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not enumerate here. Handsome Atomizers from 250 to \$2.80. Very handsome fancy Ivorine Backets filled with perfume, toilet soap and toilet water, \$2.75 to \$5.25.

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For Holiday Shoppers.

The entire exhibit of Russian Furs from Transmississippi and International Exposition, Liberal Arts building, which received Highest Award and Two Gold Medals for excellent quality and best workmanship, is now being closed out at a fraction of their real value. In some cases we have cut the price to as low as 50 per cent of their actual worth. Our object in doing this is to introduce this exceptional display of fine goods, and to inform you that we are permanently located in Omaha and to all who failed to see our exhibit at the exposition we extend a most cordial invitation to come and inspect these Handsome Christmas Presents.

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lar ......

Black Marten Collarettes, with Persian

yoke, very fine storm collar, six inches

high .....

Fine Beaver Collarette, with long tabs, eight

talls .....

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DEFENSE OF ECUADORIANS

Reflections on Their Character Resented by a Resident American.

Honesty, Simplicity, Devoutness and Intelligence Native Characteristics-Lasting Influence of Missionary Labors.

PLAYA RICA, Ecuador, Nov. 1, 1898 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I have leisure today to contradict a statement, relating to Ecuador, made by Mr. Carpenter, your South American traveling correspondent, in one of his recent letters, wherein he dismisses Econdor in his summary of the west coast of South America with the brief, incorrect "Ecuador is a priest-ridden statement: country, 300 years behind the times." The term "priest-ridden" has always been something of a puzzle to me, but if by this term is meant domination of the priesthood, either in influence or in numbers, in this instance, your correspondent is sadly mistaken. For several months past I have endeavored to secure the services of a priest for our people and have offered, in addition to the inducements which I have always understood is recognized as the special reward of all clergymen, a substantial salary in cash of this world, and a good living; but so far without success. From all the bishops I receive the same reply to my offers: have not sufficient priests for the needs of my own bishopric." The affairs of the province in which we are located are administered by a vicar. Even Guayaquil, the largest city in Ecuador and the principal seaport, is without a bishop, and has been for sometime past.

I have attended high mass in the so called cathedral in Guayaquil, which mercy only knows why the conflagration of 1896 spared, and which, by the way, satisfies one's idea of a cathedral, both inside and out, as would Omaha's old "cow shed," and there saw, as elsewhere throughout the Christian world, that the worshippers were women; more than 90 per cent women, all dressed in that appropriate church costume consisting of a black manta about the head which falls in graceful folds over the shoulders, and a plain black skirt, all of which gives one an idea that the women, at least, are sincere and devout worshippers, and are not there for the purpose of criticising a neighbor's bonnet. Alongside of the cathedral, separated only by a board partition, is the soldier's barracks, and the soldier, as a rule, is not overly careful not to disturb either the worshipper, the celebrant, or preacher. The loud, bolsterous and even profane talk is easily heard coming from the soldier's quarters. The clatter of arms and beat of drums one might en-All of the foregoing, easily substantlated, is not calculated to prove the correctness of your traveling correspondent's statement.

Hurried Observations You should hardly expect your readers to form an opinion of a country or its people upon the statement of one who had not penetrated to the heart of the country. Who would care to have a foreign people judge us upon a statement of one commissioned to write us up and never go as far west as Omaha, say. Or, to bring it nearer home, who in Omaha would care to have a stranger, passing through Omaha on the railroad cars and seeing no more of the town than one may see from the car windows, carry away the idea that they had seen Omaha? I recall being greatly anpoyed once in London by a very intelligent Englishman who said to me: "O, I know your country well; I went over to New York once, saw the Bowery and Broadway, went into Canada and then the Canadian Pacific out to Vancouver." And yet this man entire week, and then another week soherreally was in better position to form an ing up before they are again fit for work. accurate opinion of our people and country If the Jamaicans which we have are a fair -where facilities for intercourse with re- sample of the race, and from what I have

NOTABLE VIRTUES OF THE PEOPLE our own country, for, one day, hearing one

of the workingmen speaking a dialect different from any of the other English-speaking people, I asked: "Who are you? What part of the West Indies are you from?" eber came up dis yer riber. Ise fr'm V'giny, sah." So we have men here from "V'giny" more motley crew it would be difficult to

Training of Indians. But it is of the Ecuadorian I wish especially to write you. I only mention the work on imagination or superstition. foregoing to show the opportunity I have for observing and comparing. We get four around our southern river towns. From the interior we get the pure native descendloose-fitting, coarse, white cotton shirt, but he can work and work with an intel-

