OLD DESERT JOURNEYS.

MODERN CIVILIZATION, THRIFT AND ABUNDANCE IN SAGE BRUSH COUNTRY.

Where Sunshine and Fertile Soil Await the Coming of Canal-Borne against neighbor; there were even fam-

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EL PASO, Tex. (Special) .- On the long established. Th Southeast border of the Great American Desert, where our sister republic Mexico touches the commonwealth of Texas on the East and the progressive old-young territory of New Mexico on the North, stands the "largest city in the largest Congressional district of the largest State of the greatest Nation on the earth."

To the Easterner who first visits this charming city and enjoys the hospitalhow to extend, the question is uppermost, what makes a city here? After journeying more than 500 miles across Western Kansas and the Panhandle of Texas, the short grass country, where You naturally want to know from whence comes all this hustle and bustle



RUINS OF OLD SPANISH CHURCH. tions long held and regretfully let go of, are that this sunny land of the border is the land of manama, of tomorrow; that its day of awakening is not yet come. Well, wake up! Life is just as real, just as earnest and as stremuous in El Paso as in New York THE INTELLIGENCEOF ANIMALS. or Chicago, and when you rub up in business against the El Pasoan you need all your shrewdness and business acumen.

The Old and The New.

El Paso is old-very old, and El Paso is new, too-very new. This de-lightful paradox is full of surprises and charms. Right up against the old opanish dwelling of adobe with long, ow windows, heavily parred, and its atio in the center, you are likely to find a modern office building with elevators and electric lights.

Something of a feeling of living in the past comes over you when you enter one of the old churches, down here -churches erected more than 300 years ago. The solemn silence of these shadowy halls has been broken by the orisons of countless thousands and softly intoned aves were echoing here

canals, Mexico, Texas and New Mexico were arrayed against Colorado which robbed them of their priceless heritage and threatened to transform thousands of acres of fruitage and bloom into its original state-that of the desert. As the water grew scarce there sprang up hostilities between the citizens of the whole Rio Grande Valley. Neighbor began to be arrayed Water to Laugh Abundant Har-vests. Colorado which deprived the ancient canals of the Republic of their rights

long established. The Comity of Na-

To Build a Huge Dam.

drous change in the conditions and knit together in one brotherhood all the the Russian-Japanese war. citizens of the lower valley, imbuing them with a spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm. The Reclamation Service took hold of the project and worked Walton, a member of the English parity which its citizens know so well out a plan to store the vast Rio Grande floods which were annually a source of much loss to the valley and which were wholly unutilized. This plan the

people have accepted as a salvation. One hundred miles above El Paso the it is all one vast cattle range, down into the adobe hills and sage brush wastes of eastern New Mexico, there across its lower end will create the is a reason for asking this question. largest artificial reservoir in this country. It will make a lake 40 miles long, whence comes all this hustle and bustle with all these evidences of progress and substantial growth. All your no-to cover 2,000,000 acres a foot deep.

Into this vast reservoir the greatest flood the Rio Grande has ever known will quickly disappear and later when needed by 200,000 thirsty acres in the valley below will be released and led through a net work of canals and ditches through New Mexico into Texas, clear down into Old Mexico,

The Settlers Pay the Cost.

It will cost millions to do this work, \$7,000,000 is the figure, but what of The settlers will gladly pay for that? Under the magic of irrigation Mesilla, La Palomas and El Paso val leys, now only dotted here and there with green verdure, will spring into full fruitage, producing harvests unrivalled in quality and quantity. Ten thousand new homes will cover the desert plain, and El Paso, the central point for transportation and the greatest market in the vailey, will wax into a city of 100,000 souls. Twenty thou-sand acres of irrigated land support a splendid city now. What shall it be when 200,000 acres are added to the

An English Naturalist Believes That It May be Far Greater Than Imagined.

Sir John Lubbock has brought more opular attention to the subject of the mental capacity of animals than any other writer. He has conducted many careful investigations on the senses, instincts and intelligence of animals and insects. An interesting query pro-pounded by the English scientist relates to the existence of other organs of sense than ours.

"We find," he says, "in animals com-plex organs of sense, richly supplied with nerves, but the function of which we are as yet powerless to explain. There may be fifty other senses as different from ours as sound is from sight, and even within the boundaries Now, Harold, this is your fifth birth-

COMMERCIAL DISHONESTY.

AN ACKNOWLEDGED TRAIT OF JAPANESE MERCHANTS.

They Have No Regard For a Con-Chinese Traders.

With the treaty of peace, Japan has seen the accomplishment of a task that has been the ambition of the empire-to hold front rank in the famy of nations. This has been brought about through such military achievements as have evoked the admiration of the civilized powers, but now it seems that Japan has still before her It was the passage of the National a problem which means harder work and a greater task than that which she had before the commencement of

That task, is to redeem the commerliament, a man who has spent much time in travel and knows the people of the East thoroughly, says in his book on the Orient:

"Japanese traders are not special-ly distinguished for honesty, particularly in their business relations with foreigners. We have in this a most striking proof that the character of the people is largely formed by the nature of their surroundings. For hundreds of years the trading class in Japan has occupied a very low place in the social scale. In the last thirty years, since the feudal system has been abolished, the position of the traders has greatly changed, and now some of those who were nobles are engaged in trade; and I am told there is reason to hope that shortly busi-ness affairs in Japan will be conducted on more honest lines.

