

CHAPTER XXVII.

The Spanish custom-a custom which has been kept up in all the old colonies of that power-of placing persons con-demned to death in a chapel, requires explanation, in order that it may be thoroughly understood and appreciated, as deserves to be.

Frenchmen, over whom the great revolution of '93 passed like a burricane, and carried off most of their belief in its sanguinary cloak, may smile with pity and regard as a fanatic remainder of another age this custom of placing the condemned in chapel. Among us, it is true, matters are managed much more simply; a man. when condemned by the law, eats, drinks and remains alone in his ceil. If he dehe is at liberty to converse with, if he likes; if not, he remains perfectly quiet, and nobody pays any attention to him, during a period more or less long, and de termined by the rejection of his appeal. Then, one fipe morning, when he is least thinking of it, the governor of the prison announces to him, when he wakes, as the most simple thing in the world, that he is to be executed that same day, and only an hour is granted him to recommend his soul to the divine clemency. The fatal toilet is made by the executioner and his assistant, the condemned man is placed in a close carriage, conveyed to the place of execution, and in a twinkling launched into eternity, before he has had a moment to look round him.

When a man is condemned to death from that moment he is, de facto, cut of from that society to which he no longer belongs, through the sentence passed on e is consequently separated from his fellow men.

He is shut up in a room, at one end of which is an altar; the walls are hung in black drapery, studied with silver tears, and here and there mourning inscriptions, drawn from Holy Writ. Near his bed is placed the coffin in which his body is to be deposited after execution, while two priests, who relieve each oth er, but of whom one constantly remains in the room, say mass in turn, and exhort the criminal to repent of his crimes, and implore Divine clemency. This custom, which, if carried to an extreme, would appear in our country before all, barbarous and cruel, perfectly agrees with Spanish manners, and the thoroughly believing spirit of this impressionable nation; it is intended to draw the culprit back to plous thought, and rarely fails to produce the desired effect upon him.

The general was, therefore, placed in capilla, and two monks belonging to the order of St. Francis, the most respected, and, in fact, respectable in Mexico, en tered it with him.

I The first hours he passed there were terrible; this proud mind, this powerful organization, revolted against adversity, and would not accept defeat. Gloomy and with frowning brows, and fists elanched on his bosom, the general sought shelter like a wild beast in a corner of the room, recalling his whole life, and neeing with starts of terror the bloody victims scattered along his path, and sacrificed in turn to his devouring ambition, sadly defile before him.

Then he reverted to his early years. When residing at the Palmar, his magnificent family hacienda, his life passed away calm, pure, gentle and tranquil, without regrets, and without desires. among his faithful servants. Then he was so glad to be nothing, and to wish to be nothing.

By degrees his thoughts followed the the present

me the favor of a short visit; he is a noble-hearted man, and I am convinced that he will not refuse to come. I should be glad if he consented to bring with him Don Martial, the Tigrero, who has so much cause to complain of me, as well as my niece, Dona Anita de Torres. Will you undertake this commission, the last

I shall doubtless give you?" "Yes, general," the capatan answered, affected in spite of himself by such gentleness.

"Now go; be happy and pray for me, for we shall never meet again. The capatan went out in a very differ-

ent frame of mind from that in which he had entered the capilla, and hastened

off to Valentine. "I will go," said Valentine simply and he dismissed him.

Curumilla was at once sent off to M. Rallier's quinta with a letter, and during his absence Valentine had a long conver sation with Belhumeur and Black Elk At about 5 in the evening a carriage entered the courtyard of Valentine's at a gallop; it contained M. Rallier, Dona Anita and Don Martial.

"Thanks !" he said on seeing them 'You ordered me to come, so I obeyed

as usual," the Tigrero answered. "You were right, my friend."

"And now what do you want of us?" That you should accompany me to

the place whither I am going at this mo-104441 "Would it be indiscreet to ask you-?"

"Where?" the hunter interrupted him with a laugh. "Not at all; I am going to lead you, Dona Anita, and the persons here present to the capatas in which General Guerrero is confined." "The capilla?" the Tigrero exclaimed

n amazement, "for what purpose?" "What does that concern you? The

general has requested to see you, and you cannot refuse the request of a man who has but a few hours left to live. The Tigrero hung his head without an-

wering. "Oh ! I will go !" Dona Anita exclaimed impulsively, as she wiped away the tears

that ran down her cheeks. "Since you insist, Don Valentine, 1 will go," said the Tigrero.

do not insist, my friend; I only ask, that is all."

