

THE SPANISH TREASURE-FLEETS

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* EVERY schoolboy has heard of the Spanish treasure-fleets which centuries bore the riches of the Indies sea and the too active attentions of the England and Holland, Those galleons, laden with the gold and silver of Mexico aud Peru and the pearls of Margarita, poured wealth into Spain for generation after generation, and left her a poorer Northern nations to develop their nascent from the voluminous colonial archives of the Spanish American fleets from the find her native vigor sapped and her into the shade of such a genius, his remains age of Columbus to the death in 1700 of dustries decayed. Charles II, the last Hapsburg King of Corsairs, privateers, and buccaneers, July, with military honors and every suit-Spain. The whole trade with the Western besides the war-fleets of enemy nations, Indies, as America was officially termed, wrought continual havoc on the Spanish was minutely controlled by the Casa de treasure-fleet. But it is, as Mr. Haring Contratación, or "House of Trade," at says, a remarkable fact that an entire ing ceremony took place: The military Seville from 1503, and was carried on mainly by a close ring, or "Consuledo," fleet was destroyed on only three occasions in the two centuries. Piet Heyn, Admiral alry, and the Angusshire Fencibles, havof Seville merchant princes. The strength of the Dutch West India Company, interof the provincial jealousies which afflicted, cepted the flota from Vera Cruz in 1628, and still afflict, Spain may be judged from off the coast of Cuba, took the four armed burial-ground. The Royal Dumfries the fact that Castile at first declined to galleons and eight out of eleven merchant. Volunteers, of which he was a memberopen the American trade to natives of men, and sailed home with a cargo worth in uniform, with crape on their left arms, Aragon or Catalonia, and that Seville, 15,000,000 guilders. The Spanish Admiral, though it was an unsuitable port for sea. who had illegally stowed so much cargo appointed to perform the military obsegoing ships of two hundred tons or more, on his galleons that the guns could not be quies, moving in slow, solemn time to the which were often delayed at the bar at worked, was afterwards executed, like "Dead March in Saul," which was played San Lucar, bitterly resented the competit- Byng, "to encourage the others." The by the military band-preceded in mournion of Cadiz, and flatly refused to share second to suffer was the Tierra Firme fleet ful array with arms reversed. The prinits monopoly with a third Spanish port, of 1656, which escaped the English Fleet cipal part of the inhabitants and neigh-Till the eighteenth century all the official- in the West Indies only to fall a prey to a bourhood, with a number of particular ly recognized trade with the Indies passed through Seville and Cadiz slone, and every Captain Stayner, who was cruising off followed in procession; the great bells of ounce of treasure had to be brought to the Cadiz under orders from Blake. One the churches tolling at intervals. Arrived arranged. Apply to "House of Trade " to be registered and galleon which was taken carried bullion at the churchyard gate, the funeral-party, taxed for the quinto or fifth due to the to the value of 2,000,000 pesos; two other according to the rules of that exercise, first to mobilize the commerce of the New took fire and were lost. Blake defied pre-World, but soon found that what was cedent by continuing his cruise through Through this space the corpse was carpossible, though unwise, for Portugal in the winter months, and thus was able to ried. The party drew up alongside the the old settled countries of the East was surprise the Mexican flota of 1656, which grave, and, after the interment, fired the house. Artesian well 250 feet deep; impracticable in the undeveloped count- had lagged behind its sister-fleet and did ries of the West. It was content hence- not reach the Canaries till February, 1657. mony presented a solemn, grand, and forth to leave the work to private enterprise and to take its share of the profits. of over 10,000,000 pesos, and lay in the general regret for the loss of a man Spanish capitalists opened and worked the harbor of Santa Cruz, the entrance to mines, and built the ships which took out which was defended by a castle and six or European goods and brought home gold seven forts, connected by barricades for and silver, while the Crown levied both musketeers. Early in the morning of export and import duties.

