# THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE.

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#### Big Art Alteration Sale

Monday's Big Specials Black and White Mounted Sheet Pictures, about 10c 

"Cupid Awake" and "Cupid Asleep" pictures, 59c tures are positively \$1.00 value.

Dainty Photo Frames, veneer woods, bow knot ornament at top, with mat and glass complete Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps.

20 per cent discount on picture framing. 20 per cent discount Monday only, on artist materials, except Aulich's china colors and Hasburg gold, 20 per cent discount on pyrography materials, except our big special \$1.79 outfit. 25 per cent discount on all framed pictures in our

Watch Bennett's Art Section for the big Spring Opening. Alterations commence about March 1st. Take advantage of the bargains we offer now-they are

money savers.

CLEAN GOODS, BIG DISCOUNTS, AND EXTRA
LITTLE GREEN STICKERS. Call and see us Monday.

SECOND FLOOR.

3,50

MORE FOR THE SMOKER

#### Bennett's Great China Section

Rare bargains and extra Little Green Stickers for Monday. A new 5c section with china trays, saits and peppers, vases, etc.,

Two (20c) Green Trading Stamps. A great 25c table of sugar and creams. plates, salad and fruit bowls, 25c cups and saucers, etc., choice at Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps

with each piece. Fine crystal table tumblers, cut bottom, value \$2.00 per dozen, 10c will sell Monday 

each one. Glass water jug, two-quart size, pretty pattern and Five (50c) Green Trading Stamps with

SECOND FLOOR.

#### Boys and Girls

A simple plan for making pocket money. Just distribute the cards. Every fifteen that come back to us means a quar-ter to the distributer. See the Ad. Man.

# Green Trading Stamps Every Time

# **OMAHA'S GREATEST** TRADING CENTER

Greatest Because of Its Popularity Greatest Because It's Bigger Than Any Store Around

Greatest Because It's the Pleasantest for Shopping. Greatest Because of Extra Values

Greatest because it recognizes the Cash Buyer's right to a discount, and gives green trading stamps with all purchases in all departments all the time—that's Bennett's. Notice how this great store grows and grows? Notice the carpenters working day and night since

New Years Day? Notice that extra floor-space-at cost of closing the huge lightwell in the center of store-has had to be secured? What does it mean? It means that we are determined to maintain retail leadership around us-and we will! Bennett ploneered Omaha's new retail center, and we're here "with the goods,"

Trade where you are best served-at Bennett's.

#### Photo Developing and Finishing

The Especially Strong Feature in Bennett's Photo Supply Section

Students of the camera, amateur and expert, find that it pays hands-over to bring their plates to us for developing and finishing.

You save risk of spoiling your pictures, you get the work done inexpensively and promptly.

Southerst Corner, Main Floor

#### **DRUGS**

Prescriptions Filled Right.

Filled as the doctor orders. Filled perfectly in quality of ingredients and make-up. Filled quickly-filled moneysavingly. S. E. Corner Main Floor.

Bennett's Sinclair Millinery Section

EXCLUSIVENESS CARRIED TO THE POINT OF PERFECTION-

HATS, FOLIAGE HATS and HATS MADE OF FLOWERS FORGET-ME-NOTS,

THE WORD "SINCLAIR" STANDS FOR EXCLUSIVENESS-AN

MONDAY WE MAKE AN EARLY SPRING SHOWING OF STREET

#### Bennett's Great Hardware Section

The items in this section are nigh countless. Everything that theory could turn into practical use-for the lightening of labor and saving of material-can be found in this section. We but mention a few specials for Monday-hot bargains at that-and there are others. Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 8 

Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 9 I X Copper Bottom Boller ..... Forty (\$4.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 8 I X Copper Rim Boiler..... Forty (\$4.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 9 I X Copper Rim Boiler..... Fifty (85.00) Green Trading Stamps with any Copper Boller up from ..... Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 0

best quality Galvanized Tub..... Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 1 best quality Galvanized Tub..... Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 2 best quality Galvanized Tubs.....

Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps with No. 3 Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with 50 ft. 