(Yes, sir, certainly, why not?) All the result of the labors of the hated Jesuit If Ecuador is, as your traveling correspondent wishes your readers to believe, 300 years behind us, there are some things we might go back and learn from it to our advantage, for no one, native nor partial foreigner, has yet found cause to write of it, "A Century of Dishonor.' This self- of Cuba." same Indian may and usually does wear a rosary about his neck and is likely to make the sign of the cross before him whe he steps out of his house to go to work in the morning. All of which is his own affair. But when at work he works a steady gait all the time-this cannot be said of our Indians nor of our freedmen of south. If one of this number happens to be killed on works or dies a natural death and in bringing the remains down for burial the bearers for any cause place bier on the ground, the spot is marked by a rude cross. This, I believe, was a custom followed in England, and even to this day such places are preserved and well marked with crosses, viz., Charing Cross, King's Cross and New Cross in London, and many in the provinces. Should any one attempt to molest these, at least respected spots in London today, they would probably fare badly, and yet no one would think of applying the term "priest-ridden" to Lon-Is not respect for the dead recognized the world over as evidence of civiliza tion? I admire the old-fashioned custom of standing, uncovered and bowed while the

royalty, this is the etiquette of today when a member of the royalty passes. How much more fitting it seems to recognize evidence of the will of the Greatest Sovereign. Influence of the Church. Today our native people are celebrating All Saints' day. The Indian and interior native sits quietly in his house reading, re fusing to work. You should see what he reads-pious books and Castilian classics, no yellow covers. The coast "nigger," and some from other countries, are satisfied to go off on a beastly spree, and such vite stuff to get drunk on, but the "priest-ridden," pure, Ecuadorian behaves himself and ready for his work tomorrow, and who will say that he is worse for his rest, meditation and prayers of today? I have seen our Jamaican negroes celebrate their feast day, as they call it, August 1, in commemoration of their emancipation, for up to Niagara Falls, took the Grand Trunk | the past two years. The celebration consists simply of one continuous drunk for an

bler passes. In Europe, where there is

motest parts have made us all quite similar- seen of them on their island I think they that Mr. Carpenter is of judging Ecuador are, then two centuries and a half under accurately from his one stop on the coast. | enlightened British influence and posses-Here where I am located, away from the sion and three generations of freedom under coast, we employ several hundred working-men. They come from everywhere—from them. But few can read and write, and West Indies, Jamaica, Satigua, but few indeed know how to work-com-Martinique and St. Lucia, from Barbadoes pared with what "priest-ridden" Ecuador and from Mexico on the north: even from has done for her peons in much less than a century of time. I never heard any one accuse Froude of being prejudiced in favor of the Catholics. He says in his English in the West Indies:" "I had marked the respect with which the Catholic "Me, sah, whose I? I'se de fust 'coon' dat | clergy were treated in Dominica, and even the Haytien republic still maintains the French episcopate and priesthood. But on the north to Chili on the south, and a I could not find that the Church of England in Jamaica either was at present or had ever been more than the church of the Eng-lish in Jamaica, respected as long as the English gentry were a dominant power there, but with no independent charm to

· The Olympian for seven centuries after Aristophanes with types of characters from among the the help of allegory and "economy." Ecuadorian. The coast "nigger," who is church of Rome may survive as long after about on a par with the negro who lies Calvin and Luther. Carlyle mocked at the possibility when I ventured to say so to him. Yet Carlyle seemed to think that the ant of Spanish blood and the native Indian, I mass was the only form of faith in Europe the latter is the more interesting to me. He which had any sincerity remaining in it. comes to us clad only in a breechclout and | And in another chapter, after visiting Cuba, Froude says: "The Jesuits were as well spoken of in Havana as the Moravians in ligence, too, and stick to it; and ask him if Jamaica. Every one had a good word for he can read and write, "Si, senor, camo them. • • They have a college there where there are 400 lads and young men who pay for their education; some hundreds more are taken out of charity. The Jesults conduct the whole and do it all unaided on their own resources. And this is far from all that they do. They keep on a level with the age; they are men of learning; they are men of science; they are the Royal Society

Now, if other creeds have done so little and are unable to do more, even with powerful state assistance, for the people of the obstacles put in the way of any creed or would remark that I have observed among in South America, but in Europe, that when they throw off Catholicism they go over to unbelief and I should warn any Protestant missionary minister to beware of the and use when sharpened.

Devout People.