temptations to the French corsairs, who cast anchor opposite the flota, and batterhung about the Canaries and the Azores ed it until every Spanish vessel was and had nearly intercepted Columbus him. blazing hulk. Having completed his work, self. When Cortes sent home Charles V's Stayner brought his frigates safely out of share of the plunder of Mexico, his three the harbor, and rejoined Blake, who, like caravels were taken by the French, and the commander of the Vindictive at Zeethe Aztec trophies went to La Rochelle brugge, had exposed himself to almost instead of to Madrid. The "House of certain destruction to divert the attention Trade" therefore instituted a system of of the enemy from the real objective of convoys, and levied on the merchants a the attack. Blake did not secure the tax called the averia-a word derived from treasure, but he prevented it from reachthe Arabic term for damage, which is re- ing Spain at a critical moment in the war. presented in English by "average" in its We have touched on only a few of the orignal application to marine insurance, interesting points in Mr. Haring's valuable The insurance rate, as we may call it, was and scholarly book. The history of Spanat first 2½ per cent., but increased to 7 per ish colonization is instructive because cent. when Drake and Hawkins got to Spain committed nearly every possible work. From the casual convoy system blunder and has paid the penalty.-The was soon evolved, for reasons of conveni- Spectator. ence, the plan of sending the large yearly ships, which was made compulsory from NEW BOOKBUYERS IN LONDON 1564. There were in fact, two fleets. One sailed for Mexico, or New Spain, in the spring; it had as a rule to attendant war- buyer has almost disappeared in London ships and was commonly called the flota His place has been taken by the new or fleet. The other sailed in August for patrons of literature—the munition girls Nombre de Dios with cargo for "Tierra and the young women employed in Firme"--the mainland or Spanish Main--as Government departments who are earnthe Spaniards called South America; this ing more money than they had ever fleet, which was to bring back the treasure dreamed of receiving in wages in their coming from Peru by way of Panama and younger days. the isthmus road, had a much more powerful convoy of six or eight galleons forming and other branches of the Government the Armada of the Indies, and was therefore generally called "the Galleons." The two fleets, after wintering in the Indies, them," said a London bookseller recently. were intended to meet at Havana in the "They have taken the place of the oldspring and sail home together. As there timer of whom we all were so fond. was little cargo for Spain apart from Quite a number of girls come to my place bullion, the homeward-bound fleet was and buy a five or six-shilling novel every much smaller than when it left Andalusia, week. As for the cheaper editions of and it became the practice, Mr. Haring popular novels, our difficulty is not to tells us, of thrifty Seville merchants to sell them, but to obtain sufficient stocks load up old hulks that were just sea- to supply the trade."-Correspondence of worthy enough to make the outward pas- the Associated Press. sage, selling them for what they would fetch in the colonies. Upon the flota and the "galleons," with their rich freight, the solvency of the Spanish Administration often depended. How much these treasure

want to pay the Royal quinto. Foreign same periodical, in our issue of May 2! nerchants at Cadiz in the late seventeenth nels on duty. But the Crown revenues Jacobs occupies so high a place. from the flotas were very large. Philip II at his accession was drawing about 500- DEATH AND FUNERAL OF BURNS 000 ducats or £225,000 a year from the

Indies-a sum that was equal to Queen and the Indies in the Time of the Haps- Elizabeth's whole revenue from all sources, burgs, by C. H. HARING. London; H. Mil- and that must be multiplied tenfold to give its modern equivalent. In some years to N the 21st [July, 1796] died, at the flota brought far larger amounts. In Dumfries, after a lingering illness, 1550 La Gasca delivered to Charles V bul- the celebrated Robert Burns. His poetithroughout the sixteentn and seventeenth lion to the value of a million and a half cal compositions, distinguished equally by ducats. In 1626 the flota brought for the the force of native humor, by the warmth home to Seville, braving the perils of the Crown bullion worth two and a half mil- and tenderness of passion, and by the lion ducats, besides eight millions' worth glowing touches of a descriptive pencilenterprising sailors of France and for private consignees. A curious official will remain a lasting monument of the account of the silver extracted from vigor and the versatility of a mind guided Potosi between 1556 and 1640 gives a total, only by the lights of nature and the inof 400,000,000 pesos of eight reals—the spiration of genius. The public, to whose buccaneers' "pieces of eight" or dollars, amusement he has so largely contributed, valued at four shillings-of which the will learn with regret that his extraordincountry than she was before. But they Crown took rather more than a fifth. ary endowments were accompanied with provided a continual advertisement of the There is nothing fantastic, then, in the frailties which rendered him useless to New World, and they stimulated the stories of the riches borne in the treasurefleets. Yet for Spain all this wealth was his short life were spent in sickness and sea-power and to seek colonies of their own in North America, while the stores of leaves. For it served "to feed an unbullion which Spain could not keep went practicable vanity and further to unfit the sixth, is now left without any resources to fructify the trade and industry of all nation for manufacturing and commercial but what she may hope from the regard Europe. It is profoundly interesting to find in this new book by Professor Haring, foreigner for everything that could be 'A subscription for the widow and chilof Yale, a detailed account—worked up bought with American gold—for food- dren of poor Burns is immediately to be stuffs as well as for manufactured goods set on foot, and there is little doubt of its which are all that remain to Spain of her and when the flow of treasures stepped being an ample one. lost Empire—of the elaborate organization at last, Spain woke from her dreams to

