A HUMAN DEVIL.

General Villa Delights to Kill Men Who Are Helpless Before Him.

General Villa, the successful leader of the revolutionist forces in Mexico, is a murderer and thief, according to a wealthy mine owner who has just returned from that troublous country.

"Villa," said he, "is half devil and half cur. He is the most unspeakable wretch that ever straddled a horse, but he doesn't expose himself to danger if he can keep out of it. I suppose he has killed as many men with his own hands as any other man in Mexico. I doubt if half a dozen were given the chance to shoot back."

He told of one occasion in the early days of the present insurrection in Mexico when Villa captured twenty men of a band that had been badgering him. He condemned them to death in his usual way, never bothering with court-martials or other flub-dubbery. Then he designated himself as the executioner of his own decree. He had the men bound, hands behind backs, but with eyes unbandaged.

"This will seem impossible to you," said the mine owner, "but Villa walked down that line of men, revolver in hand. From time to time he shot a man through the heart, and stood by him until the victim had kicked his last kick. He taunted the bound men.

Prolonged Torture.

"I want you to enjoy this, as I do," he told them. "Those who gave way to terror he put aside, to be shot last of all. In that way they savored to the last twinge the full agony of their position. Some of them he half encouraged to believe

General Villa.

that he might spare them. Then he killed them, fairly licking his lips as he did so."

There was another story, of Villa's garroting half a dozen men one day. For some reason he did not want to shoot. He slipped a short loop over the head of each man, thrust a stick through it, and twisted. As the victim gasped for breath he let up on the pressure, so that the death agonies might be as sweetly prolonged as possible. An eye-witness told the mine owner of this series.

"When they were all dead," said the witness, "Villa was so tired, he slept like a babe."

"For years," said the man from Mexico, "Villa has made a practice of robbing isolated ranches or little towns. First he killed every man he could find, both because he liked to kill and because he carries caution to an absurd excess. Then he took the women. He led his men in the excesses that followed.

Twenty Years a Bandit.

"For twenty years Villa has been a bandit. In that time he has never exposed himself willingly to bullet or knife. I do not say that the man is a coward. I merely declare that fair play, as Anglo-Saxons understand it, is folly to Mexicans. They hate and fear Villa, but it has never occurred to them that he was anything but superlatively sane in lying behind a rock when he shot down his man, or in approaching a man with a smile, only to thrust a knife through him when his back was safely turned. They do things differently in these Latinized countries.

"Villa is an able man," said the speaker. "He kept at liberty for twenty years, during most of which time a price was on his head. He knows the desert and mountain country better than you do the lines in your hand, and he has a certain quality of loyalty not common among Mexican leaders. His men knew that if they were captured by the police or soldiers Villa would rescue them if he could. If he could not he would have revenge for them. His revenges were so bloody and cruel that towards the last he was little interfered with by the regular forces. One of Madero's mistakes was in recognizing this man. And yet he remained true to Madero as better men did not. He is a fairly good general, and has not imposed too onerous restrictions upon his men, who are for the most part mere land pirates. It is not likely that Chihuahua or any other large town will be looted by him, because of the effect upon his standing with the United States. But later you will hear that he has carried fire and sword to the lonely countryside. Every man who had money before the war began has been made to give it up—if Villa found him."

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VOYAGING ON THE CONGO.

Description of a Trip on the Big African River.

A trip by steamboat on the Congo River has its lazily amusing attractions, as you descend from Stanleyville to the railway at Leopoldville, a voyage of twelve days. The boats, small, stern-wheel affairs, carry from twenty to thirty cabin passengers each. On the lower deck are the black travellers, sometimes in a stifling crowd, sprawling over the cargo. Most of the captains are Swedes, Russians, or Germans, and the engineers are picked up in Sierra Leone. Two companies run boats, and several of the mission stations have steamboats of their own besides.

