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A MEXICAN BELLE.

An Intensely Interesting Tale of Life Austria and Mexico,

(Continued from last week.) Synopsis of Preceeding Chapters. father, were left equal shares of an estate which one further, and decided, in order to repair the family was gone past him into the forest—flying Reata and Otto, soon after sunrise, fortunes, to unite in marriage Walther, son oi Felix, as if from danger.

occurred between the consins when Felix discovering that his brother's estate was hopelessly involved, his daughter to Mexico, where they were soon lost resigned his captaincy in the army to manage father's affairs. The younger son, Otto, who was in the

One morning Arnold reads from a local paper paragraph taken from a Mexican journal, which announced the death at the age of seventy of Mr. fortune to his daughter, Miss Olivia Bodenbach

army, was a handsome fellow, ambitious to be rich,

and deeply interested in a wealthy Polish lady, the

Max's daughter Olivia, was five years younger than

During Otto's absence Baron Walther reviews his | ent eyes. daughter of a wealthy and aristocratic neighbor of very low over the glassy, unruffled sur- but likewise acknowledged that he would

"No, but I have got them too arched here; they look more like Gabrielle's the forest, the blood raced to her cheek eyebrows than yours."

"By the by, haven't all members of your family got very fine eyebrows? have been told so."

"I believe they are considered to be rather good," answered Otto, confidently, wondering within himself whether Reata had noticed how well-marked his own were. "Arnold has got a most tremendous pair, almost too thick and bushy, they give him such a severe look."

brows, I believe," remarked Reata, while loving vanity at the perfectly-shaped idly passing her fingers through Ficha's | round white arm, wondering whether hair.

"So I heard from my father; but she | that. seems to have got rid of them somehow. How has that happened?"

in surprise. "Good heavens, what have pair I done!" she exclaimed, with sudden a hideous animal of the lizard tribe, wehemence, seizing up Ficha at the same speaking as if daring it to contradict her moment, and burying her face in the assertion. The animal, squatting on a fluffy coat.

asked Otto, in alarm. "I don't think she | Apparently it lacked inclination or courcan be much hurt. I did not hear her age to accept the challenge; for, turning by far the most valuable amongst Miss of ten minutes. (Reata was riding, as squeal. Shall I come and see?" half tail, it scuttled away in the grass in a Bodenbach's horses. He had kept his all Mexican women do, on the right-hand

"No, no, please don't," she replied, lifting her face. "It was very foolish of age of twenty one without discovering somming look at his favorite. Maraquita that, for it was necessary to gain ground minute."

Go on with you painting."

Otto obeyed.

"Do you believe in family likenesses?" Reata asked, a minute later, after a pause sciously to themselves and perhaps un- which had brought such an irrepreachable like a bulwark at the foot. On all sides of reflective s lence. it myself."

"Ah yes, to be sure." resemblance to each other-as a rule."

"Why do you say as a rule?"

"Because there are exceptions." "Tell me one." "My aunt, for instance."

"Yes, the likeness between you and her is not striking, certainly." smiled quietly to himself as he mentally looking.

to rights, and passing her fingers caress- of her fellow sisters; but as yet these unknown, for nobody on record had eyer answered in a chorus. Some of the

ingly over the white silky ears.

There, White Puppy, you may go!" "So that is the result of your evening's work," said Otto, laughing, as he watched the released and highly-decorated animal

stretching its legs complacently. "Yes; and now show me the result of yours," and she put out her hand. 'Don't get up ; just throw it over here, and I will examine it while you are putting up your colors."