The flota landed its treasure, to the value April 20th, Blake with part of his fleets It was soon found that treasure-ships engaged the harbor ports, while Stayner sailing homeward offered irresistable with twelve frigates ran into the harbor

London, June 6-The old-time bool

"The girls from the munitions plants service buy books in quantities that would surprise people who do not know

A POPULAR AUTHOR

Last week we reprinted from Punch fleets brought not even Mr. Haring can tell, for though he prints returns of the official remittances, vast sums came for private consignees, who did not always Charles Procter. We reprinted, from the Book of Days.

nother story by the same writer entitled ntury employed young Spanish aristo- "The Right Color," which was also much century employed young Spanish aristocrats, called metedores, to get the gold and appreciated by our readers. Mr. Procter the doctor called a very bad sprained silver ingots illegally consigned to them in writes in a most humorous vein, with the flotas, paying them one per cent. for occasion touches of pathos; and he seems their trouble, besides bribing the Governor likely to establish himself as a writer of again. I think it the best Liniment made, the Mayor, the Magistrate, and the senti- short stories in the class in which W. W.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF

'Actuated by the regard which is due were interred on Monday last, the 25th able respect. The corpse having been previously conveyed to the town-hall of Dumfries, remained there till the following handsomely tendered their services, lined the streets on both sides to the supported the bier; a party of that corps, on their firelocks, pointed to the ground. three volleys over it. The whole cereaffecting spectacle, and accorded with the

RICHARD GIBSON

whose like we shall scarce see again.'

ON the 23rd of July 1690, died Richard Gibson, aged seventy-five; and nineteen years afterwards, his widow died at the advanced age of eighty-nine. Nature thus, by length of years, compensated this compendious couple, as Evelyn terms them, for shortness of stature—the united heights of the two amounting to no more than seven feet. Gibson was miniaturepainter, in every sense of the phrase, as well as court-dwarf, to Charles I; his wife, Ann Shepherd, was court-dwarf to Queen Henrietta Maria. Her majesty 3-1w. encouraged a marriage between these two clever but diminutive persons; the king giving away the bride, the queen presenting her with a diamond ring: while Waller, the court-poet, celebrated the nuptials in one of his prettiest poems. 'Design or chance make others wive.

But nature did this match contrive; Eve might as well have Adam fled, As she denied her little bed To him, for whom Heaven seemed

And measure out this little dame.' The conclusion of the poem is very elegant.

'Ah Chloris! that kind nature, thus, From all the world had severed us; As Love has me, for only you.

The marriage was an eminently happy one. The little couple had nine children, five of whom lived to years of maturity, and full ordinary stature. Gibson had the honor of being drawing-master to Queen Mary and her sister Queen Anne. His works were much valued, and one of them was the innocent cause of a tragical event. This painting, representing the parable of the lost sheep, was highly prized by Charles I, who gave it into the charge of Vandervort, the keeper of the reval pictures, with strict orders to take the greatest care of it. In obedience to these orders, the unfortunate man put the picture away so carefully, that he could not find it himself when the king asked for it a short time afterwards. Afraid or ashamed to say that he had mislaid it, Vandervort committed suicide by hanging. A few days after his death, the picture was found in the spot where he had placed it.

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> SHIPPING NEWS PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

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light discontinued.—The maintenance of Masstown light has been discontinued.

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