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## VENEZUELAN STATES

THEIR PEOPLE, THEIR CHARACTERISTICS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT.

Originally One of the Free States Founded by Simon Bolivar in Spanish New Granada—Government Resembles That of the Swiss Confederation—Venezuela Never at Peace—Population 2,444,816.

When war news is scarce and peace seems hovering over this warring world of ours, somebody starts a fight in Venezuela. The Venezuelan seems always spoiling for a fight. Hardly had President Castro succeeded in putting down the rebellion against the Government when the ships of England and Germany appeared on the coast to demand settlement of long standing accounts. And so it goes. The Venezuelan is never at peace. To his credit, however, the size and strength of an opponent never appear to enter into the Venezuelan's calculations when he unslings his rifle.

The Republic of Venezuela is situated on the northeast corner of the continent of South America. It was originally one of the free states founded by Simon Bolivar in Spanish New Granada. The present form of government was founded about seventy years ago, but changes and



VENEZUELAN FAMILY AND HOME

reconstructions were passed in 1864 and in 1881. The government resembles that of the Swiss confederation.

The national Legislature of the United States of Venezuela, which comprises eight states, consists of two houses, one of senators and another of deputies, endowed with the most ample power in all affairs related both to politics and administration. To form the Senate each state designates by means of its respective Legislature three senators and an equal number of substitutes to fill the vacancies that may occur, and to form the other House each state returns by popular election one deputy for each 35,000 inhabitants and another for any number exceeding 15,000. In the same manner an equal number of substitutes are returned to replace principals in case of need. Both senators and deputies are elected for a term of four years.

The last census, taken in 1901, shows a population of 2,444,816, of whom about 45,000 are foreigners. The population of the capital, Caracas, is given as 72,429; Valencia, 38,664; Maracaibo, 34,284; Barquisimeto, 31,476; Ciudad de Cura, 12,198; Barcelona, 12,785; Ciudad Bolivar, 11,686; and Guanare, 10,880.

La Guayra, practically the only port of the country, has a population of less than 10,000. It was at this point that the English and German allies landed and where the custom house is located. It was in the harbor of La Guayra that the ships were captured.

Harbors there are practically none on the Venezuelan coast, and ships lie in open roadstead except at La Guayra, which has been improved by a breakwater. But, after all, La Guayra is only a port of call, a starting point for the capital, and of late years modern enterprise has made swift and easy what was a most uncomfortable journey before the railroad was built.

For Caracas, the capital, lies 3,000 feet above the level of the sea, and the distance by zigzag road is twenty-seven miles around, less than seven as the crow flies. It is a most wonderful piece of engineering. During construction the line for miles could only be reached by wire, called telefering, workmen being suspended by ropes over precipices 1,000 feet down, where now the train apparently risks quite as much.



LAKE DWELLERS OF MARACAIBO.

Crooks slip along the scratch they have left upon the mountain side.

The state religion of the republic is Roman Catholic, but other religions are tolerated. When the last census was taken, there were 3,575 Protestants and 411 Jews in the republic and 5,906 inhabitants "without profession." The rest were Roman Catholics. There are about 33,000 coffee plantations in the country, covering from 180,000 to 200,000 acres.

The vast interior of this great land, comprising over 500,000 square miles, is almost unexplored. A story is told of a certain inland

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Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, is the pride of the people. There the first steps toward South American independence were taken. It was the birthplace of the liberator Simon Bolivar, and, with its forty bridges, ten public squares, broad streets, railways and modern buildings, it is as interesting as it was when Baron von Humboldt visited the place.

Another important town is Maracaibo, noted for its coffee, great quantities of which are exported. Valencia is the most important of the inland cities.

The recent internecine troubles of the country, on top of which was added the embargo with two powerful European nations, can but have a most depressing effect on the prosperity of Venezuela. German and British merchants, and these comprise the bulk of those doing business with the republic, will hardly care to embark or continue in any such hazardous occupation as trading in that country. In other words, the commerce of that republic is practically dead so far as its foreign aspects are concerned.

## When Babies Walk.

Experiments upon 1,220 children show that 95 per cent began to walk under the age of twenty-four months, a little over half under eighteen months, one-third under twelve months and 10 per cent under ten months. Three babies out of the whole number began to walk under eight months.

