

**Peon, Nimble With Lasso or Knife, Is Argentina's Pride**

**Foundation Stone of Nation's Prosperity; Horse His Chief Subject of Thought, Traveler Says.**

London, April 10.—(By mail)—The peon, lineal descendant of old Grancho stock, is the most picturesque personality in Argentina. He is also the foundation stone of the country's prosperity. Proud, quick-tempered, high-couraged, born in the saddle, nimble alike with lasso or knife, he is well fitted to belong to this land of great open spaces where 27,000,000 cattle graze, writes Arthur Mills to The London Daily Mail from Buenos Aires.

"The horse is the peon's passion, the main subject of his thought and talk. And this I realized when, away up in the rugged north, I saw an exhibition of potro riding.

"We were returning from a cattle inspection, when my host, the general manager of Messrs. Bovril's 700,000 acres, pointed to a paddock containing 100 horses.

"Not one of those horses has had a man on his back," he said. "Like to see the boys ride a few?"

He gave a sign. A dark-skinned wiry-looking fellow came forward, hand on the fastening of his lasso. A black coil was marked down, and a moment later the peon was galloping among the horses, lasso whirling round his head,



According to cable reports Miss Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, who, captured by Chinese bandits, has now been released.

"The lasso fell unerringly round the colt's neck. Then the fight began.

"The colt, a high-couraged animal, fought for his freedom every inch,

plunging, rearing, twisting in and out among his fellows.

"Another peon, coming with a second lasso, swung it round his legs; a quick jerk, and the colt lay stretched upon the ground.

"First the bozado was applied—a strip of raw hide, tied lightly round the lower jaw.

"Then, the forelegs loosened, the colt was made to rise and the domador (horse-breaker) came forward with a saddle, much adjustment and fastening of the powerful girths (with reason, as we saw later); lastly, the domador put on his heavy spurs.

"He came up to the colt, which stood with startled eyes, sweating and shivering in every limb, placed hand on mane and jumped into the saddle. Down with a thwack comes the raw hide rebenque, in go the spurs.

"Ay! ah! Ay! ah!" cry the peons; the blood of the colt rises; the fight begins.

"Never was animal more enraged. Back! It is hard to believe a horse can twist itself into such a shape—a sort of twisting, cork-screw motion, with quick darts to one side or the other, and in mid-air a most disconcerting sideways kick.

"There is something magnificent in the rage of the colt fighting the man. Suddenly the bucking stops, and with neck stretched the colt races over the plain. Two other horsemen gallop out and ride each side of the maddened animal. But the fight is over. The colt gallops till he tires and comes of his own accord to rather a pathetic standstill."

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No fewer than twelve different burials, all within a small area of ground, were disclosed, some protected by tombs built of massive stone slabs. Each grave had its highly ornate pottery vase, decorated by geometrical incised lines, and at times with work in relief.

The pottery, some of which, it is thought, belongs to the late Stone or Neolithic Age, about two thousand five

hundred years before Christ, ranges in period down through the different sections of the Bronze Age, until the termination of that age about seven hundred years before Christ.

Among the items of personal property of the pre-historic people who were buried there are several tools of flint and other stone, a fine necklace of discoid beads, and a bronze knife dagger, with remains of its leather sheath.

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In the Canterbury news appearing in the Carleton Sentinel the following item appeared: The new hotel is undergoing extensive repairs and under the efficient management of O. Orchard of St. John, will make Canterbury more attractive for the summer visitors, who travel this road on the way to the beautiful lakes near here. The hotel will be known as "The Orchard Inn" and will be ready for opening in June.

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