

Graphic Pen-Picture of An Extraordinary People.

(Max J. Welch, in the Tuscarawas, Ohio, Chronicle.)

The warm climate makes nature's bushel. We had a young Mexican in clothes good enough for the poor. The the offices on clerical work. He had masses delight in selling something been clerking about for years. His for a living. A fruit stand on the education appeared to be purely mecorner, a fly bush that wags with a chanical. capital of eight pennies constitute a

business. An enterprising Mexican walked up to a fruit seller and said: United States men at a good salary for "How much will you take for your any position of responsibility. We outfit?" The woman looked at him had a Mexican contractor on adobe and replied: "I won't sell you the and mason work; he was kept because outfit, because I would have nothing a Mexican workman would labor for to do the remainder of the day."

A Mexican gentleman in the days of his courtship spends the most industrious part of his life. The pati- had been a leader in a great political ence of an American would never win uprising. At the end of each week, a Spanish lady. Across a thirty-foot | as I made out his check, he would street from our residence there lived a stand in an attitude of suspense wonwealthy lady, who had two courtable dering how much he would draw. If daughters. Young men would stand he received more than he expected he upon our doorstep every evening, gaz- would laugh heartily, set up the cigaring across the street through the win- ettes and shake hands. If he received dows upon the fair ladies. It was al- less than enough to pay his men I had ways a mystery to me how the two to make out another check for more ladies knew which one was being money. I asked him one day courted and by whom. I became why he did not get a book and keep deeply interested in the affair and was track of his work and run a bank achighly pleased, from the fact that our count. He said: "What use is money front door was well guarded every to me, only to spend and have a good night without charge. The first stage | time.'

of Mexican courtship consists in "playing bear." The lover stands ice is a Republic. It is a Republic in across the street and looks through name and a monarch in practice. the window at his fair one. Rain or President Diaz received his office shine, he is there every night. A somewhat after the "Kentucky style." from the gent, is free to the public. bought as many leaders as possible If, after three months of daily duty, with presents and money and then bethe gent succeeds in attracting the attention of the lady then the second posers. stage begins. About 9 p. m. the

pears behind the bars. In Mexico all make his escape, whereupon he was can jail. In former days it was neces- tried to escape was enormous. In orsary to put iron bars over windows to der to prevent bloodshed hereafter in

In general Mexico is an old-fashion- | can be improved. A child is through ed country. Get your big family school when only in the primary. Bible, if you have one, and look at Then he enters college, which is under the ancient pictures of the beggar, the the jurisdiction of the Church. The water carrier, the gentleman, the average Mexican learns to read and slave, and you have a picture of Old write. I have seen some of the finest Mexico. The fack, the mule and the script from the pen of a poor workox are beasts of burden. "Fear work man. They seem proud of their talent, and be contented" is the native motto. but it may as well be hid under a

> An English concern doing business in Mexico finds it pays to employ all me, you should lock your front door him at one-half the price that he would for a foreigner. He was very popular among the poorer classes and

Our public schools teach that Mexglance from the girl, a tip of the hat When the former President died Diaz gan a wholesale execution of all op-

The militia would ride out of town lights are turned out. The lady ap- and some political leader would try to windows look like those of an Ameri- shot. The number of leaders that prevent thieving. It is stated that | filling the President's chair the Govthe practice is continued for the pur- ernment has provided a Vice Presi- \$1.50; machinists, \$1 to \$2; clerks, \$25 pose of keeping the boys and girls dent, who will assume responsibility to \$50 per month.

THE ANDERSON INTELLIGENCER.

ernment or patriotism. A good healthy | requires a Philadelphia lawyer to purcitizen sometimes gets ou a good, healthy drunk. He is escorted to the of the claim. police station and placed in a room to sober up. On his awaking in the morning he is presented with papers duly signed by himself which go to certify that he has joined the standing army for four years. If he refuses he is shot as a deserter. He decides to take his chances of being shot else-

where and is uniformed and marshalled out a fullfledged soldier. Police in the cities make life safe. On every corner is a policeman with a red light on duty all night. His light

