

elegant chandelier hangs over the tomb, candelabra are placed on each side, and near by stand a line of book-cases, containing the books of all languages which have been written about Bolivar.

Free schools and telephones have been lately introduced into Venezuela. Both the white and black races attend school, and, so far, the blacks have shown themselves the quickest and the readiest to learn.

The women appreciate the telephone. It is a great privilege to them, in their secluded lives, to be able to do shopping, and to talk with one another over the wires.

The Venezuelans are exquisitely polite. It is almost embarrassing to an American, used to the incivility of the clerks of his own country, to find a storekeeper thanking him for permission to show goods, and bowing him out, whether he has purchased or not, with gracefully expressed wishes for his health and happiness.

Guiana is not independent like the other states of South America; it is composed of the colonies of three European nations, — England, Holland, and France. There are many penal settlements along the coast and upon the neighboring islands, where European and African convicts have been brought from time to time.

At first the convicts are under more or less restraint. But after two years of good behavior they are allowed to send for their families, and are allotted a tract of land. Thus they become settlers.

Of late years most of the French convicts have been sent to New Caledonia, an island in the Pacific Ocean, where the climate is better adapted to Europeans than is that of Guiana. The African convicts are still sent here.