The most interesting type of character I have found in South America is a community of negroes, the descendants of the old Spanish slaves, located here in Ecuador on the Santiago river. They are a most happy, simple and honest people, without the repulsive African features we are accustomed to in the negro. Their customs are rather patriarchial, and from whom we, the-300-(or more)-years-in-advance, might learn something. It is very interesting to see the father of the household at daylight (for here, directly under the equator, there is no dawn and no twilight-time is either night or day) take his position and each member of the family, big and little, in turn kneel before him, recite a few simple prayers, receive his blessing for the day and the next instant away. They have their evening prayers, too, which are on a more elaborate scale. A very pretty and touching custom of theirs is, no matter where a young person meets an aged one, the younger one uncovers, falls upon one knee and with bared head in a most respectful and reverend manner recites the bendito. This finished the aged one, with uncovered

head and raised right hand, gives the benediction, and, should it happen to be a godeffect on one that I have often moral courage and humility to uncover and bow to receive the full benefit of all that the aged one has to bestow. I have viewed his ceremony in the crowded store among lot of irreverent and irreligious Chilians. the river sides, always the same, never hurried and never lacking in genuine reverence and true dignity. Ask them who taught this custom: "Oh, it is very ancient; it has always been the custom among our people." have seen grown-up boys and girls romping along hand in hand, laughing, chatting and chaffing, each with a cigarette between the teeth, come suddenly upon an old man; down they drop on a knee, the head bared and cigarette removed, the "bendito" recited, the old man's right hand comes slowly out from beneath the folds of his ruana, is raised and lowered and crossed and back again to its resting place, while his lips continue to move and the almost

inaudible voice says something that seems to carry with it comfort and concord. Observe the awkward and really rude manners of a fashionable set in a fashionable church They may be perfectly proper in manners in a drawing room, but, in a church, how few can bow or kneel or stand or sit with becoming grace of manner. Here is a people sume, under most trying and difficult conditions bears with it a simple elegance of manner that I have never seen equaled any-

Evidence of Honesty.

Their honesty, too, is a bright jewel in their long list of many virtues. Many times West Indies and the Catholics have done so have I had three of those people pulling me much there and in South America and they up the river in a dugout canoe; the river have not yet given satisfaction, what is is so swift and full of rapids that a paddle; there to substitute? Man must have some is of no use; it requires three experienced | Sam. creed or form of worship; his very nature peons to a cance, which is pushed along by requires it. Who desires to be so brutal as stout poles of a quality similar to our be brought into this world or sent out hickory. The pilot takes his position in the of it without form or ceremony? Should stern, the other two forward. Contrary to the "imperialist" faction dominate the re- the methods of loading generally followed publican party we may see what effect elsewhere in the world the cargo is placed proselytism will have on the Latin race well forward in order to keep the nose of the during the coming generation. And let us canoe well down in the water, else a strong hope for the good of all that there will be no current might get under and capsize the outfit. The two forward peons do the proform of worship, free and fair to all alike. pelling by placing their poles against the bottom of the river, where the stream is the so-called liberals of the race, not alone shallow enough to allow, and, where not, in holes that have been worn by centuries of usage in the solid rock bank, and pushing the length of the pole and probably a step or two if there is foom enough in the 'liberal." He is apt to have an ax to grind canoe to allow. In this manner the canoe

is advanced from ten to fifteen feet gach push. Where the current allows the peone alternate, viz., one is ready with a fresh hold to push along as soon as the other lets go; where this cannot be done the pilot holds the canoe with his pole until the others catch a fresh hold. It is something lik climbing a rope hand over hand and about as fast, for a mile and a half an hour is real good going. Oftentimes a pole is broken in strong water, then there is excitement, if not fun. Every house along the river has a supply of three poles on hand season ing. If the people are at home they wil give you one, or at most charge 10 cents silver for it, but if no one is home you might get your peons to die for you, but you could not get them to go in and take a pole even though you give them 100 times 10 cents to leave in its place. Going down stream is another game and the rarest kind of sport. Catching the river just right, have floated down stream, with only a pilot to guide our little canoe, forty-six miles in

I can say more, too, in favor of these peo ple. I can tell of deeds of self-sacrifice, here ism and valor. I can relate how one, a stran ger here, whose fellow-countryman writes in-

father or godmother, the supplicant is per- said to be sure death. There is nothing mitted to imprint a kiss upon the back of to counteract the venom injected into the the proffered hand. It is so soon over, but veins through the teeth of the reptile. A not quickly done, and done with such a native at hand quickly draws his cuchillo, grace of manner, so quietly and so dignified, cuts a deep cross over the wound, then to only witness the ceremony has such a quietly puts his lips to the incision and sucks the venom out of the veins, so that wished that I were worthy and had the a badly swollen and painful limb and a wretched sickness for a few days is the only result of the accident. This, I can testify, is what Camillo Tuinonees, a poor, backwoods native, black, "priest-ridder Ecuadorian, did to save a fellow-being' Jamaicans, Peruvians and Argentinians; I life, and afterwards, when offered a sum have seen it on the trails, in the lonely of money far below what really should wooded mountains and on the beach, along have been offered him, if to only recognize and not reward the heroic act, with feigned modesty declines with a simple gesture of the hand and "No, senor." shouldn't one defend the good name of