#### WALL PAPER.

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Two Snaps in Men's

Robes, regular value

in stock Monday

Clothing Section MONDAY.

Men's Outing Flannel Night

\$1.50, our price Monday. 75c

Boys' Shirts, your choice of any

Clearance of all odd Parlor

Pieces, Divans, Corner

Chairs and Parlor Seats

\$4.00 parlor seat, mahogany finished

frame, spring seat, upholstered

ished frame, spring seat covered

best tapestry, at......8.50

\$16.00 divan, mahogany finished

Specials in Carpets

25 rolls all-wool extra super ingrain

carpets, regular price 75c, special,

Monday, per yard ...... 592c

20 best Brussels rugs, size 9x10-6,

special, Monday,

special .....

beautiful patterns to select from.

\$12.00 corner chair, mahogany fin-

with French tapestry,

New collection for season 1975 ready for inspection. A wider variety of exclusive papers than has ever been offered to Omaha trade.

SPECIALS FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY. Wall paper, in small

#### .3c 5,000 rolls good gilts, per roll, Se and...... 1c 10,000 rolls white blanks, remnants, per roll. Per roll per roll per roll per roll, se and proper roll per roll per roll per roll per roll. Se and per roll poulse GREEN TRADING STAMPS IN THIS SALE. THIRD FLOOR.

#### Long Distance, a long-cut 4c fifty for 1.20 Thirty (\$3) Green Trading Stamps. Sensational Monday Bargains in High Grade Dress Fabrics

#### New Silks! New Silks!

Fifty

RAJAH SILKS-The very latest silk fabrics for smart shirt walst suits, it is soft with a beautiful rich luster, and the much sought after crash effect which is very stylish, comes in all the shades of brown, new greens, blues, cadets, only yard ..... 1.00 creams and black, 30 inches wide,

#### Fancy Silks

Fancy Silks for Shirt Waist Suits, all the pretty new combinations, there is a lot of pretty silks worth to \$1.25 per yard-Monday, 

Black Silks

# 36-inch Black Jap Habauti... Worth 1.50 36-inch Black Taffetas..... yard, flou-36-inch Natural Pongees ... day, yard-

#### Record-Breaking Dress Goods Sale All Previous Efforts Paralyzed

The Biggest Bargain Event of Yes	
All these at 50c a yard.	1 Et 3
38-Inch French Tweeds	All one
38-inch English Cheviots	price, only
28-inch Herringbone Suitings	Control of the Contro
38-inch Heather Mixtures:	FA.
38-inch Fancy Twills	411
38-Inch Pin Dot Mohairs	3416
38-inch Metallic Mohairs	000
38-inch Shepherd Checks	CATALOG STATES
All worth 75c and \$1.00 yard.	a yard

All these at 75c a yard. - -All One Price, 44-inch Panama Checks. 46-inch French Voile ..... 44 inch Striped Melange 38-inch Silk Dot Panama ...... 46-inch Vigoreaux Twills..... 46-inch Imported Plaids ..... a Yard

38-inch French Albatross..... 38-inch French Etamine ..... 38-inch Pin Dot Tamise ..... 44-inch All Wool Serge ...... 54-inch Mohair Siellian ..... All worth 75c and \$1.00 a yard. | a Yard 38-in. Silk Dot Panama, worth \$1.. 75c 44-in. French Voile, worth \$1.25...75c

44-in. Black Armure, worth \$1.25...85c 44-in. Black Melrose, worth \$1.50. 1.00 44-in. Black Melrose, worth \$1.75..1.25 44-in. Black Prunella, worth \$2... 1.50 The most complete black goods stock in Omaha.

#### New Cotton Goods

A beautiful assortment of novelty crash Bour-EMBROIDERED TISSUES, MARETTA SILKS, MERCERIZED PANAMAS, MOHAIRS, 25c LUSTER NOVELTY VOILES, yard.... Garbonne Organdies, Silk Eoliennes, Silk Mous-selines, Silk Organdies, will go nt, Z.C. r vard. The 50c and

#### Table Linens

Mercerized Table Lineus-fine and heavy, regular 50c quality, Monday, yard .... Mercerized Table Damask-extra fine 75c quality, Monday, yard .....