Ah, how lovely!" she exclaimed, as she within her. turned over another page, and she gave she had fondled her newly-found perform the semblance of a war-dance. an involuntary start. "Who is it, Baron beauty as a child does a plaything; and After a quarter of an hour of careful doing my potrait at all! You have made | fest; but then what more? an ideal head out of it, and only used my | She had never read a novel; and all | Reata losing her seat with Solomon's

replied, with a sigh. "Nonsense!" she said, impatiently. She had done plaiting up her hair, and, up by "the Bony One," his head very "Of course, I know that I am fairly with her hands in her lap, sat, her eyes high up; while Ortega, balancing the good-looking; but this is quite another still on the pool, though now it was too provision-basket with great nicety on his

To this he made no answer. "Don't you think I am fairly good. looking?" she said again, with a little

stamp of her foot, She looked up for his answer, openly, coquetry, or perhaps with just a passing expecting to read her answer there. feeling of childish vanity. And then she met his gaze of ardent, undisguised ad-

sciousness he had never seen there before. The crimson tide arose and rushed over her neck, cheek, and forehead, could say, suffusing the delicate skin with colour up to the very hair roots. She put up her hand to her face, as if to check the telltale red; and in the next moment, before he had time to speak or know what she was doing, she had risen to her feet, and

Otto began several exclaimations, and did not finish any, as he sat staring in amazement; but the trees hid her in a moment. He could only hear the fast bank which sloped down on to the plain; receding bark of Ficha, who, wildly excited at this unexpected move of her When the story opens, in 1872, Baron Walther had | mistress's, had given chase, evidently thinking that something out of the common was in the wind.

Reata fled through the forest, hardly knowing why or from what she was running, and with no other object than that left him in the forest yesterday; but his of getting to the house quickly, and mind was not clear on this point; he was shutting herself up in her room.

She ran till she was breathless; and then, as her pace slackened, an idea seemed to strike her, for she turned rapidly aside and went still deeper into the depth of the trees. She had a distinct object in view now; she wanted to reach the pool which she called the "Monkey's him that this was not the case. There

On the moss beside it she knelt down and looked with eager eyes into its cool depths. Together with branches and flowers, it sent back to her her warm, bright beauty in all its radiances; and for the first time she saw herself with differ-

"Yes, it is the same face as in the advance his suit with Hermine Swherendorf, the picture," she murmured, bending down that he did not know what to make of it, not see it before! I read it so clearly in his eyes when he looked at me now"-and at the vesy recollection, alone as she was in

She put up her hands, and began hurriedly undoing hea plaits, first one and then the other, and shook down the waves of dark hair over her shoulders: ard then she bent forward again, till the dusky fringes trailed in the water, smiling at her own image, almost laughing with pleasure as she drank in each seperate line of feature and form.

With the instinct just born within her, "Olivia Bodenbach had beautiful eye- she pushed up her sleeve, and gazed with most women had round white arms like

"Yes, I am beautiful," she repeated. with an almost defiant inflection of her "Got rid of them!" Reta was beginning | voice, as she met the gaze of another

stone alongside, had been eyeing her "Fraulein Rea'a, what has happened?" proceedings with mistrustful look. crestfallen manner. There are few women who reach the

me; it was only that I got a fright for a the full worth of whatever charms they was rather above the usual height of the while they could, as their way later lay may happen to possess. On most, the true Mexican breed, to which she belong- along a steep path in the hills. When "I didn't know that you were so sense of it grows gradually, in proportion ed; perfect in temperament and paces, they drew rem this time, and the green to the encouragement their vanity and beautiful in build,—the very ideal and blue lines which bounded the extrem-"No, I don't often. It is all right receives from their outer world. On now; please don't bother me about it. some few it comes as a revelation-like a had had the horse only for a few months; Palm-trees and plantain detached themlightning-flash, which shows them their and judging from what he had seen of selves singly or in groups from the darker power. Of these, again, some have his aunt's knowledge of horseflesh, Otto background, and the low prickly masses lets. One of these at a dose gained their beauty by degrees, uncon- doubted not that it was the merest chance of the Syngenists could be distinguished noticed by others; while some women, "Of course I do. I am an instance of | who have always been in possession of perfect loveliness, are ignorant of the truth-and this not through defect of gaunt chestnut, brought up the rear, "My family are remarkable for their intellect, but merely through the force of acting as groom and provision-carrier to they crawled and twisted like bristly circumstances. The mere habit of the the party. A more ludicrous pair could reptiles on the earth; the dead and the thing, the mere fact of daily beholding hardly have been found. It would have living growing together in one inseparin the glass the same outlines of beauty, been dicffult to form a correct conjecture able mass; the living green, juicy, and