is placed in the middle of the street. A reward is offered by the Mexican Government for a light that can be stolen from a policeman. The fear of this induces the latter to watch his light closely. Every Lour there is a merry whistle all over the city, which means, "All is well;" and each policeman picks up his light and advances one block. On his way he tries all the front doors to see if they are locked. Room mate and I were reading one night, when of a sudden a big, burly policeman fell in through the door. His apology was: "Excuse

at night." Upon arriving at El Paso, Tezas, I Mexican Central Railway, whose duty it is to give pointers to persons on their way to the interior of Mexico. His first advice was: "Get your

money changed." I wanted to know what is the matter with Uncle Sam's money. He said, laughingly: "It's worth two for one in the United States. but it isn't worth anything in Mexihave money changers throw out two ter mechanic went down to the river, for one, and the excitement continues by having the pockets bulge out with money after each pay day, but the feeling is reversed upon returning. However, I think a man should consider himself fortunate in return only. ing attendant and asked him why he did the value of the Mexican dollar. This

much can be said in its favor: "It goes in Mexico." At the time of the upon agricultural products, buying all foreign manufactured goods. The drop in silver doubled the price of everything imported. The result was took advantage of the situation and began building home industries in change has been marvellous. Aguas Calients four years ago was a city of beggars. To-day it is the beginning

of enterprise. The prices paid for labor in Mexico to-day are as follows: At the smelters and manufactories, laborers, 25 to 50 cents per day; carpenters, 75 cents to

chase property in Mexico and be sure neighbor by elay or air, of what does

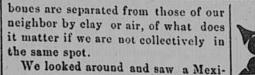
Religion controls the poor classes in Mexico. We walked into a great stone rivals go up front and kneel; then each succeeding person kneels until the church is full. Those who canspecial religious holidays peons kneeling out in the middle of the street. The Church is the great opposition to foreign enterprise. It sees that the foreign element is not religious and new tricks of the trade.

I had an opportunity of seeing what foreign missions are doing in Niezico. There is a very neat little Presbytepast the mission one evening and we saw lined up in front of the church a body of soldiers. I asked: What are the great jublice for the election of believed it had not the soldiers been silent witnesses.

The natives believe in putting their religion into practice. At the smelter we had a very devout pumpman. One day the water supply suddenly stopped. Something had happened and co." It is great fun going down to the pumps refused to work. The masand there in the middle of the pump house was the attendant upon his knees praying for the pumps to start. The master mechanic in a fit of laughter told us how he awakened the pray-Much has been said for and against not ask the saints to help start the pumps.

The Mexican replied: "I did ask the saints, but the saints don't care a drop in price of silver Mexico lived | d---- whether the pumps go or not." One of the strangest sights in Mexico is a funeral. A native can be said to be truly religious. He believes that a friend or relative is better off that importation stopped. Foreigners | dead than alive. "To be dead, to be happy forever; to be alive is to be miserable," is the way he reasons. Mexico, employing native help. The Therefore, when a member of the family dies a feast is held. Daucing and wine lend joy to the occasion.

We heard so much about the strange methods of burial that room mate and I spent Sunday afternoon in the graveyard to see for ourselves. Inside a high adobe wall there are two burial | The bull gave a snort and boosted the grounds. The first is much the same fellow over the fence in a manner that as the American cemetery. Lots are caused roars of laughter. bought and monuments erected and preserved for time to come.' In the second, or pauper, ground lots are rented for two years. If a relative, at will instantly allay the pain and will the servant boards himself on a salary to be the proud possessor of two doldo with, he rerents the silent abode do with, he rerents the silent abode for two more years. If the lot is not again rented the bones are dug up and thrown down a deep shaft and the grave is ready for another. After gathering up the fragments of skele-the action of the digestive organs, cre-ates good appetite and digestion, strength of body and activity of brain. tons that lay around we went to the For sale by Evans Pharmacy. deep shaft and peeped in. There was diameter was filled to a depth of fifty and not for worse.



