## Costa Rica Land of Strange Contradictions

(Copywright 1912, by Frank G. Carpenter.) AN JOSE, Costa Rica-Let me give you some pictures of this ittle land of strange contradictions. They are merely impressions, which I see in passing. Every one tells me Costa

Rica is the best of the Central American republics and I find in it much to admire The people are kindly. The upper classes are well educated, and even the peasants have that manly independence which comes from their being land owners Ninety per cent of the whole are of the white race and, aithough the descendants of Spaniards, of a part of that race not filled with revolutionary blood.

Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemale change their presidents at every outburst of passion and the bullet defeats the choice of the ballot. Costa Rica elects its president for a term of only four years and for the last generations its every ruler has been the choice of the people The country is one of reformers. Its

rulers have advocated sanitation, education and modern improvements. The people are now annually spending a dellar a head on their schools, and they have free lands which are open to settlement to those who will farm them.

Costa Rica has rich soil. It raises some of the best coffee on earth; and is a land of mighty banana plantation. It supplies more bananas to our country than any other part of the world. It has a fair foreign trade, and that its people are good spenders is shown by the fact that they buy more than they sell. Their imperts last year were over \$3,000,000, and of these about \$5,000,000 came from our

Conta Rica's Fine Theater. other is that the nation is widely exthis in the three finest institutions of have been consumed by the people, and theater, another is the insane asylum, salt, grain, flour, and, in short, everyand a third a great prison which lies thing that came into Costa Rica. Being just outside the city. Costa Rica con- an indirect tax, every one has had to pay tains altogether about as many people it, and this is so of the barefooted peasas our national capital, and San Joss ant and the leather-shod rich, wherever has perhaps 30,000 all tolu. Nevertheless, they live. the theater here cost over \$2,000,000. Its decorations are finer than those of any amusement place in New York, and it republic I referred to this beautiful thearanks third among the theaters of our ter and also to the insane asylum.

ings, which are roofed with red tile. 'Ine was not far out of the way. The man The ceiling of this hall is covered with the theater." frescoes from Italy and the walls are As to the insane asylum, it looks ifte your right and left are restaurants all the modern appliances for the treat- beaches with their feet on the seats. They day during the week when the beggars

salon, where the spectators walk about try is proud is the national museum. This and boys of the city walked around from 1 to 5 cents. Just now there is a during the longer intervals of the plays. contains a good representation of the throwing confetti and squirting at each scarcity of nickels, however, and we give This is beyond description gorgeous. In- natural history and archeology of Costa other and at the girls with syringes filled with plotures which were painted by down here in Central America. Italian artists in Italy, and then tacked into place. The marble columns which up- are monkeys ranging in size from rats lady and peasant. Some of the young by gold frames made in Florence.

sultan at Agra, of which it was said:

The orchestra of the theater is entered everywhere to be seen. It shows that from the ground floor, and from this parlor there is a lobby which leads to spend a large part of its means upon the boxes. There are three galleries of culture. But, alas, it is poor.

What do you want to take the president asked, without revealing his identity.

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"Well, we held a meeting last night was spent in their entertainment. One boxes all finished in red plush and there is a special box for the president. The and the floor can be raised and made into a magnificent hall for dances and scenery, made for this city of 80,000 peeple, is of great variety and in excellent Secretary Knox was given a great dinner and this was followed by a dance in

It was Nero who set Rome aftre that reason; and, as they are mostly indirect, this same theater. he might see a big conflagration, and, as the burden falls upon the poor. There are the story goes, he fiddled during the no land taxes whatever, nor any taxes burning. It was for the few rich and on incomes, but everything else pays. The well-to-do of this town of San Jose that prices are high and anything that costs Costa Rica was loaded with a theatrical 10 cents in the states is sure to cost 20 debt, and they amused themselves here or 30 cents here. Sugar is now selling at while the people toiled to pay the bills, about 10 cents a pound and sait at 5 or 6 Not more than one-tenth of the popula- cents. I have some figures from our tion live in the capital, and of these few American consul of the cost of 100 pounds not more than one-tenth can afford to of salt landed o. i. f., that is, with cost. go to the theater. There are no railroad insurance and freight paid at Port Limon. facilities which make it possible to run It is just 56 cents. By the time that sale in and out to attend shows, and the cost has passed through the custom house and of bringing troupes here from Europe is paid the wharf dues and freight on the such that comparatively few can be had. railroad to San Jose, the cost of the Nevertheless, the theater was paid for whole is \$2.56, and when the wholesaler

This institution is the only one in the central west with separate buildings situated in their own ampie grounds, yet entirely distinct and rendering it possible to classify cases. The one building being fitted for and devoted to the treatment of noncontagious and nonmental diseases, no others being admitted. The other Rest Cottage being designed for and devoted to the exclusive treatment of select mental cases, requiring for a time watchful care and spectal nursing.