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Valentine, Dona Anita, M. Railler and Don Martial got into the carriage. The two Canadians and the chief followed them on horseback, and they proceeded at a gallop to the chapel where the condemned man was confined.

All along the road they found marks of the obstinate struggle which had delused the city with blood a few days pre-viously; the barricades had not been en-tirely removed, and though the distance was in reality very short, they did not reach the prison until nightfall, owing to the detours they were forced to make.

Valentine begged his friends to remain outside, and only entered with Dona Anita and the Tigrero. The general was inpatiently expecting them, and testified great joy on perceiving them.

The young lady could not restrain her notion, and threw herself into her uncle's arms with an outburst of passion-ate grief. The general pressed her ten-derly to his bosom and kissed her on the forehead.

"I am the more affected by these marks at. affection, my child," he said, with much emotion, "because I have been very harsh to you. Can you ever forgive me

the sufferings I have caused you?" "Oh, uncle, speak not so. Are you not, slas! the only relation I have remaining?"

you please. I now wish to make you witness of a great reparation. They stopped and looked at the gen-

cral with the greatest surprise as he walked up to Valentine. "Caballero," he said to him, "I know

all the motives of hatred you have against me, and those motives I allow to be just. I am now in the same position in which I placed Count de Prebois Crance, your dearest friend. Like him, shall be shot to-morrow at daybreak, but with this difference, that he fell as a martyr to a holy cause and innocent of crimes of which I accused him, while I am guilty, and deserve the sentence passed on me. Don Valentius, I repent from the bottom of my heart the iniquitous murder of your friend. Don Valen do you forgive me?"

"General Don Sebastian Guerrero, forgive you the murder of my friend." the hunter answered in a firm voice. 'You forgive me?'

"I forgive you the life of grief to which am henceforth condemned by you." "You pardon me unreservedly?" "Unreservedly I do."

"Thanks. We were made to love in stead hate one another." "You think so now."

"I misunderstood you; but yours is a great and noble heart. Now ist death come, and I shall accept it giadly, for I feel convinced that heaven will have pity on me on account of my sincere repeatance. Be happy, niece, with the hashand of your choice. Senores, all accept my thanks. Don Valentine, once more 1 thank you. And now leave me, all, for I no longer belong to the world, so let me think of my salvation."

"But one word." Valentine said. "General. I have forgiven you, and it is now my turn to ask your pardon."

"What can you mean?" "I have deceived you !"

"Deceived me !"

Yes; take this paper. The President of the Republic, employing his sovereign right of mercy, has, on my pressing entreaty, revoked the sentence passed on You are free."

His hearers burst into a cry of admiration. The general turned pale. He tot-tered, and for a moment it was fancied that he was about to fall. A cold perspiration stood on his temples.

"Fathers," he said, turning to the monks, "lead me to your monastery. General Guerrero is dead, and henceforth shall be a monk of your order."

Two days after the scene we have de scribed Valentine and his companions left Mexico and returned to Sonora. OB reaching the frontler the hunter, in spite of the pressing entreaties of his friends, separated from them and 'returned to the

Don Martial and Dona Anita settled in Mexico near the Ralliers. A month after Valentine's departure Dona Helena returned to the convent, and at the end of a year, in spite of the entreaties of her family, who were surprised at so strange a resolution, which nothing apparently explained, the young lady took the vows.

When I met Valentine Guillois on the banks of the Rio Joaquin some time after the events recorded in this long story, he was going with Curumilla to attempt a hazardous expedition across the Rocky Mountains, from which, he said to me, with the soft, melancholy smile which he generally assumed when speaking to ms, he hoped never to return.

I accompanied him for several days, and then we were compelled to separate He pressed my hand, and followed by his dumb friend, he entered the mountains. For a long time I looked after him, for I involuntarily felt my heart contracted by a sad foreboding. He turned round for the last time, waved his hand in farewell and disappeared round a bend of the track. I was fated never to see him again.