D. C. STAPLETON. Since writing the above and await ing the fortnightly departure of our couries for the coast to catch the upbound steamer I have received a later issue of The Sun day Bee, containing a more recent letter of Mr. Carpenter's from Valparaiso, de scribing the procession of black-robed nun and white-robed Magdalens, and after read ing the same I naturally ask, "Is your cor respondent a Turk?" Certainly he is not an American, or, at all events, has not the characteristics we are credited with by all the world, or at least were credited with prior to April 22, 1898, viz., absolute fair ness to all men and gallantry to all women Why should the poor penitent have a pries walking by her side? He will probably find things more to his liking when he gets across into Argentine. He is liable not whose genuine reverence and piety, I pre- to be shocked by the sight of penitents there.

TOLD OUT OF COURT.

Jim Webster was being tried for bribing s colored witness, Sam Johnsing, to testify falsely, relates the Detroit Free Press. "You say the defendant offered you \$50 to testify in his behalf?" asked the lawyer of

"Now, repeat what he said, using his exact words." "He said he would gib me \$50 if I-" "He didn't speak in the third person, did

"No. sah; he tuck good care dat dar were no third pusson 'round; dar was only two-"I know that, but he spoke to you in the first person, didn't he?"

"You don't understand me. When he was tarking to you did he say, 'I will pay you "No, sah; he didn't say nothin' 'bout you payin' me \$50. Your name wasn't men-

"I was de fus pusson myself, sah."

tioned, 'ceptin' he told me ef eber I got into a scrape you was de best lawyer in San Antone to fool de jedge and de jury-in fac', you was de best in town to cover up reskel-

For a brief, breathless moment the trial was suspended.

"What is your occupation?" the lawyer asked a boy on the witness stand. "I work on my father's farm," the witness replied. "You don't do much but sit around, do "Well, I help my father."

"But you're worthless, aren't you?" was the attorney's decisive question. "I don't know whether I am or not," retorted the witness warmly. Then the attorney took another Your father's a worthless man isn't he?"

'Well, he works about the farm.' The attorney here fastened an eye which gleamed with triumph on the jury and nailed the boy with a glance from the other and said: "Isn't it true that your father doesn't do enough work to prevent his becoming called worthless?"

The boy had chafed under these unpleas ant questions, relates the Baltimore News, and summoning up courage, he said loudly: correctly and slightingly of these good peo- | "If you went to know so bad whether my

Village Lawyer (from Skedunk) - You

think I must have lots of idle time? By

George, I can beat any man in forty mile What a Veteran of the Rebellion Says of my town playing checkers! Village Lawyer (from Spiketown)-I can't lay checkers, but I can lean back in a chair and balance it on its hind legs for fifteen minutes by the watch, and there ain't another man in my congressional district who can do that.

When Robert F. Thomas was called as a witness in a suit he had brought to recover a partial payment which he had made on a horse that he considered was not as represented at the sale, he asked the court's permission to pray before giving his testimony. This being granted, he prayed aloud for ten minutes, asking that everybody might tell the truth, that the jury might see the horse was not sound, and wound up inviting a blessing on the "good democratic judge (who was trying the case), who had just been indorsed by the solid republican party of Lehigh county." The jury brought verdict against Mr. Thomas and he will have to pay the balance due on the horse.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY. Iowa has 1.002 cremeries.

Manila has 150 cigar factories. Connecticut has 3,000 clockmakers. Canadians are using the horseless sleigh. Havana has 120 first-class clear factories. America has fifty watch and clock fac-

Each person in the United States consumes a barrel of flour a year. There are 450 employes to every 100 miles of railroad in the United States. The National Garment Workers' union has

The Massachusetts Bureau of Labor reports that in 1897 textile workers in that state averaged less than \$1.10 per day.

