

COST OF LIVING IN MEXICO.

It is Very High, but Money is Made Easily.

I asked a young American dentist in San Luis Potosi, a city of 100,000 people in the north central part of Mexico—a rich farming country—what it costs to live in Mexico.

The young dentist lives very nicely. Like all of his kind in Mexico, he is making money and he is saving enough to make him rich within the next ten or fifteen years. Said he:

"I keep a close account of my expenses and as I figure it it costs me just about \$117 a month. My living costs me for table expenses \$2 a day, or \$60 a month. I pay \$25 a month for my house and I have three servants, who average \$4 a month apiece. Here every respectable fellow has to have a cook, man and a chambermaid. In addition to the wages of the servants I have to give them so much a day for food. Each of them expects six cents every morning for tortillas or corn-cakes, which constitute the bread of the common people. Then every week I have to give six cents extra to them for soap. This is the custom and they want the money and not the soap. I once bought twenty-five pounds of soap and tried to do it out to them, but they wouldn't take it. Washing and ironing are never done in the house in Mexico. There are public washerwomen, who pound and rub the clothes to pieces after wetting them with cold water, which they get from public tanks or ditches. They wear out the clothes in one-third the time that they would be destroyed by Chinamen and I pay them \$3 a month for doing it. My butter costs me seventy-five cents a pound, my milk six or seven cents a day, and I pay about six cents a day on the average for charcoal.

"An ordinary hand-me-down suit costs from \$20 to \$30. Underclothing is very expensive. Calico costs 18 cents a yard. A very ordinary silk necktie sells for \$2. Linen cuffs are 50 cents a pair and collars three for \$1. My wife's dresses count up, I can tell you, and a man has got to make a good lot of money in Mexico in order to live as well as he does at home."

"I suppose you make it," said he.

"Yes, I do," was the reply. "and any American dentist who will come here and stay can do likewise. I made \$5,000 the first year, and I have done considerably better right along since that time. I can charge bigger prices. I get from \$100 to \$150 for a full set of teeth on rubber. Whenever I administer gas I charge \$10 for pulling a tooth, and when a number are pulled I charge \$10 for the first tooth and \$5 for all succeeding ones. For jerking out a tooth without gas I charge \$2. Fillings range from \$5 upward, and gold fillings cost from \$15 up into the hundreds, according to the size of the cavity and the size of the bank account of the man who has his teeth filled. I always get \$500 for making a set of teeth on gold, and all other business is done in proportionate rates."

There are about 700 Americans living in Mexico City. Some of them are very wealthy. A few own houses, and quite a number have rented establishments. Thomas Brauniff, who was born on Staten Island, is said to have an income of over \$100,000 a year. He is President of the Mexican railway which runs to Vera Cruz, and he has a big plantation, cotton factories, and is one of the leading owners of the Bank of London and Mexico, which is the biggest bank in the country. He is building a house which will cost \$100,000 on the Paseo, a fashionable drive of Mexico City. He is the richest American in Mexico. Gen. John B. Frisbie is another rich American. He owns some gold mines near Toluca, and he has one of the most comfortable homes in the capital. He tells me that living is high in Mexico and that his expenses there are about as big as they would be in Washington.—(New York World.)

Unbolted Flour.

Chemists and the manufacturers of the new processes of bolted flour are always at war. The latter are doing their best to furnish us with fine white flour, but they do so at the expense of health. The flour is bolted so much that nearly all the nutritive value is taken from it, and cast away to the swine. The gluten and starch and all the nutritive substance left, and that which makes bone and tissue is wasted in the process. Brown bread is far superior to the white, and it should be given to children, especially in their growing age. It gives the needed phosphate to the teeth and bones, prevents dyspepsia, and regulates the brain and blood. Mothers that are nursing children would give to their young better bones, teeth, muscle and blood if they would make it a practice to eat only brown bread. One soon gets to loving this article of diet better than the excessively white bread which Americans eat in such quantities.—[Yankee Blade.]

Milk as Human Food.

Milk is one of the most valuable and economical articles for human food. Estimated at twelve pounds per cow daily, the United States produces the bewildering amount of one hundred and fifty billions of pounds of milk per year. And as three pounds of milk are equivalent to one pound of beef in food elements, each inhabitant has in milk one and a half beavers annually. Whereas, in beef, each inhabitant has only four-fifths of one beef per capita. That, as a rule, our people are engaged in severe manual labor, occupation for much of their time can be seen. Milk then will here serve as a source of healthful nourishment.

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GRAVE-YARD INSURANCE.

A Thrilling, but Shocking English Tale.