Since then nothing has been heard of him nor of Curumilla. All my endeavors to join them or even obtain news of them were vain.

Are they still living? No one can say. Darkness has settled down over these two it is always clean and fresh.



FARMSNEARMERS

Dates

Preserving Meats. A method of preserving meat has

been brought out in France by H. de

Lapparent, which seems to have met

with considerable success. It can be

also applied on a small scale for

household purposes, says the Scientific

American. The principle consists in

exposing the meat to sulphurous acid

fumes. By burning a small amount

of sulphur in a receptacle containing

the meat hung up in place it can be

preserved for several days, even in

summer. There is no taste left from

the sulphur fumes, and there seems

to be no danger to health. Buch a

method can be used also on a large

scale for preserving meat for army

use, as it is quite simple and easy to apply in practice. From experiments

made on a large scale it appears that

the ment fumigated with sulphur did

not contain more than 22 grams (340

grains) of sulphurous acid gas per 100

kilograms (220 pounds) of meat, which

is on the order of ten thousandths.

The meat should be fumigated as soon

as possible after killing, and prefer-

ably on parts which have no cut hones

Lean meat is found to keep best. To

preserve it for several months meat

can be inclosed in vessels full of car-

bonic acid gas. It has the appearance

of fresh meat, and its taste is not

changed after cooking. In England Mr.

Lascalles Scott proposed a method

which consists in immersing the meat

in a solution of bisulphite of lime.

Thorough Cultivation.

Thorough and respect cultivation is

regarded by many as the best mulch

for spring, summer and fall, which in-

direction, thereby becoming more num-

erous and deeply imbedded, as well as

going further beyond the penetration

of cold in winter. In this condition

it is only in climites where the cold

is severe that a covering of straw or

other bulky material is required. Such

coverings should be removed as early

in spring as the season will permit,

and the cultivator used, if the crop

ts such as to permit of its use. Even

in the fall a thorough stirring of the

soll will admit the air and afford pro-

tection in the winter, but it is pos-

sible that late stirring of the soil,

leaving the ground bare in the winter

A Chicken Village.

a village of perhaps a dozen little white

peak-roofed houses, and the house

nearest to the road is built to repre-

sent a church. The steeple is as per-

fect as if the tiny building were really

intended for a place of worship. These

miniature houses are nothing more or

less than chicken coops, yet so per-

feetly is everything arranged that the

passer-by might, at a first glance, think

A Potato Coverer.

It a "play town" belonging to

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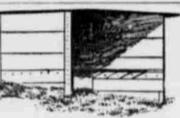
mann Raising Pigeons.

It is not only in congregations of quadrupeds, such as hogs, cattle, horses, etc., that we often find particularly vicious specimens; we also come across them in flocks of poultry, among hens, turkeys and even pigeons. There are bullles and brutes in the pigeon as well as human family. A male plgeon that is disposed to make himself nuisance in fighting other old birds and killing squabs might as well be removed from the loft. If this is not practical, clip his wings and provide a nest for the pair on the floor.

For a mating pen get a box and put perpendicular slats on the front and through the middle. It should be large enough to make each apartment 12 or 15 Inches square, and one of the slats or dowels in the partition should be movable. The food and water vessels may be hung on the partition so that both birds may use them in common. If out of sight of their old mates it will not take more than two or three days for them to unite. The movable slat can then be taken away, and if the mating is permanent they may be turn-

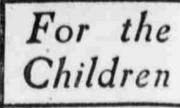
ed into the loft to find a nest. Feeds for Pigeons-We like whole wheat best of all grains for pigeons. But there are many other grains which pigeous like and thrive on, among them common peak, barley, buckwheat, cowpeas, soy beans, English horse beans, the various kinds of vetch, broom corn. sorghum seed, millet and many others. A variety is, of course, always relished. Corn is a good feed when given in moderate quantities, especially during summer, and not as an exclusive dict. Pigeons also learn to eat boiled potatoes and other vegetables, soft mash such as we give to the hens, etc. For

I have adopted the plan of substituting a large roosting coop for each thirty or forty chicks as soon as they are large enough to roost, says an American Agriculturist correspondent. This is made from a dry goods box four feet long, three feet wide and



three feet high. The front and bottom are removed. Two strips are nailed jecting a foot below the bottom of the box. This raises the front and gives the roof the necessary pitch when fac ing a downhill position. Two strips porches which are fastened together by crosspleces so all may be removed at one operation to be sprayed.

