

LETTER FROM DR. J. P. CLEARY

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South American countries and other places. The game is too brutal to ever be tolerated in our country. Efforts are being made to repress, or at least mitigate its cruelty, but it doesn't seem likely that there will be sufficient agitation for years to come to stop it altogether.

It is impossible not to condemn the bull fight. It is more cruel than any other sport I have ever seen. Prize fighting is as calm as an afternoon tea party when compared to it. But strange to say the bull fight to the Spaniards and to many French is a solemn ritual rather than an amusement.

The combats usually take place on Sunday. Parts of the proceeds are devoted to some religious object. All the bull rings, it is said, have a chapel where the bull fighters first prepare themselves in prayer. To an American it would seem that the union of religion and bull fighting is incongruous, but not so to the Spaniard, Frenchman or Mexican. I have never seen spectators at a baseball game, prize fight, foot ball or any other game become so excited as the onlookers at a bull fight.

The arena in which the fights occur is about twice the size of the stage in the Andover Auditorium. Closing the ring are two fences, one strongly built, the inside fence being about four feet in height and the other fence about five feet distant, guarded above to the height of about six feet with strongly placed barbed wire to safeguard the spectators from the bull.

In the arena, awaiting the bull, there may be six or so TOREROS, or bull fighters, each dressed in a glittering short pants, short vest and stockings, while in their hands a red blanket is carried. There is something attractive about these fellows, young, active and fearless, all garbed in varied colors of yellow, violet, gold or green.

The performance is carried out with an elaborate ceremony of detail, and is an unusual sight. The mayor enters his box while the band is playing. Then follows the bull fighters, each one of whom goes to his place to the further end of the ring. After each torero salutes and bows to the mayor the key of the bulls den is thrown into the ring and in a few minutes the bull rushes into the arena. The bull is highly excited and acts as though it had been starved for several days or perhaps given an overdose of strychnine.

The fight is divided into three parts. In the first the bull fighters wave their red blankets at the bull for the purpose of inflaming the bull. The bull then rushes like mad, galloping at the bull fighter, who cleverly steps aside at a crucial moment and invariably the bull falls to his knees. The animal arises, more infuriated than ever and again makes a mad charge at another fighter, taunting him with the red cloth. Many times it appeared the bull would surely impale the fighter. Not infrequently the fighters are injured and sometimes killed. As the bull becomes more excited it naturally makes more violent efforts to destroy its persecutors, and then when the bull falls to the ground, exhausted, breathing heavily and foaming at the mouth, unable to arise the first act is completed.

After a rest of about ten minutes the second act begins. The fighters enter the arena, one carrying in his hands sharp pointed darts. To further infuriate the bull these darts are stuck into his shoulders. The second act is more exciting than the first. The utmost skill, daring and agility are required to properly plant the darts. As the bull charges with lowered head the torero steps aside at just the right moment and sticks the darts two inches deep into its neck just below the head. In doing this a slight misstep or a second of hesitation would be fatal to the bull fighter. The bull, missing its charge, falls to its knees with blood spurting from its neck, foaming at its mouth and roaring in agony. The bull is again tormented by the men with red flags and more darts are stuck into its neck until the bull falls exhausted and is unable to again arise. During this act the excitement is intense. In the first act the spectators applaud by clapping but in the second act they cheer with delight and passion, arising in their seats and throwing their hats in the air. The darts, or banderillas as they are called here, are about two feet in length. The first two inches of these darts are very sharp, and the rest of the steel is covered with feathers or long covered streamers. Once they have penetrated the flesh it is almost impossible to get them out because of their fish-hook like construction. It should not be like to imagine the state of feeling of the bull with a dozen or so of those darts stuck into his flesh for a distance of two inches. The beast makes frantic efforts to dislodge them with his head or by rubbing his body against the inside fence, but in vain. Where each dart has penetrated the flesh there is an ugly deep wound, bleeding copiously. When no longer able to stand upon his feet the second round, or rather act, is over, and the fighters leave the bull ring. The beast, with the forepart of its body covered with blood, its mouth foaming, its eyes

alving and its body heaving with heavy breathing presents an awful looking sight.

