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### SQUALID PORTO RICAN TOWN

Beside Superb Scenery, Ponce Would Seem to Have Little to Attract the Tourist.

Ponce, a city on the south coast of Porto Rico, gives the false impression of being a larger city than the capital, loosely strewn as it is over a dusty, flat plain and overflowing in hovels of decreasing size into the low foothills behind. It is the most extensive town in Porto Rico, and like many of those around the coast, lies back a few miles from the sea, for fear of pirates in the olden days, with a street-car service to its shipping suburb of Ponce-Playa.

Airplants festoon its telephone wires, and its mosquitoes are so aggressive that to dine in its principal hotel is to wage a constant battle while to disrobe and enter a bathroom is a perilous undertaking, according to Harry A. Franck in the Century.

### FEW ESCAPED TAX GATHERER

In Old "Merrie England" His Net Was Wide and Its Meshes Set Especially Close.

The Bulgarian bachelor who now groans under an annual tax, equivalent to \$8 4d a year, has less cause to grumble than many a British celibate who shied at the altar a couple of centuries or more ago.

During the 13 years from 1695 to 1708 the man over twenty-five who shirked his matrimonial duty was called on to pay £12 10s (\$62.50) for a duke, a tax which yielded to the revenue about £1,000 (\$5,000) a week.

More than this, in those good old times the Briton had to pay a tax when he took himself a wife, and another every time he qualified as father. Thus, a duke's nuptials cost him £50 4s (\$252); his heir, £80 2s (\$401), and for each later male addition to the family his joy was discounted by a payment of £25 2s (\$127).

The benedict whose income was less than £50 (\$250) a year had to pay 2s 6d (10 cents) for his bride and 2s (48 cents) every time he became a father.

### Musical Street Chimes

In Charleston, even the chimney sweeps are musical, and as their tiny faces appear at the top of the chimney they are sweeping, you hear: "Too roo" sung out over the sounds of the street below. Also to this tribe the charcoal boy belongs. He drives into town a tiny donkey hitched to a tiny two-wheeled cart. The cart and lead are black, the donkey is black, the boy is black and the only other color that you can see in the whole outfit is the whites of the boy's eyes as he rolls them around and calls the eerie, long-drawn-out "Char-coal!" You wonder which is the saddest and blackest, the driver, the driven, cart or contents, as they wend their solitary way onward, crying ever that sad, minor wail of charcoal—Charleston News and Courier.

### Oldest Confection in the World.

The greater part of the black stick licorice consumed is derived from Spain, where it is made from the juice of the plant and mixed with starch to prevent it from melting in hot weather. The licorice plant is a shrub that attains a height of three feet and it grows wild where its roots reach the water. It flourishes especially on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Since the valley of the Euphrates contained one of the earliest civilizations in the world, the probability is that licorice is about the oldest confection in the world, and the taste which the boys and girls of today like so well was enjoyed by the youngsters of 3,000 years ago.

### Armenian an Ancient Tongue.

The Armenian tongue, however, much it has changed in the course of centuries, is descended from the language that Priam and Hector spoke. The Armenians hail, like the Homeric Trojans, from Thrace, which subsequently became incorporated in the Byzantine or eastern Roman empire. Erzerum, capital of Armenia, has retained the distinctive name of Rome. It was founded in the year 415, by Theodosius, a sebastos, that is, emperor, of eastern Rome. He called it Theodosiopolis; but its native name is Erzerum, or Armenian Rome.—Ernest Hartwitz in Asia Magazine.

### A Fix Indeed.

She—I'm in an awful fix! Just fancy! My husband has received an anonymous letter informing him of something I did before marriage!

He—The best thing you can do is to confess.

She—That's just it! He won't let me read the letter—and I don't know what to confess!

### Not a Matter of Relief.

"Music speaks a universal language," said the enthusiast. "I have heard so," replied Mr. Cumrox. "But judging by the programs, the words of a universal language are just as hard to spell and pronounce as any others."

### The Wilson Administration was

a good spender that after it had spent all the money in the United States a couple of times it tried to trade off the Constitution.

### Candidate Cox says the Republicans

are trying to suppress free speech and free press. Coming from the candidate of an administration which has done more against free speech and free press than all its predecessors combined this is probably intended to be funny, but it will puzzle a lot of people to see the joke.

