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CONGRESS should pass a law regulating the immigration to this country. One day last week 8,000 landed at Castle Garden. This is at the rate of 2,920,000 a year. Of course this rate will not be kept up for a year, but it shows that it ought to be looked into.

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THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"Colonel," remarked a Tammany delegate to a County Democrat delegate as they touched glasses at the Hoffman House bar yesterday morning. "I notice by the newspapers that a man was bitten by a rattlesnake over at Fort Lee on Sunday. Just think of it! Rattlesnakes running wild within a stone's throw of this great metropolis."

"O, that's nothing," replied the Colonel, "why, I tell you, Peter, that if we don't close up our refreshment rooms pretty soon, a good many of those country delegates are going to go back home declaring that they got their boots full of snakes in the very heart of New York."

Peter with a shake of his head remarked that he guessed that the Colonel was right. Then the two took a drink gratefully commemorative of Governor Hill's high-license veto.—N. Y. Tribune.

LIMITED MAIL SERVICE: TEN FEET A MONTH.

The evidence that the postal service in Indianapolis is "the best the city has ever had" accumulates. On the 27th of last October Charles F. Sayles addressed a letter to Henry Schwing, the grocer, at No. 31 Pennsylvania St. It was not delivered until yesterday—six months and three days after it was mailed. A reliable estimate of the distance between the place where the letter was written and where it was received is 300 feet, or 100 yards. But this is not the worst. The post-office is right between the two places. From Mr. Sayles's office to the government building is probably four-fifths of the distance the letter had to go, and over this space Mr. Sayles himself carried it to the office to mail it. It required six months and three days for the post-office force to convey the letter sixty feet. As the envelope in which the letter was sent bears no stamp except that of Indianapolis, the evidence appears to show that the juggling was all done this time in the Indianapolis post-office.—Indianapolis Journal.

HE IS A MODEL DEMOCRAT.

The frantic efforts of Dan Voorhees to extricate himself from the charges brought against him by Senator Ingalls have resulted says the Cleveland Leader in encompassing the Hoosier Bourbon in a web of falsehood as tight as any unwary fly was ever caught by wily spider. Voorhees has for many years been known to be an unscrupulous politician, as absolutely devoid of principle as any man in his party, and that is the worst that can be said of any human being. He took his back pay after the salary grab act had been passed and never returned it, giving as his reason that he had never before had so large a sum of money at one time as \$5,000, and that he would be a fool to give it up. When Senator Ingalls charged him with treasonable speeches during the war and with having been connected with organizations the sole object of which was to cripple and thwart the operations of the government in the war for the Union, Voorhees replied by epithets which should cause him to receive a public reprimand from the senate. But this agitation of Voorhees's record will not stop with the senate.

A letter written in 1864 by General Carrington was published yesterday and it proves that Dan Voorhees's law office was a depository for rebel documents,

that Voorhees himself was on terms of intimate correspondence with Vallandigham, and that he was cheek by jowl with the traitors who were threatening the Union armies in the rear. These facts and many others have been known for years, but they never changed the standing of Voorhees in the democratic party. He was elected to the lower house of congress and to the United States senate by democrats who were thoroughly acquainted with his record. Treason, salary grabbing, the denunciation of Union soldiers and heaping insults upon the name of Abraham Lincoln were no blemish upon his character in the eyes of democrats. On the contrary, they seem to have been regarded as a merit. Even after these facts have all been brought anew to the public mind Voorhees will return to Indiana, and the Hoosier copperheads will turn out to meet him with a brass band, and shower upon him all the honors due to an honest man, which no one will pretend Mr. Voorhees is, although he is a model democrat.—Gazette Journal.

THE FUTURA DEMAND FOR COTTON.