The revelations made in the course of an action against an insurance company at the recent Manchester (England) assizes have forced into the notice of the public as hideous a traffic in human life as ever disgraced a civilized country. Gambling in lives has in many Lancashire towns, but chiefly in Blackburn, long been a lucrative occupation. The assurance companies are hoodwinked and defrauded, and the miserable victims of the conspiracy are, by no means not actually criminal, shuffled out of life. Husbands insure their wives, wives their husbands, children their parents. Any one who is believed to be "within measurable distance" of the grave is fair game for the speculator. He scans his neighbor as a vintner scans a houseful of furniture. Let but the symptoms of consumption or any other fatal disease appear, and he makes insinuating advances to secure a policy on the doomed one's life. Of course, his victims are as a rule selected from the very dregs of humanity—the drunken, diseased, and feeble—who for the sake of prospective drinks readily sign the "bit of paper," and thence forward have their path to the grave smoothed and facilitated by the creatures who fatten upon them.

The case heard at the Manchester assizes differs in no essential respect from a hundred others. The victim in that case was a wretched old hostler or hanger-on of a public house. He had not a copper in the world to call his own, but he had something much more valuable to others: he had unequivocal symptoms of speedy decease. Forthwith he was honored with the anxious attentions of the harpies. Glowing reports were made to the insurance companies of his prospects of reaching a patriarchal age, and in the end the poor old fellow, trembling on the brink of eternity, bore the burden of twenty policies with a total value of £1,700. Happily, one of insurance companies had the courage to fight the conspiracy by disputing the claim, and was victorious. Indeed, the barrister engaged for the plaintiff, when he saw the sort of case he was put up to champion, honorably threw up his brief.

This case is but a type of hundreds of others which have made life insurance a term of evil import in the North of England. In Blackburn a common loiterer about the market place is insured in various companies for nearly £9,000. He is aware of the fact that death will materially increase his commercial value, but so long as his income of a few shillings is supplemented by fees for signing insurance papers "he does not care how long the thing goes on." This poor wretch is respectably connected, and once held a decent position in society, but a life of dissipation has brought him into the web of the insurance speculator, whence he will never escape save in a coffin. In another case a man who spends a large portion of his time in the work-house is insured for £3,880, and in a third a hawk of bags of coal, who, living, is worth hardly the clothes upon his back, will as a corpse be valued at £1,000.

Misunderstood the Motive.

Most men are never so happy as when their heels are higher than their heads. If you said to a piazza group, "Make yourself unreservedly comfortable," they'd all tilt their chairs back and hoist their feet to the railing. My friend next door had the foot-hoisting habit so badly that he wore the paper off the wall; so his wife thought out a biting, caustic bit of sarcasm, and one morning nailed on the wall right where the tell-tale marks were, a pair of slippers. But he misunderstood the motive completely, kissed her for her thoughtfulness, and forthwith tilted his chair back, and up went his feet to the most comfortable attitude he had struck in a long time, his heel held in the very convenient slippers.

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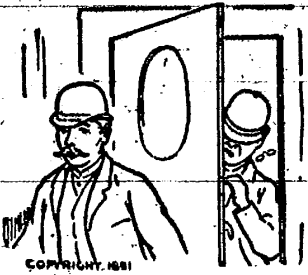
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Before a young man is married his friends invite him to a party, which is called a "bachelor's funeral;" sometimes the dying bachelor is carried on a sofa shoulder high, as a yonck funeral. If while shaking hands you happen to cross another couple also shaking hands it means a wedding. A shot made of silver will shoot any one, even those protected by magical power, and sometimes when one has been out shooting it is said in fun: "I think you have shot your game with a silver bullet" — that is, bought it. If you find any shot in game, take it out for you will never miss with such shot. When the angler baits his hook, he splits on the worm — for luck, and says:

"Flee (spitting) back (spit) fish, God bless."

Fishermen also spit on the wooden floats that mark the place where their nets are. Schoolboys close their fists and hold them out to their school-fellows, saying: "Kapina mot kapina" (thing against thing); they then change what they have had in their hands. White spots on the nails are enemies. If you pull out a hair and it curls you are hot tempered (Northumberland, proud). If dogs or cats gnaw the grass it is a sign of rain; also, if the flies bite or the swallows fly low. You must never kill a spider. If you go and stand under a tree where there is a cuckoo sitting you will be very lucky, and whatever you wish for you will get, provided you do not tell any one; if you tell your wish misfortune will follow you. In Sweden there is the same superstition, and a friend in the north part of the Gulf of Bothnia told me that once an old man and woman were under such a tree, but the old man told his wife his wish. "Why were you so stupid," cried the old woman, "as to tell your wish? May your nose grow as big as pudding!" At once a most elephantine proboscis ornamented the unfortunate's face.

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