

LIVES IN A STEEL HOUSE

CIPRIANO CASTRO, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA.

This House Was Built With the Idea of Protection From Earthquake.

Cipriano Castro, President of the South American Republic of Venezuela, lives in the most extraordinary dwelling ever inhabited by the head of a State. It stands with the head in the heart of the capital city, Caracas, and is built entirely of steel. The remarkable Government House, of highly-tempered metal, is covered on the outside by a kind of soft stone, so that the stranger thinks it is an ordinary dwelling, save that the residence of the first man of the land. Within the steel walls are covered with leather and plaster, so that the walls, floor and ceiling of the half dozen rooms composing that house are entirely of steel, and the whole is built upon a foundation of tons of Portland cement. President Castro cited this, so at large expense, personally directing its construction. When he moved in he christened it "Mira Flores," and to none is known—and laughingly all—South Americans. The steel house was not built with forethought of fire, or flood, or wind, but the earthquake. For it is earthquake-proof. Its few rooms resemble the compartments in a safe-deposit vault, and in this strong box of a place the President spends most of his time. Here, indeed, all the official business of the Chief Executive of the Republic is transacted. And here too, lives

THE SEÑORA CASTRO.

The Castros both come naturally, the cast of earthquakes. When the little town of Guatire, a suburb of Caracas, was some years ago shaken to the face of the earth, as a result from a table-cloth, Señora Castro was the only member of her family to escape with her life. And Castro himself, who happened to be staying in a hill outside the town, saw his abode crumble like a house upon the heads of those who

October two years ago, a earthquake threw Castro into his hands. Then, in his flight through a window to a safety door, he cracked his leg. He conceded the idea of the world, believing that a house built upon a very deep foundation of cement would any earthquake, no matter how violent. As his ordered steel beams and steel plates for ceilings and floors from the United States Steel Corporation, mostly spent in the construction of the only steel house known in the whole world, it was finished and further Castro moved in, and it became the official Presidential residence of Venezuela. As Castro built the house and the park around it, he will probably continue in this abode of steel for the duration of his term of office.

MURK THIEF ALONE.

There is the hotel thief, the baggage thief, the rascally thief, the shoplifter, the omnibus thief, the bicyclist. There are as many branches of thievery as there are of dogs, and curiously enough, when one man has been associated with one or another of these branches, he will rarely be found engaged in a different branch. It is a case of every man to his trade.

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A CARACAS POEN.

Long ago came for himself a name fame, which he called "Colon of the Steel House." At last, one day, Pedro Miguez, a young man languishing in the dungeon Prison, having been condemned to death, appeared this without trial and the simple mandate of Castro's

that which Castro fears most, after that which is not earthquake, not Nature, but humankind. He knows, for example, that his own soldiers may turn him at any moment, and live in constant fear of an assassin's bullet. Hence he remains within the steel house as much as possible, not only because it is proof against earthquake, but because it is bullet-proof. "He seldom says 'I'm not earthquake,' " say the soldiers, "so he is proof when we desert. He simply puts new men in our places. But some day the steel house will become a target for a bit of rifle-shooting, by men from whom he is now held."

"Well, fill the inside of the house with lead, for the house windows, and it is always to hold that Castro cannot clean his clothes with gasoline does not get credit for opening an automobile.

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HIS PARTICULAR GRAFT.

THE PROFESSIONAL BANK AMONGST CRIMINALS.

"Graft" is the Name Given to a Criminal's Line of Business.

A man was arrested some years ago on a charge of highway robbery, and he was a well-known character, and the idea that he could possibly get off with such a charge was laughable. But he succeeded.

"I didn't do it," he said to the judge, "because it isn't my 'graft.'" And the man succeeded. The man in question had quite a wide reputation as a thief, and had served terms of imprisonment, but never in his life had he been known to commit robbery with violence. The bench recognized the strength of the plea, for which he has not, specially trained himself in as absurd as Tom a Clark to take up bricklaying.

Not only in each department of crime specialized, but each section of each branch. A thief, for instance, will rarely or never be found committed in a burglary. As a matter of fact, the thief looks down on the "thieves," they argue, "he's no need to carry cowardly implements like revolvers and rifles. We don't have to injure human beings personally but only want their property."

This attitude on the part of the thief makes him rather a respected member of the criminal brotherhood in the eyes of the force. A good thief, as one detective is fond of saying, "is the kind of man we like to get."

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is a man who works on a large scale. He will be engaged on a vast jewel robbery at a hotel, or, else, perhaps, he is a bullion thief, whose "graft" is to steal specie from a good liner. He will have spent months and months laying his plans, and, before making the seizure, will have tried to and fro on the liner and become known to the officers. Now, such a man is an aristocrat among criminals. He may be a perfect gentleman. If you left five dollars on the table, or dropped your purse in the street, the "good thief" would probably return it to you; he would never dream of appropriating it. He wouldn't pick your pocket. It is not his "graft" to involve his reputation in miserable little lesser crimes, where there are fish so much bigger in the sea. "Besides," he will tell you, "I haven't had any practice at that sort of thing, and should probably muddle it if I tried."

Ased what kind of criminal is really most respected by the force, Mr. Rochester informed us that "we like a good fellow. A forger has to be clever, sharp, and generally well educated. We don't rank such a man with your average area-sneak."

