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SIGHT-SEEING IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF MERIDA.

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It seemed a hair-brained undertakng-this wide detour from customary travel, across Estramadura's dusty and desolate plains to the very border of Fortugal; but we have found ample recompense in merely walking the streets of Merida, the Spanish city-whose foundations were laid a quarter of a century before Christ was born. Though this remote and forgotten town cuts no figure in modern history, Spanish cherish it, with pardonable pride, as the "Rome of the Peninsula," for it t contains more relies of the early Romans than even the Eternal City of Italy. Indeed, the whole province of Estramadura, poverty-stricker as it now appears, is richer in nomuments of antiquity than any other area on the face of the globe. Before coming this way, it will be well to freshen your memory with a bit on classical history. The Medina to-day is the self-same Roman Capital of Lusitania, which Legate Publius Carisius built B.C. 23, and christened Emerita Augusta. magnificence continued undiminished down to the fourth century after Christ. Thirty-six different Roman coins were struck here, which are now among the rarest and most valuable in the world, existing only in the cabinets of wealthy collectors. Most of the worn discs of silver and copper for which fabulous prices are paid, bear the ancient arms of the city (which are still the arms of Medina)-a turreted gate, with the inscription "Augusta Emerita." described the splendors of this old capital in stately measure, in his hymn on the death of its patroness, Eulalia; who, by the way, is not to be confounded with her namesake, the tutelar of Barcelona, nor yet with the blonde-haired mem ber of Spain's royal family who visited the United States a few years Merida's Eulalia was born here, A.D. 292, and was one of the earliest female martyrs in Spain. History is silent as to the cause of her martyrdom and the tortures by which she died.

The "sights" of Merida are many and of surpassing interest to the archaeologist. Most of them were projected during the happy reign of ajan, that enlightened prince who loved to beautify and ennoble the land of his birth. The walls of the city, once 20 miles in circumference, ante-date Trajan's day; and so does one of the bridges - that crossing the Guidiana, on whose right bank rises Merida. It is about half a mile long, with 81 arches, 30 feet, road and 35 teet above the water. Being so long and flat, it has the appearance of a causeway, gray and solemn, yet stately in its decay. It would be hazardous to attempt a rossing now! yet you venture out a considerable distance upon the crumbling structure - thinking of the countless multitudes that have passd to and fro since its completion in the first century - until the broken with the deep, still river far below, gives you sensations which are likely to haunt-your dreams unpleasantly for nights to come.
The other ancient bridge spans a

smaller stream on the opposite side of the city, and is a worthy monument to Trajan, its builder. It was repaired in the year 686 by one of the Gothic dukes of Toledo; and again in 1610 by Philip III., as an inscription on its portico announces. thousand traditions, romantic and Listoric, cling to these old, old tridges. In 1808 a gallant band of Frenchmen, only 800 strong, kept the whole Spanish army at bay for a month by holding the oldest bridge, although the river is fordable at that point. Four years later, during the siege of Badajoz, several arches of the other bridge were purposely dethe other bridge were purposely de-stroyed, in order to impede Marmout's advance. They were after-wards replaced, to match the structure as nearly as possible - of solid granite, with bossage work, "pil-lowed," or almohadillado, as the Spaniards say. On an island in the Guadiana, a little way up stream, is a Roman dyke, known as El Tajamar, built of massive masonry and intended to protect the arches of the bridges below from inundations. The dyke may have been effective in its prime, but every recent incendation aused by melting snows of the mountains swelling the river, has wrought irreparable damage to the tottering structure, which must soon disappear altogether. To the right of Trajan's bridge is

a castle built by the Romans and added to by the Moors. In later years, it served as a palace for the Bishops of Merida; and afterwards it was occupied by the Knights Templar, whence came its present name, "El Conventual." At the suppression of the Templars in Spain, the castle was granted to the Catholic order of Santiago, whose provisor made it his residence. Little is left of it, except a splendid court of granite pillars, the vestiges of a temple, a square tank that once served in some mystic rite and a series of some ancient baths — the rest of the great pile having been gutted by the French. A tall, gaunt gateway, standing by itself near the river, looks as old as the oldest monument in existence, but is evidently of comparatively recent origin, as its marble tablet bears an. Arabic inscription. The triumphal arch of Trajan, forty-four feet high-though now a mere shell, having been stripped of its marble casing by the invaders.—towers imposingly in a dingy back street, dwarfing by its sweep of prodigious blocks the modern buildings that surround it. Majestic even in its naked simplicity, it must have been magnificent when covered with costly marbles, adorned with bas reliefs and

the Emperor. The Roman Forum, of which only the area and some broken shafts re-main, may be seen near the modern convent of Descalzos. Below it ran the Via Plata ("Silver Way")—the old Roman road to Salamanca. The Roman Amphitheatre is entirely ruined, only its outline and a few seats ing traceable, but the theatre called by the 'present inhabitants' Los icle Sillas, ("The Seven Seats"), from the seven divisions of its benches-retains an unbroken 'semicircle, and its vomitoria, or passages

for entrance and exit, running be neath the seats, are yet perfect Most picturesque and imposing all the Roman remains in Merida he Acqueduct, stretching across the parren country from the railway sta-It is formed of immense gran te blocks, with narrow, horizontal ourses of brick. Thirty-seven of its high and arched in three tiers, each tier crowned with a storks's nest Farther to the east, near the ugly Spanish acqueduct which crosses th Albarregas River (the ancient Alba regia), are several broken shafts of

another Roman acqueduct. The Circus Maximus, in a great hol-low near the Madrid road, is well preserved. Its dimensions are 1,350 by 330 feet. The outer walls are of enormous thickness, and many of the original seats for spectators remain Then there is the mighty reservoir El Lazo Proserpino, seven miles north of Merida. The granite wall which dams up the water is gigantic, with staircases leading down into the huge tank. Another reservoir, six in the opposite direction, is called Albuera de Cornalvo. much smaller than the one above mentioned but the arrangement of its steps, in regular rows, incline antiquarians to the belief that Naumachiae were performed here.