Some of the boats have small dining-rooms; others set tables on deck, protected from the sun by awnings. The food is not luxurious, and very little fresh meat is to be had. The fuel is wood, and every five or six hours the boat must stop to replenish the supply from a heap of cut sticks on the bank. These piles of wood are made by natives, or by scattered traders, often where no habitation is near; and in such cases the captain pays for the wood by putting money in a box that the trusting woodsman has provided for the purpose. Every boat carries a drum, and as it approaches an inhabited district, the drum is beaten to tell the natives that goats, fruit, or vegetables are wanted. Some of the stopping-places are bomas, with white people, where rubber and ivory are taken on board; but most of them are native villages or woodyards, with little variety or picturesqueness. Every night the steamer ties up against the bank, and all the black passengers go to sleep on shore. But they devote most of the night to merrymaking, and keep those on the boat as wide awake as themselves.

The Medicine That Helped.

Imagination must always be reckoned with in medicine—sometimes certain doctor treated an old woman for typhoid fever. On each visit he took her temperature by putting a thermometer under her tongue.

The doctor returned. As he came into the sick-room the old woman looked up at him with angry and reproachedful eyes.

One day, when she was nearly well, the doctor did not bother to take her temperature. He had hardly got one hundred yards from the house when her son called him back.

"Doctor," she said, "why didn't you give me the jigger under me tongue to-day? That always did me more good than all the rest of your trash."

A Scottish farmer recently paid a visit to a South of England cattle show, and while walking round got talking with a native farmer. Neither could well understand what the other said. The Scotsman got a little nettled at this and put it down to the Englishman's stupidity. "Man," he said at last, "yer cows moo a' richt, and yer cocks craw quite plain, but I'm [illegible] if I can mak' you oot."

A Nova Scotia Case of Interest to All Women

Halifax Sends Out a Message of Help to Many People.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 15. When interviewed at her home at 194 Argyle St., Mrs. Haverstock was quite willing to talk of her peculiarly unfortunate case. "I was always 'blue' and depressed, felt weak, languid and utterly unfit for any work. My stomach was so disordered that I had no appetite. What I did eat disagreed. I suffered greatly from dizziness and sick headache and feared a nervous breakdown. Upon my druggist's recommendation I used Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

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THE AIR WE BREATHE.

English Professor Says Bad Air Is Not So Very Bad.

Fresh air fiends will get little support for their propaganda in the views of Professor Leonard Hill, an English physiologist. He maintains that bad air is not so very bad, after all. He says it is an erroneous idea that the air of close, crowded rooms is contaminated by the exhalations of human beings and is impoverished of oxygen.

It is the heat in a close room that makes us feel uncomfortable, not the lack of oxygen or the surplus of carbonic acid in the air, according to the professor. The only effect of an excess of carbonic acid—supposed to be very poisonous—is to make us breathe deeply and ventilate our lungs more fully. As for the loss of oxygen in a close room, "it is never diminished by more than one per cent., for the cracks, crannies and pores of the walls always suffice to let fresh air in."

However that may be—and a layman should hesitate to dispute a scientist—it can hardly be denied that pure outdoor air tastes and smells much better than the air in even a ventilated room. One may be as wholesome as the other, as far as its constituents are concerned, but most folks will prefer air that has not been breathed in and out too often. In the popular mind, if not in scientific fact, headaches and drowsiness are closely associated with impure air.

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Lord Palmerston once inspected "Summer in the Lowlands," a picture by Sir John Watson Gordon. "Look here," said Lord Palmerston to the artist, "why should the grass in that field be so long when there are so many sheep in the field?" "My Lord," replied the artist, "those sheep were only turned into the field last night!" Lord Palmerston bought the picture at a high price.

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Two Scots met the other day after many years. First Scot—Ah, weel noo, Sandy, an' hoo hae ye been [illegible]ttin' alang this lang time? Second Scot—Fine, man, fine; an' hoo are a' the auld folk? First Scot—Weel, man, weel; but ye mind Jock McKay? Weel, the big steam-hammer at the foundry cam' doon on his chest an' killed him. Second Scot—Eh, puir auld Jock—but ye ken Jock aye had a weak chest.