Peculiar Business Dishonesty.

The progress which the Japanese have made in the past fifty years shows them to be a people self-reliant and determined to keep on advancing towards the highest plane attainable, yet travelers in the East have been surprised that the traders of the Occident are so netoriously dishonest, for while the Japanese are far superior to the Chinese as regards achievement of national strength and perseverance, yet the reverse is true in the matter of commercial honesty. It appears that the Japanese merchants have no regard for a contract. It is said that the most prosperous commercial houses of Japan are mancrop producing area of El Paso terriaged not by Japanese but by Chinese. The average Chinese merchant is highy esteemed the world over for his honsty; in fact a president of one of the argest corporations of the United States once said that he would not be afraid to ship a barrel of gold coin to

a Chinese merchant with instructions to make use of it in trade, but at the end of the year he would receive a de-

tail statement of where every coin went, but if this were done to a Japanese merchant, he would consider imself lucky to get back the empty barrel.

It is believed that the hard task accomplished by the Japanese in the war just happily brought to an end will be a beginning to bring out the genius for which the Japanese have been noted in war to a utilization of

peace and commercialism.

Close Co-Operation.

GOSSIP OF THE DIPLOMATS.

Foreign and Washington Notes.

The Sultan of Turkey some short time since, granted an audience to Senator Bacon, of Georgia, and was so much charmed with that genial Amer-ican gentleman that he conferred upon tract - Striking Contrast With him the grand cordon of the Chefecat, and presented Mrs. Bacon with a lot of porcelain manufactured in the Imperial potteries. It remains to be seen whether the Georgian Senator will ask permission from Congress to be persalited to accept the order of the Sultan.

> Mrs. Wu Ting Fang, wife of the for-mer Chinese Minister to this country, has defied the time honored traditions of her native land, by returning to China with her "feet enlarged" to a normal size. When she came to this country with her famous husband, Mrs. Wu had her feet tightly bound, as is the custom among women of her rank in China. While in this country she had a surgical operation performed, in-



MADAME WU TING FANG.

intended them to be. Mrs. Wu's Washington friends, with whom she keeps up a steady correspondence, state that she is able to walk now with comfort.

yards in my own plece. Can you ex pl'in that, please?" By the will of the late German Field Marshal, Count von Waldersee, commander of the allied troops during tell the lidy that she must be mistaken the Boxer uprising in China, his inabout 'er own piece, but she only glared at me, and in a jiffy she was signia of the Order of the Black Eagle. set with diamonds, was sold for the benefit of the needy soldiers in his old regiment. Count von Waldersee's wife is a Miss Lee, of New York, and asserts a most powerful influence at the meself, "'Arry, you're a dead 'un." "The floorwalker called me hout, Berlin Court where she succeeded in securing promotion after promotion for her husband.

Dr. Wallason, the Czar's American dentist, lives in St. Petersburg in a palace in a quarter reserved for Grand Dukes and Ambassadors. It is furnished with such exquisite things that each room represents a fortune in itself. Wherever the Czar or Czarisa or the Grand Dukes are, they always send for Dr. Wallason, and he is kept busy traveling from one end of the big Rus-

sian empire to the other. In the same way, Dr. Thomas, an American dentist at Vienna, has been for many years an intimate friend of the Emperor, and has never betrayed the Emperor's confidence by a single indiscreet utterance.

he ancients handle their monolithe The German Emperor's American dentist not such a very long time with only their crude machines. since committed suicide.

Agents Wanted

fortable, don't you know.

"I 'emmed an' 'awed and tried to

measure the goods and hattempted to

hup to the floorwalker expl'nia' the conditi n of affairs. 'Er tone hindi

cated that she was mad, and I said to

the first party wanted a train car, and he next a 'at, and this one wanted tore goods when we 'adn't any. I

ad to sell 'er some'ow, or lose my job

so I give 'er a bit from 'er own plees

The floorwalker looked so bloomin'

mad for a bit that I thought my time

was come for sure, but then 'e started to larf, and 'e larfed till I thought 'e'd bust. Then 'e sez. ''Arry,'

sez e' 'I guess we'll 'ave to keep you, and raise your wages.' And 'e did."

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nonoliths of ancient Egypt. The really urprising thing, however, is how did

I 'ad to tell 'im all about it, 'ow



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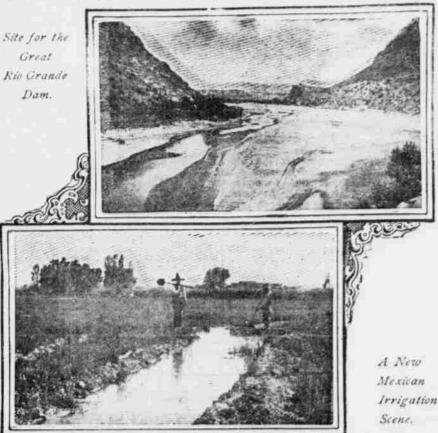
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colors as different as red from green. Rock.