A Family of Rich Costa Ricans

Why the Insane Asylum. In my talk with the president of the

He replied: "They are both grand, but The National theater is directly opposite it seems to me that the remark of an some low, one-story government build- American tourist who came here this year great structure dwarfs its surroundings said: 'After seeing your theater I can and makes them look mean. It is entered easily see why Costa Rica needs an inby a wide hall upheld by pillars of same asylum. It should be to contain the

Passing through this lobby, wide, of its kind on the continent.

deed, I doubt whether you will find any- Rica and of its resources, and some of with water. The greatest of license prething finer in Europe. The work was all its industrial features as well. It has a valled, and they were no respectors of done in Italy and shipped here to be put collection of axes and hatchets made out persons. In the past, the perfumery botup by Italians. The most beautiful of the hardest of flint and of rude stone the with the ordinary bulb has been used. And then the animals and birds. There

hold the roof are carved with masks almost to gorillas. There are armadillos. of tragedy and comedy and with other with coats of mail and iguanas, a sort of appropriate figures, and the frescoes are lizard, as big as a cat. This anmal has either allegorical or expressive of the a skin like a snake and fins like a fish beauties of Costa Rica. The furniture is the latter running along its back from equally magnificent. It is gold plated, the head to the tall. There are also ful and thrown everywhere. The mix- throw them away, cursing the giver. upholstered with silk tapestry and upon stuffed tapirs as big as good-sized ponies, ture made a nasty mess, and it destroyed the walls are mirrors each as big as the which have bodies and snouts much like many beautiful hats and gowns. Neverfloor of the ordinary parlor, surrounded a hog, but with ears and hoofs like a theless, the people seemed to think it horse. There are sloths, deer, leopards, This parlor is almost as long as the and cougars and hundreds of varieties of east room of the White House. It is in brids. There is no end of the objects feet wide and has a calling about thirty which represent the civilization which feet high. It is lighted by electric chan- was here at the time Columbus discovdeliers, designed for the occasion, and ered America, and the collection of potthe execution of all is such that it makes tery probably antedates that period by one think of that famous room of the some hundreds of years. This museum shows the wide interest of the Costa Ri-"Its artisans worked like Titans, and cans in history and science, and it is and had they gone to Washington on a dent replied. cans in history and science, and it is another example of the contradictions similar errand they would probably have the voice again said. The orchestra of the theater is entered everywhere to be seen. It shows that

The national debt is a little over \$13,orchestra chairs are of dark brown leather 000,000. This is according to a recent reand they are wide and comfortable. They funding agreement which makes the obare so made that they can be removed ligations pay 4 or 5 per cent interest, but cost \$5 a bottle was brought in and level with the stage, turning the whele below par makes the actual interest rate pint. At the same time the cigars ran fiestas. The stage is immense and its not be large for a big country. Indeed, ner explained that he did not expect taste. It was in this theater fayer that Rica, the bulk of whose population is at the tables he had thought seven-five

> then adds his profit the cost to the retailer is \$3.23. So you see what the consumer must pay. The railroad freight alone over 100 miles of track is equal to the original cost of the salt; and the man who uses it to flavor his food pays about ten times the original cost in the harbor of Port Limon.

> This gives you some idea of what things cost in this part of the world and why there are all sorts of taxes on trade. Everything is licensed and all that comes in is charged for. I had to pay 2 cents a pound on my baggage to bring it into the country, and I am told that I shall have to pay \$2.50 to get a permit to leave. The interest charged on the foreign debt is something like \$700,000 per annum. That is equal to a tax of something like \$10 per family. Enough flour to make one of our 4-cent loaves of bread pays 4 cents in duty, and other things are proportionately high.

A Land of Vortgages. I am told that the Costa Ricans are in debt up to their eyes. There are many individual mortgages. The people are sanguine, and the better classes

All the money has come from a tax, month and upward in order that their has them and to spare. I do not know the This is one side of the picture. The which, until this spring, has been 11/2 wives and daughters may make a show average wealth of the people, but it must cents Costa Rican per kilogram upon all during the social season. I do not know be small, although the best classes seem travagant. The people are full of emo- goods imported. It has amounted, in that they are any worse than our citi- to have plenty. I know that San Jose tion and want to do things in the large. round numbers, to about 25 cents of our zens who are now borrowing money on has numerous beggars. They roost on There are three notable instances of money on every 100 pounds of goods which their homes in order that their families the steps of the cathedral, they hang may have joy rides in automobiles. But about the market, and you find one or the capital. One of these is the National the tax has included such things as sugar, still it is bad enough! Take, for in- more of them on every block in the busistance, the flesta, which occurred at the ness parts of the city. close of last year. One of the American women of San Joe tells me that she knows a milliner who sold 200 hats for that occasion at a cost of \$70 apiece Many of them were bought on installments and will be worn out before they hobbled in and held out his hand. The are paid for. You will be the more surprised when I describe some features of whereupon he bowed low and went away. the festivities for which these hats were A moment later a beggar woman with a worn. One of the foreigners has told child in her arms trotted in and reached me about them. 'He said:

