FAMOUS BANDIT.

OITS OF A DARING MEXICAN IN CALIFORNIA.

eeds of Garza Recall the More perate Ones of Joaquin Mu-ta—His Fate.

recent exploits of the bandit Garza Mexican border, which have given exican and United States troops a deal of annoyance, recall to old rmans the adventures in that State of the most daring highwaymen known. The name of Joaquin tta in the gold fever days was all a-long the Pacific Coast. This was a Mexican. He was educated school of revolution in Mexico, the line between rebel, robber, r and patriot had been to a great t obliterated. He was accused of steading by Californians and fled the law-abiding community where d lived. He regarded himself as a pion of his country rather than an w. Of medium height, and some- slender in figure, he was extremely e and athletic, and no less graceful vement than handsome in person. flowing hair of glossy black fell on houlders, and on his upper lip was a silky mustache. His manner was and cordial, his voice silvery and ueous utterance, and though he so youthful in appearance there was about him which made him both d and feared, and which impressed d and stranger alike with profound ect. Thus was Joaquin Murietta in , when he lived at Los Angeles, at beginning of his desperate career.

Joaquin was always splendidly mount- Much of his success depended on horses and the special business of en members of the robber band was ide a supply of the best horses in ntry. The daring of the young tain was amazing. During a dance an Jose Joaquin became involved in ght, was arrested and fined $12. Be- in charge of Deputy Sheriff Clark, did not know the prisoner, Joaquin ed the officer to go with him to his se for the money. Clark had bec me as to Murietta for his vigorous sit of the band. On reaching an frequented place the robber suddenly ed upon the officer, and with a smile d, "Accept the compliments of quin," and drove his jewelled poniard the hilt in Clark's breast. One ever g not long afterward Joaquin was at a monte table in a small town the Feather River, when an American astently offered to bet $500 that he kill the second Joaquin the first he met him. Carried away by ex- it's der devil impulses, Joaquin down upon the table, and the staring ht into the man's face cried: ke the bet; Joaquin is before m."

Turning the corner of his cape er his shoulder he strode out of the om and rode away with some of his mpanions. While visiting in Los geles, Joaquin heard that Deputy eriff Wilson, of Santa Barbara, intend- to capture him dead or alive. The bber got up a sham fight between two dians in front of Wilson's Hotel. hen the latter came out to see the fight quin rode at him and hissing his own rrible name in Wilson's ear sent a llet through the officer's head and rode way.

One evening Joaquin rode into a camp ere twenty-five miners were at supper, nd sitting sideways on his horse began alking. One miner recognized the rob- er and shouted "That is Joaquin! Why n the name of God don't you kill him?" purring his horse, with one bound he leared the camp and dashed down the an n. Finding his way blocked there e returned toward the camp, to avail himself of a narrow coyote trail around he brow of the precipice that overhang he canon. A shower of bullets greeted his reappearance, but none touched him. s he dashed up and along that dizzy ath, waving his dagger and shouting defiance. Once passing a saloon the ober called for a drink, and was just lifting it to his lips when an American fired a shot that cut the plume of the brigand's hat. The drink was never taken, but Joaquin, after wounding the American in the arm and another man in the abdomen, galloped away without a scratch.

After three years of this bloody work by Joaquin's band the California Legislature authorized Harry Love and twenty rangers to equip themselves for the capture of the robbers. Their trail was followed closely and the Mexicans were found in camp near Tejon Pass. Six of them were seated round a small fire, where breakfast was cooking, while the seventh, he of the slender figure and graceful limbs, and large black eyes, and long black hair, a perfect Apollo, richly dressed blooming in the pride of health and manly beauty, was washing down a superb bay horse at a little distance from the fire. Joaquin was well known to the rangers, who dashed into the camp before they were discovered, and succeeded in cutting the robbers off from their horses. Captain Love rode up to the one standing by his horse, and inquired whither they were going. "To Los Angeles," the chief replied. Turning to one of the others, the captain put the same question, when an entirely different answer was returned. Joaquin bit his lip and spoke up angrily. "I command here; address yourself to me." He then moved a few steps toward the fire, around which lay the saddles, blankets and arms of the party. He was ordered to stop, and when he did not heed Love told him to stand or he would shoot. The chief tossed his hair back scornfully, while his eyes blazed with the lightnings of his wrath, and, stepping backward, he stood again by the side of his handsome steed, his jewelled hand resting lightly on its mane. At this critical moment Lieutenant Byrnes, with whom Joaquin was well acquainted, moved up, and Joaquin, realizing that the game was up, called out to his followers to save themselves as best they could, and threw himself upon his charger without saddle or bridle, and sped down the mountain like a tempest. He leaped his horse over a precipice, when he fell, but was on his feet again in a moment, and, remounting, the daring rider dashed on. Close at his heels came the rangers, firing as they rode, and soon the gallant steed fell to the earth, and Joaquin ran on afoot. Three balls pierced his body and made an end of the bloody-handed robber.—[New York Tribune.