Jealousy will not listen to reason, because it doesn't believe there is such a thing.

HAIR ALL FELL OUT RINGWORM ON HEAD

Also on Neck. Big Bare Spot on Crown of Head. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured.

198 Chapleau St., Montreal, Que.—"When my brother and I went to school we got ringworms from the other children and our hair all fell out. We had them on our heads and on our necks. For months I had a big bare spot on the crown of my head the size of a fifty-cent piece. Mother tried everything, all kinds of ointments, to cure us but everything seemed no good until one day she saw an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment. It was Cuticura Soap and Ointment that cured us." (Signed) Mrs. M. Blake, May 31, 1913.

ITCHY RASH ON HANDS

Fergus, Ont.—"Cuticura Soap and Ointment completely cured me of a rash on my hands. The rash was red like water blisters, very itchy and sore. Scratching made them sorer. The irritation was bad at night. I tried many remedies which did not do any good. I used Cuticura Soap and a wash in warm water night and morning with Cuticura Ointment and in less than a week it was all gone." (Signed) Mrs. Isabella Gibson, May 22, 1913.

The regular use of Cuticura Soap for toilet and bath not only tends to preserve, purify and beautify the skin, scalp, hair and hands, but assists in preventing inflammation, irritation and clogging of the pores, the common cause of pimples, blackheads and other unwholesome conditions of the skin. Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere. For a liberal free sample of each, with 32-p. book, send post-card to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Dept. D, Boston, U. S. A.

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The Product of 1,000 Years Ago Found in India.

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W. H. Martin, who represented the United States Government in Calcutta in 1907, is authority for this. Mr. Martin's statement was based on the discovery at Petleik pagoda of terra cotta reliefs with Poli inscription dating back to the eleventh century A.D. The pieces illustrated the life of Buddha and the figures were as sharply outlined then as the day they were modeled.

An idea of the age of these pieces may be had from the fact that they were kilned about the time England was being conquered by the Normans. It is said that the terra cotta has been buried in India's mud for many centuries. This ought to be reassuring to those who think that skyscrapers will crump.

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All Scotsmen take pride in their native land, but none more than the old gardener of Duddingston.

The gardener was showing to a tourist the beauties of the loch and of the little village. It was evening, and as he expatiated on the lovely scene and on the glories of his country, the moon rose over a hill.

The old man stopped short in the middle of a speech, and gazed at the moon in admiration.

After a moment he turned to the tourist, and said, "There's a moon fur ye! I tell ye, mon, we're a grand nation!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Earliest Newspapers.

The earliest English newspaper, Nathaniel Butter's "Weekeley Newes," some copies of which are to be seen at the Advertising Exhibition, had several predecessors abroad. The first of these in point of time was the "Ordinrij Avisa," the publication of which begun at Strassburg in 1609—14 years before the appearance of Nathaniel Butter's venture. In 1620 Abraham Verhoeven founded the "Nieuwe Thijdingen" at Antwerp, and this continued to appear weekly for 227 years. The oldest existing newspaper is apparently the Swedish official gazette, which dates back to 1644.—London Chronicle.

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Private—It's full of sand and grit, sir.

Officer—Now, look here, my man, did you come to camp to grumble or to serve your country?

Private—Well, I did come to serve my country, sir; but not to eat it.

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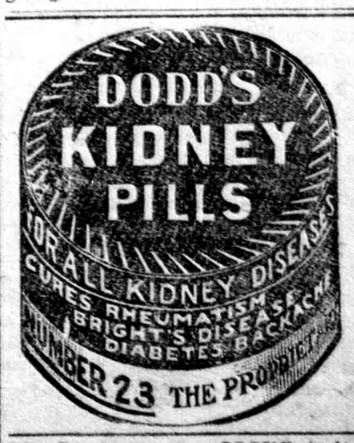
"Sure I can," she replied, making a curtsey. "There ain't nobody going."