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CUBAN MULES AND OXEN.

THE INFAMOUS ABUSE OF DUMB ANIMALS IN HAVANA.

Diminutive Mules Which Have Been Found to Abuse Submissiveness—A Cart with Wheels Ten Feet in Diameter—Torturing an Ox.

But if the treatment of the ox by these people is exceptionally tender, their abuse of all dumb animals is infamous. There is no exception to this. A horse, a mule, or an ox is a beast of burden to be driven and loaded to the last limit, and then pounded and abused. Contusions of this sort of things have positively given these dumb creatures a mental submissiveness that is truly remarkable. They will submit to the most brutal and unprovoked treatment with a docility that is almost incredible. A mule, which is no bigger than its rider, and the panting pony's head will instantly drop to go to sleep there with a look upon its face which says as plainly as words can, "I am sure to be awakened from this needed rest by a blow." And the mule prophecy comes true. The Cuban mule has been found to be a submissiveness that has actually been noted in the most brutal and unprovoked manner in the history of the world. Here the mule is used as a beast of burden in every way possible, and the most brutal and unprovoked treatment is met with a docility that is almost incredible. A mule, which is no bigger than its rider, and the panting pony's head will instantly drop to go to sleep there with a look upon its face which says as plainly as words can, "I am sure to be awakened from this needed rest by a blow." And the mule prophecy comes true. The Cuban mule has been found to be a submissiveness that has actually been noted in the most brutal and unprovoked manner in the history of the world. Here the mule is used as a beast of burden in every way possible, and the most brutal and unprovoked treatment is met with a docility that is almost incredible.

GERMAN COLONIES IN NEW GUINEA.

An Old South Sea Trader's Account—Settlers and Natives.

Finsch Haven is an open anchorage, but could have been a good harbor at considerable expense. The settlement consists of six Germans and fourteen Malays, who are located on a small island in the bay, connected by a main road with the mainland. The settlers are forming plantations on the mainland, but as yet only yams, corn, and other things are planted to supply present necessities. Only a few acres are as yet devoted to timber. The soil is splendid, and the land is high and not densely wooded. A water supply is obtained from a large river about a mile to the northward. The natives are numerous, and appear to be not on the best terms with the Germans, who have erected four sentry boxes on the island, which are occupied by sentries every night. This precaution is found to be necessary in consequence of an attack having recently been made by the natives to surround and massacre the settlers. The steamer Samoa arrived in the harbor just as the attempt was about to be carried out. The natives were driven away, and now are not allowed to come near the island. All trade with them has been suspended for three months. No force was, however, used. After a stay of five days at Finsch Haven, the Truganini steamed along the north-west coast about 250 miles to Samoa Haven. The scenery along the coast is most beautiful, surpassing anything in the south seas. The coast line is high, and vessels can steam close alongside, the water being deep and free from impediments to navigation. No river or creek was seen for the whole of this distance. Several islands were densely populated, the land being all cleared and cultivated with houses, built in regular New Guinea fashion. Portions of the mainland are densely wooded, other portions being covered with a luxuriant growth of grass. There were apparently a great number of natives ashore. Samoa Haven is a far better harbor than Finsch Haven, but will require a large expenditure to make it a good port. The natives are very friendly. They follow agricultural pursuits, and have well-cultivated gardens. The German settlements are on the coast, and the natives have been driven to the interior. The German settlements are on the coast, and the natives have been driven to the interior. The German settlements are on the coast, and the natives have been driven to the interior.

IN EVENING ATTIRE.

ARISTOCRATIC AND RESERVED LOOKING YOUNG CLUB MEMBERS.