structure during religious service and | can coming down the walk with somethere upon a hard stone floor was a ing on his his head. Following him body of kneeling peons. The first ar- was a woman and child. Upon close investigation we found the man smoking a cigarette and on his head was a board. Upon the board lay the body not enter kneel outside. I have seen on of a girl about 8 years of age. They proceeded to a grave that had been previously used and went about burying the dead in a business-like way. Flowers were strewn on the bottom and the body laid gently away, and the that the latter is teaching the peons man, with the assistance of a sexton, covered up the human form. No coffin was used and no tears were shed. Upon going out we asked the gatekeeper if he knew the people who had rian mission Church in Aguas Cali- buried the child, and if they were its entes. A party of us were walking parents. "Oh, yes," he replied. "I know them, and that was their child." The term pleasure in Mexico is looked upon with a chilly sensation. those fellows doing here? "Why, A man may get into a railroad wreck, don't you know this is the night of help pull out living and dead and be warmed up with the exercise and ex-Governor?" was the reply. Well, citement, but when he sits on a stone what of that? I said. My friend re- step and watches a first-class bull fight step and watches a first-class bull fight plied: "When these people get out his blood runs cold. It was our forin mobs and become excited the first tune to see one of the finest bull was met by an American agent of the place they break for is the mission fighters on the road. The scene beand smash in the windows, break up gan with the first bull killing four the furniture, etc." I could not have horses in quick succession. Each time he would chase out into the mid-

dle of the ring and look for more. Many a pen picture has been drawn in the finest language in our popular magazines of "a Spanish bull fight," but one look is worth a month's reading. The strength of a mad bull is rest. Remember, onlysomething enormous. He would toss a dead horse several feet in the air with the use of only one horn. Our seats were next to the ring, on top of a stone wall about eight feet high.

One of the fighters threw some gaily colored clothes over the rope in front of us. After the bull had chased all the fighters away he saw those red clothes and made a grand rush over the five-foot fence and tried to climb the stone wall. It is only by gazing into those wild eyes that one realizes

what courage is necessary on the part of the bull fighter to walk out with a sword and a little red flag and send the mad bull to his doom.

Blood-curdling excitement will sometimes give way to the humorous. It was the duty of an attendant to open a large gate, through which the mad bull tore out into the centre of the ring, kicked up his heels and looked around for something upon which to charge. Seeing the attendant closing the gate the bull made a grand rush for him. The latter being busy, did not notice the bull until within a few feet.



irt. I have been told some wonder- | after the death of Diaz. ful stories of the possibilities, through _ Politics in Mexico "is extremely rithe bars, of an ambitious youth. To diculous. They have regular elections continue the courtship the young man and the people vote for one candidate, walks rapidly up street, crosses over who is previously chosen by the Presiand walks down past the window. A dent. A Mexican votes as many times \$4 to \$8 per month. In many cases shake of the hand, "good evening" as there are polls in the city. The and "good night" is the recompense for more he votes the greater is his rethree hours' waiting. I tried stand- spect for politics, and he is liable to a ing on our sidewalk in the attitude of fine if he does not vote at all. courtship, but could never make more than ten minutes, progress at a time. capital city of the State of Aguas My room mate was shocked at the boldness of my competing with a na- ernor. The new candidato first went tive. I lost the day in not entering to the city of Mexico and procured the the bicycle races of the season, for necessary papers from President Diaz, there stood the lady in robes of white, which entitled him to the Governor's with wreaths of flowers to put around chair. Upon his return to Aguas the winner of the race. When a court- Calients he was met by a reception is cheap labor. ship has arrived at the stage of mar- committee, a brass band and a torchriage the young gentleman is invited light procession. I supposed the afinto the house of the lady for the first fair was all settled. The next week time. That is the great event of their there was an election for Governor. lives. After a few receptions and a In surprise I said: "Why, the Govdance the young man enters upon life's ernor was appointed a week ago." career, beginning immediately to look "Yes, he was appointed, but the citi-

for work. zens have to vote for him, anyhow." The poorer classes court and marry My informer, who had been in Mexico on the mutual agreement plan. The same time, said: "You should have reason of this is that the priest exacts been here four years ago to fully una fee for marriage beyond what the derstand Maxican politics. A rich poor can pay. I heard of one couple ranchman and stock raiser, having who lived together happily, reared a some political aspirations, decided to family and at the end of twelve years run for Governor on an independent got married in style. Upon being asked why they married after so long a time the man replied: "At first we President's candidate had been apwere poor; since then I have made pointed and the best citizens had considerable money and thought we called and paid their respects to the spoken in Heaven." could now follow the laws of our new Governor. On election day the Church." The price for a church ranchman appointed workers at all the mill at Monterey. A duty was to be marriage in Aguascalientes is from | polls, who bought off most of the votes forty to a hundred dollars, as the at the price of a drink of whiskey. priest may decide.