#### Imported Ginghams

Very finest French Ginghams, shirt waist patterns, worth 90c, Monday only, each. 69c

#### Curtain Swiss 36 and 40 inch fine Curtain Swiss, dots and floral

patterns, worth up to 20c yard-Monday, per yard .....

## Record-Breaking Sale New Black Dress Goods | Specials in the Cloak Room

New Silk Coats

A 27-inch loose silk coat, very full leg mutton sleeves and broad shoulders, fancy silk \$6.95—Monday ...... 4.95

#### New Covert Jackets

The swell "Corset Coat" always popular in fine covert, heavy satin lining, fine shoulder, new sleeve, worth twelve dollars and fifty cents-Monday, at ..... 8.95

#### Extra Special on Wrappers

Monday we will put on sale another lot of those fleeced wrappers, made to sell at 98c, 

#### **New Spring Waists**

Monday we will place on sale an elegant line of Brilliantine Waists, with solld box pleated front, and pleats stitched at top to form yoke, large new sleeves, in blue, brown, black and white, an elegant value at \$3.50, extra special Monday, at ... 2.25

#### Embroidery Sala

Thousands of pieces very pretty new embroid eries in Swiss, nainsook and Hamburgs, in-sertions to match, special for Mon-Double Green Trading Stamps on all embroideries.

#### THE NEW POLO TURBAN HATS, THE RARE PARISIAN PRODUCT OF THE SEASON—HAS CREATED A FURORE IN FASHION CENTERS, PARIS, LONDON AND NEW YORK, COMES IN CHIFFONS, MALINES AND STRAWS-SEE IT! SEE THE WINDOWS-VISIT THE NEW MILLINERY SECTION -LARGEST AND MOST ELABORATELY ARRANGED IN THE WEST.-Second floor.

JUNE ROSES, VIOLETS, BLUETTES, ETC.

AT BENNETT'S.

BENNETT'S GREAT GROCERY Money saving specials for the economical housekeeper.

Forty (\$4.00) Green Trading Stamps 1.75 with sack Excelsior Flour.

Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with pound package Bennett's 28c Capitol Coffee 28c Capitol Coffee 48c Capitol Coffee 48c Capitol Coffee 48c Capitol Coffee 58c Capitol Coffee 58c Capitol Coffee 68c Capitol Coffee 68c Capitol Coffee 68c Capitol Coffee 78c Capitol Cap ton cans solld pack
tomatoes
Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps 1,00
with ten cans I X L Corn.
Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps 28c
with can Diamond 8 Fruits.
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps
with can Omar Peaches.
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Biamps
With can Omar Pears.
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps with
pound can Bennett's Special
Baking Powder
24c 240 Baking Powder
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps
three packages Bennett's
Capitol Mincemeat.
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps
with can Imported Sardines.
Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps
pound full cream New York 25c 124c

20c cheese Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps dozen large German Mil Pickles Early June Peas. per can . Three cans

25c CANDIES George Washington's Hatchet, to close out, each..... 3c Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with pound box Bennett's Chocolate Creams ....25c

#### for ..... 50c Fifty (\$5.00) Green Trading Stamps. Furniture, Carpets, Draperies

Enameled Iron Beds

Most attractive line in the city. specially priced for Monday sell-\$2.25 value, neat pattern, finished with hard oak enamel, 1.45 \$5,25 value, continuous post, artistic design, \$7.00 value, heavy pillars, close

filling. 5.75 filling. \$10.00 value, continuous post, all color combinations, 7.75 \$12.00 value, beautiful design, with

brass spindles, head and foot end finished in two colors, 8.95 extra heavy filling. brass trimmed, at ....

\$19 value, 136-in. contin-uous post, brass scrolls, head and foot ends, at...

75 very fine Smyrna rugs, 36x72 in., patterns of all kinds and colors, Monday Cocoa and Wire Mats 25 cocoa mats, 16x24, 30 wire mats, 16x24,

DRAPERIES Hemstitched Swiss Curtains A large line of Rope and Bamboo Portieres, just what you want for spring and summer, up from... Window Shades, at, Nottingham Lace Curtains, worth \$3, special Monday. each 25c and.... See our line of Sewing Machines.

