

for carriages, mules and bullocks doing the heavy work. The mules are laden with great burdens upon pack saddles (the saddles of a weight for which no reasonable account appears), and when marching in a long file to market fill a large part of the narrow street. The bullocks are used in carts in hauling lumber, stone, gravel for the roads, and heavy material generally, and are very fine animals. The "tackle" of all the beasts of burden, including the horses used in the public *volantes*, is very cumbrous and oppressive. The native horses are small of size, but well shaped and clean limbed, and we noticed some very handsome private carriages and most complete in all their appointments; the highest style have white coachmen and outriders. The lottery ticket seller is here a nuisance, as importunate and all-pervading as the hurdy-gurdy in some parts. His scream, as he shakes out his sheet of mottled and figured *coupons* to the breeze, is heard at earliest morn and latest eve.

Among the features that link the city with antiquity is the *Watchman*, a guardian of the Dogberry type, without the slightest "modern improvement"—whose pikestaff and leathern helmet are dimly revealed by the traditional lantern, and whose gentle bray resounds in your ear, turning the current of your dreams at each half hour of the night, and indicating, if you understand Spanish, that "all's well."

A paternal government provides all things needful for the Cubans:—rulers, and ministers of every degree, soldiers, watchmen, parks and highways, as well as music and "sports and pastimes." Here is no vexed question of suffrage, or right of way, or individual liberty resounding from stump or legislative hall; there is not even a municipal government for the practice of native talent. There appears to prevail, however, a marvellous contentment; good humour rings in the jocund laugh of the muleteer and bullock driver, and carrier of burdens, as it beams from the pleasant faces of the middle and higher classes. This may

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