

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bank of Echo, at Echo, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business June 23rd, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$92,254.50
Overdrafts, Secured and Unsecured	3,540.40
Bonds, Securities, etc.	1,785.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	5,244.08
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	1,201.93
Due from Approved Reserve Banks	44,797.47
Cash on Hand	6,156.35
Total	\$154,990.63
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock, Paid In	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	2,600.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes Paid	2,750.42
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	93,505.50
Demand Certificates of Deposit	3,538.15
Time Certificates of Deposit	27,696.56
Total	\$ 154,990.63

State of Oregon,)
County of Umatilla) ss:

I, R. B. Stanfield Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. B. STANFIELD, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest:

FRANK SLOAN
W. H. BOYD
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June, 1909.
J. F. SHELTON, Notary Public

THE UNKNOWN GUEST

By ANDREW C. EWING.

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It was in the early days in California, when Fremont, "the Pathfinder," became a hero from crossing those mountains which now may be traversed in a parlor car. But the route from Mexico was open, and numbers of Mexicans, including those newly emigrated from Spain, were moving northward and building homes in what was destined to become the Golden State. One of the Spaniards, Don Estillo Estillo, built himself a fine house in Santa Barbara. It was designed after a Roman villa, with a court and a fountain in the center.

California at that period partook of the olden time. Though a new country, it was inhabited by refined people of Spanish blood. At the same time it was infested by bandits, such as have existed in Spain for centuries. The leader of one of these gangs was Manuel Corello, a veritable Robin Hood. Like Robin, who is supposed to have been a nobleman, Corello was a gentleman, and, though he robbed the rich, he gave largely to the poor.

When Don Estillo's house was finished he opened it with a grand entertainment, at which all the distinguished families for miles around were present. It was a brilliant scene. In the patio, or court, within a circle of tropical plants, was a band of performers, who sang and played while the guests, seated in the dance, were seeking the cool air. Spanish social customs for the amusement of the guests have been adopted by the blue-bloods of California. Don Estillo's guests were provided with eggshells filled with silver or gold dust or perfumery, which were broken over the heads of ladies whom the men wished to favor.

Among the men was one who attracted universal attention. He was young, very handsome and dressed in the picturesque Spanish costume. The guests asked one another who he was, but no one seemed to know. One of them asked the host, but Don Estillo said that he did not know the stranger and supposed he must have come with one of the guests. No one suggested that he had not come in accordance with the customs regulating invitations, for he was evidently a polished gentleman.

Since the stranger knew no one he was obliged to find partners in the dances by some pretext. He was very adroit, and the girls, instead of requiring introductions, were glad to receive his attentions without them. Donna Inez, daughter of the host, was the most favored and after one of the dances went out with the handsome stranger into the patio, where they took seats on a bench behind a gigantic palm. There they remained so long that the hostess, requiring her daughter's presence for some especial entertainment of her guests, sought her and led her away.

The dancing had ceased, and to strains of music the guests marched in to supper. They did not stand about eating the viands as in these days. Each one was seated. Just as they had all taken their seats a party of belated guests from Los Angeles arrived, among them Judge Antonio Bestamente. They came into the supper room, and the judge was assigned a seat opposite to the young stranger who had attracted so much attention and who had secured for his supper companion Donna Inez Estillo. No sooner did the judge look straight before him than his eyes became riveted on Donna Inez's cavalier. It was evident that Bestamente was moved by some powerful emotion. Rising, he called to the host seated at the head of the table and said:

"Will you honor me with an introduction to my vis-a-vis?"

Don Estillo, not knowing the man's name, looked confused.

The stranger rose and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, far be it from me to compromise so charming a host as Don Estillo. He is not responsible for my presence here, for I came on my own invitation. He cannot introduce me, for he does not know my name. I am Manuel Corello."

As he uttered the last word he began to back toward the door. The moment he spoke his name many a face whitened and every man present rose to his feet. But all were excited, none of them armed, and there was no leader. Corello, as imperturbable as if he were dancing a minuet, drew a pistol and motioned all to be seated. Not one remained standing. "I ask pardon of the ladies," he said, "for displaying a weapon in their company, but it is unavoidable. There is \$10,000 on my head, and I'm sure you will excuse the only means I have of keeping it."

By this time he had backed to the door. As he slipped out Donna Inez, with hot cheeks and flashing eyes, threw something at him that struck the wall and, rebounding, rattled on the floor. One of the guests picked it up and held it aloft. It was an immense diamond set in a circle of gold.

Some of the men rushed out after the bandit, but those upstairs heard the clatter of horse's hoofs and knew that he had gone free. Then each guest began to fumble for his or her valuables, but no one missed anything. The diamond thrown at Corello by Donna Inez had been slipped on her finger in the patio behind the palm and did not belong to any one of those present. The outlaw had doubtless intended it as a return for his entertainment. As soon as the excitement had quieted down the assemblage began to laugh at the indignant girl, who, finding she had been wooed by a bandit, could not refrain from displaying her irritation.

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