We move this coop twice a week, and The



To succeed these days you must have plenty of grit, courage, strength. How is it with the children P Are they thin, pale, delicate ? Do not forget Ayer's Sarsaparilla. You know it makes the blood pure and rich, and builds up the general health in every way,

The shiftless cannot pessibly have send heath unless the browstates in proper fourt then. A singlish there pleas a constant former had hrmath, constignted browsta. Correct all those for giving small language diseased.



Just What He Meant,

Goodley-Of course Meanley led a very bad life.

Knox-Yes, and he's going from bad to worse

Goodley-You haven't heard, then, that he's dying?

Knox-Yes, I have.-Philadelphia Press

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Lave's Awakening

"I'm almost sure the count is in love with me," excitedly eclaimed the first beiress.

What makes you think so?" inquired the other.

"He asked me today how much I was duces the roots to seek food in every worth."-Philadelphia Passa.

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Servile Fintter.

Alexander the Great had mounted his Sery Bucephalus and was putting the famous war horse through his paces. "How de I look ?" he asked.

"Like a Chicage mounted policeman, sire," said his chief of commissary. Pleased with the comparison, Alexan-

der spurred Burephalus straight at a five harred gate and nodded to the young man with the camera

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season, may permit of loss of fertility of the soil, by leaching of the soluble portions by rains and melting snows, to avoid which some farmers sow the land to rye late in October and plow it under early in the spring. Turner there is a novel sight, a chicken village, it may be termed, for at the side of a well-kept farmhouse there is

CHICKEN COOP.

perpendicular on the front corner, pro natled on each side form a support for

child.-Kenebec (Me.) Journal. magnificent men, and time itself will, open front and bottom seem a little

really fine, plump, fat squabs, wheat is hard to beat. Ittilaide Chicken Coop.

fus recollecti effaced ; his contracted features grew softer, and two burning tears, the first perhaps this man of iron had ever sh coursed slowly down his cheeks, which grief had hollowed. He fell into the arms open to receive him, exclaiming. with an expression of desperate grief, impossible to render:

"Have mercy, heaven ; have mercy !"

The struggle had been short but terrible; faith had conquered doubt, and humanity had regained its rights.

The general then had with the monks conversation, protracted far into the night, in which he confessed all his crimes and sins, and humbly asked pardon of God whom he had outraged, and before whom he was about to appear.

The next day, a little after sunrise one of the monks, who had been absent about an hour, returned, bringing with him the general's capataz. It had only been with extreme reluctance that Carnero had consented to come, for he justly dreaded his old master's reproaches. His surprise was therefore extreme at being received with a smile, and kindly, and on finding that the general did not make slightest allusion to his treachery, which the evidence before the court-martial had fully revealed.

Carnero looked inquiringly at the two monks, for he did not dare put faith in his master's words, and each moment expected to hear him burst out into re-But to his amazement nothing oronches. of the sort took place; the general continued the conversation as he had begun it, speaking to him gently and kindly,

At the moment when the capatas was bout to withdraw, the general stopped

"One moment," he said to him: "you know Don Valentine, the French hunter, for whom I so long cherished an insen-mits hatred?"

"Yes," Carnero stammered.

"He kind enough to ask him to grant

"For a short time," he said, with and smille, "that is the reason why I ought, without further delay, to provide for your future.

"Do not talk about that at such a me ment, uncle," she continued, bursting into

"On the contrary, my child, it is at this moment, when I am going to leave you, that I am bound to insure you a protector. Don Martial, I have done you great wrong; here is my hand, accept it as that of a man who has completely recognized his faults, and sincerely repents the evil he has done."

The Tigrero, more affected than he liked to display, took a step forward and

cordially pressed the hand offered him. "General," he said, in a voice which he tried in vain to render firm, "this mo ment, which I never dared hope to see, fills me with joy, but at the same time with grief."

"Well, you can do something for me by proving to me that you have really forgiven me."

'Speak, general, and no matter, if it is in my oower-" he exclaimed, warm-

"I believe you, Don Martial," Des Sebastian answered, with his and smile. "Consent to accept my niece from my hand and marry her at once in this chapel.'

