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A WOMAN SCORNED.

had seen 35 Easters, she was still, as craft. all heretics and Christians would At school she amply rewarded her agree, both young and beautiful. She was the widow of the Count of Puntos, who, knowing her vivacious nature, had before his death appointed a guardian for his two little sons.

haciendas in one of the fertile valleys near the City of the Kings. As soon as the first months of mourning had passed, and after havsocial etiquette, Veronica abandoned the house in Lima and with multitudinous trunks and boxes estab-

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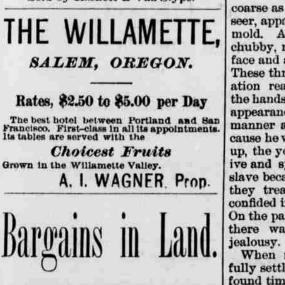
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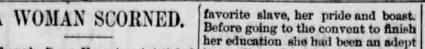
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Though Dona Veronica Aristizbal in needlework and other feminine

masters for the care spent upon her, and the child had made such progress that there was not a more skillful Veronica player upon the harp in Lima. No continued: voice was so pure and flexible, so gemlike in "Bella Aminta" and "Pas-The fortune which Veronica inherited | tor Feliz," and no feet were swifter from the count consisted of valuable in the dance, no waist more slender "Madame," spoke Pantaleon, "you and supple in the whirling measures do Gertrude wrong. No angel is of the sajuriana.

To describe beauty is impossible; pale would be the portrait which words could make of Gertrude. Enough if we imagine one of those ing fulfilled all forms required by refined Ceylonese types of spicy sweetness which have been well described in the couplet-

Cinnamon and sugar was The blessed Magdalena.

Gertrude's coming to the hacienda variously aroused the passions of its inmates. She was the one young and lovely thing there-could any have resisted her? The chaplain and the doctor were soon inspired by the like passion; even the tough old Galicians were a little touched, and Veronica doted on her. During mass or at the vesper hour when Gertrude opened her prayer book, when low, pleading sounds came from her soft lips, the acute devotions of the doctor were distracted, and the chaplain almost

which in those days passed for the ceased his chanting to listen. The young doctor occupied his When the count considered his godthoughts so exclusively with Gerson wise enough to correct even a trude that upon a certain occasion he prescription of Hippocrates he administered jalap instead of gum arabic, and he was in imminent peril brought him back to the hacienda. There he was employed as medicoof dispatching himself without cere-

apothecary; quarters were assigned mony or postilion to the field of skulls. him, with the control of a number of Some one has said that the eyes of a rival are like a telescope to disslaves. He was authorized to clothe himself in a manner befitting his procover wandering comets in the heavfession and permitted to occupy a ens of his love. However this may seat at the table where ate the majorbe, the chaplain was not slow to distrust Pantaleon. He came to the domo, the overseer and the chaplain. The majordomo was a Galician, conclusion that between him and

Gertrude there existed what in policoarse as a cork tree, and the overseer, apparently, was cast in the same mold. As to the chaplain, he was a tics is called "criminal connivance." He felt enraged at the supposed succhubby, mercenary friar, with a bull cess of his handsome antagonist and face and a nape the color of saffron. determined to go to the countess with his story. These three men accepted the situation readily, partly on account of

The unconscious Veronica received the handsome doctor's spick and span him graciously. After a short conappearance, the distinction of his versation on unimportant matters: "Gertrude is too young a girl to be manner and his keen wit, partly betrusted so constantly alone with the cause he was useful to them. To sum up, the young physician was attractslaves," said he. "What do you mean?" inquired the ive and sympathetic; very soon the

countess. "I have always considered her a model of prudence. "Ah, true," said the chaplain; "but

confided in him as an intimate friend. when love figures upon the canvas, On the part of the less honored slaves there was much grumbling and the colors glow. Prudence is but cold pigment."

When my lady, the countess, was fully settled in her country home she and love she strove to make comfound time dragging a little heavily panions.

was the answer; "but duty bids me tribunal of God."

ornaments.

Pantaleon remained grave and si-

"Where is Gertrude? Do you hear met You love her!" exclaimed the countess.

"Madame," said the slave, "Gertrude's beauty and gentleness make all love her."

Veronica, not heeding his words. "You are her lover. She has aban-

doned her virtue. You are worthy of disgrace-both."

purer than she."

"But you are her lover, I say," repeated the woman fiercely. "She is a disgraced girl."

"I swear, countess, that she is pure as her patron saint." The passion of the countess rose

high. He denied his guilt, but not his love. She trembled violently.

