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## American Investors Warned To Examine Mexican Land Tracts

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MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 26.—Americans who wish to invest in land in Mexico are now the game stalked by innumerable swindlers, according to a real estate man here. He says that Americans should be warned that it would be folly to buy land here without having seen it. Before completing purchase and paying out money, he says, the American investor should examine the tracts carefully and make inquiry regarding titles.

Persons who have disregarded this precaution have in many cases fallen victims to rogues.

Sharps are well aware of the great interest manifested in the United States in the possibility of profitable investment in land here. In addition to the thousands of Americans who are thinking of coming here after recognition, there are other thousands who are convinced that the value of Mexican lands will advance from the present low levels, and that this offers opportunity to invest savings in a way that would bring substantial returns within a few years.

Promoters who formerly formed wild-cat oil companies, gold and silver mining companies, and similar stock selling enterprises, have now turned their attention to land. They or their agents are offering "farms in Mexico" in many parts of the United States on beguiling terms.

#### Much Arid Land

Land such as these promoters want is as easy to get as mining claims where there is no mineral, or oil leases where there is no oil. Mexico is a land of wide expanse. Big as Texas is, Mexico is larger. Wide as the arid tracts in Texas are, the arid tracts in Mexico are wider.

Some of these arid tracts may be put under water in years to come, but the development of a supply of water for irrigation would call for the expenditure of great sums of money. Persons who make purchases in such tracts may wait a long time before they could sell the land for even enough to get back their original investments, or be forced to spend additional money to save their investments from total loss.

Land along the rivers of Mexico, which are few in number when the size of the country is considered, is not easily parted with by the owners. They want cash and do not readily consider the promoters' usual terms, for they know that their land is located where irrigation is possible, if dams and ditches have not been built already.

#### Irrigation Difficult

Away from the streams, which usually are mere threads of water when compared with the majestic streams of the United States, irrigation is far off. Sometimes the rolling nature of the land makes irrigation impossible, even though water were near. Sometimes the land, although apparently prepared by nature to make irrigation easy, is too far from water to make irrigation anything more than a distant prospect—in ages to come, when swindler and victim have passed away, and Mexico has its expected population of 200,000,000.

The roguish promoter who comes to Mexico, or is a product of the soil usually lacks money with which to acquire really desirable tracts, or, if he has money, intends to keep it and add to his fortune by disposing of land at a good price which would not even be an acceptable present.

#### Rains Work Changes

After the rains in Mexico, which

come in the summer and fall months even the bleak mountainsides become green with verdure, and this condition continues for some time in sections which at other periods of the year are dry and unattractive. Persons coming to Mexico after the rains could be deceived easily as to conditions, especially if they are not experienced farmers.

These tracts which grow green after the rains are endless. Persons touring Mexico in automobiles pass through such land for days, seeing only occasional haciendas or farm houses where there are springs or wells or dams holding in storage the water flowing from the hills after rains.

These immense tracts are suitable for cattle raising, but a person buying land that has not been improved would find it necessary to go to considerable expense in providing water for cattle. This can be done by building dams to hold rain water, but the buyer must be certain that his land contains a suitable location for a dam. Buyers of small tracts who do not take the trouble to examine the property before purchasing, might not find it possible even to store water in this way.

#### Must Store Water

Farming operations would call for the storage of water on a large scale. This would necessitate the employing of engineers to study the land and devise ways of storing the water in such a way that it could be used in irrigation. The average man could not jump in and build a dam which would hold enough water to supply the needs of a farm.

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A well made and flavored pumpkin pie is satisfying enough for most palates, but pumpkin pie de luxe is served with whipped cream, into which has been stirred some nice seasoned cheese.

It is often the mother who puts too many frills on daughter's garments who says she has no time to fuss with frills on dishes. Time is never wasted in making food attractive.

A pretty salad is one using two halves of a pear. Arrange on lettuce, flat side down, and decorate with quartered blanched almonds, putting them into the pear pointed end down. Serve with a French or mayonnaise dressing. Frozen whipped cream, sweetened and flavored, then packed in ice and salt several hours to freeze, served with bits of ginger or candied cherries, is a delicious dessert.

Apples cored and the centers filled with bananas cut in strips to fit in the cavity, sugar and butter with a little water added, then baste while baking, makes a very pleasant variation of the everyday baked apple.

A quick dessert enjoyed by chocolate lovers is called Dresden crumbs, prepared as follows: Take one cupful of bread crumbs, one-half cupful of grated chocolate, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a pinch of salt. Stir and mix well and bake until the chocolate is melted. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

When a child or a person who is ill refuses to drink the milk or cocoa which is provided, give him straws to drink through and serve the milk in an attractive cup or bowl.

Milk toast is a wholesome dish and one which may be served to the children as well as grown-ups. Add a grating of cheese to the dish served to the adults, giving a change in flavor and also increasing the food value.

When preparing a meat loaf, add one-half to one cupful of oatmeal to the meat and arrange two or three hard-cooked eggs in the loaf so that when sliced they will add to its appearance.

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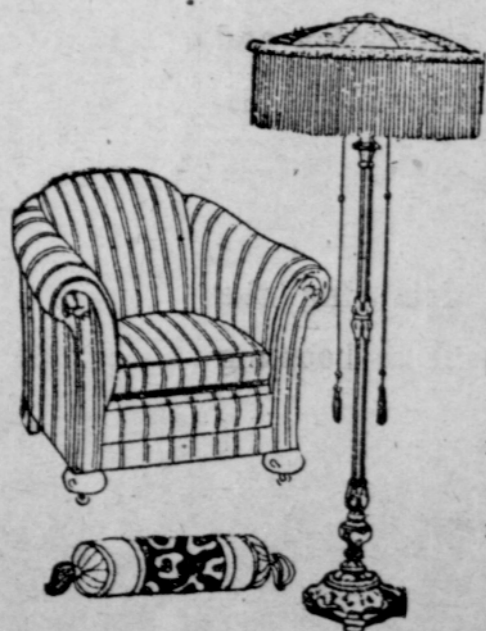
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