

A WONDERFUL COAST.

Costa Rica, the Fifth of the Central American Republics—The Country the People and Their Customs—Fishing Resources.

(Written for THE COLONIST.)

If you wish to see a strange coast, laughing and bright, with a smiling sea and mountains, take a sailing vessel and proceed slowly southward of San Juan del Sur, or still better, you may take a steamer and money hire a party of men and place yourself in the wilderness of the west coast of Costa Rica, the fifth of the Central American Republics. You will see scenery never to be forgotten as long as you live, you will probably experience accidents and thrilling adventures and perhaps endanger your life, but after all what is our life? It is sometimes worth while to risk it.

Mighty and magnificent stretches the west coast of Costa Rica, especially those of Spanish origin, are like their sisters of other republics, very pretty, often beautiful. They have the most magnificent bay, liquid eyes, and remarkably small feet and hands. They are frequently very fat, though they are often by using too much sugar and powder. At the age of twenty they are already balding, and they are very old grand-motherly and at thirty they are counted already as "the old ladies," and occasionally they are very old.

The ladies seldom dress after the European fashion, but preserve their old and beautiful Spanish mantillas. The black lace and ruffles play also an important part in their dress. The ladies of good families very seldom show their faces to the world except when they are in the company of their young men, never go alone but always in company with an elderly man or woman. They are very true to their lovers and make excellent wives and mothers.

It is very hard travelling in a Central American forest, and you have to move slowly, step by step. Sometimes during a day you cannot go further than a couple of miles from the starting point, and sometimes even less. You have to cut your way through the dense foliage and bushes and look out for wild animals and dangerous snakes, for the Costa Rican forest with all its beauties has also its dangers.

On the shores of the Gulf of Dulce, on the verge of the tropical forest, there are the ruins of the city of San Domingo, which five weeks, and a curious life it was scarcely any more than a village. The ruins are full of altars, which grow here and multiply with a rapidity unknown anywhere else. The altars are of stone, and the most beautiful are of the shape of a cross. The ruins are full of altars, which grow here and multiply with a rapidity unknown anywhere else.

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THE KAISER'S FUNERAL.

Solemn and Impressive Services in the Cathedral—Sermon Delivered by the Bishop—The Kaiser's Coffin Brought to the Cathedral.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

During the week they spent on Saturday and Sunday, they were standing on Saturday evening and on Monday morning, with the exception of a couple hours on Sunday, when they go to church. Pandango is the favorite dance of poor and rich and low and high, and the principal musical instrument. They love music passionately, and they express always in song their love and despair, their joy and sorrow. At night a guy caballeri takes his guitar and goes under the window of the house where his lady-love lives. He begins then to play and to sing, imploring his goddess to show herself and to give him a few words of consolation. Of course, the usually gets what he wants, and the lady-love is allowed to kiss a small white hand, or he gets a flower from the lady's bosom, or, at best, she gives him a little token of affection. The advent here is then satisfied and he goes home like a conqueror.

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A STRANGE STORY.

Innocent With Legacy of a Cavalier Murderer.

(San Francisco, March 14.—The Pacific Reporter.)

San Francisco, March 14.—The Pacific Reporter, of Honolulu, has a story to the effect that Kaim, the murderer who was sentenced to death in 1884, had his last penny commuted on condition that he should undergo inoculation with virus of leprosy in the interest of pathological science. Dr. Arning, then under engineer's charge with the government to investigate the disease, according to the Mitchell theory of Koch, performed the operation. The man healed up without any signs of leprosy, and he has since been well, and has been employed in the same work as before. He is now a free man, and is a most useful ally of the police.

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OUR CABLE LETTER.

Lord Salisbury Will Probably Retire On Account of Ill Health—His Successor.

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London, March 17.—The health of Lord Salisbury is again a matter of serious concern to his friends and especially to his colleagues, when they look to the future of the government. The question of a prime minister's health is a very delicate one, and the responsibility of those who are called upon to succeed him is a very heavy one. It is admitted that with regard to succession to the leadership, which is a matter of great importance, there has been an increase of difficulties. Opinion prevails in Tory democratic circles that Churchill has been a mistake, and that Lord Salisbury's retirement is spoken of as a possibility.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Smallpox on the Increase in California—Memorial Services in San Francisco.

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