It may surprise many Americans to know that 40 per cent of all the cotton goods exported by the United States goes to China. The growth of the motor industry in France is shown in the fact that the new occupation demands the employment of 200,-

Twenty years ago American shoes were unknown in Germany. For the first five months of this year the total value of the shoes imported from the United States was

One reason why the export of cotton good may expand to the Philippine islands is the fact that the yearly import of cottons from Spain amounted to more than \$5,000.000. The United States heretofore sent less than

The most expensive tobacco ever imported to this country was sent to the New York public stores for appraisal last week. There were six bales, each weighing seventy-five pounds, and each bale was invoiced at \$1,000 at the rate of \$13.33 a pound. Havana wrappers, the duty on which is \$1.85

The returns of the corn crop of the south last year showed a product of 469.887.000 bushels. The returns for 1898 give a crop of 583,127,000 bushels, which is fully 125. 000,000 bushels more than the south will consume. The south has not for four or five years bought as much corn as it sold. Last summer a party of potters went to Mexico from Trenton. N. J. They have writ-ten an interesting letter to the Potter's Journal, from which the following excerpts are taken. "We have changed our place for getting meals, and have to pay \$7 per week, and we cannot get one room for less than \$40 per month. One of our men had a cold, and bought a box of bromo quinine tablets which you could get in Trenton for 18 cents. The price in Mexico is 65 cents. The doctor's bill for three visits to the doctor's consulting room was \$10. A small bottle of Worcestershire sauce, which would cost but a few cents in Lehman's store, cost here 90 cents. and a tin of salmon costs \$1; and catmeal the favorite dish of a Scotchman. is almost priceless, a luxury of the rich. Eggs are 5 cents each and potatoes are from 1 to 3 cents each. I should say that everything one goes to buy costs at least three times as much as in the United States. A bottle of beer containing not more than a glass costs from 10 cents to 25 cents. A Mexican kiluman gets about 37 cents a day, and the boys who work about the yard get about 12 cents a day."

ple, is bitten by a huge, venomous snake of father's worthless, ask him; there he is, on HARD LINES IN SIXTY-TWO

Concerning Hardships.

ONLY THREE MEN LEFT IN HIS COMPANY

Endorsement on His Application for Leave Which Tells a Tale of the

Terrible Suffering of His Regiment. Living in Omaha today is a veteran of

the civil war who has in his possession official documents, relics of the rebellion, which furnish interesting reading matter for those who have found so much fault with the management of troops during the war with Spain and who have been free to charge brutality in the general treatment of the men. Among these papers is the original copy of an application for leave of absence by the veteran, who was a lieutenant of a company and who desired to go and see his brother, who had been captain of the same company. The brother was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg thirty-six years ago and was lying at the point of death in a hospital at Washington. In fact, he died before the lieutenant could

The application was made January 2, 1863, at the camp of the corps near Falmouth, Va. The first endorsement was one of approval by Captain L. W. Carpenter, who was then in command of the regiment. The next was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, Jan. HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, Jan.
2, 1863.—Respectfully forwarded approved.
Captain — was wounded severely in the leg at Fredericksburg. After his removal to Washington his leg was amputated and there is very little prospect of his recovery.
His brother is in comm ad of Company F, which numbers three men present. One is on extra duty as teamster and the other two are on sick report. His services can, therefore, very well be spared here and I trust he may be allowed to visit his brother, that he may be enabled to render assistance to one of the best officers of my regiment.

JOHN S. MASON,

Colonel Commanding Brigade. The application is then endorsed and approved successively by Alf Sully, brigadler general; John Sedgwick, major general commanding corps; I. H. Taylor, for Major General Sumner, who was father of Brigadier General Edwin V. Sumner, commander of the Department of the Missouri, and the final endorsement was by John Tucker, assistant secretary of war, who extended the leave eight days.

The paper has interest in the personal signatures of the men named, most of whom were well known in the west, but the statement in the second endorsement that but three men of the company were recorded as present is where the real story lies. The regiment had seen but little fighting previous to Fredericksburg, but had been campaigning over the swamps in the peninsula, and the men of this particular company, as well as of all others, were either dead from disease or sick. The mortality of the company was large at the battle of Fredericksburg, but it only had a small portion of its original number left to go into that engagement and the officer who holds this paper was the only member of his company who was not killed or wounded in the fight. He says his regiment was woefully depleted by disease during that compaign and the organization was

almost wiped out by the battle. The man who has this paper withholds his name from the story because he says he has finished fighting battles and does not care to get into any controversy, but the document is where anyone can see it who desires, and those who see it will know it to official. He gives it out at this time to show that the soldier who finds fault with his treatment in this age does not know real hardships are.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured with-out harm to the sufferer the better. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures. Why suf-fer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste.

