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### If You Were Mexican.

If you were a native of Mexico you might be Indian, Spanish or real Mexican, which is really a mixture of the other two races. Your type of civilization would depend largely upon the amount of Spanish blood in your veins.

The peasants or poor Mexicans are called peons. It has been said that the only flower that will not bloom in the warm moist climate of our southern neighbor is the peony; for the lot of his peon is indeed pitiable. Although living in a land brilliant with flowers and rich with fruits, the children are bowed down from birth in dust and poverty.

That the Mexican appears dirty must be due to the scarcity of water. One must either buy water from the carrier or depend upon the ditches and public fountain. Since many Mexicans are more or less averse to work, they prefer to remain unwashed rather than carry water so far.

Laundry work is done on the banks of streams and ditches. The clothes, having been soaked for a day or two in jars, are taken to the waters edge and pounded with stones or rubbed over the rough rocks. Fine linen would not stand this treatment very long, but the few clothes of the natives are woven of coarse material.

It is the ambition of every Mexican boy to own a fine sombrero, or broad-brimmed hat with its ice-cream-cone crown. After he has made enough money to buy one, and some of the best cost all the way from twenty-five to one hundred dollars he cares for little else than to eat and sleep and go to the bull-fights.

Besides tortillas, Mexican children eat melons, beans with very hot sauce, and sugar-cane, which is plentiful. The tortillas, or corn cakes, constitute the staple and almost unvaried diet of the Mexican poor. They are dry, flat, almost tasteless cakes, made of water and corn flour, and baked on hot bricks. Preparing these tortillas becomes the tiresome job of women and girls, and they must be millers as well as bakers.

Mexican boys are not fond of play. Much of their time, when they are not compelled to work, is spent lounging against the adobe walls of their bare, cheerless homes, or walking aimlessly round in the hot dusty streets.

Parading the game-cocks becomes the boys' special job in Mexico. Sometimes the lads carry their charges to school and during recess plan battles between champion fighters.

Cock fighting as well as bull fighting is a popular Mexican amusement. The places where cock fights take place are known as cock pits. The roosters being paled in the centre of a ring, the owners and spectators gather about and watch the battle with the greatest interest. There is much gambling among the peons on the outcome.

Besides the cock, Mexican boys have two other pets—the burro and the snake. Although the burro carries the family's burdens, he is often mistreated by his owner. Snakes serve as special pets which the boys delight in smuggling to school in order to lighten the hours of forced study.

Maybe a picture enters your mind what fun it would be while all is still

the schoolroom. Still? Then you were never near a Mexican school, for a humming, buzzing noise can be heard a block away. The children are studying, and they do it out loud. The din continues from seven o'clock in the morning until night. Some of the children sit in chairs, others sprawl over the floor. They learn to use a picture language which is a remnant of the Indian days.

### It Should Be.

There is now, as one result of the war, a state-owned cable connecting Great Britain with Australia. In 1917 the British fished up from the Atlantic the German cable running from Emden to New York via the Azores and relaid it between Penzance and Halifax; from Halifax leased wires across Canada connect it with the state-owned Pacific cable at Banfield, B.C. The Pacific cable board operates the cable from Halifax to Australia. During the later stages of the war and up to the present time it has been used exclusively for Government purposes; but it is now being made available for general commercial business.

With a public-owned All-Red cable, connecting Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, it ought to be possible for the press associations of these countries to make a start in an interchange of news. Government control of supply of news is not to be thought of; but if this publicly-owned cable can place at the disposal of existing news associations special facilities for handling news between these British countries the consequences would be very beneficial to the interests of all the peoples affected.

Is there any part of the world that we know less about or hear less about than Australia or New Zealand, although they are sister commonwealths dealing with pretty much the same problems that we are ourselves grappling with? — Winnipeg Free Press.

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### Nothing Slow About This

To the list of novel experiences that have overtaken Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., during his brief career as a cub reporter on the New York Herald, has been added the doubtful distinction of being "beaten" on his own engagement announcement.

