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PICTURESQUE IN ITS INERTIA

Town of Cajamarca, in Andes Mountains, Inhabited by People Seemingly Without Ambition.

The town of Cajamarca, nestled among the Andes mountains is, perhaps, the most unambitious community in the world, according to Harry A. Franck, who writes in the Wide World Magazine.

Cajamarca is very old, he says. The Spaniards found it when they conquered the country centuries ago, but nothing of the old Inca civilization remains, and the oldest buildings are the churches that the conquerors erected. Today, says Mr. Franck, the churches stand architecturally incomplete, not because time has demolished them but because, according to local tradition, a finished structure in colonial days had to pay tribute to the government, and so the builders economized by stopping work before the churches were finished.

It is a town where the upper class is distinguished by wearing collars and shoes and performing no manual labor, where the "lower class" is ragged and poverty-stricken, and where life goes on from year to year in a state of inertia which nobody seems to find undesirable. The unfinished churches give the old town a picturesque aspect, being built of stone and colored by the passage of time until they remind a traveler of the ancient Spanish edifices of Salamanca; nor is there any present likelihood that the town will grow rich enough to spoil their picturesque incompleteness by finishing them.

And not in a century, says the latest visitor from the outside world, has there been born in that town a "boy with the initiative and energy to tramp three days over the western range, and stow away for some place where he could make a man of himself."

ANNAPOLIS FOUNDED IN 1604

Nova Scotia Earliest Colonized Land in North America, With Exception of St. Augustine.

Nova Scotia may lay claim to being the earliest colonized land in North America, with the exception of St. Augustine, Fla., where the Spanish establishment was made as early as 1565. Port Royal, now the little town of Annapolis, was founded in 1604, three years before the English settled at Jamestown. The brave French pioneers found it necessary to suspend their colony for three years, but the settlement was re-established in 1610 by a group of Acadians.

The Acadians were in almost constant conflict with the English. The colony fell into the hands of the English twice, and was each time returned to the French before the English finally captured it in 1710. The Acadians remained steadfast in their hopes that French rule would some day return, but their hope was destined never to be realized. They, however, persisted in maintaining their identity even against the English insistence that they abandon their allegiance to their mother country.

The descendants of the Acadians, numbering 300,000, are to be found in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Louisiana. When the Acadians were expelled from the Basin of Minas, Grand Pre, when they refused to take the oath of fealty to the English sovereign in 1755, many of them escaped to the wilderness and later drifted back to their former homes only to find them occupied by new settlers from New England states.

DEEP RESPECT FOR SABBATH

Writer's Recollection of How Day Used to Be Observed When He Was a Small Boy.

My mother was born and reared in a little country village in western New York. On the farm where my grandmother lived, it was the custom to begin Sunday on Saturday night at sundown. The "hired man" came in from the chores, grandmother put away all her work in the kitchen, and then the entire family gathered in the best room and studied the Sunday school lesson, or had a reading from the Bible, led by grandfather, and all the family retired not later than nine o'clock.

In the morning after doing none but the absolutely necessary chores on the farm, the team that had not been used the day before was hitched up to the big four-seated wagon and the entire family, including the "hired" help, went to church. There was preaching service in the forenoon, and then we adjourned to a lunch for ourselves and the team. Then we went in to a Sunday school service, and after an interval there was another preaching service, after which we hitched up and drove slowly back to the farm.

That was the way Sunday was kept in western New York a little more than fifty years ago. I can remember hearing my mother say that when she was a girl in the same New York state village, she was not allowed to walk except to the cemetery and back, on Sunday, and was not allowed to read any books except the Bible and "Fox's Book of Martyrs."—Christian Herald.

Rebuilding Guatemala City.

Guatemala city, in the republic of the same name, which was the scene of one of the most violent earthquakes in Central American history, during the latter months of 1917 and the early part of 1918, is now being gradually rebuilt.

