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THE VILLAGE ORACLE．



 1s good enough for me．＂
He sez the other party＇s fools，
CCuse they dont tote hhs way
He sez the＂febic－minted schools＂
Is where they oumbt to stay．

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## FRANCISCO＇S RIDE．

By Free S．Bouley
 Hanch del Santa Theresa，the
Senor Don Alfredo Rodriguez．
In an easy chair on the veranda sa
Don Alfredo himsclf－a dark swarthy man，whose face was almost the colo
of mahogany．His hair was a grizzly gray；his mungstache hair side side
were worn after the style were worn after the style
Spanish grandees，for Don
ways kept in mind ones kept in mind that he came from
one the aristocratic families of Mes one of
ico．
Near
 and a certain dignity of carriage pro－
ciaimed her Castilian blood．Don A1－
fredo seemed to be watching for some fredo seemed to be watching
one，and glanced impatiently

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& \text { "Look. }
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＂Look，＂said Don Alrredo，addressing the lady in Spanish，＂look，and tell me
if you can see our boy，Francisco；it is
time that he was beet Pre ＂Ine that he was back from Jolo
＂I see nothing，Senor，＂she ＂I see nothing，Senor，＂she said． ＂Ah，here he comes right over the hill．
See the rascal ride！He will break his neck or kill his horse Dpeeshing down the hill at breakneck
a handsome，dark－skinned speed，a handsome，dark－skinned boy
of 10，spurred his horse to a flying leap
neross a diteb， The parents watched himadmiring He was their only son，and all their
hopes were centered in him．A few yards
h＇s ste his steed．The horanda he reined himself．
jumped stiff－legged，all four fer gether face，but pride came over the father he said，＂graise rated his hat．＂Senor，＂ from Clarence Grey．He asks me to and to bring my horse with me．Clar－
ence writes，＂said the boy，excitedly， ＂that the president of the United States is soon to be there．The whole city will
be trimmed with flags；there will be of a great war ship；it will be a grand fiesta for a whole week． your horse in the corral；we
of this afterwards，＂he said． ＂But here is also a letter from Senor Grey to you，papa，and one from Senora
Grey to you，mamma，＂continued the boy．He translated as he read，for his parents were denicient in English．Both
notes were very ence＇s invitation and assuring the clar－ rents their son if he should welcome awaited The Grey family had formerly been
neighbors of the Rodriguez family，liv－ neigh oors of the Rodriguez family，liv－
ing on an adjoining ranch．But dur－ vious，Mr．Grey had sold his ranch for a sum that made him a wealthy man，
and had removed his family to San Francisco．The two families had been and American families generally are， and the
friends．
When When the boy rode away the mother

aballero Castillano．＇，
The trip to
the several orders delivered．The sad－
dle and bridle came home with silver that even Don Alfredo was
satisfied；and on one side，neatly coiled， great strength．
When all was length and boysen costume：a w white hat，with stity
brim；a blue broadeloth sack coat，with wevet collar；a crimson velvet vest，
with goldstone buttons，light fitting pearl colored trousers，with wide spring
bottoms，an elaborately embroidered birt bosom，with a neektie of green，
white and red，the national colors of triumph：so slender，so small，with vard to almost the middle of his foot
A great ruby，a family heirloom，
＂The saints bless and preserve him，＂
said the proud mother，＂but I think
cung senoritas will break with loo
for him．Perhaps he may even shak
self！＂
was uneventfuL．Clarence met him a
the station，and Mrs，Grey
him cordially．Mary，the 21－year－old
sister of Clarence，also extended her isco looked at hreeting；and as Fran－ blond hair，big blue eyes，and becom－
ng tollet，he thought her a very angel．
He made his grandest bow then pressed her hand to his lips．The
others smiled and Mary blushed，bu
the evident the evident sincerity of his admiratio After the boys had retired that nigh
he older people held a short consulta－ tion．＂How shall we manage to make
him change that suit？＂said Mrs，Grey．
＂The vest is bad enough but that rat－it is simply impossible＂ ＂at＂，said Mary．
In the mora．