It has been asserted by free-traders, and by those who favor tariff for revenue only, that we could live cheaper without a protective tariff, because we could import every or any thing cheaper than we can produce it here. It can be proven that in many cases by protecting our home factories home competition has reduced the cost to the consumer of many articles to a lower price than they were imported at or before we made them, and this in a few years, comparatively; and this will, more or less, be the result in everything when protection has lasted long enough to produce the same home competition. In the manufacture of cotton goods the home mills now consume 2,300,000 bales of cotton per year. At the rate of increase in population and consumption during the past, we will consume, in thirty-five years hence, seven million bales per year, or the whole crop of 1887. And if the world will need our raw cotton in the future as in the past, there will be demand for twelve million bales per year, which the cotton states of the Union can easily grow and supply.—Baltimore American.

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An Undesirable Tenant.

We hear a good deal about the selfishness and inhumanity of landlords who refuse to let flats to people with families of children, but after all there may be another side to the story. In a house agent's office I listened to an argument between the agent and a woman who wanted to rent a flat from him. It was a flat that I happened to know, in a quiet house, filled with nice people. While the argument was going on, another house agent came in on some business or other, and when he saw the woman beckoned his brother agent away from her, whispered something to him and went off. The woman did not get her lease and went away in high dudgeon. The agent said to me:

"That is a sample of the people who write to the papers about landlords who won't let flats to people with families. Brown, who was just in, rented her a flat. She is living in it yet, but must move by the 1st. It is a six roomed flat, and in it she and her sister live, with their two husbands, eleven children, three cats and two big dogs, and they also board two young clerks that work for their husbands. One of the rooms is a kitchen, so that these seventeen people, not to mention the menagerie, are actually bunking in five rooms, in a respectable house, where their noise and dirt make them common nuisance."—Alfred in New York News.

"When Seen Too Often."

Fond Young Mother to proud young father—Albert, dear, did you hear the sweet, precious darling cry his dear little eyes out last night?

Proud Young Father—I thought I heard our angel twitter!

SECOND BABY.

She—Albert, you unfeeling wretch, to hear that child screeching all night and never offer to take him to his mother and many other amusements dear to the Anglo-Saxon heart, are almost unknown in Mexico, due to the aforesaid social restrictions, which also sorely hamper the line of evening calls, etc. Rinkings and baseball begin to be known in sections affected by American contact, but it will be long ere the youth of Mexico enjoy an adequate share of amusement.—Y. H. Adlis in San Francisco Chronicle.

An Explanation.

What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word Malaria was comparatively unknown,—today it is as common as any word in the English language, yet this word covers only the meaning of another word used by our forefathers in times past. So it is used with nervous diseases, as they and Malaria are intended to cover what our grandfathers called Biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the Liver which in performing its functions finding it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channel is compelled to pass it off through the system causing nervous troubles, Malaria, Bilious Fever, etc. You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure. We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous.

MEXICAN PASTIMES.

TRIFLING PLEASURES AND FLIRTATIONS OF AN EVENING PROMENADE.

Marionette Performances and the Circus. Theatres and Balls—The Great National Amusement of Bull Fighting—The "Pelea de Gallos"—Games, Etc.

If the English do, indeed, "take their pleasures sadly," then the Mexicans must have somewhat of a relationship with the former named nation, for these last, notwithstanding the vast amount of vivacious description expended upon their impulsive, passionate nature and fiery impetuosity of behavior, maintain their native reserve and melancholy in their diversions as consistently as if it were an actual sin, or worse yet, a breach of education that is, good form, good breeding to display enthusiasm over any matter whatsoever.

The simplest form of social gathering is that variously known, according to the section, as retreat, or serenata, a sort of open air reunion, or promenade concert, on the main plaza usually, at which the people gather "to hear the lily white bandsmen play." Every Mexican city, town, village or hamlet, above the limits of a rancho—indeed, often the haciendas, even has at least one plaza or open square for public use. The larger towns and cities have a dozen or twenty. These plazas range from the bare, dusty and unadorned open space in the village, through various grades of settled and tree planted perimeter to the great zocalo or plaza de armas of the capital city, with its smoothly rolled walks, its grass and flower plots, its great trees, its smart iron benches, its fountains and columns, which were surrounded by statues before they were annexed by an aesthetic minded chief magistrate (according to the gossip), its electric lights and the pretentious pavilion for the musicians who play there thrice a week.