An illustration of the astounding airs which some of the younger New Yorkers put on when they obtain any social recognition. A small club, of which I am a charter member, grew rapidly under the management of a lot of popular men, who had been taken into the organization, and moved into a new club-house with extensive surroundings. The event was celebrated by an entertainment, which began at 9 o'clock at night, and which consisted of recitations, music, stories, and speeches. The day of the great occasion was very warm, and the previous night had been somewhat overcast, and difficult to subside, and I had just returned from a look at the new club-house at Staten island, with a good-natured old rounder, who was one of the ten who had started the club. He has an interest in a steamship line, is easy-going and pleasant, an authority on club matters, and has the entire everywhere in New York. We went to a little ale-house in Thirty-four street, and sat until 10 o'clock, when we both drifted up to the new house and went in. There were 150 young men in the place, and all but ourselves were in evening dress. I don't think either one of us looked very distinguished in tuxed suits, but then men don't care particularly about that. There were a number of young men who had been familiar from their infancy. At all events we pushed our way into the rooms on the first floor. A dozen pale faced, small-featured, and slim young men stared at us haughtily, and refused to make room. We looked about us, and saw that we were in a room which was filled with young men who had been familiar from their infancy. At all events we pushed our way into the rooms on the first floor. A dozen pale faced, small-featured, and slim young men stared at us haughtily, and refused to make room. We looked about us, and saw that we were in a room which was filled with young men who had been familiar from their infancy. At all events we pushed our way into the rooms on the first floor.

A GOVERNMENT POWDER MAGAZINE.

A Brief Sketch of Ellis Island—A Brave Quartermaster—A Drill Life.

Ellis Island, or Fort Gibson, as it was formerly called, is north of Bedloe's island, about 100 yards distant and close to the Jersey shore, although included in the First ward of New York city. The fort formerly mounted twelve guns and was garrisoned by a detachment of United States troops until some time during the "Sixties," when it was formally transferred to the ordinance department of the navy to be used as a magazine. Until 1870, however, the army nominally controlled the fortification, which was annually visited by an officer connected with the military service. In 1881 an order was received directing the removal of the guns and the dismantling of the fort. Since then the island has been under the absolute control of the navy, the United States Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington. During the war of the rebellion immense quantities of powder were securely stored upon the island, while the shell rooms were literally packed with projectiles of every description. There are at present five companies of white men, under the command of a chief of powder, and the storing of shell and other projectiles. Notwithstanding the dangerous character of the material, no instance has yet been reported of an accident by explosion since the island was used as a magazine. This is due to the extraordinary precautions observed by the employees under the direction of the chief of powder, who is a very capable and energetic man. Upon one occasion while unloading some sixty pound shells from a sloop Quartermaster Cook noticed a white mouse issuing from a crevice containing the projectiles. Hastily snatching it up he passed it from the hole to the deck above shouting to the men at the shell-wharf to "throw the blamed thing overboard." The man fired for his lives, while Cook, coolly climbing on deck, threw the smoking shell into the river. For this brave action he was commended in general orders by the chief of ordinance. There are at present but four watchmen employed about the island, one of whom is constantly on duty to prevent the landing of pleasure parties without permission and in no way to be allowed on the island. A small red flag on the flagstaff near the landing notifies the man on watch of the presence of visitors. As it is necessary for every vessel of the navy when leaving or entering the navy yard to discharge or receive powder and ammunition from Ellis Island, the place is sometimes enlivened by the presence of naval officers. Beyond this, however, the island is seldom visited by any other than a few of the navy. A small red flag on the flagstaff near the landing notifies the man on watch of the presence of visitors. As it is necessary for every vessel of the navy when leaving or entering the navy yard to discharge or receive powder and ammunition from Ellis Island, the place is sometimes enlivened by the presence of naval officers. Beyond this, however, the island is seldom visited by any other than a few of the navy.

NEW YORK'S "FINEST."

SAID TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT FORCE IN THE WORLD.