The only son of Cornelius Vanderbilt was perusing the first page of a rival publication on Friday when he saw a two-column headline that caused him to gasp.

"Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is engaged to wed sister of Martin W. Littleton, a half-sister of the lawyer and Democratic leader who nominated Judge Alton B. Parker for the Presidency in 1904.

Young Vanderbilt forgot the interest that the fiancée usually finds in such an announcement in the chagrin of the reporter who finds that he has been "beaten" on news actually in his possession. But, in defense of his journalistic ability, it may be said that he was the victim of a bit of newspaper enterprise that might have taken in a more experienced reporter.

He was about to retire Thursday evening when the telephone bell rang and a businesslike voice asked:

"This is the night desk. How're we to use that engagement announcement of yours?"

"Why, I left that with the managing editor, you know," said Vanderbilt thinking he was talking to the night city editor of the paper upon whose staff he was employed. "He was going to hold that announcement until later."

The man at the other end of the wire laughed. He could not conceal his triumph at the ruse that had succeeded.

"Thanks," he said. "This is the Times talking. I just wanted to make sure that our tip was straight. You have kindly verified it."

The reason that piercing the flesh with even the finest needle hurts is because the nerves are so thickly matted just under the skin that not even the finest point can be introduced without wounding one or more

### The Sphinx Riddle Still Unanswered.

"Who carved the Sphinx?" No one can prove who made it or whether it represented a god or a king.

Some writers have fancied that a solid rock resembling a crouching lion rose from the rock shelf that juts out toward the Nile and that the early race which inhabited the marshes worshipped it as a god, for even in much later ages uncivilized people worshipped rocks as gods; then, as the race became civilized, it adapted nature and carved the real figure from the solid natural ledge whose shape had led them to regard as a divinity. But as Egyptian writing has mentioned such a god, although a small temple exists between the Sphinx's gigantic jaws.

A Remarkable Group.

In the days of the glory of Memphis, some five thousand years ago, the Sphinx was then a polished figure, approached by a wide walk with steps here and there. The world has seen nothing since like this remarkable group. Near the Sphinx stood the pyramids coated with polished stone that shone in the sunlight. There was also, the great causeway leading up from the Nile, and it was up this causeway that the huge stones for the pyramids were brought after being floated down from the quarries up stream. The causeway was ornamented with figures cut into it, but the Sphinx and the pyramids were devoid of carvings, Greek writers who saw them declare. The Greeks could not read the inscription and the priests of Egypt, who could, did not care to tell the Greeks.

The Sphinx's presence in this group have led some writers to conclude that the rock from which it was chiseled obstructed the view of the pyramids, standing alone on the shelf as it did, and hence was carved this strange figure. One theory is that the body of the lion signifies strength and that the head was that of the great King Cheops whose pyramid stands near by. Since Egyptian kings were worshipped as gods, this would account for the Sphinx.

Denied His Resting Place.

The Greeks declared that Cheops was the most unhappy of mortal kings. His kingdom was small and Egypt had not the vast slave army that later built its temples and tombs. But Cheops was ambitious and determined to build a great tomb on the rock shelf near the city. For ten years his subjects labored and all were taxed to build the huge causeway that brought up the stones to the Nile ledge and to level off the ledge for the pyramid. Then the real work of building the Great Pyramid began and each day the king went to inspect it.

Finally Cheops was called to Osiris. The Egyptian custom was that he be judged of the deeds he had done in life before he could sleep in the great tomb provided. The body was placed in its mummy wrappings in the great hall of the palace for this last ceremony. A great clamor arose outside, and the common people, oppressed by the taxes which built the huge pyramid, burst in with a demand that the dead ruler be denied the right to sleep in it.

In vain the courtiers tried to quiet them and the soldiers to eject them; the clamor would not down. By night some of the king's retainers concealed the body in an obscure tomb, hoping later to transfer it so it might sleep in the resting place Cheops had made for it. But in the days of the Greek

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