to undervalue or ignore their gifts. Such was Reata's case. She had wizened features gave him the appearance skeletons between the ranks of their spoken perfect truth when she said that of at least another ten years, and there ancestors. "I hardly think it is"-and Otto she considered herself to be fairly good- was a set look about his short frame.

compa ed aunt Olivia's homely and ill-cut | Most undoubtedly she would have spicuous in may ways, deserves more than features with the cast of his own faultless discovered her advantages sooner had she a passing notice. A gaunt, ungainly mixed in society; but from her great chestnut, standing full seventeen hands; "Some relations are very unlike each isolation, and even more peculiar circum- three immense white stockings, and a other-near relations too, -so unlike, stances of her life, she had never been in large white lantern on his face. A flavour that you would never guess them to be the position either to test her power over of thoroug hbreeding pervaded his bony connected," remarked Reats, while a men, or to gauge her fairness against that frame, and something in his appearance curious smile lurked rhout the corners of of other women. I will not attempt to suggested brokendown gentility, if not ful eye. Otto was interested by the sight, her mouth, and she bent once more over affirm that Reats was more innocent of fallen grandeur. From what particular and drew nearer for a closer view. The

germs had lain dormant, and it remained seen him look otherwise; and there was to be seen what effect this new element a tradition extant that even in Don would have on her life-whether the Ramirez's best days a close observer could knowledge to which her eyes had been easily count his ribs. The pompous name opened would brush the first bloom of of Don Ramirez was his original appellafreshness off her heart.

Her perceptions, once awakened, were ed into the more vulgar title of "the keen; and now that her mind was turned Bony One," and as such he was generally upon this subject, it travelled with known. There was a certain dignity extraordinary rapidity. That one un- about him, a remnant of better days; He tossed the book, so that it fell by Till that moment, from the very con- the boy Ortega invariably indulged in "You have not done that very cleverly; been more prudent than was his wont, finer senses. Rarely did Ortega persevere it has got closed, and I shall have to hunt and had kept his secret unbetrayed. Of for more than three minutes in the for myself. I am not quite sure whether course there had been moments in the position which rational beings adopt on I shall know my face on paper. This is last ten days when any one less novice horseback. When Reata's back was Steinbuhl, I know, and that Hamburg, than this girl was would have guessed as turned he would rapidly make a change and-I hope this is not me-a woman his feelings; but to her those moments, of posture, and seek to ease his limbs with a large frilled cap. You may have had told nothing. The thing was so new, either by kneeling, sitting sideways, or been making a caricature of me the whole time. It was foolish of me to trust you. so totally unexampled in her experience, that no perplexing thought had ever risen or if he though the moment particularly

Bodenbach?" as she saw him smiling; "is now she sat quite still, slowly putting stepping they emerged on to flat ground, it, can it be meant for me? Ah," she back her hair into its tresses. Meanwhile and setting their horses' heads right went on, with a shade of disappointment her thoughts were busily following up across the plain, began a brisk trot, which in her voice, "I see you have not been one train. Otto's admiration was mani- brought them well out into the open.

sketch of her head, against the back- man poetry. What was the expression ground of dark leaves. Faultless it in his eyes which had so startled her? heat to-day made the forenoon especially certainly was not; but there was character Did all men always look at pretty women agreeable for riding, and the clouds which and life in the features—a suggestion of great beauty, if not the perfect rendering of it. Otto had succeeded in giving the expression—that is, one of the hundred Kunigunde and the nameless nun in that scorching rays. expressions of the lovely face before fashion? "And did they feel as frightened as I did, and run away and make fools of mare leading, snorting, and passionately "It is as like as I can make it," he themselves in the same way, I wonder?" tossing her head; Solomon plunging on she pursued her meditations.