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| ing curriage came neouple of mounted |  | rom all the spectators．Behind the fly

iag carrige came n couple of mounte
park policemen，but too far away to b park policemen，but too far away to b
of any assistance．
But as they passed there came the But as they passed there came the
sharp＂cliek，click，click，＂of hoofs that hardy seemed to touch the ground
ard the Rabbit shot by like a flash，hit
and and the Rabbit shot by like a flash，his
ears laid back and his nose straight cars laid back and his nose straight
out in front．He was fairly flying，and
竍 out in front．He was fairly flying，and
his rider was driving the spurs at every
jump．The horse semed to know in－
stinctively what he was going after，for stinctively what he was going after，for
the bride lay loose upon his neck；and Francisco was uncoiling the riata．
gathering a large loop in his right
gat gathering a large loop in his right
land．Just at that moment a little
two－vear－old child ran in front two－jear－old child ran in front，and
again a cry of horror was raised．Then again a cry of horror was raised．Then
the Rabbit showed himself worthy of the Rabbit showed himself worthy of
his name；a pulling lift on the bridle his name；a pulling lift on the bridle
from his rider，and he went flying over
the child＇s head． the child＇s head．
The carriage and its occupants were
new frightfully near the crowded new frightfully near the crowded
thoroughfare．But Francisco was al
most up to them，and around his head most up to them，and around his head
swinging in a wide circle，was the loop of the rinta．As the people looked，they
saw it fly into the nir and settle down
orer the heads of the runaway horses． over the heads of the runaway horses．
The change in the Rabbit was won－
cerful．When the riata shot out his head came up，his ears were erect，and
his eyes fairly flashed．The instant the riata landed Francisco caught two or
three turns around the horn of the sad－
dle，while his horse jumped stiff－legged sideways，and braced himself for the
strain．
The noose tightened instantly on the necks of the runaways，brought their
heads together and checked，but by no
means stopped them．The rawhide means stopped them．The rawhide
rope spun smoking around the horn of
the saddle，and nothing but the skill of the sadde，and nothing but the skill of
Francisco in letting the slack run pre－
vented him aud his horse from being overturned．
The Rabit，still braced stiffly，was
plowing the ground with all his hoofs． plowing the ground with all his hoofs．
The rinta ran out and the loose end
went flying．Again the Rabbit darted
nhead． nhead．Francisco，bending down，
caught both the reins of the runaway
team and the riata，in an instant the team and the riata；in an instant they
were over the saddle horn，and the lit
the mustang was again braced and his
hoofs plowing．The jerk threw the hoofs plowing．The jerk threw the
carriage horses down；they were up at
oonce and plunging wildy，but not be－
fore the Spanish boy had leaped from his horse and grasped each by the the
his
bride－the Rabbit meanwhile tugging
bravely in the bravely in the opposite direction．
All this occurred in a few seconds．
strong hands grasped the refractory
steeds steeds and subdued them．Francisco，
breathless，dusty and bruised－for he
had not entirely escaped the striking had not entirely escaped the striking
hoofs was the hero of the hour．The
Rabbit，too，came in for his full share of admiration，as he stood there with
panting nostrils，heaving sides and
bleeding flanks．
That evening

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& \text { That evening there was a grateful } \\
& \text { group around the fireside at Mr., irey's } \\
& \text { house; thankful to a kind Providence } \\
& \text { that a strong arm and cool head, joined }
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s far as the death risk goes one may
afely say that the bicycle rider has a railroad passenger＇s．So far there good basis，but better than nothing．
When it comes to mere accidents Acei－
lent Assurance is at sea．It assumes per cent．of the accidents are report－ ceidents only 1,404 for a single month．
i concludes that the entire number
is about 9,000 per month，or 108,000