### TOOK TIME TO DO THINGS

In "Ox-Cart Days" Men of Genius Did Their Literary Work Leisurely and Well.

How did they do it, those old fellows? Take a novel by Thackeray, for example. It is monumental. Looks as if one of them would be a life work. The mere penning of it appals a modern man. Yet Thackeray turned out volume after volume as if time and energy were interminable. And his work was practically perfect. No slovenliness, no carelessness, no haste, no guess-this-will-do-ness. Today we have every necessary to speed, every time-saving device, all knowledge classified and compartmented and stored in convenient libraries. But where are the Thackerays? Or the Goethes, Dickenses, Hugos and Balzacs?

Men of their day were compelled to waste time. A journey of a few miles took all day, or several days. A dinner involved sitting up all night and drinking one's self under the table. A message to a friend was not a ten-word telegram, but a beautifully penned and excellently expressed essay. Such letters were preserved and handed down. Later they were put into print. How many letters have you written which will be handed down? And how would you like to have the best letter you ever wrote put into print? Chances are that if you write more than two pages you apologize. And you sign it, "Yours hastily."

The men of the ox-cart days did things thoroughly and well. In the days of the wireless, we "have no time."—Lynn (Mass.) Item.

### NEW YORK GOAL OF PILGRIMS

Their Original Intention Was to Found a Colony There, but Plans Were Frustrated.

The Pilgrim Fathers might have founded New York if it had not been for the bribing of the Mayflower skipper by the Dutch, who persuaded him to keep the Pilgrims from the mouth of the great river, which they planned to settle with a colony of their own. The ancient charter of the Pilgrims gave them land which probably included New York. The patent was granted to them after they fled from the Virginia company. This grant was not exactly the instrument the Pilgrims wanted, because of its religious provisions. The Pilgrims wished to get a patent that would permit them the fullest liberty of worship, but the king refused to give them a charter in which a definite stipulation of religious freedom was contained. So they were forced to content themselves with the Virginia patent, it being suggested by their sympathizers that in the wilderness they would probably not be disturbed.

### Little Known of Frogs.

Along the rivers and streams in some parts of Texas, and around the margins of ponds and lakes, we meet with great beds of the water hyacinths, says the American Forestry Magazine. Their delicate white flowers and dark green leaves present a picture of floral luxuriance not very easily forgotten. Where they grow, one should be on the lookout for various species of reptiles or batrachians, and their habits and appearances in nature carefully observed. We know very little about some of the forms, and science will welcome any new facts in regard to them. Some of the frogs and toads, for example, are not only very rare in collections, but we are practically lacking in any field notes upon their exact distribution and habits.

### Modern Cereals Superior.

The wheat and barley of today are much larger and finer grains than the wheat and barley which have been found in ancient Egyptian tombs and in the buried cities of Greece. As for rice, which feeds more than one-third of the human race, there are now a number of varieties (developed chiefly by the Japanese) which are far superior to any that were known even half a century ago.

All of our grains, excepting maize, seem to have originated in southern Asia. Consumption of rice, the great Asiatic cereal, is now growing rapidly in the United States, most of our people having learned only recently to appreciate it, and how to prepare it for the table.

### Frisk Newspapers.

In Germany there is a newspaper that has nothing in it but stories about rheumatism. People having this trouble write in their experiences, doctors tell new ways to get rid of it and it seems that everybody there having rheumatism subscribes to this queer newspaper. Some years ago a Russian editor started a postcard-size newspaper, the print of which was so small that he furnished a magnifying glass to each of his regular subscribers. Somehow the idea didn't take, as he only printed a few numbers before finding out that the people didn't appreciate the idea, even though the magnifying glass was furnished free.

### Needn't Worry About That.

"What am I to talk to my lady partner about?" asked a young man about to go to his first party, of an elderly friend.

"Surely you'll talk about the most pleasing question of all—her beauty."

"But if she doesn't happen to be beautiful?"

"No matter, she'll take your word for it."

### A seat on America's front porch is

worth a whole bench in Europe's back yard.

For the consolation of those who think this nation ought to take upon itself the duty in future of feeding, fighting and financing the world, it may be stated that there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent these people personally from using their blood and treasure on that job even if the United States fails to sign the mortgage Mr. Wilson made out and brought home for us to execute.

### NATIONAL FLOWER OF FRANCE

Iris, or Fleur-de-Lis Was Originally Called the Fleur-de-Louis—Valued for its Medicinal Purposes.