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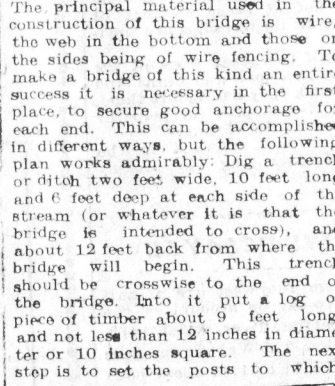
At length he went to Harvard University, married, lost his money, took again to music teaching in Tennessee and was within a few hours of being hanged as an Abolitionist but his infirmity saved him. Boston for seven years provided him with music pupils. A year's furlough enabled him to visit all the principal blind institutions in Europe, with a view to starting a great conservatory for music in the States. During a three days' stay in London on the homeward journey he met Dr. Arnold. Thanks to his assistance, with that of Prof. Fawcett, the Duke of Westminster and others, the institution intended for the States has blossomed among us instead.—The London Chronicle.

## A SUSPENSION FOOT BRIDGE.

How This Convenience May Easily and Cheaply Be Made.

Generally speaking, foot bridges are not considered an absolute necessity, but there are many places where they would be used if the time that could be saved were taken into consideration. The accompanying cut is of a foot bridge on the farm of Mrs. M. Hogg, Don, Ont., about seven miles north-west of Toronto, and spans the Don River at this particular point. This bridge is 105 feet long, and consists of one span the entire length. It has been in constant use for a number of years, and it is to-day in apparently as good condition as when first erected.

The principal material used in the construction of this bridge is wire, the web in the bottom and those on the sides being of wire fencing. To make a bridge of this kind an entire success it is necessary in the first place, to secure good anchorage for each end. This can be accomplished in different ways, but the following plan works admirably: Dig a trench or ditch two feet wide, 10 feet long and 6 feet deep at each side of the stream (or whatever it is that the bridge is intended to cross), and about 12 feet back from where the bridge will begin. This trench should be crosswise to the end of the bridge. Into it put a log or piece of timber about 9 feet long, and not less than 12 inches in diameter or 10 inches square. The next step is to set the posts to which,



END VIEW OF SUSPENSION FOOT BRIDGE 105 FEET LONG.

later on, the wire is attached. For this purpose another trench should be dug, at the point where bridge begins, 12 feet from trench No. 1. The trench should be 2 feet wide, 6 feet long, and 4 feet deep. The posts should be 12 feet long and at least 8 inches in diameter at the small end. There should be a flat surface about 4 inches by 10 inches made on large end of these posts. Place two posts on the ground parallel to each other 4 feet 6 inches apart, and spike on to them a piece of plank 2 inches by 10 inches, and 9 feet long, having the posts equal distance from each end of the plank. Place a piece of plank in the bottom of trench No. 2 and put in the two posts which are fastened together, then fill up the hole with earth and rock, packing it as solidly as possible. A cross-tree, consisting of a piece of good sound timber not less than 6 inches square, is then bolted to the back of these posts at proper height for bottom of bridge. A cable is then stretched from the top of each post, also from the post where the cross-tree is attached, to the log or timber in the bottom of trench No. 1, this is, two cables from each post to the timber at bottom of trench. To make these cables put four or six double strands of No. 9 gauge soft wire from post at each point where a cable is required to the timber in the bottom of the trench, and then with a small iron bar inserted between an equal number of the strands, twist the wire into a cable. Each cable is constructed in this way. After the cables are all in position and are twisted up fairly tight fill up trench No. 1 in the same manner as trench No. 2. Repeat this operation at the point where the opposite end of the bridge is intended to be located. Attach the web for the sides of the bridge to posts at one end; stretch tightly and attach to posts at the other end. Attach the bottom web in the same manner. The bottom web is then attached to the web on each side at intervals of 2 feet, and crosspieces or ties are then placed between and secured to the bottom web by means of common fence staples, and the flooring is then nailed to these crosspieces. A bridge of this kind can be built very cheaply, and if the above directions are followed, it will be very substantial.—O. W. Heron, in Montreal Star.

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