Croft writes concerning their vigilance and effectiveness—Unusual Liberty of Action—A Liberal Interpretation of Law. Perhaps it has never occurred to the reader that New York is the best policed city of its size in the world. Yes, our police are better and finer looking men, better dressed and better mannered, better paid and more vigilant than the protectors of any other of the capitals of civilization. It may not be generally known that our police have unusual liberty of action; much more liberty than the London police—more, even, than the gendarmes of Paris. In the event of the despotism of H. M. Queen Victoria, the police do not dare to lay a hand on a man unless he is violating the law. In New York men are frequently nabbed and marched off to the station house when guilty of no offense, merely because they have been known to have been law-breakers and persons of bad character. Well-known thieves and burglars march defiantly past the guardians of the law in London, conscious that their persons are "sacred," unless they are caught in the very act of plying their vicious calling. A hundred pickpockets may rush through the crowds of Hyde park or jostle the throngs at the Derby races and the police are helpless to seize them in the very act of picking pockets. A howling mob of 50,000 may gather with riotous and destructive purposes—in fact, just such a mob did gather last fall in Trafalgar square and threaten to sack Birmingham palace, and the police merely stood around and waited for the crowd to disperse. It is not so in New York. The New York policeman is not forbearing. He feels that his business is to keep the peace, and that he is a cross between a patrolman and a supreme judge. He can, and does, arrest on suspicion and at pleasure. He is not so lenient in New York as in London; if three men are talking together he orders them to separate and go about their business; if one is loitering unnecessarily he makes him hurry up or go to the station-house. If men or women who are too notorious enter places of amusement, a policeman is very likely to order them to get out or be locked up, coupon or no coupon. AN "ABUSE OF AUTHORITY." When George W. Walling was superintendant and our police never had a more efficient head—he sometimes made broad his philippic in the maintenance of justice. "On every holiday, and in the presence of all processions, he would issue a blanket order to 'Arrest all known pickpockets on the spot-to-day and take them in!' There was a great deal of grumbling, and lawyers were hired to prevent such an 'abuse of authority," but the courts interpreted the law liberally, and the order was supported, and it is enforced to this day. This accounts in great part for the orderly character of our election nights and our great public gatherings. When Matthew Arnold was here, he was taken out to see the crowds on election night. With some trepidation, he took the ladies of the party, "bless your souls, such a thing wouldn't be heard of in London." His guide, Henry Hart, took the party down to Chatham square, on the elevated road. There they got out, not knowing where they were, and looked around. "Ah, yes!" broke out Dr. Arnold, "this is all very well in this aristocratic part of the city, but it would be different if we were to go to some of the noisier centers of your population, where the tatterdemajons and rough hold carnival!" The prince of Wales and Duke of Newcastle expressed their astonishment at the case with which New York police controlled the disorderly; while at the reception of the prince and princess in London, the mob overpowered the police, seven persons were killed and hundreds wounded. At the exhibition of the Great Eastern in England, pickpockets swarmed all over the ship, and thousands of pounds were stolen. At the exhibition of the same vessel here, she was visited by 100,000 people, only six pickpots were on duty, and not a dime is known to have been stolen. The New York police believe in the great value of the exercise of prevention.—Croft's Letter in Kansas City Journal.

A BETROTHAL.

"I love you," he whispered low, in joy, for a moment bold; And suddenly, white as snow, The warm little hand grew cold.

"I love you," again he said, And touched the soft finger-tips; But stily she bent her head, To hide the two trembling lips. "I love you"—she turned her face, His heart overfilled with fear; When lo, on her cheeks the trace Of one tiny passion tear! "I love you," he gently swore, And kissed her, sweet, tearful-eyed; The rose-blossom-fetters broke; "I love you, too," they replied. —Frank Dempster Sherman in The Century. TORTURE OF A "SCAPE-GOAT." Good Friday's Repentance in Mexico—Punishing the Wickedest Man. Once a year, on Good Friday, the Mexicans select a victim for the whipping, and sometimes more than one. The selection is made by taking the worst one of the lot. This is determined by all making a confession before a priest of the year's misdeeds, and the man deemed to be the worst sinner is selected as a sort of "scape-goat" to bear the torture. The martyr is prepared at the church by being stripped nearly naked and by being prayed for. Then he is made to carry a heavy cross full ten feet high, with the cross arm of five or six feet in length, and made of wood six to eight inches in diameter. He carries this cross for a considerable distance to a place selected for the purpose, where there is another larger cross erected. Arriving at the upright cross, he carries his cross around it and is then permitted to lay it down. Here the business takes a turn quite as agreeable to the spectator, for he carries a wreath of whorl-worms surrounding him. Two of these whorl-worms are armed with large cactus bushes of what is commonly called "tree cactus," or "cane cactus," on account of its being used to make walking sticks of. This cactus grows to the height of three or four feet and is armed with thousands of needle-like spines, one inch long, which are as large as a man's wrist at the ground, branching off as it rises, and each branch having many lateral branches from three to five inches in length, all fully armed with needle-like thorns, which are very poisonous, the prick causing very painful, festering wounds in a short time. Seizing one of the cactus bushes by the butt and which has been trimmed for the purpose, two begin the ceremony by striking the candidate on the naked back and marching him around the cross, the rest keeping up a continuous shouting and singing, with music by a sort of drum. Finally, the martyr whorl-worm is until their bushes are broken up, they form a procession and march him back to the church door, where he is stopped. Here, with sticks like laths, the adhering pieces of the cactus are scraped off him and placed on the ground in the door where he is next to enter, walking barefoot on the pieces of cactus. After this the victim is allowed to be taken to his home to get well or die, as the case may be. He is not allowed to pull out the thorns until they come out by festering, and it frequently occurs that six or eight months elapse before he recovers. I went to see one of these ceremonies through curiosity, and I am not curious enough to go to see another. The sight of the bleeding victim, subject to a torture that far exceeds burning at the stake, is no attraction to me; though the poor victim never uttered a single groan during the performance.—Mexico Cor. Kansas City Times.