The iris, or fleur-de-lis, is the national flower of France. It was originally called the fleur-de-Louis. The ancients valued it highly for medicinal purposes. A powder made from the root, mixed with honey, was used for broken bones, and it was also considered beneficial for snake and scorpion bites. A valuable perfume and oil was also obtained from the iris.

The legend as to how the dower received its name goes back to the Greeks. Iris was the messenger of the gods, and the rainbow was dedicated to her. On her birthday, Juno invited all the flowers to celebrate the occasion. They all came in their prettiest frocks. Among them were three sisters, gorgeously dressed in gowns of purple, yellow and red, and who were unknown. Since they had no name, they were called Iris, because their gowns were the color of the rainbow.

Since Iris was the messenger of the gods, and conducted the souls of dead women to their final resting place, the Greeks decorated the graves of their women with purple iris.

This flower was widely used in old Egyptian architecture. It signified power and eloquence to the Egyptians, and was, therefore, carved on the brow of the Sphinx, and upon the scepters of their kings.

### HEART REVIVED BY MESSAGE

Dr. Pettit of Buenos Aires Performs Remarkable Feat on Woman Patient Who Recovers After Long Fight.

Doctor Pettit of Buenos Aires was shocked on making an incision in a woman's abdomen to find that no blood flowed and that his patient was pulseless. She had collapsed under the chloroform. Artificial respiration had no effect. Caffeine was injected both under the skin and into the veins with no result.

The surgeon then extended the incision he had made, inserted his hand and took hold of the woman's heart to massage it. He squeezed the heart with both hands, but at first it did not respond. All at once a powerful contraction was felt, followed by others. The massage was stopped, but had to be resumed at once. The contractions reappeared but the massage was continued and inhalations of oxygen were given. At last the patient was out of danger.

She remained unconscious for a long time, and when she recovered had no idea how close she had been to passing out. Her recovery was very slow, being complicated by violent delirium, but she got well at last.

### Great Statesman's Hobby.

Gladstone in his day was quite an axman. The great Englishman used to slip away from the cares of state and his himself out to his estate at Haworth, seize the haft of his trusty ax and let the "chips fall where they may." To him the exercise afforded the most complete mental rest that he could find. With coat off and shirt-sleeves rolled up the prime minister would tackle a tree several feet in diameter, and keep at it until he had reduced it to cordwood. He was forever consulting his friends as to the advisability of cutting down this tree or that one on his estate. So proud was he of his wood chopping ability that he even had himself photographed with his favorite ax at his beloved pasture; and so great was his reputation; and so ardent his admirers that he was frequently being presented with an ax as a mark of esteem. At one time he had more than 50 axes in his collection.

### It Needed Attention.

He had been sent to a certain suburb to tune a piano. He found the instrument in good condition, and not in the least need of attention.

A few days later his employer received a letter from the owner of the piano, a lady of would-be musical proclivities, stating that the piano had not been properly tuned. It was no better than before.

After receiving a reprimand from his employer, the hapless tuner made another trip and again tested every note, only to find as previously, no fault with the instrument. This time he told the lady so.

"Yes," she said, "it does seem all right, doesn't it, when you play it, but as soon as I begin to sing it gets all out of tune."—London Tit-Bits.

### Proper Shade for the Eyes.

While better working conditions can be attained by properly shading and installing the lamp, much can be accomplished by shading the eye. But like lamp shades, eye shades may be good and bad. To the latter class belongs the curved, opaque shade with its edge made conspicuous in the field of view by a dark lining. Such a shade, acting as a distracting object, not only disturbs the adjustment of the eye, but by darkening the upper half of the field of view causes glare on working surfaces on which there is no glare and increases the glare on surfaces on which glare is already present, medical men assert.

### Good Management.

"Our ward leader expects to corral all the feminine votes in the primary."

"How is he going to manage it?"

"He has caused it to get all around that all the polling places are to have mirrors in 'em."

### First it was Fighting Cox, then it

was Floppy Cox and now it is plain Poppy Cox.

The man who imagines he has grown too broad to be patriotic is too narrow, in truth, to know what patriotism is in a land like this really means.

Considerable mystery attaches to the presence of George Creel in Mexico, but what more appropriate visiting place for the nation's chief importer and exporter in the bull market?