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If people woold thike the adrice
of G. Frieke \& Co. the drugkister
Hey never would start on ajournes

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 It was Sunday morning when wo drop-
ped anchor neerr st. Juan do Uloa, with
ito quint ancient tower, and the eity of Vera Cruz just before n The unifortued crastoms officialas spead-
Ity boarded os from a small boat, and
while the clanging of while the clanging of someno socrese of
musical Spanish bells from the cathedral nusical spanish bells from the cathedral
towers ifiled the air, tho offcors weran
tertained by an encounter between two tertained by un encounter betwen two
of our puguncious gold hunters, who struck vigorously from the shoulder. Wo
received a speedy permission to land, au
the officials didy not appear to enjoy our companonoship. Sunday was pansed in
boking at the sights in the old Spanish city, battered and bombarded as it hal besen two yeara,
Genersal Scott.
$\qquad$ coral rocks were shattered as he hacted of left
them, fragments of bowbs and sold then, fragments of boumbs and solid shot
layy bont the streta where his canoun
had fired them, and along the beach were numerous dilinpidated wrocks of surt
boots whero him had abandoned them.
Numerous army wagons, caissons and Numerouss army wagons, caissons and
artillery carrianes were ecattered about.
and thonsands of Yankee made pack sad and thonsands or Yankee mado pack kad
liles wero offered us for our jounreey.
These and unch other parapherualia, the These and much other parapheraalia, the
production of army contractora, had only werved the purpose inten
Thing only conctractora. padile found nseful was
the Mexicun one, consitting of two great the Mexican one, consitinng of two great
pillows of teather contected and hang
ustride the mule, and weighing withont ustride the male, and weighing withont
the "argo" bone eight pounds on the
top of which or suspended from it would be a load of some 200 pounds.
As our war with Mexico had $j$ closed, and the ignorant masses yet held
us in the amene ennity with which hey
had regarded their conquerors, matters
 mppecially ns we expected to follow the
oute taken by csottc army and to paes
over battlefields where, an we learned, ver battiefields where, na wo learnea,
hleached ekeletons hay still nuburied.
the government, in fact the whole connry, was yet in a statat of demoratilization,
nd d guerrillas and robbers infeated al. nd guerrillas and robbers
most every mile of the way.
Besides this, merchants of intelligence
in Vera Cruz warned us that we were Vera Cruz warned os that we were
almost sure to be robled and murdered, that if we should eecape this fate wo
could not find provions on orr journey
for men or beast, and that wo would for men or beasts, and that wo wound
mome surely break down our animals and
be glid to resort to thore or nule ment
to nustain life. Impresed by these tales to nustain life. Impressed hy these tales
(which fond falliliment to omeme extent
even as to mule meat, with rattlesnakees
adided), alout fifty of the most proadded, about fifty of the most pro-
noncect and boastfol anong our cour-
pany took a return passare on the vessel pany to
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