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RELICS AT QUERETARO.

Impressions of Historical Events on a Mexican Community.

QUERETARO, theatre of the closing scene in that tragic episode known as "the French intervention in Mexico," says a letter to *The San Francisco Chronicle*, was founded by the Aztecs about the middle of the fifteenth century, and in 1531, it was conquered by the invading Spaniards, commanded by Fernando de Tapia, one of the lieutenants of Cortez. A little chapel, close by the church, which was Maximilian's headquarters during the siege, marks the site where mass was first said in the city. The climate is temperate, though twice in the last fifty years a cold wave has deposited a deep snowfall. The cereals and other staples of the vegetable kingdom thrive and yield abundantly, and the fruits of Queretaro are something to be remembered with longing amidst the inferior and dearer varieties in Mexico. The water supply comes down from a mountain near by, along a stone aqueduct, in which some of the arches are ninety feet high. The city owes this convenience to his worship, the Marquis de Villar del Aquila, of whom it is told that his kinsman, another of the marquises who at one time lay around loose so plentifully in Mexico, but him that the water could not be brought in, and promised to erect a silver fountain in event of the projector's success. The fulfillment of this pledge was afterward changed to sharing the expense of the enterprise, some \$170,000. In the main piazza the fountain, at whose corners stand spirited figures of dogs lapping the water, bears a tall column, topped by a statue of the public-spirited marquis. The public buildings of interest are the churches and the ex-convents of San Francisco, San Antonio, Santo Domingo, El Carmen, Santa Clara, La Cruz, and Santa Rosa. The ex-convent at San Augustin has a patio whose ruins are among the most interesting in Mexico; the caryatides are human trunks and heads, with hands uplifted. No two pairs of hands are in the same position, and the various arrangements evidently express the signs manual of an alphabet. The meaning of the entire series could no doubt be readily deciphered, and it might prove important. Again, no two heads in the carving—and they are of more than life size—are alike in type and all are of exquisite finish, although now in a sad state of mutilation this building having been occupied as a barracks.

La Cruz was used as the imperial headquarters during the siege. It is a fine old edifice, with curious paintings and relics of splendid antique carving. The cell which was Maximilian's chamber is difficult to find, but the lieutenant colonel of the garrison sent to me as my cicerone a man who had attended the unfortunate man and this person pointed out the spots where stood the various pieces of furniture, and the ledge where the emperor climbed to catch the proper light for a photograph before the end of the siege. The narrow room is roofless now, and in the chinks between the tiles grow thickly nicotineum and salvias, from which I gathered a handful of seeds as souvenirs. Another souvenir is one of the cannon-balls used toward the close of the siege, when the ammunition was about exhausted and the people were living on the flesh of mules and horses. The balls, of iron, were mounted in a rough wooden cup for wadding by means of strips of tin or zinc crossed over them and made fast by tacks to a groove in the wood. These are very hard to obtain in these days.

The rooms of Miramon and Mejia are in a like state of dilapidation. Descending, we drove along on the avenue beside the churchyard, which was swept by a twenty-four pounder until treachery turned the muzzle and let Escobedo's men come swarming up across the fields to clamber into the garden through a breach in the wall, whose place is plainly shown by the different material employed in reclosing it. Queretaro people as a rule are devoted to the memory of Maximilian, and they scoff at the suggestion that Lopez did not betray him to Escobedo. They say, too, that the commercial decadence which has fallen upon the city is in punishment for the shedding of Maximilian's blood there, and that the curse will lie for years. The chief interest at Queretaro is all in this connection. Turn where you will, there are relics of the unfortunate young man who was an instrument and a victim of royal ambition. At the palacio, that is to say in the state building, is kept the casket, still stained with his blood, in which he was brought down from the Cerro de las Campanas. The cell in the convent of Capuchins, in which he was immured, now forms part of a private dwelling, whose occupants have become quite reconciled to the intrusions of students of history and of sight-seers pure and simple. The Theatre Iturbide, where was held the court-martial, is another point of interest and most vital of all, the Cerro de las Campanas, where three granite shafts mark the spot of execution. This hill, something like a mile west of this city, rises perhaps one hundred feet above the plain. It was fortified by the imperialists, and here after the capture of the liberals under Escobedo the prince and his two chief generals were conducted for execution. Standing by those monuments, with an eye-witness of the scene, it was easy to see with the eye of the imagination the troops of the victor marshaled about the edge of the hill, while the three coaches rolled across the field with the doomed ones. The three squads detailed for the dreadful duty stood there. The three men were placed in order at not quite regular intervals, Maximilian in the middle. But he stepped from that place, embraced Miramon, and saying: "Men such as you are worthy to fill the place of a monarch," placed Miramon there. It is certain that Maximilian at the time of his death believed that Carlotta was dead already, and this, no doubt, made the thought of his own fate less bitter to him. But enough of such sorrowful recollections.

Perhaps Queretaro is best known to Americans as "the place where you can buy opals cheapest," and great numbers are carried thence. Unfortunately all travelers are not lapidists, and many buy any odd-colored stone, perfectly flawless though it may be, under the name of Mexican opal, to the prejudice of the reputation of genuine stones of that variety. The opal, it is not generally known, is a crystal, irregular as to form and size, imbedded in a calcareous formation. They are "chucked out," and, having been attached by wax to a short stick, are ground and polished, usually in Mexico, by hand-lathes. The greatest of the opal mines near Queretaro has recently been sold to a German company, who have suspended operations therein, so that the stones are much dearer than formerly. Here is also a great center for the manufacture of candies, or, rather, the preparation of crystallized fruits. Apples, pears, crabapples, nuts, quinces, peaches, figs, oranges, lemons, the thick succulent leaves of the cactus, and many other varieties, are put up in forms as pleasing to the eye as exquisite to the taste. Sweet potatoes also are converted into a delightful confection. All are well adapted to export, resisting perfectly the changes of climate. They are very delicious, equaling if not excelling the best French sweets. They are absolutely unadulterated, and they are very cheap. No doubt these fruits will be an important article of export, if ever the hang-fire reciprocity treaty shall become a fait accompli.

AN EDITOR ON DRUMMERS.

At the game supper given at Macon, Ga., the other night, to the Travelers' Protective association, F. H. Richardson, of *The Telegraph*, thus eloquently apostrophized the assembled guests:

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