dark to see any reflection.

his look now. "And I?" she questioned | round in their sockets, like a windmill herself, with sudden curiosity. In words | suddenly gone mad. there came no reply; but for long she remained sitting, immovable as she was, of the prairie grass, most glorious expanse innocently, with a shade of affection or still looking at the shadowy pool, as if of riding-ground-smooth and elastic,

How long she would have remained thus I do not know; but a gentle weight miration, fixed full upon her; and all at on her sleeve roused her-something To the right, the line of bank and wood between a scratch and a pull. Ficha, one Her eyes fell before his with a con- fore-paw extended, was gazing with intense pathos into her mistress's facewith eyes that said, as plainly as eyes

CHAPTER XI.-ALARMED. No insurmountable objection having been raised by aunt Olivia, and the frog having been successfully hushed up, started on their expedition. They rode in silence for some time-, Reata apparently intent upon guiding her steed among the scraggy brushwood of the Otto in his mind attempting to analyze the change that had come over Reata since last night. It was nothing very palpable or definite; but still there was a change, and a change which he was puzzled to define. In some measure he connected it to the way she had suddenly not able to follow all the workings which hers had undergone. That she had been startled, he could not fail to perceive; and in the first moment of his astonishment accused himself of having offended, or in some way hurt, her feelings. But her manner when they met at once convinced was no shade of coldness in it; but rather it was a change from gay to grave, from unrestraint to reserve. On meeting him in the breakfast room she had proffered her hand with a certain timidity quite new in her. They had not been atone yet since; but even had they so been, Otto would have forborne questioning her on the subject. He confessed "I am beautiful! How could I probably make something bad of it if he

attempted to meddle. leaving all arrangements to him, as if of her usual independence was in Otto's effects.

eyes an additional charm. from the horse paddock more with a to the wildest riders under the sun; they sight of two new and greater objects of view to use than to beauty, was a heavily | are positively heedless of danger. Reata, but well built animal, answering to the with Mexican blood in her veins, would name of Solomon-in height fifteen two, have scorned the idea of a man who with legs like pillars, looking up to any showed anything but the most reckless Neither horse nor dress was calculated

amount of work, but not over eager for it. to show her off to particular advantage; for it would be useless to assert that aunt Olivia's cashmere shawl, which had been converted into an impromptu riding-skirt, had anything fascinating about it when viewed in that capacity. Fortunately, however, Reat's looks did not depend

The roan mare which Otto rode was, it, could maintain herself with such as he himself had seen at the first glance, faultless equilibrium during a hard gallop eye upon her ever since, and never passed | side of the horse.) the paddock or stables without casting an | They had another long canter after of a soldier's charger. Miss Bodenbach ity of the plain were much nearer.

animal into her possession. A small imp like being, in wide linen trousers, perched on the bare back of a they were monstrous boas, reared a hunwill cause people of a certain character as to what the boy's age might be; for vigorous—the dead white, dry, and while in stature he looked about ten, his rustling, thrusting in their withered

Don Ramirez, his steed, being con-Fichs, putting some of the grass-stalks the germs of vanity than the greater part point of grandeur he had fallen was horses neighed frantically, and the greys

tion ; but Reata had caused it to be chang-

guarded look of Otto's had told her much. and the free and easy comportment which sciousness of his own weakness, he had when on his back seemed to offend his favourable, would rise to his feet and

After a quarter of an hour of careful Otto, seeing that there was no danger of eatures as a foundation."

her idea of love was gathered from a very smooth swinging paces, proposed a canter, which she eagerly acquiesced in.