Likewise, in the minor cities, on from one to two nights weekly, usually Sundays and Thursdays, sweet music is discoursed by the really good bands, one of which is pretty sure to be stationed in every garrison town, at least. To this love of fresco, the tinajas and the dandies—mesdemoiselles nestling coyly beneath the wing of mother or some other relative.

Most towns in Mexico have an alameda, or species of boulevard; and here, also, once or twice a week—in the national capital daily—there is music and a parade more formal and more dressy than that on the plaza, and people promenade and drive during the appointed hours.

The lowest in importance of Mexico's amusements proper are the titeres—a marionette performance—and in many towns this is the only public diversion. To those centers of population which seem to offer sufficient inducements comes the circus—the great American circus—on its yearly tour through the provinces during the off season in Mexico city. The larger towns are visited with more or less frequency by theatre companies, according to the distance from the metropolis and facilities for transportation, the accommodations offered by the local theatre building, the wealth of the community and the propensity of the citizens for pleasure. Most of the larger towns, particularly the capitals, have well arranged theatres, fairly well patronized, though first class troupes are rarely seen outside the national capital and a few of the larger cities near by, such as Puebla, Vera Cruz, etc.

Even balls, or tertulias (dancing parties), would seem tame, "weary, stale, flat and unprofitable" to the youth of the United States prone to seek sequestered nooks in conservatories and colognes of vantage on staircases, where to exchange speeches more or less confidential and sentimental. Such a procedure would be social ruin to a Mexican girl. The unwritten law demands that the women at a ball be ranged severely together on one side of the room, the men on the other. The music begins for a dance, the men "make a break" for their partners. The piece over, the ladies are restored to their chambers.

While bull fights may really be called the great national amusement in Mexico, it must not be supposed that public opinion on this subject is undivided. The champions of bull fighting are very enthusiastic, but its opponents are numerous and vehement enough to delight the hearts of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Occasionally a corrida de toros is organized by amateurs for purposes of beneficence, and then the press leads the unhappy projectors with omissions and satire. While many high cast Mexican undoubtedly delight in this sport, a very large number regard it with abhorrence, and the Mexican ladies almost always express against it disapproval, fear and horror.

The pelea de gallos, or cock fight, is a much more brutal and sickening show than a bull fight. It is a most vicious sport, too, in the way of gambling, enormous sums being staked on the issue of these combats. The greatest attention is paid to the breeding, rearing and care of the game cocks, and animals of noted record are conveyed between distant towns of the republic to engage in these contests.

Lectures, concerts, etc., are rare, and poorly patronized in Mexico. Parlor games are little followed on the plateau, but more common in the "warm lands," where, indeed, life in every respect assumes a brighter, gayer aspect under tropical influences. Ladies ride little, though equestrian exercise is creeping in to some extent, chiefly through the influence of foreigners. Mexican men, of course, almost all ride surpassingly well. Drives in Mexico are a formal and stupid matter, consisting of monotonous turns on the Alameda boulevard. Picnics, lawn parties, tennis, croquet and many other amusements dear to the Anglo-Saxon heart, are almost unknown in Mexico, due to the aforesaid social restrictions, which also sorely hamper the line of evening calls, etc. Rinkings and baseball begin to be known in sections affected by American contact, but it will be long ere the youth of Mexico enjoy an adequate share of amusement.—Y. H. Adlis in San Francisco Chronicle.

Game of Mind Reading.

The mind reader must first arrange with some one in the room. Each person then writes a word or sentence upon a piece of paper and folds it up. The folded slips are collected together in a hat. The mind reader takes up the first and passes it over his forehead, shutting his eyes at the time. He then announces the word previously agreed upon with the confederate, and asks if some one wrote it. The confederate answers "Yes." The mind reader unfolds the paper and lays it down on a table. He then takes another slip, goes through the same movements and announces the words that were written on the first paper. Of course some one will answer to having written the words. This is repeated until all the papers have been used. The confederate must not place upon paper the word agreed upon, but must write another.—Detroit Free Press.

"A public office is a public trust," repeats the politician, and then he cries, "Down with the trust! Give me the office."—Texas Siftings.

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