The loom on which Miss Nancy Hanks, the mother of the great em ancipator. Abraham Lincoln, did her weaving, is now owned by Dan Smith of Garfield. The story goes that Nancy Hanks used to make regular trips from her home in Larue county to Stephensport. route she would stop and weave cloth for people. It seems that one of her customers, John Martin, came into possession of the loom, and at the sale after his death it was bought by old George Bruington. In time he died, and the loom was fallen heir to by Mrs. Patsy Macey. At her death the place was sold to Mr. Smith, and the loom was put in with other property. This loom is made of white oak, and all the parts are decayed except the beam, which about eight inches in diameter and eight feet long .- Breckinridge (Ky.)

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News.

'An odd incident occurred on the Chicago and Northwestern railway at Highland Park, Ills. As the engineer of the train which reaches Milwaukee at 11-o'clock blew the whistle the valve broke, and he was unable to shut off the steam from the nois maker. From Highland Park to Milwaukee, a distance of about 65 miles, there was not a moment wh It could be heard for strength. miles away as the train came on in a long, continuous, shrill sound, and at every city and village people ranto their doors to learn what was happening, While the whistle was blowing the fireman was straining every nerve to keep the steam up to the running point and succeeded in bringing the train into the station on time .- Milwaukee Sentinel.

When God had created heaven and earth and named all things, he also gave each plant its particular name. All flowers had to appear before the Lord; and he named them according to their colors. "Now," said the Lord to them, "never forget the names that your Creator gave you!"

But soon afterward a little flower with small sky blue petals came back and meekly asked the Lord: name did you give me? I've forgotten it.'

"Forgetmenot," replied the Lord, and the little flower felt ashamed and retired to the silent brook and hid in the dense green of its banks. But forever since it keeps its eyes turned upward to the sky, and, never again to lose the memory of its name, it whispers, "Forgetmenot, forgetmenot."

Always Has Pins in His Mouth.

A young man from Carey recently went into the office of Dr. J. E. Nichols of Upper Sandusky, O., to have a tooth drawn. The doctor had taken hold of the tooth with his forceps when he noticed something in the young man's mouth. He removed the forceps and asked what it was "Pins," said the young man, who then took from his mouth a bunch of nine pins, says the Cincinnati Comnercial Tribune. He said he always has more or less pins in his mouth has them when he sleeps and when he eats and drinks and when he chews tobacco. He says he can put a dozen in his mouth. Sometimes he swallows one, but it never causes him any

harm. Made the "Penalty Fit the Crime." "Slang" is one of the latest parlor games and is the scheme of a lady who ives in one of Boston's suburbs. Last evening she entertained a 'number of young ladies. For pastime she suggested they play "Slang.", the idea being that the one who wrote the greatest number of slang words in ten minutes would receive a prize. At the end of that time one young lady exhibited a paper with twentyheard every day. She was declared the winner and presented with a cake of soap, upon which were the words, "To wash out your mouth."-Boston Transcript.

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Mrs. Alice Wilson, a modest Quaker lady of Kokomo, Ind., wife of W. H. Wilson, a well-known dairyman, can tell a snake story that knocks out the professional snake liar, and hers has the refreshing distinction of being true. The story is a part of the pion-eer history of this section of the State, and is well remembered by the early ettlers now living.

Near the banks of a small stream, known for nearly half a century as Rattlesnake Creek, stood the cabin home of Morton Ellis, a sturdy Quaker. From the hill on which the cabin stood was a path leading to a spring some distance away, water being carried from this for house use. One Sabbath day afternoon returning from meeting, the bldest daughter, Alice, now Mrs. Wilson, was sent to the spring for water. When tripping along with her bucket the child felt the earth giving way under her feet. She suddenly broke through the ground and fell to her shoulders into cavern full of rattlesnakes. The snakes, excited by the unexpected intrusion, crawled in scores over her limbs. The cries of the girl brought the family to the rescue, and when she was pulled out of the cave a dozen or more of the venomous reptiles were clinging to her body and clothing. Mr. Ellis, though a devout Quaker and a strict observer of the Sabbath, deemed this an extraordinary occasion not contemplated in the Scriptural infunction. He summoned his neighbors, and a general attack was made on the den of snakes. After two hours of hard fighting, in which there were several narrow escapes, the last occupant of the cave lay dead on the ground. At the end of the slaughter 521 dead rattiers were piled up in the path.

An examination disclosed the fact that the spring at the foot of the path was connected with the snake den by an underground passage. It is a singular fact that this spring was counted the best and purest water for miles around. The girl suffered no injury from the thrilling experience. The incident gave Rattlesnake Creek its name. It is in Carroll county, twenty miles west of Kokomo.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

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