IMPROVING THE MEMORY.

Simple Expedients Which Lead to Important Results.

The fault with most artificial memory systems is that they are too elaborate, and break down from the impracticability of their conditions. For the purpose of improving the memory of figures, a little trouble and common sense will go further than most of these so-called mnemonic systems.

It is beyond question that some people have the inestimable boon of a good memory, but in many cases, a poor memory is mainly the result of carelessness and want of attention. By the exercise of concentration necessary for improving the memory can be gradually gained. The mind must not be loaded too much. A little every day is quite enough, but that little must be well and earnestly grappled with. If this be done conscientiously the results will soon be most gratifying.

The amount of money spent daily, no matter how inconsiderable the items may be, may be written down at night from recollection. If a note is given of taken the amount of it, the time it was given and the date of its maturity, together with the rate of interest, can be held in mind with little difficulty. The number of a street in which a friend lives, and such things as the number of apple, peach and pear trees in your orchard, if you are lucky enough to have one, and innumerable other items of daily life can be utilized as memory lessons.

The main point is that there must be no shirking. The memory is debilitated and in lolent, and the indisposition to exert itself can only be overcome by resolute will power, until it has toned up to healthy and vigorous action. The discipline is not always pleasant, but it pays.—[Chicago Dispatch.

Plural Forms of Name of Edible Fish.

A few days ago I was asked by a foreigner, "Why do you say 'herrings,' and two soles, and not two sols, and 'two salmons?'" I do not think my answer was very satisfactory; but the question suggested the thought that there are several cases in which it would be difficult to say whether there is anything like a consensus of opinion as to whether a plural form of the name of a fish is admissible. We all speak of soles, herrings, sprats, lampreys, and anchovies; the singular form never, I believe, doing service for the plural. No one, I think, says mackerels, cods, trouts, breams, shads, carps, plaices, basses, barbels, Sturgeon, perch, mullet, pike, turbot, tunny and skate have not unusually the plural form in s. Fishermen and fishmongers are inclined to avoid the plural form in some instances where it is employed by the majority of educated people. In some cases there is considerable uncertainty—this I have ascertained by means of a fair number of tests; among them are carps, shads, tenches. Compilers of English grammars, so far as my experience goes, in treating of plural forms of nouns make no note of the names of fish which do not vary in the plural.—[Notes and Queries.

A Big Bull.

It is said that the biggest thing on hoofs is probably a bull belonging to William M. Singerly, of Norristown, Penn. The animal weighs 3,600 pounds, about double the size of an ordinarily large bull. Although short legged, he is seven feet in height and his bust measure is twenty-two feet. He is of pure Holstein-Frisian breed, and was purchased by Mr. Singerly in Michigan. He is still growing at Mr. Singerly's farm, in Gwynedd, and his keeper expects him to weigh 4,000 pounds by the time he is shipped to Chicago.—[New Orleans Picayune.

THE testimony of Mr. Lakeman, factory inspector, before the committee on the store-hours bill sitting at London revealed the terrible fact that the ordinary time of girls and boys behind the counter is from eighty to eighty-six hours a week, or fourteen hours a day. But he knows of neighborhoods where the stores are kept open for ninety-four hours a week, or an average of sixteen hours a day. All the employes are expected to be present during the whole day, beginning at six a. m. and lasting till ten at night. The lower the neighborhood the longer are the hours during which the stores are kept open. In some parts where laborers dwell stores will be open on Saturdays from six a. m. till midnight. Mr. Lakeman said that anæmia, dyspepsia, and even varicose veins were produced in girls of sixteen to eighteen years through long hours in stores. On busy days the employes were not allowed more than ten minutes for dinner out of their sixteen hours of work a day and no time for tea. The majority of storekeepers, he said, would hail with joy a law enforcing a uniform limit of keeping stores open.

A REMARKABLE LETTER.

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(*N. Y. Sun.*)

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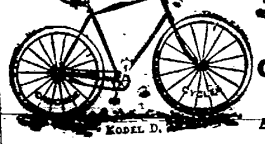
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