

The Land of Broken Promises

A Stirring Story of the Mexican Revolution

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CHAPTER XII.

In its inception the Fortuna hotel had not been intended for the use of Mexicans...

After the promenade in the plaza the mothers by common consent pre-empted the upstairs reception-room...

"A serenade boys!" he announced, as the musicians fled sheepishly into the hotel...

They adjourned then, after a drink for courage, to the moonlight and the plaza...

A silence followed their first attempt, as well as their second and third...

But inside the company's concessions where by common consent the militant rurales kept their hands off...

One by one the windows opened; fretful fathers stepped out on the balcony...

"Try 'em on American music!" he cried, as everyone but Bud went away in disgust...

"He picked out a clever bit of synecopation and pitched his voice to a heady twang..."

"Down in the garden where the red roses grow, Oh my, I long to go! Pick me like a flower, cuddle me an hour..."

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Inquiry showed that in this, too, he was correct. From those who traveled fast and from those who traveled slow...

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"Honey, I declare, it's a bear, it's a bear!" he continued

temptingly, and was well on his way to further extravaganzas when the figure in white swiftly vanished...

"The Senor Aragon informs me," he said, "that your music annoys him..."

"Then let him go to bed!" replied De Lancey, strumming a few synecopated chords...

At that Don Juan came down off the porch in his slippers and they engaged in a protracted argument...

"What, don't I get a word?" demanded Phil grievously, "not a pleasant look from anybody?"

"Honey-bee, be sweet to me!" he pleaded, turning pathetically to the lady's balcony...

"Well, that's all right," said Bud, as Phil began his laughing excuses...

"Why, you aren't—you aren't jealous, are you, Bud?"

"Yes, I'm jealous!" answered Hooker harshly; "jealous as the devil..."

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"Upon the examination of transcripts of magistrates we find that the fines imposed for carrying concealed weapons, gambling and violation of the dispensary law..."

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Financial and Commercial

New York Cotton

New York, June 24.—The cotton market more than recovered yesterday's losses during today's trading with the close steady 10 to 15 points net higher.

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