"Slave!" she hissed. Pantaleon, in his turn, trembled with sudden rage. Never before had the epithet been given him to his face. His godfather's consideration and Veronica's love had till now kept him from realizing his bondage. His eves flashed, his breast heaved, but the inherited, ingrained respect of chattel for master kept him silent, and the despair of love forced no words from the heroic young man. Veronica turned to the negroes.

bade them bind Pantaleon and beat him. The slaves were nothing loath to show their hatred for one who had been so raised above them and whipped him with cruel force. Veronica watched and suffered, but did not relent. The physician neither moved nor raised his eyes. The blows brought no answering groan,

but red stains, ever increasing in size on his fine white linen, showed that the delicate flesh responded. At the sight of his blood the countess was seized with violent shuddering and bade them stop. Again Pantaleon stood before her, but drooping and spiritless.

The combat began once more. "You love Gertrude. She shall suf-

fer too.' "Gertrude is a pure child. Have mercy upon her.'

A great wave of jealousy swept over the countess as she looked on the man who had been her lover. How she hated him! With exasperation she cried, "If you do not confess Late your guilt, you miserable slave, I will have you thrown into that boil-

ing sugar!" A murmur of horror rose from the circling negroes. The yellow face of the overseer grew pallid white. Pantaleon alone seemed undisturbed.

Seized with a sudden transport of rage, she shrieked the command : "Throw him into the caldron !"

As the slaves started to obey: "Hark thee, Veronica," he cried; 'a year from today, at this hour, I

summon thee to appear before the

HOT OYSTER SUPPERS.

Barbaric Feasts Once Popular In the City, but Now Unfash "You rarely ever hear of an oyster

supper in New York nowadays," remarked an old timer recently. The veteran was in a reminiscent

mood and was recalling the changes that he had observed in New York during a residence in the city of 63 Tears.

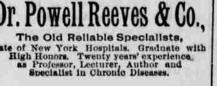
"Everything has changed," he continued. "We used to live in wards. We knew our neighbors and every resident of the ward and other wards besides. Now not one man in fifty knows anything about a ward, for he lives in an assembly district. When he becomes familiar with its number, those fellows in Albany change it. I'm all mixed up myself. and yet I was born right here in New

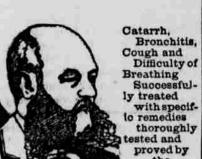
"But as for oyster suppers," he continued, resuming the original subject of conversation, "they were an institution in the city when I was a young man. They had a strong hold upon the affections of the people, and I never thought to see them abolished. The clubs of the city were limited in numbers to two or three. which were regarded in the light of foreign institutions. Good restaurants, as we understand them today, were equally limited. "Oyster houses dotted the city

everywhere, however. They were the popular resorts, and oyster suppers grew to be regarded as the very perfection of eating by the bon vivants of the day. Another class of the community, however, regarded them with horror as the sum total of sin and iniquity.

"As a matter of fact, the institution was neither one thing nor another. It was good enough in its way at the time, but it would be regarded as a barbaric feast now. Think of it, the menu was about as follows:

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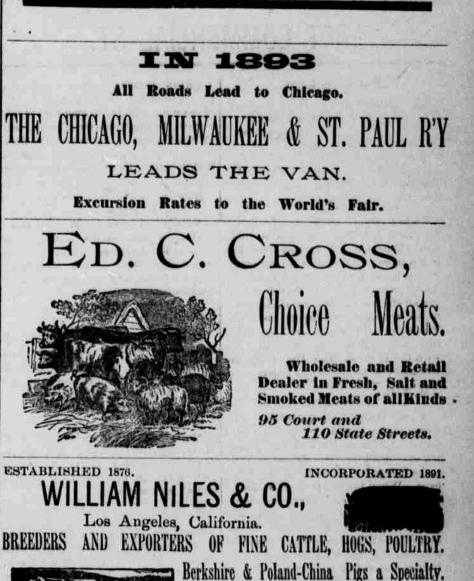
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the delirium of society and its kaleido- unrebuked-it will be a great scandal

slave became a constant companion,

they treated him as an equal and

scopic exhibit of fresh faces, her and disgrace. Among the lower present little domestic circle seemed slaves it might not be noticed, but tame and lifeless. The two Galicians when it comes to Pantaleon and Gerand the priest were perforce admitted trude"to her salon, and she soon delightedly welcomed the slave. Had he not been her husband's godchild and protege? Besides, he was a regular he realized that Veronica had made Don Preciso and could prescribe a of her slave something more than a

her imaginary ailments in the most | him. sympathetic and gentlemanly man-

ner. Pantaleon not only pleased his mis-tress because of his attainments, but his courteous youthfulness and vigorous, beautiful physique formed a pleasing contrast with the middle aged vulgarity of the chaplain and the Galicians.

Veronica was a woman, and in saying that we imply that her imagination was subtle and heightened the contrast considerably.

These great Peruvian haciendas or ranches are set in the midst of the ed slave-for love! A thousand torcoast desert like oases. Water for irrigation is brought from the far distant mountains, and the constant labor demanded requires large numbers of servants-slavery in Peru has now ceased. To a traveler halting amid his weary, scorching, trackless

ride across the desert, where during many hours he has seen neither tree, shrub nor life, it is an enchanting sight-this home of ease and plenty.