### FEATURES OF MEXICAN LIFE

All worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.

Observations of an Omaha Traveler in the Neighboring Republic.

COMMON CUSTOMS JAR NORTHERN VISITOR

Development of Plantations Expedited by American Capital-Wages, Cost and Methods of Living Noted.

Speaking of the etiquette of the Mexican people; as a race they are very courtcous, respectful and obliging, but I could not help but notice one thing amongst even the batter class of Mexicans that to an American is shocking. While we were having dinner at one of the most prominent hotels in Vera Crus I noticed at a table opposite us an old woman, about 70 year id, with white hair and a very refind face, dressed in a black silk gown with a black lace mantilla draped over her head and shoulders in a picturesque manner, evidently in the company of her son. They had nearly finished, having drank their wine, which is the custom, when they were served with coffee. The young man then took out his cigarette case, passed it to his mother, and each smoked about half a duam cigorottes and drank two or three amail cups of coffee-one cup would be amnie for even the heaviost coffee drinker of Omaho, as it is exceedingly strong. I also at another time saw a well dressed Mexican woman and her daughter eating dinner with both elbows upon the table.

In Mexico the laws prescribe with great minuteness the way books and accounts should be kept, and a severe penalty is infilated for their violation. The books presoribed as being absolutely necessary in the course of mercantile bookkeeping shall be bound, lined, paged and stamped with the proper stamps in the manner provided by law, and must be kept in the Spanish language. One bookkeeper told me that last aummer he had a certain form of book which he wanted to use. He sent it to the government for approval, and because it did ot exactly comply with the rules they refused to approve and stamp it, and it took nearly four months before he could get it allowed, the result being that his business was greatly handicapped. Of course, the intention of the law undoubtedly is to pre ent irregularities, but to us Americans it

#### is very impracticable to say the least. Cornmeal a Food Stanle.

butside of Mexico City and a few leading tels in the amaller towns bread is unown, as wheat and rye are not raised in Moxico: but they have a substitute called he torgila. This is served at every meal and forms the principal part of a meal. It is a round thin cake prepared from maise. For this purpose it is first parboiled to but not succeeding in getting the driver

stone implement not unlike a rolling pin. hen worked with the hands into a thin pancake. Near at hand they have a small charcoal or wood fire under a flat, smooth plate of iron, stone or earthenware, on which these cakes are baked, first on one side and then on the other, the baking being a sort of a toasting carried just so far as not to brown the tortilla, which is served hot. Sometimes they roll them up and place inside of them chile, which is red pepper and meat, and it is then called chile concarne. Usually they take the tortilla and wrap it in the shape of a spoon and with it take up the beans, meat, rice and gravy; thereby taking the place of knife, fork and spoon. They do not sit around a table, but all squat down on the ground in a circle and eat out of one big pan.

We left Mexico City via the Interoceanic railway for Vera Cruz, and the next morning, long before sunrise, on looking out of the car window to my right, I saw upon the horizon a large, light cone-shaped object, extending some distance into the sky, and upon closer inspection I discovered it was Mount Orizaba, some forty miles away. It gradually grew brighter and brighter as he day dawned, and as we had then passed falupa and being at nearly sea level it was indeed a grand spectacle. And now for the first time I was in the tropics, where I could see growing in its native state fields of coffee, vantila, chocolate, also the banana, cocoanut, orange and lemon. The air was much warmer than in Mexico City, n fact like our average June morning. Within two hours we reached Vera Cruz where we saw Mexican life and customs in all their glory.