No great trust can be put in a calcula－
on of this sort．If there are about jured in each year，Among the train－
men one in ten is injured，so that while illed is 40 times less thane of being
is chance．of being fth as great．Again，ussuming one－
icyeles are ridden imes a week，about one bicycle pas－
senger or tripper，so to speak，is hurt engers one out of，whtle among pas－ 178,132 is injured．
o that the chances of injury on the路 hat while bicyele riding is on the whole
ess safe than riding on a railroad，it has ar less hazards than work on railroads．
Hazards and perils bicyele riding un－ questionably has．This is one of the
very best things about it．Our civili－ zation would be but a poor，weak and
spiritiess thing if $5,000,000$ bicyele own－
ers were not invigorating sport．－－Philadelphia A Deeper Depth．
＂We have lost all，＂moaned the bank－ ＂Never mind，dear，＂replied his wife．
It might be much worse，＂ How could it be worse？＂
＂We might be heirs to some of those immense English estates we read about
in the newspapers．＂－Detroit Free

Doubt in Her Ca
She－You say you are sure that you
love me，but how do you know you are
BICYCLE ACCIDENTS．
Far Hos the Wheel Made Lite
More Danmerous？ The bicycle has increased both the the pleasures of life；but in exactly the nature of things it is extremely diffi－ ult to determine how far the bicyele Accident Assurance，a Boston paper as collected from the newspapers the icycle accidents in the United States in August．They numbered 1，450，and
the journal which collected them reaches the conelusion that they are This is，of course，not much better than mere guess，though the paper from reached this conclusion＂after careful nvestigation．＂These August acol－
dents consist of 46 deaths， 244 frac ures， 224 cuts and lacerations， 420 con－ prains and 297 injuries to the head． month this will strike most people as a pretty fair list of casualties．Besides in August there were 48 persons re－ ported as likely to die．Assuming one－
half of them as terminating fatally，and there would be 70 deaths from bicyeles
in August．August is a favorite month instance， 219,364 riders in August，
against 163,675 in September．Aceident Assurance concludes that the average
number of deaths for the month is 65 ， from accidents probably get in the
newspapers，so that one may fairly say
that the fatal biyele that the fatal bicycle accidents in this
country are from 700 to 800 ，and nearer 800 than 700 ．It would surprise no one
who knows how much the newspapers do not get to learn that the fatalities
reached 1,000 ． Tuking even soo，this compares with ing June 30）， 1,000 railrond employes
in 4，406 persons run over by trains．
These things are，however，relative． be in use．If there are 800 deaths，and
dele here is one death annually for 6,250
icycles．Among trainmen there was． ployed．This indicates that it is 41
imes as dangerous to be a brakeman object to a risk as small as this．No－
ne looks on a brakeman as foolhardy nd his risk of getting killed is forty－ 74 was killed．These one out of not separate
passengers as individuals，but as trips． ve trips a week of all sorts，long and
hort，und with 800 deaths there ould make the bicycle just about twice

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { that a strong arm and cool head, joined } \\
& \text { with trained skill, had prevented a ter- } \\
& \text { rithe disaster. Franciso a afected to } \\
& \text { treat the matter lightly. "My friends," } \\
& \text { he said, "there was nothing else to do, } \\
& \text { Mary's cravat has brourght mo mon }
\end{aligned}
$$ luck．I will never part with it．＂

At the Rancho del Santa Theresa，
three weeks later，there was great ex－
citement．The young＂patron＂had re－
turned from the great city．Not only
had he seen the president of the United
States，but he had actually shaken
hands with hin！And he had shown
the city people
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$\qquad$hey drank health and＂Eloriosos，
Ei Senor Francisco，＂and lonerity to
Magistrate（to prisoner，who is be
fore him for begging）－What makes
you beg？
Would you do work if you could get
＂I have a heap of weeds I want take
ut of my ground．Would you do＂You are discharged．＂
＂Did you say I was discharged，your$\frac{\text { So Diferent．}}{\text { Sorianne }}$he museum hugs that post．Ilike him
Reginald（suspiciously）－You do？
（Fondly）－Yes，Regey，hereminds me（Coldty）－Yes；he＇s so different，－De－
－Cheering．－Tourist（after spending
ire to hare my bill ready to－morrow
seven．＂Host＂＂Without fail，

 into the parlor，and taking his hand in