One of the monks had prepared everything beforehand.

When the hunters and the French banker entered, followed by Curumilla and the officer commanding the capilla guard, who had been warned beforehand, the general walked easyrly toward them. "Senores," he said, "I would ask you to do me the honor of witnessing the marriage of my niece, Dona Anita de Torres, with this cabellero. One mo-ment. I have something more yet, if

in all probability, never remove the well that conceals their fate. For all, unhappily, leads me to suppose that they perished in that gloomy expedition from which Valentine hoped, alas! never to return.

> (The End.) ALC: N

Fixing It.

"John," said the political leader's wife, "you'll have to get a new policeman assigned to this beat; Bridget doesn't like the present one."

"All right," said he, "and while I'm about it I'll get one that likes his meat rare. I'm getting tired of overdone beef."-Philadelphia Press.

High and Low Cities.

Pasco, the capital of Junin, in Peru, is the biggest city in the world. It is built on a table land fourteen thousand two hundred and seventy-five feet above the sea level. The Dutch cities are the lowest, being several feet below the level of the sea.

Tears Not Idle.

"My doctor tells me a good cry is beneficial."

The second woman, opening her purse, displayed a first-class return ticket to Europe.

"A good cry gained me this," she anid.

At It Again.

Fair One-Really, Herr Schulze, do you think it amuses me to talk of nothing but the weather?

Schulze (Ill at ease)-Well, fraulein, thought-er-er-as the weather is so very fine just now .- Fliegende Blaet-

Only one couple in over 11,000 Hve to vices of a boy. celebrate their diamond wedding.

risky, considering the possibility wandering cats, rats or weasels. But we are willing to run some risks if we can fill our own and customers' pens in the fall with large, robust stock. This one plan has enabled us to produce Orpingtons well up to standard size, which some fail to do. The accompanying sketch of coop will explain itself.

Profit In Apples.

With the passing years there seen to be a more imperative necessity for

impressing the fact upon the apple growers that they must have a clearer conception of higher ideals. No matter how abundant or cheap the prices of apples may be in the market, there is siways the unbounded assurance that first-class, fancy apples will bring the best of prices, and there is no danger whatever of overstocking the market with such fruit. Such a class of apples will often sell readily at \$6 and \$7 a barrel, when the poorer grades could hardly be given away .- Apple Specialist.

A New Land Roller.

The newest thing in land-rollers has flexible feature which adjusts itself to all the inequalities of the surface, rolling a dead furrow and a back fur row the same as level ground. Another novelty about this roller is that it is supplied with an adjustable seat, which can be placed back of the rollers when desired. The object of this is to prevent accidents by the driver failing off and under the rollers. This feature is especially desirable where it is deared to operate the roller with the ser-

n Get two hoards



chain. The horse walks in the row, POTATO COVERER. and this tool will do the covering nicely.

Saving Seed.

Do not attempt to save your own seds unless you have used every precaution necessary to prevent cross-fertilization. Plants often mix without the knowledge of the grower. A melon, it is claimed, may be fertilized by a pumpkin, and, though the fruit of this season may be apparently genuine, yet the seeds of such, if used next season, may cause a failure of the crop or destroy the quality.

Endurance of Cedar.

Cedar wood is much esteemed by farmers for its lasting qualities when used for fence posts. An interesting proof of the power of this wood to reaist the effects of time is furnished by the Egyptian boats made of cedar which were recently found buried near the banks of the Nile, and which, cording to recent estimates of their age, were probably in use 4,500 years ago. The fact must not be overlooked, however, that these boats were covered by the dry sand of the desert .-- Baltimore Sun.

of vised the following: The illustration heavy cloth, or one that pulls and shows how I make my potato coverer. frays, it saves much trouble to work the hole by basting thread, then stitchabout 3% feet long : ing close to this on the machine, putfasten together to ting in two rows just the length of come to a point. the buttonhole to be. Cut with a sharp with a brace at penkulfe between these lines and work open end. The ainclosely in the ordinary way over the gletree is attached machine stitching. This buttonhole to brace by means will keep its shape and remain intact of clevises and as long as the cloth holds together.

> Truth and Quality

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