park, which is used for band concerts | man and then a woman beggar with a This had been fenced off so that the common people stood on the outside, with a boxes of matches, and the procession conmarble with capitals and bases of bronze. men who persuaded the people to build lot of young men and girls, some of tinued until fully a dozen poorly clad of be, sitting between them and the more plied. I asked the cashier what this all of Italian marble. Statues made by great the palace of some tropical prince. It fashionable crowd within. These young meant. He repuled: artists face you as you enter; and at is magnificent and is well equipped with men and girls sat on the rails of the "Tuesday is beggars' day. It is the one where ices and drinks are served between ment of the mentally weak. It is well were all dressed in their best, as were have the right to march from bank to managed and is said to be one of the best also the high class Costa Ricans walking bank and business house to business house

Dinners at Fifty Dollars a Plate.

pride runs in advance of their pockets. Take, for instance, their entertainment of a delegation from Salvador which was here not long ago. The delegates had just come to say good-day, as it were. just come to say good-day, as it were, been received by President Taft and that dinner was given them in the foyer of the National theater which cost \$50 a are having trouble about getting a band plate, and at this, after the guests were filled with champagne, a burgundy which which as the bonds were sold at much served in goblets which held almost a ing about it yet. He will not disclose the considerably greater. This debt would short and the man who managed the dinlittle Sweden owes more than ten times mor than three-fourths of the diners as much. But it is enormous for Costa would smoke, and as only 100 sat down miserably poor, and the country has no cigars quite enough. Among the other public improvements to speak of to show extravagant entertainments recently given were those in honor of Secretary As it is now the taxes are out of all Knox. He had a ball and a dinner in

and is kept up by a government subsidy. mortgage their crops at 1 per cent 3 pect to find poor people; and Costa Rica

boxes, of the little safety variety, lying, next the cashier, on the counter inside the window. As I waited, an old man cashler gave him three match boxes. out for some matches. She was handed "The fiesta was held in the Central three boxes. Then came another lame whom were no better than they should these lame, halt and blind had been sup-

and ask alms. Every establishment premarble stairs lead to the foyer or great | Another institution of which the counthus get the money to satisfy their wants.

This custom seemed interesting to me and, upon leaving the bank, I went around marbles were employed in the decoration, knives which are polished like mirrors, but last January the boys bought all the to other business establishments to see and the walls and ceilings are covered These show something of the stone age syringes and water bags that the drug what was doing. In one store the merstores had on hand and, putting these chant was giving each beggar three cigarunder their coats, they squirted alike on ettes. In another they were supplied with a candle or so, and a third and more men, not satisfied with water, filled their thrifty man, a green grocer, was furnishreceptacies with a sticky red mixture ing apples, all of which were decayed. I called kola juice and squirted this on saw one beggar who had received three of friend and stranger alike. At the same these rotten apples break them to pieces time confetti was brought in by the bag- as soon as he came out on the street and FRANK G. CARPENTER.

> clock in the morning by the ringing Dinners at Fifty Dollars a Plate.
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> The Costa Ricans are proud and their pride runs in advance of their pockets.
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> the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mass, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telephone bell at his home at Parramatte, Mr. Tatt seldom answers the telepho

ald over the wire,
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"What do you want to talk to him

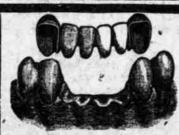
Are the Fly and Mosquito Dangerous?

The fly, with spongy feet, collects the invisible germs of diseases, spreads em over our food and poisons us with typhoid and cholers. The mosquito with its bite injects into our veins malaria and yellow fever. The bacteria of consumptien, or grip, are everywhere present for us to breathe into our lungs. The blood which flows through our veins and arteries is our protection. It should contain healthy red and white blood corpuscles-capable of warding off these disease germs. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood medicine and alterative made entirely without alcohol, a pure glycerie extract of bloodroot, golden seal, Oregon grape root, queen's root, mandrake and stone root, which has enjoyed a

good reputation for over forty years. The refreshing in-fluence of this extract is like Nature's influence—the blood is bathed in the tonic which gives life to the blood - the vital fires of the body burn brighter and their increased activity consumes the tissue rubbish which has accumulated during the winter.

