



THE PALATIAL HOME OF A DISTINGUISHED CHILEAN DIPLOMAT,  
SITUATED IN SANTIAGO, THE CAPITAL.

Spanish-Indian mixed race ; (d) recent European settlers and descendants.

The pure Spanish element is preserved only by the upper classes, the big land-holding families who have owned their estates from the early days. These people have maintained their pure Castilian strain. They are well-bred, refined people. In summer they live on their magnificent country estates, and in winter they come into the cities, chiefly Santiago, where there exists a social life on a par with that of a European capital. Here art, music and literature flourish.

The mixed race of Spanish-Indians forms the chief bulk of the people. The "roto," as the Chilean half-breed is called, is a good citizen. The hardships of the early days, and the comparatively high type of Indian blood which flows in his veins, have contributed towards making him a hardy, bright, diligent man, of good moral fibre and considerable stamina.

The European races represented are for the most part British and German, with a fair amount of French and others.

The Araucanian Indians or "Mapoche" are a splendid race. For years they successfully resisted the Spaniards and finally secured peace terms as an unconquered people. For centuries they lived by themselves, but of recent years they have become more and more closely brought into contact with the other elements of the population, and since the assumption by Chile of the territory they occupied, they have settled down to a regular and practically civilized life in harmony with the main body of Chileans. They are a fine race physically and mentally. They were good fighters, and good tillers of the soil. Unfortunately disease and drink are taking a terrible toll among them, and their numbers are gradually diminishing.

The Chilean people are fond of sports, although they have no distinctive national pastime. Horse-racing is very popular, and splendid animals are raced on the many magnificent race-courses in the chief towns and cities. The "huasos," or cowboys, have sports not unlike the cowboy sports of North America, and many European games have become popular. Among