

## THE WOMEN OF MEXICO.

Some of the Mexican customs respecting women will mislead the American visitor, unless he is better informed than most persons who have crossed the border. One that I know of is very queer, writes a *Chicago Times* correspondent from Chihuahua. Now, fast dying out, it was in vogue throughout the entire republic five or six years ago. I'll relate the experience of one A. W. Gifford of San Antonio, regarding it, as he narrated it to me:

"I had been engaged in selling a ranch for a wealthy Mexican," said he, "and had managed to ingratiate myself with him. He invited me to visit him at his home, and I accepted. At the end of the National Railway I found a travelling carriage, drawn by six horses, and accompanied by a number of mounted servants, awaiting me. Inside were receptacles containing choice wines, ice—a scarce commodity—table ware, and a variety of viands. Arrived at my hosts house, he greeted me most cordially, assured me again and again of his friendship, and conducted me to a school room to see his daughters. There were five, all pretty, the eldest lovable. They ranged in age from eight to seventeen years. They stood in line, in school-girl fashion, as if about to make a recitation. Blushes suffused their countenances, but they cast at me many a coquettish glance. The father looked at them a moment proudly, and then introduced me, after which he astounded me by saying that I must make a choice of one of his daughters for betrothal to her. I thought he was joking, and made some remark in pleasantry, when he repeated his statement, and demeaned himself so gravely the while, that I was convinced he was in earnest. I scarcely knew how the scene terminated, for I became very confused, and did a great deal of unnecessary talking, just as a young man does when, partly intoxicated, he thinks of some plan for pleasure that his better sense bids him to forego; but I think I lied to the gentleman by telling him that I had a wife and children. The next day he informed me the betrothal was an act of courtesy toward an ultra-favored guest, was extended to highly distinguished persons only as a rule, and signified nothing more than that the person so honored had the freedom of the house."

The granting of this privilege is indeed an honor, for no one but a near relative to a Mexican woman may, unaccompanied by a near relative, enter any part of an aristocrat's residence, where the females of the house hold resort. Even the parlor, therefore, is sacred from intrusion, unless one be accepted on the intimate footing accorded one's betrothed, who then becomes as a brother. Should he violate the trust reposed in him, no thing on earth would be more condemned. His punishment would be sure, and his life would be the price of his wrong. Mexicans have been known to violate this trust, but to the honor of Americans be it said, Americans never. Perhaps this happy conclusion to kind hospitality may be attributable in part to the fewness of the Americans so honored, and to the discernment of the Mexican hosts themselves, but it is ground for congratulation, nevertheless.

Try to be happy in this very moment; and put not off being so to a time to come; as though that time should be of another make from this, which has already come, and is ours.

The most glorious exploits do not always furnish us with the clearest discoveries of virtue or vice in men. Sometimes a matter of less moment, an expression or a jest, informs better of their characters and inclination, than the most famous sieges, the greatest armaments, of the bloodiest battles whatsoever.

Learn as if you were to live forever; live as if you were to die to-morrow.

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Were we eloquent as angels we should please some more by listening than by talking.

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It is very easy to follow one's inclinations; but unfortunately, we cannot follow them all. They are like the teeth sown by Cadmus—they spring up, get into each other's way and fight.

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