Guatemala was for centuries the home of the Maya-Quiche Indians. At Quirigua are located some of the most remarkable ruins in the Americas—monoliths resembling Egyptian obelisks, from the top of which gigantic faces stare at the intruder. Excavations in the vicinity have revealed the ground plan of what must have been a remarkable and imposing temple. A bulletin of the National Geographic society states that in the mountains of southwestern Guatemala live pure-blooded Indians who are known for their physique, cleanliness and scrupulous honesty.

Alpine Wonderland.

The Grisons, Switzerland's largest canton, may readily be described as an Alpine wonderland. It is broken by no fewer than 150 valleys, varying greatly in size, traversed by wild rushing torrents and streams and animated by roaring waterfalls and transparent mountain lakes. Dark green fir woods and velvety pastures cover the slopes and form the transition from the region of the hills to the realm of the high Alps. And in this radiant paradise of vales and mountains there stands on almost every height a little place of worship, an emblem of peace and good will, sending greetings far and wide.

Ancient H. C. L.

The H. C. L. is no brand new phenomenon of our own day. It was old as far back as the second year of King Darius, about 520 B. C.

"Ye have sown much," Haggai, an orator of his time, taunted his townsmen, "and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." Haggai's platform, his scheme for reducing that H. C. L., was the building of a new temple.

JOHNSON NOT FIRST IN FIELD

Contrary to Wide Belief, There Was an English Dictionary Before He Compiled His.

The oldest English dictionary is not that by Doctor Johnson, as so many appear to think. There were many such lexicons before his day, and the earliest of them all was Dr. John William's "An Alphabetical Dictionary," appended to the author's "Essay Toward a Real Character and a Philosophical Language," published in 1698.

Everybody seems to know that the first printed London directory appeared in 1677, frequent notices in the press being accountable for much, but how many are aware that the art of living in London was first reduced to a science by Roger Crab, who in 1655 published a book, the first of its kind ever seen, in which he discourses at length on the scandalous extravagance of all who expended more than three farthings per week upon their food.

The earliest attempt to introduce phonetic spelling is afforded, so far as is known, by Butler's "Femaline Monarchy," first published at Oxford in 1690, and the "Polygraphia" of Trithemius, 1518, furnished the first attempt at secret writing.

The earliest collection of maps of England and Wales is found in the work of Christopher Saxton, which first saw the light in the days of Elizabeth. The maps number 35, and were published separately between 1573 and 1579, when a title and index were added and the whole series published in book form.—Bookman's Journal and Print Collector.

Kinds of Stage Humor.

The French, who have an armory of critical terms both more exact and more abundant than ours, distinguish between three different kinds of stage humor. Brander Matthews writes in *Manuscript*. There is, first of all, the mere witticism, the sentence laughable in itself, the so-called "epigram;" and this they term the "mot d'esprit." Second, there is the phrase which derives its comic effect not from itself, but from its utterance at a given moment in the movement of the story; and this they term the "mot d'esprit" situation." Thirdly, there is the word or sentence whereby a character expresses himself unexpectedly and characteristically, unconsciously turning the flashlight on the unexplored recesses of his own soul; and they are wont to call this the "mot de caractère."

Ancient Love Filters.

In the Middle ages people had recourse to love filters, magical invocations, prayers, fastings and the like, which were modified according to the country and the individual. A girl had only to agitate the water in a bucket of water with her hand, or to throw broken eggs over another person's head, if she wished to see the image of the man she should marry. If a bridal party met a monk on going to the church the union could not be happy. A priest, a dog, cat, lizard or serpent were equally unfortunate, while a spider, a toad or a wolf argued that all would go well. How the ring came to be used is not well known, as it did not occupy its present position in former times.—Chicago Journal.

Counterfeit Reason.

"Yes, I still have the first five dollar note that I made," said the gray-haired passenger. "Good gracious!" exclaimed his traveling acquaintance, "how did you keep it so long?" "Well, it was very imperfect, being my first, and I'd have had trouble in passing it."

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