the prophetic Christian name of Euthanasia.

The name Dr. Physick, which might be looked for in some allegory, appears as the name of a real person in a recent

law report. Some peculiarly suggestive combinations of names in the titles of cases are these: People versus Kaiser, Priest versus Lackey, Kick versus Merry, Protected Home Circle versus Winter, Grant versus Lookout Mountain Com-

In reminiscences of the early Minnesota bar Judge Charles E. Flandrau tells in the Minnesota Law Journal of an argument before the supreme court in 1858 by ex-Chief Justice Goodrich on behalf of an Indian convicted of za, but as the counsel could not pronounce it he always referred to him in

The Irrepressible Small Boy. This is a true story, and it really happened in a New York family. It looks as if it might be an old story brought up to date or renovated for the occasion, but it is exactly as the small boy arranged it and not to the edification of his family. The small boy was very palate. It was with the same delight that he saw it each time brought on the showed the exuberance of his feelings Ice cream! Ice cream! Ice cream!" much to his mamma's annoyance.

"People will think we never have ice cream or anything else to eat," she said boy promised. He really was a good little boy, and he intended to mind. But when the cream was brought on tree is sawed in from the back to meet it.

When the two cuts are within six inches of meeting, the saw is removed, and the tree is wedged up until the top passes the center of gravity, when it falls by its own weight, easily breaking by the fifth day, but if at that critical mother was mortified. He changed his tone entirely: tone entirely:

"We have ice cream almost every night," he remarked carelessly.—New York Times.

Painfully Polite.

The people of Dresden are very polite, so overpolite that they not infrequently bring down ridicule upon themselves. It used to be told in that city that a stranger was one day crossing the great bridge that spans the Elbe and asked a native to direct him to a certain church which he wished to find.

"Really, my dear sir," said the Dresdener, bowing low, "I grieve greatly to say it, but I cannot tell you.

The stranger passed on, a little sur-prised at this voluble answer to a simple question. He had proceeded but a short distance when he heard hurried footsteps behind him, and, turning round, saw the same man running to catch up with him.

In a moment his pursuer was by his side, his breath nearly gone, but enough left to say hurriedly: "My dear sir, you asked me how you could find the church, and it pained me to have to say that I did not know. Just now I met my brother, but I grieve to say that he did not know either."

The car turned sharply around a curve and the tall man who was holding on to a strap somewhat loosely was suddenly thrown from his upright po-sition with a force that landed him in the lap of a dignified dowager sitting near him, while his high silk hat flew from his head and rolled down the aisle of the car.

"Sir," she said as he rose to his feet again with profuse apologies, "I am compelled to say that in my judgment you were lacking in that complete grasp of the strap which was essential to the highest efficiency in maintaining an upright attitude when turning a

That was all. But it crushed him. -Chicago Tribune.

As He Understands It. "As I understand it," remarked the intelligent foreigner, "you Americans-regard George Washington's hatchet as the emblem of truth."

"Yes, sir, that's right," replied the American proudly. "Then, when statesmen or other individuals who have quarreled, bury the hatchet, I suppose they cease to speak the truth?"—Detroit Free Press.

Inspiring Hope.

The Doctor—Bear up. I must tell you the worst—you can't possibly re-The Client-That's a pity, for if I'd

lived a bit longer I should have come into a fortune; as it is, I haven't a penny to pay you with, doctor. The Doctor-Well, now, don't give "I dunno. I'm told dat daylight lasts up hope. We'll try to mend you. We'll 24 hours at a stretch. Ef I could git a try.—Illustrated Bits.

Not Mentioned.

"Everybody seems to have been mentioned for the office except you," observed the sympathizing friend. "Yes," replied the disappointed pol-itician. "My name is Pants."

"Then, of course," soothingly re-joined the other, "you might expect to be among the unmentionables. And silence like a poultice fell .-Chicago Tribune.

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A British consular report from the far east describes a suspension bridge of 800 feet spun made of bamboo. The came is split up into fibers and twisted together to form the cables. Considering its span, the material of the structure is quite remarkable. The old tradition that almost snything can be made out of bamboo receives here a good il-lustration in the field of engineering.

This is in possession of the king of Portugal It has a weight of 1.680 karats 14 ounces and is as large as a tribes have been gradually breaking hen's egg. It came from Brazil in the away from their original cuetous until eighteenth century and was then val- now they are married with the lawful ued at \$1,000,000, whereas now it has . a value of \$2,000,000.



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through the tribe, but no one intimat-

ed that the unfortunate girl should not

A Stater Lost.

go and live as the wife of the man who had wen her to a game of cards. Over 20 years ago the writer was suschool at Darlington during a period of five years. During this time not less than four young Indian women came to the school, asking admittance and protection from marriage that was about to be forced upon them. The pro-The Largest Diamond In the World, tection was given, and the young wotoen afterward married according to their own choice. Since then those THE

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