Away the cavalcade bore: the roan half a length behind; the rear brought head, further diversified the aspect of the party by swinging his two arms alternately

On they sped, over the unbroken level free of decitful molehills, and innocent of those little patches of swamp which neutralise the finest stretches of land a mass of low shrubs piled at the foot little bushes with dense dull grey foliage the leaves hard and stiff; higher up the groups of agaves and cactuses, their outline broken here and there sharply by the lofty head of a palm-tree. the plain, to the left, the same thing repeated, only seem more dimly, topped by the blueness of the hills; and at the far, far end, straight in front, the same green and faint blue lines just visible, accompanying a lady undefined as they

with the clouds hovering above. Whatever shade of constraint Reata had felt at first; vanished during that gallop; and when at length they drew up, and allowed the steaming horses to recover breath, it was with all her usual ontspoken frankness of manner that she exclaimed, "Was not that heavenly! don't think I have enjoyed so much for

The discovery of her own beauty which last evening had so startled her, was forgotten now; or rather she had accepted it as a fact, and with wonderful rapidity got accustomed to the idea. Hers was not the sort of nature on which such discovery would act oppressively, or tend to make self conscious for any length of time. She bore her honours lightly, gracefully, as if she had known them for years; and although, like a true woman, she rejoiced with all her beart at her treasure, she did not turn her thoughts to considering the best means of drawing

As she slackened reins, and patted her horse's neck approvingly, Reats cast a spot : the house all crowded up near stolen glance at Otto. Never had he together, leaning totteringly against each appeared before her to such advantage; other, as if for support; and the bare never before had she been so struck with his good looks and graceful figure. course that comes from his being a cavalry | was dwarfed and scanty; the luxuriant soldier," she decided in her mind; "a | trees and juicy herbage of the forest had cavalry soldier must always look better retired here, and made way to an arid, on horse-back than off."

And she really believed this as she desolation of the Karst. The shallow said it to herself. It never once occurred valley, which lay so high up in the hills, Yesterday Reata had been all eagerness to her, that she had passed the day with was open to the cold sweep of the north about this ride, which she herself had him as usual in the house, or in the forest, and east winds, which, meeting with no planned. To-day there was a sort of this day would not have been quite as opposition, blew mercilessy over the palmshrinking, although no reluctance, in her other days-that she would have looked way of alluding to it. She seemed con- at him with a new intention, and considtent to take no more than a passive part, ered him in a different light. She was aware of a change in herself since yesterglad of his guidance; and this aying-off day, but she was not aware of all its dense circle round "the Bony One."

In her eyes Otto's riding was the very | everybody at once, and the result was a Reata's horse, which had been selected ideal of the noble art. Mexicans belong shrill and deafening noise; but at the coolness on horseback.

If Reata's thoughts were at this moment tinged with a feeling of admiration she had never been aware of before, Otto's were then just a little short of adoration. He had many times heard of the prowess of the fair Mexicans as riders, but he had never believed it possible that a woman riding a lady's seat on a man's hunting saddle, and not in the constant habit of

the fantastic cactuses waved their spiny arms high up in the air. Sometimes dred feet from the ground; at other times

grazing or lying on the grass, was a herd of white horses; their color thoroughout uniform, modified only by age, and descending from the dead white of the aged animals to the gray shading on the coats of the frisky feals, who gambolled about at their case by the side of the mother's and under their parent's wa'chJ. G. Edwards & Co.

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youngest and most foolish amongst the

foals came trotting up, followed at a

distance by their more prudent but

anxious mothers, and with elongated neck

and glistening eyes snuffed and flared

inquisidvely at the strangers. On

Ortega's spirits, the spectacle of the

horses had the effect of a strong and

sudden stimulant. His ideas of the

dignity of a groom's deportment when

had been before, entirely collapsed now.