#### A City with a History.

Vera Cruz is the chief seaport of the republic, where Herman Cortes landed on Good Friday, 1519, subsequently scuttling his ships and thus committing his followers to the conquest of Mexico. Without relating many incidents I wish to give one which shows how slowly Mexicans transact their business. The street car which stood in front of the station was a little old-fashioned affair, with two long seats and canopy top. A team of donkeys was hitched to it, a native Mexican boy driving. He had a cow's horn in his hand which he used as a whistle, to which people paid no attention. And another young boy ollected the fares, charging extra for our baggage. It took about thirty minutes to go to the hotel, a distance we could easily have walked in ten. We hadn't gone more than a block when a mule team was hitched to a cart backed up against the sidewalk, where some merchandise was being unloaded, and their heads and shoulders exended over the car track. The driver tooted his horn and made all kinds of demonstrations in order to get the driver of the mules to turn his animals to one side, and only after five minutes' parieying succeeded in clearing the track. The same thing happened in the next block.

crushed into a paste on a flat stone with a hitched his donkeys and hitched them to the rear of the car and drove back over another street. He had gone but a short distance when he met a car coming in the opposite direction on the same track, so he had to switch again. This he did four times before he reached the plaza, where the hotel was located. To see that driver tooting his horn all the time when no one heeded was really amusing.

The milkmen bring their milk to the city in four-gallon cans, some having them tied to each side of a donkey, others have an ordinary yoko over their shoulders, with a can hanging from each end. The ornamental and shade tree of Vera Cruz is the nut palm. Another noticeable thing observed in Vera Cruz, as well as all Mexican cities, is the peddling of Mexican lottery tickets by boys, girls, men and women at all hours of the day.

#### Tropical Plantations.

Our next visit was to several plants tions south and east of Vera Crus, where we could see all varieties of tropical fruits The tropical lands of Mexico ex tend like a vast horseshoe from a few miles to 150 from the Gulf of Mexico. The Pacific side with its arid climate, and on account of its inaccessibility at present is not to be thought of by the American settler. On the Atlantic slope killing frosts occur every few years as far south as Tuxpan, which is about 150 miles north of Vera Cruz. The greatest American population is situated on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. It is a most excellent country with many advantages. Here the Sierra Madra range is but 800 feet above the sea level, and being nearest the Pacific coast there is a large area of fertile tropical land between the mountains and the gulf, and it is in that locality that we visited several plantations.

At an old inland town called Tuxtepec, about six miles from the railroad, in the state of Oaxaca we stopped at the hotel where we were told President Juarez was when he proclaimed that all the churches in the republic would be confiscated by the

Our party of six engaged a native Mexican to furnish us saddle horses and started out to visit the different plantations. The first plantation we visited was the San Silveria plantation about five miles east of Tuxtepec, owned by New York and Pennsylvania capitalists. The manager, E. E. Banner, gave us much information conperning developments on his place. He said they employed between 500 and 600 common laborers at 50 cents per day. It shirk or run away he is immediately arrested by the rurale and remains in juli character, so that it drains nicely. closume and soften the grain and then of that team to allow him to pass, he un- month and for every sixty or seventy and reptiles of different kinds in the for- cilns of 4 per cent and over innumerable place more than a year."

men he has a foreman, who is paid \$50 per month; then he has a superintendent, who is over the different camps, whose headquarters are at the main camp. On this plantation there are about 3,000 acres planted in rubber from one to three years old. Mr. Banner recently sent to South country which we in the north have to America for 5,000 para rubber seeds, which he claims produces a greater quantity and finer quality than the native rubber tree of Mexico. He further stated that the company intended planting 10,000 acres in rubper and that it would be six or seven years before they began receiving substantial returns from their plantation, as the rubber tree has to be at least & years old efore it can be tapped. They raise con siderable corn and have at this time several thousand bushels stored for sale. We inquired the prices in Mexican money

of various commodities, and here are some Pork, 75 cents for 2% pounds; lard, \$1 for 38 pounds; butter, \$1.50 per pound; corn 5 for 400 ears; rice, 10 cents per pound; beans, \$1.75 for 25 pounds; beef, 20 to 40 ents per pound; eggs, 5 cents each. He said the cooks are up at 1 o'clock in the morning making tortillas, that he himself was up at 3 o'clock and all the help was up at o'clock and ready to start into the field at daybreak. He was just then receiving a carload of machinery which he intended using in an ice plant. Everything is run on systematic and scientific principles. Of

ourse it is an expensive proposition, but

when once the rubber trees are yielding

ubber, and with the price of rubber ad-

vancing, it will be better than nine-tenths

of our producing gold mines. Home Comforts Out of Sight.