In the first half of the Sixteenth of which we have no conception. These Century the Spanish Conquistadores and a thousand other questions re-seeking new fields of conquest for the main for solution. The familiar world wax and oil absorbed by the meerglory of Spain, swept up the Rio Grande Valley. They found pastoral settlements of Pueblo Indians prac-them it may be full of music which we settlements of Pueblo Indians prac-ticing agriculture through the aid of cannot hear, of sensations we cannot nicotine. Where meerschaums have irrigation, carrying the precious waters of the Rio Grande out upon the desert and reaping harvests from fields which sects in cabinets, and dried plants in had been in cultivation beyond the drawers, is merely the drudgery and traditions of the oldest members of the preliminary of study; to watch their tribe. Spanish settlements followed habits to understand their relations to the conquerers. With the ready adap-tability of the early explorers they and intelligence, to ascertain their utilized the old irrigation systems. adaptations and their relations to the forces of nature, to realize what the

Thresh by Trampling of Goats.

world appears to them-these con-The unprogressiveness of the Span- stitute, as it seems to me, at least, the lard is no where more strikingly re-vealed than in the Rio Grande Val-may even give us the clue to senses ley, where the descendents of the early and perceptions of which at present Spanish explorers are to-day engaged we have no conception." in agriculture in just the same manner as their forefathers practiced lt, and indeed with methods strangely like

those in the days of Abraham. You can see them reap with the sickle and the celebration of the seventy-fifth an-

can see them reap with the sickle and thresh by the trampling of goats. Progressive Americans settling in the upper reaches of the Rio Grande in later years, showed small regard for the settlers in the lower valley. Soon their long lines of bread canals began to make sad inroads in the water sup-ply which was needed for the old

your father or me? Father, sure.

But, Harold, you said yesterday that ou loved me best Yes; but I've slept over ft, and I realize that we men must stick tozether.

THE MEERSCHAUM PIPE.

Almost Impossible to Select a Genuine One.

ure from his hands, only to find at the end of that period that he had been tenderly nursing an imitation instead of the genuine "ecume de mer." The best imitation is composed of the parings of genuine meerschaum, combined with a mineral ciay. These composi-tions can usually be determined from the genuine meerschaum by their in the National Botanical Garden. Its greater weight, but there is no absolutely certain test for distinguishing the counterfeit. One method of test is to look for slight imperfections. Composition bowls never exhibit these slight blemishes, which result from the presence of foreign bodies in the natural meerschaum; however, as the blemishes do not usually manifest them-Saxon had looked upon Plymouth less sounds which we cannot hear, and much value in buying new pipes. Meerschaum is a silicate of magnesia,

and preparatory to carving it is soaked been smoked for some time without having acquired a good color, they can frequently be improved by rubbing, when warm, with beeswax.

Weakness of English Colonies.

The new commonwealth of Australia does not seem to be getting on very well. The population in the ten years ending with 1901 was 3,771.715, the increase being 507,462. The whole island continent has less population than the city of Greater New York. Long a dependent upon England, it has not developed internally. "Were Australian ports," says the Sydney Bulletin, "shut by hostile warships Celebrating Belgian Independence. to-morrow, the commonwealth would Among the festivities organized for be without guns or cartridges for its troops, without ships or the means of making them, without fabrics for clothing, without machinery for mine or rallway, without even paper on which to print its journals. Australia would have to beseech the grace of some master, crawl to the hand of whatever power was for the time most me that you're very cheerful about it." strong, or lapse into savagery,"

Each Earl of Orford, at his burial is driven in his hearse three times round the church before his remains are in ally laid to rest. The origin of this queer custom, according to family and local tradition, is that Moratio, second earl of Orford, destroyed the tomb of the Scalmers, former possessors of Mannington Hall, in Norfolkshire, and one of the unhappy ladles of this fam-ily, finding no rest, still haunts the churchyard, always searching for the remains of her relations. It is to mollify her spirit that this weird drive of the hearse round the churchyard takes A story is told of a smoker who spent eight of the best years of his life trying to color a meerschaum pipe, keeping it inclosed meerschaum pipe, keeping it nclosed most of the time in a case soas Corbin, daughter of D. C. Corbin, and prevent it getting scratched and its niece of the great railroad magnate inish being dulled by the oil and moist- of that name, is at present traveling van Calava. in this country.

The Bartholdi Fountain.

Among art work displayed in one of the public reservations in the immediate shadow of the Capitol, is the Bartholdi Fountain, which plays





Cheerful During Trouble.

Mamma had told Dorothy that she could, not go out again. The little maiden made one more plea. "Please, mamma it isn't very wet, and I won't go on the grass."

"No, you cannot, Dorothy," said mamma, smiling at the little one's per

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