He got to his feet, to Don Ramirez's

openly-expressed indignation, and halloo-

ed loudly to the herders-they answering

with a peculair wild cry, used as a signal

on the plains. Reata's vehement remon-

strances, given in Spanish, were insuffi

cient to calm him down, and it needed a

few strong German phrases from Otto.

which, although incomprehensible, acted

as a sedative. He caught up the spirit

of the thing, if not the letter, and humbly

explained that the horse-shepherds were

his amigos intimos. When they had

careering back to their mothers' sides.

where they stood with ears erect, watch-

ing with quivering excitement the pro-

gress of the riders-a mixture of youth-

in the extreme. It was a wonder how,

in a picturesque country, it had managed

to get itself built in such an unpicturesque

hillside, with the oxen grazing on it,

rising steep above the roofs. Vegetation

stony ground, not unlike the grand

Ortega was sent on to reconnoitre; and

by the time they got up to him, the whole

population had collected, and formed a

Ortega was carrying on conversation with

interest, sudden silence came over the

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-President Cleveland will, it is sal recommend further warship construction -Auditor Ackman, of the World's F reports net assets over and above all liab tles of \$1,862,483. -A firm at St. George, N. B., has a c

tract to erect a burial vault of red a black granite for a Toronto family, a cost of \$5,000. -Early F 'day morning last a street ran down thirteen people on a tree

between East Liverpool, Ohio, and We ville. One woman was killed and persons injured. -Last Sunday night, John Fos a farmer of Uniontown, Ind., in a fl temporary insanity, killed his wife

their three children with a revolver then blew out his brains. -Miles Alfred Tilton, a Helena, Mo cow-boy, Friday last shot and killed "... Pym, an ex soldier, who wore a meda honor voted him by congress for braver

action in Custer's fight on the Little Horn in 1796. -Two Englishmen, named Clancey Newman, arrived at Knoxville, Te Wednesday night of last week, from don on a hunting expedition. Thur, morning they started a fox, which fly ran into a cave. The hunters followed were sufficated by deadly gas that

previously claimed many other victim -The London Graphic publishe interview with Admiral Frederick 1 Seymour (Baron Alcester) upon the of the navy. He says that the cond of the navy is most serious. To million pounds, he dec'ares, ought t expended to build quickly ten first men-of-war, and as many cruises

possible. -At a Newcastle-under-Lyme on Wednesday night, a local publica decide a wager, entered the cage Honess at a menagerie, being accomp by the negro trainer. The lioness wa through her customary performance bottle of champagne was handed in the two men quaffed the drink lioness manifesting no disposition troublesome. Then the men retired a

-One of the worst fires which Chicago fire department has had to co with for many years, on account freezing weather, broke out in the market theatre building, West Madie Friday morning last. The elevator the risk of his own life, carried several times from the ground floor top building and rescued men and from the flames, which were esting to the roof. The loss on the building

amount to \$60,000. -A terrible railroad accident occu Melzo, a town in Lombardy, tweiv north-east of Milan, Italy, on Nov. trains, an express from Milan and train laden with inflammable n collided just outside Melzo. The w was set on fire by the lights on th and a most horrible scene follow number of passengers were instantly while others were pinioned by the of wreckage lying upon them. Th spread rapidly, and it was only a sh before the heat was so intense that could approach the burning coac goods wagons. The cries of the d of the wounded, who saw a territ staring them in the face, was hear ing and it was impossible to rend any assistance.

-The Eganville (Ont.) Star is re for the following story :- "A yo named Tom French, hailing from in the employ of Mr. John Mo Barry's Bay, one day last week on the bay in a small bark canon for trout. After paddling for qui he observed a large buck coming him; when near the cance it t made for shore, quickly followed who, when he came alongsis beauty, saw that its horns were in the trawl line, the result bein cance and its occupant were pull shore. Mr. Joseph Prince the on the scene in another canon two men, with the sid of the succeeded in despatching the no of the forest. When the exc