THE ARIZONA SHEPHERD.

A LIFE WHICH PRESENTS BUT FEW ATTRACTIVE FEATURES.

No Great Manual Labor and Still Less Mental Exertion—Camp and Cooking Utensils—Preparing the Modest Evening Meal—A Night's Lodging. If the ancients deemed this life one of the happiest that man could engage in merely because it involves no great manual labor and still less mental, I most heartily agree with them, for I can imagine no life, unless it be that of the professional killer, that requires less of these ingredients than that of the shepherd. There may be one or two months in the year when he is compelled to make a pretense of exerting himself, but during the remaining ten months his life work is to wander lazily up and down through the woods, kicking small stones out of his pathway and whistling till the very trees around him groan. His only care is to see that the flock does not wander too far from the camp and that no wayward sheep strays from the main band. It gives him no particular trouble to keep them at a reasonable distance from the place of feeding, and he does not desire to sever all connections with his fellows, and to wander out into the wicked world all by himself, a mere "snoo, there," and a stone well aimed quickly strikes terror into his rebellious heart, and causes him to seek once more the society from which he sought to separate himself. This, the way of the shepherd, is one of the favorite occupations of the people here. The camp usually consists of a small tent, in which are stored the scanty provisions and the necessary cooking utensils. Before the tent a few sapling pine trees, if they can be readily obtained, are arranged in such a manner as to form a small inclosure, and within this inclosure a blading fire of pine logs, which answers the triple purpose of heating stove, cooking, and a lamp, is kept burning during the lonely hours of the long winter evenings, and its lambent flame light up the forest far and wide with a sort of spectral glow. Upon reaching camp the shepherd's first care is to prepare his modest evening meal. With this in view he melts a quantity of snow in a tin kettle, thus obtaining sufficient water with which to make bread and coffee. The bread is baked in a sort of iron stove, and is usually very hard. This, however, is not to be feared, as it is covered with glowing coals, and in a very few moments a well-baked, but extremely untempting loaf, is turned out. The bread and coffee being in readiness, the shepherd cooks himself to the cooking of meat, which, except on state occasions, mutt. This he does by hanging a piece of meat in a frying pan over the coals, where it is allowed to remain until the external portions at least have become browned. It matters very little whether the interior be cooked or not. To such a repast, with the possible addition of a few potatoes, onions, and beans, the shepherd settles down for his evening's rest. After the barbarous rite is concluded, he is at liberty to indulge in his favorite pastime of whistling, or, if he be a Mexican, in brushing his teeth with an instrument which he calls a "harp," but which in musical circles is generally designated as the "villainous mouth-organ," until he feels prepared to retire. This is a very simple operation, and does not require much preparation. Two or three sheep skins that serve as mattresses are placed on the ground, and a few blankets are placed over these, which with a coat for a pillow, make up the royal couch. 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