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cuts made when the picture was stolen from its frame.

The "Alcazar" is another of the many Moorish palaces, scattered through Spain. Nor is it less beautiful than most, some parts have been restored, and it is here the Spanish royal family still stay when they go to Seville. Here also Peter the Cruel lived ages ago. You are shown the painted skulls in what was his bedroom, and told of the three men he murdered, whose heads he had cut off and hung in this room until they rotted, and were only then replaced by the painted skulls. It was in the garden of this palace that he contrived a novel entertainment for his guests. He had

many pipes laid along the garden paths and in the arbors. Each of these pipes had hundreds of smaller ones at right angles, and level with the ground, the whole was connected with a water supply, which Peter controlled himself. When he had succeeded in luring the ladies and cavaliers, in all the glory of their braids and jewels, into these beautiful garden paths, he would turn on the water, soak them, and roar with glee at the good joke he had played on them. This was one of Peter's mild est jokes, so perhaps, it would be well to bid farewell to Spain before we truly realized the dreadful cruelty of this old Spanish monarch.



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