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A CLERGYMAN OF NORWALK TELLS WHAT HE SAW THERE.

Schools Were Very Bad and No Meaning Attached to the Word "Home"—The Various Cases in the Population—Observations of the Rev. Dr. Beard.

The American Missionary association, through its secretary, the Rev. A. F. Beard, D. D., whom I sent to Porto Rico, as its special commissioner, has issued a statement of the conditions in that island, as related to population, education, homes and opportunities for a new Americanism, such as the association has represented for more than half a century. In part, the statement is as follows:

A census of Porto Rico lately taken gives the population as 890,000, which may be divided in round numbers as follows: White, 500,000; colored, 200,000; of whom about 90,000 are blacks. This gives a dense population of nearly 243 to the square mile. The whites comprise the Spaniards and Porto Ricans of Spanish blood. The colored are of all shades, chiefly burnt sienna, and mostly straight-haired. The blacks are negroes, pure and simple. The whites may be divided into the ruling class, numbering, perhaps, 100,000, and the peasants, or gibraros, 400,000. The colored are mixed (mestizos). The peasants, or gibraros, with the mestizos and blacks together form the class of unskilled laborers. They are miserably poor, and literally live from hand to mouth. Their cabins, or "shacks," are set on poles driven into the ground, the floor being raised a few feet. The average household furniture consists of a few dishes and utensils made of calabash shells or gourds, with some rude earthenware. A little patch of land for the plantain grove, or some corn or sweet potatoes, possibly a cow, a pig and a diminutive horse of gothic architecture, form the property and provision for life. The people seldom get any meat and but little bread for food, as none of the cereals grow well there. As a result, they are a class anemic and hungry looking. Their staple food is the banana, which, for steady diet, does not put a great deal of iron into the blood. Most of their food grows on trees. Here they are, more than one-half of the population, in dense ignorance, too ignorant to be discontented with this existence, which in its condition is pitiful beyond expression.

Out of 800,000 there are 111,350 who can read, but of these 14,513 cannot write. Nearly 500,000 are without knowledge beyond that of their own hut. In every town there are certain people with varying attainments in education, who hold the more responsible positions in life, but they have entirely failed to realize any responsibility for this appalling mass of ignorance around them. One-half of the population is in towns. As the towns are built on the same general plan, and in most of them four or five agencies are constantly opened. Odors are always in evidence. As to feeling, the opportunities for the study of entomology are unbounded. As to taste, everything is saturated with garlic. The sight was hurt constantly in the wan and pinched faces of the poor, and in their apparently needless poverty in a land where plenty would come easily, and in their ignorance of the fact that the lower animals are God's creatures. They lack their stunted horses without mercy; they prick their oxen cruelly with goads. They do not, however, mean to be cruel; they are very humane people to their own neighbors who are sufferers. They show affection for children, though not care for them. They simply have the heritage of ignorance for generations. They have not been to school, nor to any church which instructed them, nor have they had wise parents and Christian training in good homes; and yet they are an interesting people, alert, quick-witted, polite, graceful. But they are low down, being ignorant.

A Fair-Isle Egg Forger.

An egg forger has been recently exposed in Paris. Eggs are about the last thing that one would expect to be forged, but it should be remembered that there are many collectors of birds' eggs who are willing to pay a high price for rare birds' eggs. A visitor saw this clever forger make a pen-guin egg which could not be distinguished from the real one that served him for a model. He made the egg of plaster of paris which he burnt and glazed. The egg was intended for a man who furnished eggs for a foreign scientific collection. It is not very difficult to impose on even experienced scientists, for among the real eggs of most species there are so many varieties that even the most practiced expert could not readily distinguish all of them. The eggs of the common flycatcher are very cheap and by chemical treatment they acquire a bluish, green, shiny color, and are then sold at high prices as the eggs of the silk taff. From common ducks' eggs are fabricated eggs of a falcon, being given a silver green color for the purpose. The pigeon and wood pigeon eggs are also transformed into rarer products of birds. Nightingales' eggs are difficult to procure and are therefore rare. They are successfully imitated by coloring larks' eggs brown. For a long time the egg forger was an assistant in a natural history museum in the provinces. There have been other cases of forgery of very rare birds' eggs, but these were only made of expensive rare eggs, and their manufacture did not constitute a permanent means of livelihood.

The Arab who has angered a camel will throw his clothes upon the ground and the infuriated beast, after stamping on them and tearing them asunder with its teeth, goes on its way, and the driver is the happier quite safe, as it seems to be an axiom with the camel that no man shall be put in peril of life twice for one offense.

The camel is stupid, save when angry, and then seems to become almost preternatural in carrying out its vengeful designs. Falgrave relates the following story of a camel's revenge, which serves to illustrate this point: "A lad of 14 had conducted a large camel laden with wood from one village to another at a half hour's distance. As the animal loitered or turned out of the way its conductor struck it repeatedly and harder than it seemed to have thought he had a right to do. But not finding the occasion favorable for taking immediate quits it 'bode its time.' That time was not long in coming.

"A few days later the same lad had to reconduct the beast, but unluckily, to his own village. When they were about half way on the road and at some distance from any habitation, the camel suddenly stopped, looked deliberately round in every direction to assure itself that no one was in sight and, finding the road clear of jassabry, made a step forward, seized the unlucky boy's head in its monstrous mouth, and, lifting him up in the air, flung him down again on the earth with the upper part of his skull completely torn off.