"About forty years ago while in Newark, New Jersey, I had chills and fever," writes Mr. Michael Maguire, of National Military Heme, Rans. I went to Kansas City and in the spring of 1877 the chills and fever returned. Doctors and everything I tried failed to do me good. Finally I saw Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery advertised. I took one bottle of it and the chills vanished. In about a year afterward I felt them coming back so I got another bottle and have never had any symptoms of fever or ague since. That is all of twenty years ago, for I had the chills about twelve years before I started to take Golden Medical Discovery."

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President Taft was waked up about

"Well, I want to talk to the president."

identity of his caller.-New York Sun. What He Voted For. A colored damsel was watching the progress of an election from a convenient

What they votin' fur, Miss Mattle?

"But what they votin' for?"
"Oh, you mean who? Mr. Wilson is running against Mr. Taft. Now, if you're his same theater.

Tuesday is Beggars' Day.

In a country like this you would ex
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Judge.

a republican''—

That sin't it, neither. 'Pears like white folks gits things awful mixed. I mean jest whut they votin' fur? Last' 'lection pappy he voted fur a barrel of flour.''—

Judge.



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Beauty Is Always Within Reach," Says Valeska Suratt, the Famous Self-Made Beauty Actress. "But Many Women in Seeking It, Drive It Away."



By Valeska Suratt

N this impatient age, we have grown into the habit of wanting things "quick." And as a rule, urged on by this desire we inevitably find the means

of hastening into our possession many of

the things we seek. There is one excep-tion, however, which should not be an exception at all, and that is beauty.

Exception at all, and that is beauty.

In seeking it, thousands of women drive
it away. They hear of various methods
of achieving beauty, and adopt and follow this religiously, however antagonistic
they may be to common-sense. Steaming the face, for instance, is one of the

many customs which have been erron-eously practiced. Constant "steaming"

can have but one result-large pores and

coarseness of the skin. There are cases when "steaming" is beneficial, but these

have little, if any, reference to beauty-

to get rid of blackheads and eruptions. Instead of the "face steaming," if they will use the following formula for blackheads they will not only get rid of the tonic thoroughly into the sca them all, but prevent their recurrence. the finger tips.—Advertisement. First wash the face with

For skin beautifying, use this same cream after cleansing the face, by hold-

let you have zintone for about fifty cents. Thus you cleanse and heautify at the same time. There is no doubt

Many women steam the face in order

hot water and soap. Then erously upon a spenge made wet with hot water. rub well for a few minutes on the parts of the skin which are affected with blackheads. This done, bathe the face with warm water, and dry. Then ap-ply some of the zintone lo-tion, the formula for which I have already given. You should be able to secure neroxin at any druggist

cream dry on the face.

about the result.

A formula for getting rid of skin eruptions which I have found almost infallible, is the

following.
Dissolve twelve ounces of granulated sugar in one-half pint of water, and add one ounce of sarsene and mix the whole together thorougly, adding more water to make a pint. Sarsene is a liquid which you can get at the drug store by the cunce. Get it in the original problem. riginal package. It makes a blood remedy which has an exceedingly wonderful purify-ing effect in a very short time. Take one or two tenspoonfuls of this mixture three or four times a day with a little water if desired. It is absolutely safe.

You have other means, remarkably simple and direct, of cleansing the pores, bringing the "ruby" to the cheek and rid-ding the skin completely of sallow and CLARA S.—You cannot develop the bust by massage alone. I will give you a ferm-

muddy spots. Buttermilk, lemon julce and ula which has the peculiar properties all the rest are to be forgotten. On your of producing a splendid development, and dressing table, one of the most important which is, of course, absolutely safe.

In a half-pint of cold water, dissolve sugar, all well mixed together. Of this, take two teaspoonfuls three or four times a day in a wine glass of water, after your a day in a wine glass of water, and meals. The druggist will let you have the ruetone for a dollar. You should plainly notice results in a short time. Use

RUTH.-No, peroxide is of no value in clearing the skin. Consequently, peroxide creams are of very little value, if any, Use the formula first given in this article.

TELL ME.-Hair failing can be most assuredly stopped, and the hair be made to grow most luxuriantly. Dandruff will also disappeer if you will mix half a pint of water with half a pint of alcohol, and add one ounce of beta-quinol. Shake thoroughly, and it will then be ready to use. If you prefer you can use imported bay rum instead of the water and alcohol. Any good druggist will'

The beta-quinoi you can get at almost any drug store for not more than fifty cents. This formula makes one full pint of the best hair grower I know of. This formula should be applied very freely after brushing the scalp gener-ously for a few minutes all over. Rub ously for a few minutes all over. Rub the tonic thoroughly into the scalp with

