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SOLUTION OF THE SILVER PROBLEM.

There is a chance that the silver question may be settled after all within the next few years, and in a way which the disputants on either side of the controversy have dreamed of.

There is a faint probability that a partial solution of the silver problem may be at hand. If the reports be true which tell of gold discoveries in Lower California the world may be on the eve of a new and radical change in the conditions which determine the prices of the money metals.

Does it seem possible that only one hundred years ago, when Washington was inaugurated in New York the first president of the United States, that the city was then a small place, sixty times smaller than the present day, or having only about thirty thousand inhabitants?

MAYOR ROACH OF OMAHA has ordered the saloons of that city closed on Sunday. If his order is carried into effect the average Omaha citizen will pass a lonesome day tomorrow.

A TRUJILLO BULL FIGHT.

DANGEROUS AND CRUEL SPORT AMID WILD ENTHUSIASM.

Saddling and Riding an Enraged Bull—Two Fools Who Will Take No More Daring Promenades—Women Become as Excited and Clamorous as the Men.

The national sport of these countries, which ape the customs of their Spanish ancestors, is the bull fight; but in the skill shown by the professionals the exhibitions cannot be compared to those of Havana or of larger Mexican towns.

A DANGEROUS RIDE. Of six bulls but one was deemed worthy of being killed; but in obedience to the yells and demands of the spectators, the ceremony of saddling and riding the brute had to be done before the death, which requires what seems at first the most reckless disregard of danger.

Great agility and strength is necessary, and the rider fairly takes his life into his own hands when he springs on the beast. He is unable to dismount until the bull is tired out with his tremendous exertions, and then he is again dragged to the fence to be unsaddled.

When the bull had been enraged to the satisfaction of all, loud cries came from every throat for the "matador," who was no more than a dark skinned mixture of negro and Arab, and a day laborer in Trujillo.

For an instant the bull glared at his new enemy, who stood bashfully tapping his leg with his sword as the noise ceased. The animal seemed to appreciate why the matador was there, and with brute instinct rushed on him head down to raise him on his horns.

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A PHOTOGRAPHER'S TRIALS.

Extravagant Demands on His Skill, Patience and Good Nature.

A photographer meets with many strange characters and is a witness of many curious incidents. In a recent informal talk before the Society of Amateur Photographers, Abraham Bogardus, the veteran photographer, told a number of amusing stories of incidents that happened to him in the course of his forty-one years' experience in the studio and dark room.

"At one time," he said, "a lady brought three children, two boys and a girl, to me, to have their pictures taken. They came all prepared, with a doll for the girl and a gun and a hobby horse for the boys. Well, there was a row at the start. Both boys wanted to mount the horse. We got that settled after a time, but only to strike a new trouble. Of course you all know that the nearer together you group the objects to be photographed the better picture you will get.

"An old lady once came to me who wanted a picture, 'full face, but a little three cornered.' I once asked Dr. Tyng if he would not prefer a side view, and he replied: 'No, sir. I am an upright man. I don't turn to the right or left for any man.' But amid all the fun we also see some very sad things. I remember once a woman came in with a bundle in her arms which when unrolled proved to be the dead body of her little baby, which she wanted photographed. I remember once one of our venerable judges came in with his wife. I took both their pictures. He was perfectly satisfied with hers, but she did not seem exactly pleased with hers, said it was too old. The judge turned to her and remarked: 'Well, mother, if you wanted a handsome picture you should have begun thirty years ago.' That settled it; she had nothing more to say. A lady came to me once to make an appointment for a friend who, she said, was very difficult to suit. She had tried dozens of photographers and had never been suited. Of course I promised to do the best I could for her. At the appointed time the lady came. She was old, and weighed at least 200 pounds. Her skin looked like a boiled lobster, and she was clad in low neck and short sleeves. I did not wonder she was never suited. Well, I did my best, but when the picture was made she agreed with me perfectly that it did look horrid. She did not order any of them."—New York Tribune.

Looking for Her Pocket. "I see you have been poking fun at women's pockets," said a lady friend to the Stroller. "I am glad of it. Why, it has got so now that a woman has to get out a search warrant to find the pocket in a dress when it comes home from the dressmaker. We had a funny case in point in our women's missionary meeting at the church. The leader of the meeting had just finished reading a most affecting appeal from our lady missionary in Caffraria, and there was a solemn pause of expectant attention till some sister should feel moved to speak. Presently a white haired old lady—a mother in Israel—rose slowly and feebly to her feet. All eyes were turned upon her, and we waited to see whether she wished to make a few remarks or lead in prayer. One hand, incased in its wrinkled black kid glove, went fumbling and groping among the folds of her skirt. After a long pause she drew out a clean handkerchief still in its folds, and then with an air of relief, slowly set down again. She had only risen to find her pocket."—Chicago Journal.

Willing to Oblige the Jury. An amusing line was spoken in Judge Garrison's court, in Camden, the other day. A gawky Jersey man was on the witness stand, and, instead of speaking so that the jury could hear him, he persisted in mumbling his answers to his counsel. Finally the judge said: "Will you kindly speak so that these gentlemen can hear you?" pointing to the jury. The up countryman turned around and found the twelve men all in an attitude of strained attention. His face thereupon lighted up with a half grateful and half flattered expression, and he replied: "Why, certainly. Are they interested in my case?" And from this point on he made a better witness, feeling, as he did, that he had an audience that wanted to listen to him.—Philadelphia Press.

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