From there we visited a large tract of land owned by Nebraska and Missour parties, called the La Joya tract, and which adjoins the Sliveria plantation. This is similarly situated, but at present unde-'cloped. At this place we stopped at the ouse of a native Mexican over night and had supper, breakfast and dinner, all of which meals were the same-tortillas, rice beans and coffee. I never in my life pu n a more uncomfortable night. Just im agine sleeping on palm slats about four inches wide, with nothing spread over them. not even palm leaves. I used my overcoat for a pillow; however, that alone might not have been so bad had not the wood ticks pestered us almost to death. spent an entire day tramping through tropical forests which at times seemed almost impenetrable owing to the dense under growth of vines and bushes. The trees con sist of both hard and soft-lumber, much of what he called contract labor, it it being very valuable. As to the quality being furnished by employment agencies, and condition of the soil in nearly all this the laborer agreeing in writing to sell his country it is exceedingly rich and productime for six months or a year as the case rive, being of a very dark alluvial nature might be, and should he in the meantime There is just enough sand in it to make it work easily. It is of a general undulating until he concludes to go back to his em- full of fresh water streams which have the foot of the mountains perhans the ployer. For every ten laborers he has a their source in the mountains and are filled grandest and most imposing acenery in the of picking up a thing of that kind, ordicarbo, or straw boss, who receives \$30 a with nan. I had expected to find snifken

ests, but, strange enough, I never saw one. There are, however, alligators galore further down in the streams near the gulf. The natives raise three crops of corn in one year without apparently any care or cultivation, as nature does so much in that supply by labor.

Northern Capital Coming In. As the rainfall is very heavy the grass grows in abundance every day in the year, and cattle, horses and hogs can be raised and fattened ready for market at little or no cost, thereby enabling one to get quick returns, as the prices I quoted above in The northern capitalists are coming in and buying large tracts and developing fine plantations and are erecting large, modern sugar factories.

I also visited a sugar plantation at Motzorongo, which was likewise run on business principles. They have several hundred employes; have a large factory, with a capacity of 600 tons of cane daily They have six miles of 3-foot gauge tram road of forty-pound steel, and have a string of flat cars and a locomotive for transporting the cane to the factory. They also, buy the cane of the small farmers at \$4 per ton at the factory, which, on per cent extraction, yields 180 pounds of sugar, which, at 74 cents per pound, produces a handsome profit. The sugar cane, after the juice has been extracted, is called bagasse and this furnished sufficient fuel to run the boilers for the entire plant. The manager informed me that their store house, where all the employes buy their clothing and provisions, shows a handsome profit every month. Through natural curisity, I inquired whether there were any men who came into that country many years ago with limited means who today are wealthy, and was given the following

information Condido Fernandez came there fourteen rears ago, worked as a foreman on a plantation at \$40 per month the first year, and today is the owner of a tobacco plantation producing \$75,000 a year, with coffee as side issue, from which he receives \$10.-000 a year. Manual Fernandez Peon five years ago bought a ranch on credit; today ne owns it, unincumbered, with a large bank account. This is also a tobacco plantation. Juan Medina cultivates forty acres, and, in company with his three sons, last year produced five successive cropstwo of corn, one of beans, one of tobacco and a crop of tobacco seed.

Joaquin Ximenez, from 225 rubber trees, old 800 pounds of rubber in 1902. The trees were from \$ 10 20 years old. Three hundred ubber trees can be grown to the acre The rubber is worth 80 cents per pound and the cost of harvesting is not over a cents.