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He would assassinate, was made a assassin, and, when Castro was asked what should be done with the assassin, the President jerked his thumb toward the door. What meant that was to be thrown into the sunflower, the most ghastly reputation in all the Americas, the potter's wheel, when the prison was closed. Later, when the prison was closed, the victim was murdered and buried in the gaol-yard. Castro's thumb, however, was that prisoner had been murdered and buried in the gaol-yard. Castro's thumb, however, was that he would be enrolled in the inner circle of crime. Pearson's Weekly.

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A NEW IDEA.

TONIC TREATMENT FOR INDIGESTION NEW STRENGTH FOR THE STOMACH FROM NEW, RICH RED BLOOD.

The Tonic Treatment—that is the latest and only scientific cure for indigestion. All the leading doctors of Europe and America are using it with sensational success. No more purgatives, no more poison, no more patent foods, no more long diet lists saying, "Thou shalt not eat this or that." No more of all this nothing, in fact, but plenty of raw pure red blood, to tone the liver and give the stomach strength for its work. That is the Tonic Treatment for Indigestion.

The Tonic treatment is based on the new idea that drugs which digest the food for the stomach really weaken its powers through disease. The digestive organs can never do their work properly until they are strong enough to do it for themselves. The only thing that can give the stomach and the liver now is good blood—and the only thing that can actually make now blood is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They have long been known as the greatest blood-building tonic in the world, and all the highest medical authorities agree that the one scientific cure for indigestion is the Tonic Treatment. The marvelous success of the treatment has been proved in every corner of the Dominion. Once the latest witness is Mr. Joseph Rothenberg, St. Jerome, Que., who says, "I simply hated the thought of ten. Of course I had to force myself to eat, but afterwards I always required with cowardly implements like revolvers and rifles. We don't have to injure human beings personally but only want their property."

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GIVES TITHES FROM FIRST.

Hints for Wives for the Improvement of Husband.

If a wife wants to see her husband's wife is a rosy she is advised by a writer and diet to give him two heads of lettuce a day, and to give him a portion of lettuce with poached eggs every night for six weeks. The writer gives these hints on how to prepare this magic mixture of resolute tinned masculine checks.

If so, the heads should be washed and cut and prepared shortly before serving for the water, for washing and cleaning, the best part will be lost. The lettuce heads should be served for some time before serving for the water, for washing and cleaning, the best part will be lost. The lettuce heads should be washed and cut and prepared shortly before serving in order to retain all nourishing substances.

Variety in food does not necessarily mean great variety at any meal, nor does it mean rich pastries and indigestible stuffs. A meal of two or three articles is really better between the two, it lay in a course from which the titling system is absent in the fact that is pointed out.

Breakfast, dinner and supper should consist of different articles of food, and these be varied from day to day.

A variety of wholesome foods well cooked is needed. The sensible housewife is one who does not serve to her husband and children the things day after day until their appetites are destroyed, and their stomachs go on a strike. The food should vary from season to season, from day to day, from meat to meat.

Eat meat, eat fish, eat vegetables, eat fruits, eat cereals, but do not try to eat them all in one day. Remember, your body is made up of many different elements, and it is eddies of donors and the amount given by each for the last fifty years are also called in as evidence. Worldly prosperity is attested here by the names of many who began giving at the early period who are still giving, and whose sums have increased from year to year. The names of several of the largest givers are to be found on the list fifty years ago, when they commenced giving small amounts.

STOP SPENDTHRIFT.

The system of giving offers attractive field of speculation to the students who explore governing acts and effects scientifically. First, it is pointed out the most empirical direction is that it shall be systematic. This not only does away with foolish and irrational giving, but of spending play, and can only result in saving the pocket.

The results said to surprise even the most sanguine believers in this worldy prosperity of tithe, show only two or three out of thirty who do not report largely increased business prosperity. The books of the old South church of Boston, which have carefully preserved names of donors and the amount given by each for the last fifty years are also called in as evidence. Worldly prosperity is attested here by the names of many who began giving at the early period who are still giving, and whose sums have increased from year to year. The names of several of the largest givers are to be found on the list fifty years ago, when they commenced giving small amounts.

TILL NOON.

The Simple Dish That Keeps One Vigorous and Well Fed.

When the Doctor takes his own medicine in the grocer eats the food he recomposes some confidence comes to keep a careful system of honorary records. The busness man who follows it knows what he is doing from week to week and from month to month, so that he can never fail for a large amount. His knowledge of his affairs, self-denial, and systematic payments are bound to win success for him.

Third, it gives a strong motive for enthusiastic work for those who haven't it for any other cause. Tithe, so it is stated, and it appears without reason, invariably increases.

One of the cases found in the records is the sworn statement of such an extravagant measure of success of a business house which tithe its profits, aside from the giving of its personal members, as could only open it to the suspicion of being a clever advertisement if printed in any way but the semi-private character of these records.

As it is, the 400 per cent profits which were reached, were given as "testimony" to the direct fulfillment of the challenge: "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse and prove me now wherewithal."

It is also a significant fact that while this collection of literature comprises the whole gamut of facts and material for what is known as modern methods of preaching, as well as "modern thought" out of deference to the spirit of altruism, it is only selected from adisedly and held as a source of reference rather than exhortation.

NOT SO MAD AFTER ALL.

A nobleman, against whom insanity was imputed by his relatives, was asked during examination by Lord Loughborough, "How many legs has a sheep?"

"Does your Lordship mean a live or a dead sheep?" asked the nobleman.

"It is not the same thing," said the Chancery.

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Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellness."

"My sister can play the piano beautifully!" "Oh, but you ought to hear my sister play the piano!"

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