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THE CIVILIZATION OF THE BLACK REPUBLIC

(By One Who Knows Them).

When I landed at Port-au-Prince, on the first of several visits to Hayti and Santo Domingo, I was met on the wharf by a most imposing personage in a cocked hat, gold-laced coat, and scar-let breeches. He was only a quistons by a most imposing personage in a cocked hat, gold-laced coat, and scarried by a customs officer, but he looked like the commander-in-chief at least. Alasi his coat was ragged and torn beneath the gold lace, his enormous black feet were innecent of boots, and he was pathetically eager for a tip.

He was typical of the threelest grant of santo Dominigo, calmly told me at dinner one evening in 1897 that he had shot his own brother.

IN COLD BLOOD.

"He was plotting against me," he explained. "I asked him to dinner, and gave him of the best dishes. Then after we had finished the coffee and liqueurs, a file of soldiers came in to would hasten at the approach of a



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are recognized sanctuaries for the Haytian politician who happens to be the under-dog in one of these sanguinary struggles which are the ordinary incidents of Haytian politics. Usually no effort is made to obtain his surrender, his enemies try to bribe the conler; his enemies try to bribe the con

One of the Consuls at Port-au-Prince told me that this enforced hospitality to refugees is a most unpleasant addition to the sufficient trials of residence in that detestable, pestilential city. "Imagine having your house overrun by thirty or forty negroes with the filthiest habits and the most insatiable craving for good wines and cigars," he said. "And of course you are bound to be civil to them, for the refugee of

The sanctity of the foreign legations was tested most remarkably at the fall of Simon Sam, who was President before Alexis. He got to the French Legation in the nick of time. The mob howled around the house for his blood for days, believing rightly or wrongly that he had looted the Treasury and got the money with him. Yet they dared not profane the legation, and the French charge d'affaires esand the French charge d'affaires es-corted him to a French steamer in

It is impossible to extggerate th dislike and even hatred entertained for the whites in Hayti; it is not nearly for the whites in Hay not be so marked in Santo Domingo, wher foreign investment has been to some extent encouraged. Every good Hay tian is always ready to "'eave 'arf a brick" at le blanc. In more than one Haytian town little children have spat at me and called me filthy names i their barbarous French patois, simpl necause my face was white. A commandant at Jeremie to whom I shower mly remarked:

"So I cannot shoot you, white man.
I hoped I could. I would have treated
you as a spy. We look to Alexis
to kill the whites, but he must be growng old and weak-minded."

Alexis and most of his principal sup-porters were hand-in-glove with the "papaloi" and the "mamaloi" (priests and priestesses of the Vaudoux serpent worship) when I was in Hayti. Alexis openly attended meetings of the cult at Port-au-Prince, where the white cock and the white goat were sacrificed to the sound of the beating of the dreaded black goatskin drum. General Autenor Firmin, Alexis's great rival, is, on the other hand a mulatto of good education and considerable culture. He was formerly Haytlan Ambassador in Paris formerly Haytian Ambassador in Paris and made several notable contributions to French literature. Undoubtedly he would be a much better president than Alexis, but he is not nearly so popular among the negroes. He is the champion of the mulatoes. The bitter hatred between negroes and mulatoes is the real driving force behind the bewildering mass of revolutions and counter revolutions in Hayti. (The handful of whites who run businesses or plantations in the Black Republic have suffered terribly in recent years, for Alexis has encouraged their plunder and maltreatment. But they have hung on to their investments in the hope that the United States will assume control over the country, as it assume control over the country, as it did a few years ago over the finances of Santo Domingo. President Roose-velt has threatened this in no uncertain

veit has threatened this in no uncertain language several times.

Many Americans have feared for years that Germany is seeking a Caribbean coaling station. It was commonly believed that the using of the "big stick" in Santo Domingo was hastened by the news that the German gunboat Panther was taking soundings and surveys at Samana Bay, a fine plue for a naval part.

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Wagner too, was not exempt from peculiar fancies. His mind seemed to run in the gruesome, and during his lifetime he had his grave constructed. It was in the garden back of his home, and he would often go and look at it, that he might not forget its existence. But the worst of it was that he constantly insisted that his friends should remember it too, and when he was entertaining them at dinner he would suddenly break off the conversation and begin declaiming on eternity and the grave.

"My friends," he would say, "In the midst of life we are in death. Death is a lot that we all must face, even so great a man as myself. I too must die. I should like very much to show you my grave, if you will allow me."

And starting from the dinner table he would lead the way, followed by his most to the corner of the garden guests to the corner of the garden where his grave was. And there he would give his companions further dis-

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The Marchioness of Tweeddale drove the first locomotive that crossed the Forth Bridge, Edinburgh, Scotland.

A PRIVATE RAILWAY

The Marquess of Downshire has a private railway at Hillsborough, England, and keeps a sort of "pet" engine which cost his lordship \$5,000. The train contains a splendid saloon carriage for his guests, for he himself is generally on the engine, and a guard's van, in which some of his guests prefer to ride. He almost invariably drives his engine with his own hands, and his favorite speed is forty miles an hour. There is no speed limit on a private railway line and no police traps!

Earl Fitzwilliam is another practical engineer who delights in the locomotive engine. He learned the art of driving when he was quite young by going whenever he could with the drivers of the coal trains on his own ostates.

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It is well known that one of the young King of Spain's chief diversions before his marriage was to ride on the footplate of the Royal train with the driver and take lessons in engine-driving. He has become quite expert and fearless, and he has frequently driven his mother and sisters.

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