#### Wayside Scenes.

From Cordobs I returned to Mexico City. Shortly after leaving Orizaba, which is at world commences. The line runs up an in- parify. The jewels had been in their hiding

curves, causing an ever varying panorama of lovely scenery, now between solid walls of rock, now through a tunnel at whose bouth you pass over a chasm spanned by a bridge which it appears almost impossible to have built, and passing along the edges of perpendicular precipices which almost appall one. It is a constant climb until you reach Esperanza, which is over 8,000 feet above sea level. The scenery is wonderful and enchanting. On looking to the right in

the distance is the great snow cone of Ori

While at Tuxtepec I had occasion to visit

zaha.

special .....

a typical Mexican home of one of its wealthy merchants. It was a one-story stone square house. We entered through a big portal, with massive wooden gates, adorned with handsome knockers and locks into an entryway laid with stone. 'The garden opened out in front of us, which contained palms, orange and banana trees. The living rooms are to the right and left. I was told that there were five servants in this home who each receive \$1 per month and board. There was also one man servant. We were ushered into the sitting room immediately to the left of the entryway, where we met the gentleman of the square and about twelve feet high. The chairs, about ten in number, were arranged in two rows facing each other about four feet apart. They were made of mahogany and upholstered. On the walls hung a few old Spanish and Mexican paintings. The other furnishings consisted of a large portable wardrobe, a lounge and a centertable. All the floors in the house were stone and tile, and excepting the kitcher

floor were covered with Mexican rugs. The dining room was furnished with two old carved sideboards, one at each end, with the glassware and dishes promiscuously arranged thereon. Then there was a large round massive table, with cane chairs. In the bedroom there were two single beds. each having bedding about two feet thick and draped with the usual mosquito drapery. There was a scarcity of bric-a-brac such as is usually seen in the American home and the house looked very plain. W. S. HELLER.

#### Valuable Bustle Lost.

"Lost-Home-made bustle; liberal reward 32 Locust, Kansas City, Kan." Mrs. Frank H. Rhode, who inserted the foregoing advertisement in a Kansas City paper, explained that it is just an ordinary ome-made bustle. "But it is worth abou \$500," said Mrs. Rhode, "for I had sewed up in it a diamond ring, a diamond stud, a dia and and turquoise ring and a moonstone ring. They were jewels belonging to my mother and myself, and-well, we thought we had found a safe place for them.

"I was shopping, and might have lost in a store, in a car or on the street. It has probably been thrown into a trash can or kicked into a gutter. No one would think

The Equitable Controversy.

OUR LETTER BOX.

OMAHA, Feb. 25, 1905.-To the Editor of The Bee: So much sensational matter has been published of late concerning the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States I wish you would publish the enclosed letter to me from President James W. Alexander. This is the essence of the whole matter and it is right that our friends in Omaha and Nebraska should be in possession of the exact truth. H. D. NEELY.

Manager for Nebraska.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 18, 1905.-H. D. Neely, Esq., Omaha, Neb: Dear Sir-It is well for you to know that many of the rumors published about the recent Equitable controversy are incorrect. These rumors are the natural result of the publicity which has occurred, contrary to my wielles and my best efforts, in a matter which is of ouse. The room was about twenty-two feet such great interest to so many different people. The most important fact, and the one which is of the greatest interest to the agency force, is that at its meeting on Thursday last the board of directors unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the board the policyholders should be given the right to vote for directors and that steps be taken for carrying this principle into effect at the earliest possible moment. Resolved, That Valentine P. Snyder, James W. Alexander, James H. Hyde, Gage E. Tarbell, Cornellius N. Bliss, T. De Witt Cuyler and Chauneey M. Depew be appointed a committee to arrange the details for carrying the step into execution, and in connection therewith the settlement of the allied question of indemnification of stockholders, and report to the board at a meeting to be called by the chairman for the purpose, at the request of the committee; not later, however, than Wednesday, April 12, 1935.

This committee will proceed with all mously adopted the following resolutions:

This committee will proceed with all reasonable expedition to solve the legal and practical questions involved in this great change. The present movement has been for the purpose of preserving through all future time the strength and prosperity of the society by putting the voting power for directors where it belongs-namely, in the beneficial owners of the company, the policyholders.

All the officers of the society were re elected at the same meeting of the board and the business of the society will now be carried forward with greater vigor and determination than ever. The mutualization of the society removes the one great obstacle in the way of your constant progress and should give a tremendous impulse to the business and I congratulate you on the present situation and upon the opportunity to increase the prosperity of the company by putting forth your best JAMES W. ALEXANDER. offorts.

President.