An interval of about ten or fifteen minutes takes place between the second and third act. The principal of the rest is to enable the bull to recuperate, to regain his wind.

The last act is called Suerte de la muerte. Following the entrance into the ring of the men with the red blankets, comes the ESPADO; to him belongs the honor (?) of the death. He is armed with a sword, hidden behind a small red cloth, which he waves in front of the bull. This act usually furnishes the most violent emotion of all. The beast, infuriated and wearied is further teased. Again and again it charges its tormentor, who cleverly steps aside each time, allowing the bull to pass by. Finally when it appears that the bull is about ready to collapse it is goaded on to a final charge. Without displaying the least fear the Espado waits the oncoming rush of the bull. When the rushing beast is about three feet away the Espado steps to one side and completely surprises the sword in the bull's body. The sword is aimed to penetrate the bull's heart. To do that it must enter the body on the left side at an exact point between the spine and shoulder blade, from there the blade takes a downward course and emerges thru the body below. If the blade goes thru the heart, the action of the organ must cease, of course. But if the saber does not pass thru the heart the fight goes on. In the first fight I saw, the combat during which I nearly fainted, there were six swords stuck thru the body of the bull.

This beast was an unusually dangerous and active one, and the Espado was unable to properly place the sword. When the bulls heart is pierced the animal falls to the ground and death takes place in a few moments. The work of the Espado is dangerous in the extreme if he successfully despatches the bull, the cheering cheers greet him, flowers and kisses are thrown to him as he walks from the arena, bowing his acknowledgment to the applause. Then the band plays a death piece the dead bull is hauled out by two horses, pools of blood are raked over and in 15 minutes or so the brutal scene is again reacted.

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Cert. No. 2- Phelps & Gorman Purchase, range 7, township 1, part of lot 61, Bert C. White, Grace Jacobs, Florence Jacobs and Mrs. Nancy, bounded N. by lands of McKee, E. by Church lot, S. by highway, W. by lands of Forsythe, 1 acre. Amount due \$8.36.

Town of Almond.
Cert. No. 3- Phelps & Gorman Purchase, range 7, township 4, part of lot 6, Mrs. Jennie Latson, bounded N. E. and S. by lands of Bell, W. by lands of Bell & Karr, 2 acres. Amount due \$17.93.

Town of Willing.
Cert. No. 4- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 1, part of lot 29, Charles Slocum, bounded N. and E. by lands of Jennison, S. by land of Lee, W. by highway, 1 acre. Amount due \$4.73.

Town of Willing.
Cert. No. 5- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 1, part of lot 26, Michael McMurray, bounded N. and E. by lands of Billings, S. by lands of Johnston, W. by highway, 8 acres. Amount due \$7.04.

Town of Willing.
Cert. No. 6- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 1, part of lot 1, Charles and Otto Ward, bounded N. by town line, E. by highway, S. by lands of Coville, W. by lands of Stout, one-eighth acre. Amount due \$26.68.

Town of Wellsville.
Cert. No. 8- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 2, part of lot 24, Adolph Brenecke, bounded N. by Farnum street, E. by lands of Arnold, S. by lands of Keough, W. by lands of Trevton, one-half acre. Amount due \$12.27.

Cert. No. 9- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 2, part of lot 5, Charles Seager, bounded N. by Rauber Street, E. by lands of Graves, S. by lands of Stecham, W. by lands of Tunstead, one-half acre. Amount due \$106.81.

Town of Birdsall.
Cert. No. 10- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 5, part of lot 35, Roy Bennett, bounded N. and E. by highway, S. and W. by lands of Keeney, 1 acre. Amount due \$16.24.

Cert. No. 11- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 6, part of lot 27, Geary lot, bounded N. and S. by lands of Clancey, E. by highway, W. by lot line, 3 acres. Amount due \$5.39.

Town of Grove.
Cert. No. 12- Morris Reserve, range 1, township 6, part of lot 10, Swain Tract, Mary E. Pierce, bounded N. and W. by lands of Nack, E. by highway, one-fourth acre. Amount due \$14.30.