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A NEW INDUSTRY.

It is the business of Making Haunted Houses Habitable.

In the canny north of England is a man who gets his living by the pursuit of a very peculiar profession, says "Tit-Bits." He styles himself an "exorciser," or "curer of haunted houses." He makes it his business to call on house and estate agents in various parts of the country and inquire as to the houses of ghostly reputation they have upon their catalogues. Then for an arranged fee, ranging from £2 to £5 according to the circumstances of the case, he undertakes to rid the premises of their visionary visitant, which function he invariably fulfills to the salient satisfaction of all concerned.

His methods are a mystery to all but himself, for he is engaged electing the phantoms from their favorite promenades. One of this gentleman's avowed detractors avers that he has dealings with the powers of evil. All that is known of him in the locality where he resides is that his religious convictions are decidedly unorthodox, and that he is an enthusiastic patron of spiritualistic seances. Indeed, he will readily travel a score of miles to be present at one of these performances.

Fully aware of the stigma attaching to a haunted house, and its consequent depreciation in value, agents having such tenements upon their books are only too glad to secure the services of this extraordinary exorciser. Nearly every district in Great Britain has its haunted houses, so that business is usually brisk with this uncanny individual.

He has, however, been heard to remark that when all the historical ghosts in the kingdom are laid it will be comparatively easy to raise more by judicious converse with country folk, most of whom are incurably superstitious. He asserts that he has no fear of anything supernatural and he will often spend successive nights alone in houses which most folk carefully avoid. At present this exorciser is earning at least £200 a year by his weird art. He says that he will confide his secret to his son, who will succeed him in his unique calling.

Bald-Headed Soldiers.

"When the Tenth Regiment comes home from the Philippines the people of Western Pennsylvania must be prepared to welcome an aggregation of bald-headed heroes."

These were the words of Corporal John J. McKnight, who arrived in Pittsburgh the other morning after a fifty-four day trip from Manila, where he secured a discharge from Col. Hawkin's regiment while on the firing line. The soldier is going to his home at Greensburg, and while taking off his hat to some old friends who greeted him at the Rush house the bald-headed hero, "His own hair was disappearing and he hastened to assure his visitors that he was not alone in his affliction.

"Yes," he said, "replacing his headgear," "the heat of the country occurred by our troops between Manila and Malolos is intense enough to literally singe your hair. Of course, we keep our hats on. Death by sunstroke was the fate of those who went bareheaded, and we suffered continually during the day. Much complaint was made against our heavy campaign hats, but we received no respite and made the best of it. I am not exaggerating the conditions when I say that more than 50 per cent. of the American soldiers in the Philippines are destined to become bald. When the boys come back you will find that they had been recruited from the front rows of the theatre."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Night Work.

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How to Get Clothes Mended.

"It is strange that I can't get a wife to mend my clothes," remarked Mr. Norris in a tone of disgust. "I asked her to sew a button on this vest this morning, and she hasn't touched it."

"You asked her!" said Mr. Norris with a slight shrug of his shoulders.

"Yes. What else should I do?"

"You haven't been married very long, so perhaps you'll take a tip from me," answered Mr. Norris, with a facetious air. "Never ask a woman to mend anything. That's fatal."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Do as I do. When I want a shirt mended, for instance, I take it in my hand and burn up my wife. 'Where's the rag bag?' Mrs. Norris? 'I demand a steen voice.'

"What do you want a rag bag for?" she says spitefully.

"I want to throw this shirt away. It's all worn out," I reply.

"Let me see it," she demands.

"But I put the garment behind my back. 'No, my dear,' I answer. 'There is no use in your attempting to do anything with it.'

"Let me see it," she reiterates.

"But it's all worn out, I tell you."

"Now, John, give me that shirt!" she says in her most peremptory tone.

"I hand over the garment."

"Why, John Norris," she cries with womanly triumph, "this is a perfectly good shirt. All it needs is—"

"And then she mends it."—Dallas (Tex.) News.

"Mind Mother" Sermon.

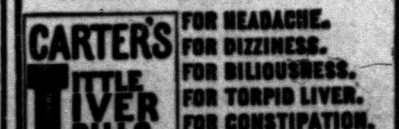
One Monday, Steve, who had been at church the day before, thought he would have a church of his own, says Olive Plants. He got his four sisters to be the congregation. He stood on a stool and spoke very loud. This is part of the sermon that he preached: "This is to be 'mind mother' sermon. There are two ways in which you ought to mind everything she says: 'Mind her the very first time she speaks. When mother says, 'Mary, please bring me some coal or water,' or 'run to the store,' don't answer, 'in just a minute, mother.' Little folks' minutes are a great deal longer than the ones the clock ticks off. When you say 'yes' with your lips, say 'yes' with your hands and feet. Don't say 'yes' and act 'no.' Saying 'Yes' in a minute, is not obeying, but doing 'yes' is. 'Mind cheerfully. Don't scowl when you have to drop a book, or whine because you can't go and play. You wouldn't own a dog that minded you with his ears laid back, growling and snapping. A girl ought to mind a great deal better than a dog."

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