About the middle of the afternoon Many a young man has started in this telegram was sent to Prezident life with the idea that if he can only Dias: "Your candidate is losing; a get an education he is safe. After ranchman is getting the votes.' Diaz years of toil he discovers that success telegraphed back: 'Close the polls.' depends upon getting an opportunity The votes were counted and the ranch-to put his education into practice. man was elected by a large majority. This is the condition of affairs in The strange part of the affair follows. Mexico. I was riding down street in The Ex-Governor ruled that each pera mule car and a bright young Mezican conductor was pointed out as the son of an Ex-Governor of our State. Ho the people had voted. Then the Exhad been through their best schools Governor ruled that he could cast one and collegas, but never had an oppor- vote for each citizen that had failed tunity in practical life. A conductor his duty. The ballot-box was stuffed justed. gets one dollar a day, silver, and a for the President's previouly appoint-"rake off." We wanted to know why ed candidate and the ranchman has ing enterprise is the Government in the company did not discharge all con- not been heard of since. The chief difficulty in foreign min-ing enterprise is the Government in past years has kept such loose records body to run the railroad.

Industries managed by Mexicans only: Farmers' help, 15 to 25 cents per day and board; tailors, 50 to 75 cents per day and board; carpenters, 50 cents per day and board; servants, of \$10 per month.

A Mexican could not get employment in the United States at any I had the pleasure of being in the price. The majority of natives lack skill, have a great inclination for rest Calientes during the election for Govand are very careless.

At the smelter it was found advisable to hire United States carpenters at \$4 gold per day in place of Mexicans at 75 cents gold. The reason why

I was going the rounds one day and found four men unloading a car of lumber. One man was inside the car throwing out a plank, once in a while and three men were sitting under the car smoking cigarettes. I looked at the crowd rather sharply and they crawled out and went to work. I came back in about five minutes and found them smoking as before. The only way the Mexican element can be worked to advantage is to hire an American "cussing" machine as a foreman for a gang.

would often ask a foreman what he sell right. had to say to his men. He would sometimes reply: "You had better not learn that, as the language isn't

put on wire nails, and upon this agreement between President Diaz and stockholders of the company the factory was built. At the next assembly of the Legislature a duty was placed upon wire nails and also the wire of which the nails were made. As the wire was all imported the duty ate up all the profits of the mill. The mattor was explained to President Diaz and he promised to have the error corrected. The next body of Legislators got the matter twisted and took off all duty on wire nails and left the duty on the wire. This closed the mills until the duties were properly ad-

ductors who pocketed the extra pen- The standing army is maintained by that no one is sure of his land title benies and were told that if all such volunteers. They have a queer way of ing good. After a mine has been put were discharged there would be no- volunteering. Mexicans are not overly in good working order some old Mexi-The educational system in Mexico rast. They take no interest in gov- which he can prove to be good. It

what is the difference whether our | cy.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to the expiration of that time, happens heal the parts in less time than any to remmber that he has a dead respon-sibility on his hands, and also happens to be the proud possessor of two dol-lars which he does not know what to

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- It is sincerely to be hoped that a mixture which would have caused a when one John Huff married a Miss labor is cheap in Mexico is because it feeling of joy to a proprietor of a bone Strychnine in a West Virginia town dust factory. A shaft fifteen feet in the other day he took her for better

feet with human bones. As we looked down it was with solemn thought. I was in the midst of an argument as to what is the difference whith

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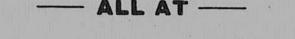
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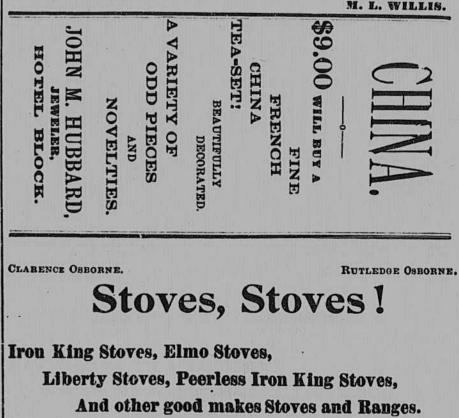
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