Town of Amity.
Cert. No. 13- Morris Reserve, range 2, township 3, part of lot 7, William Starr lot, bounded N. by Erie Railroad lands, E., S. and W. by lands of Osterhout, one-fourth acre. Amount due \$6.27.

Town of Angelica.
Cert. No. 15- Morris Reserve, range 2, township 4, part of lot 7, Guy S. Sherwood, bounded N. by highway, E. by lands of Willis, S. by lands of Crawford, W. by lands of Snyder, 8 1/2 acres. Amount due \$8.69.

Town of Allen.
Cert. No. 16- Morris Reserve, range 2, township 5, part of lot 60, McCubbin lot, bounded N. and E. by highway, S. and W. by lands of Chaffee, 1 acre. Amount due \$7.21.

Town of Wirt.
Cert. No. 19- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 2, part of lots 7 and 15, F. E. and Rex Ball, bounded N. by lands of Baker, E. by town line, S. by lands of Bissell, W. by lands of Atkins, 280 acres. Amount due \$177.10.

Cert. No. 21- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 2, part of lots 19 and 20, Ed Wightman, bounded N. by lands of Barber, E. by lands of Hinkley, S. by lands of Hoffman, 150 acres. Amount due \$60.39.

Town of Friendship.
Cert. No. 23- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 3, part of lots 16 and 24, Thomas McCue, bounded N. by town line, E. by lands of Peterson, S. lands of Hess, W. by lands of Driscoll, 300 1/2 acres. Amount due \$97.57.

Cert. No. 26- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 3, part of lot 36, estate of Aaron Gayton, bounded N. by lands of Galton, E. by highway, S. lands of Shedwick, W. by lands of Peterson, 1/2 acre. Amount due \$34.43.

Town of Belfast.
Cert. No. 27- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 4, part of lot 40, Ophele McCue, bounded N. by highway, E. by lands of Kleinbach, S. by lands of Osterhout, W. by lands of Fitzgerald, 81 acres. Amount due \$63.47.

Town of Hume.
Cert. No. 28- Holland Purchase, range 1, township 6, part of lot Manning Kingsley, bounded N. and W. by creek, E. by lands of Perry, W. by highway, one-fourth acre. Amount due \$6.05.

Town of Genesee.
Cert. No. 29- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 1, part of lot 36, Wheeler and Meserour, bounded N. by lands of Hatch, E. by lands of Burdick, S. by lands of Portville Basket Co., W. by lands of Parson, 84 acres. Amount due \$12.43.

Town of Cuba.
Cert. No. 30- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 3, part of lot 58, Keller Hill Cheese Factory, bounded N. by highway, E., S. and W. by lands of Wells, one-eighth acre. Amount due \$17.11.

Cert. No. 33- Holland Purchase, range 2 township 3, cottage on Cuba Lake, E. F. Allen, situate on lot No. 81 on map filed in the County Clerk's Office, Belmont, N. Y. by F. A. Gaylord on May 22, 1914. Amount due \$28.66.

Cert. No. 35- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 3, cottage on Cuba Lake, Benson and Metcalf, situate on lot No. 248 on map filed by F. A. Gaylord in the County Clerk's office, Belmont, N. Y. on May 22, 1914. Amount due \$15.35.

Town of Rushford.
Cert. No. 38- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 5, part of lot 5, estate of A. W. Bishop, bounded N. and W. by highway, E. by lands of Ackers, S. by town line, one-eighth acre. Amount due \$7.26.

Cert. No. 39- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 5, part of lots 46 and 47, I. A. Lewis, bounded N. by lands of Austin, E. by lands of Gorham, S. by highway, W. by lands of Worthington, 125 acres. Amount due \$61.49.

Town of Centerville.
Cert. No. 40- Holland Purchase, range 2, township 6, part of lot 30, Mrs. Charles Crandall, bounded N. by lands of Sisson, E. by lands of Irish, S. by lands of Head, W. by highway, 127 acres. Amount due \$62.15.

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