The white adobe walls, one or two stories high, encircling an inner court, at a little distance the charm-

ing garden of flowers, tropical plants and trees-the palta, olive, fig and dashing Spanish caballeros with their coarse but picturesque colored dress

-all these are as tints in a landscape of beauty. But with all there is monotony and ennui. The leisure and isolation of life act wearingly upon into an open space before the sugar the always impressionable nerves of mill a busy group of cholos on the woman. She must needs take something to calm them. If the doctor who administers the needed potions be young, intelligent and very hand-

some, the frequency and intimacy of his visits-what shall I say? It was where the counters stood in the shade soon evident that the countess was struck to the heart by one of Cupid's of a pomegranate. The descending sun slanted hot upon his black curls and gilded his fine,

strongest darts. The devil, you know, when he has nothing else to do, tries to kill flies with his tail, and-succeeds.

About a year after Veronica's ap pearance at the hacienda there left one of the convents of Lima a little maid of 16 Aprils, fresh as a sherbet, restless as a fairy, free as a New Year's gift. She was Veronica's

"Insolent slave!" cried the now fu rious woman, and she struck his face with the little ivory crucifix. "To the caldron with him-to the

caldron !" The horrible command was in-

stantly obeyed, and five strokes rang The countess' bosom heaved, but out from the clock on the mill. The countess was picked up from the earth where she had fallen when she did not speak. It is probable that the priest, had

he realized that Veronica had made the sizzling scream had struck her ears. She was carried to the house sedative or administer a potion for physician, would not have accused in a state of complete delirium. Months passed, but the adobe walls

The countess had sufficient strength of will to govern herself; to suppress all outward emotion. She spoke moned! I am summoned!"

calmly to the chaplain, requested Travelers crossing the desert, while particulars, asked his advice, thanked yet far distant from the hacienda, him for his Christian counsel, said inwere startled by the eerie wail of genuously that she would know how those pregnant words. A year went by, and then came the fatal day on which the summons to preserve decorum in her house-

hold. The friar retiring, Veronica flew to her room to give vent there expired. Wonderful phenomenon! to the torment which expanded her the countess awoke calm, self possoul. She had so loved Pantaleon!

sessed-without delirium. She had descended from the pedestal An old woman with whitened hair of her pride to the level of a wretchlooked at her from the mirror. She dressed herself in stately robes of ments distracted her when she conblack and sent for the chaplain. The sidered the abasement of her love. mercenary had left long since. He She would never forgive the man, could endure neither the eyes of Gernever pardon the slave! She hated trude nor the wail of the mad womhim! She loved him! She would an. His conscience bade him move punish, she would forget-she raged on. The new friar, a truer man, enand wept. Rising with a sudden thought, she smiled in her mirror, tered.

Veronica fell upon her knees, and smoothed her hair and adjusted her with the priest's hands upon her head began her confession. When An hour later, with affected serenthe words ceased, the countess lay ity of manner, Veronica walked prone, with her white hair on the slowly through the garden paths, monk's feet. He raised and pardoned her in the name of him who is all

crossed the little bridge over the ir-rigating canal and threaded the canemerciful. brakes. The tall canes swayed and Dona Veronica spent the ensuing ferns-the tall, graceful cane, the rustled; her bosom rose and fell; her hours in prayer and in consultation heart fluttered, but her fierce will, with Gertrude. This poor girl, whose fatal beauty had caused the tragedy. having faithfully attended her mislike the condor of the Cordilleras, was determined upon the destruction of its prey.

bronzed features. The woman's heart

waiting for his reply : "Where is Gertrude!" she said...

tress, now, with a sum of money and a letter of liberty, started for Lima, As she emerged from the brakes where she assumed the habit of a sister in the nunnery of Clarisas.

The remainder of the day passed right were feeding the roaring flames beneath a huge brass caldron. Vetranquilly. Still in possession of her ronica stood at a little distance and senses, the countess prayed or sat called sharply for Pantaleon, who calmly listening, waiting. Toward was within with the overseer. Panta- evening, being weary, she lay down. called sharply for Pantaleon, who was within with the overseer. Pantaleon came forward with a smile to

but with open, watchful eyes. The great clock of the quadrangle gave its preliminary whir, and the first stroke of 5 broke the silence.

Upon hearing it Veronica leaped from her bed and cried in a loud, clear voice: "Five o'clock! I am sumgave a leap, but her face was set the harder, and the young man's smile moned! I come!" And so saying died away as he looked in her eyes. Dona Veronica fell back dead. And Elizaboth M. Thompson,

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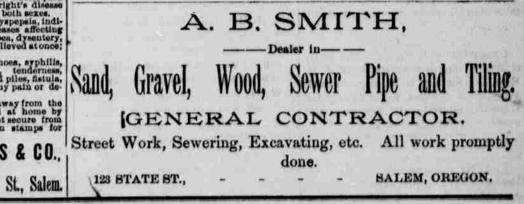
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