

A BURIED BOX OF GOLD.

The Treasure that was so Securely Hidden on the Banks of the Arroyo.

[From the Los Angeles Herald.]

Tiburcio Tapia was a Spanish Don, who had arisen to considerable affluence in those times, and, besides being the proprietor of the Cucamongo ranch, conducted a small store, somewhere above the Catholic church, in what is now called Sonoma. The golden ounces, as they accumulated in the hands of the old Don, were not carefully hoarded. Not that there were money banks in those days, with ponderous vaults and defuncting his gold coins in the bank of mother earth, where he knew that his sight drafts would always be honored. It was his custom, when he wished to secure his money in this way, to take his son, Ramon, with him, and hide it under ground in some secluded spot. Thus it happened that when Castro was scouring the State with his marauding band, and threatening an attack on Los Angeles, Don Tiburcio was overcome with solicitude concerning his wealth in money and in goods, and taking his son with him one day at night, he went up the banks of the Arroyo Seco, and there the two dug a hole in the sand, and within it they concealed the treasure. There were two wooden boxes, iron-bound, and filled with Spanish gold, amounting to a weight of an ounce and valued at \$18-\$50,000 in his two iron-bound boxes, which he placed in the sand and covered carefully over. And Don Tiburcio marked the spot, so that he might come back in time of piece and reclaim his deposit. Near Tiburcio deposited a little cross, in such a way that it would be concealed from a stranger's view, but be easily recognizable to his son and himself. One arm of the cross pointed to the buried treasure. Then the two led their horses several miles from the bank, and obliterated the marks of their work, and departed.

Don Tiburcio next buried himself in securing the goods of his store. These he carefully packed in boxes preparatory to sending them away, but on the day when he was to start on his journey, he was seized by a quantity of lead in the bottom of those boxes, and when they were filled with goods, you go and call in some of the neighboring rancheros to assist in the loading of the carts. They will perceive the great weight of the boxes, and will say that Don Tiburcio has sent away all his money by ox teams.

So the goods were despatched to Don Tiburcio's Cucamongo ranch under the charge of his son Ramon, and the inhabitants of the town whispered it about that the Don had sent away all his gold.

Now, while the steady-going ox teams are slowly toiling up the hills of San Jose, carrying their freightage of goods to a place of security, Don Tiburcio rests himself at home, in the full belief that he has outwitted the rascal Castro and his band. But, alas, what an uncertain thing is human life! Ramon has been gone for three days, and the teams when Don Tiburcio is stricken with paralysis, and laid at the door of death. A messenger is despatched in haste for the absent son. As soon as the distance can be overcrossed by the fastest horse, the dying breath of his father. There were but few to mourn the death of Don Tiburcio, and when comparative safety is again assured to the town, Ramon repairs to the bank of the Arroyo Seco to unearth the hidden treasure. There is there with its arm pointing to the hidden treasure, but when the sand is turned up there are no iron-bound boxes. The gold has been taken away. When Ramon dug up the cross, he found beneath it three ounces, which he dropped into the hole, and returned on that eventful night; but this was all he recovered. Then the truth flashed upon the son. His father had removed the boxes to secure more money in them, or to take out some for his own use. As it was never his custom to secure his treasure the second time in one place, he had buried them elsewhere. But where? The secret had died on Don Tiburcio's lips. The inhabitants of the town searched up and down the stream, ploughing many a furrow in the hope of discovering the secreted fortune. But their efforts were bootless, and to this day the iron-bound money-boxes of Don Tiburcio lie securely hidden on the banks of the Arroyo Seco.

A Sword through the Breast.

[From the London Telegraph.]

An "affair of honor" is reported to us from Paris, and its issue has been that one of the combatants died of a wound that struck through his heart, while the other lies in a fair way to join his departed adversary beyond the grave. The duelist was a M. Olivier, Captain of the Garde Mobile, aged 33, who was decorated with the military cross, and during that time he acquitted himself most gallantly after the fashion of his old master, Dr. Arnold, laboring not merely to impart to those under his care a knowledge of the humanities, but to develop and encourage among them a spirit of manly Christianity, which has since those days become fruit not only in many a country rectory, but in other places where manliness and Christianity are no less needed—in barracks and in camp, in the pleader's room, wherever the liberal professions have carried the men he taught.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, in the year 1810, when only sixteen years of age, and New York had but 80,000 people, began his career as captain of a sail boat, which used to run from the beach at Whitehall to Staten Island, carrying passengers at eighteen cents each. From that day to this, through a period of sixty-six years, Vanderbilt has been steadily engaged in carrying freight and passengers by land and sea, by steamboat and railroad. His first vessel was the Charlotte, launched in 1815, by himself and brother-in-law. With the Charlotte he coasted to Spain, and in 1817 he was engaged to captain of a steamer plying between New York and New Brunswick, New Jersey, at which latter Mrs. Vanderbilt managed a hotel. In 1829, at the age of thirty-five, he was worth \$30,000, and determined to start for himself. The first steamer he ever built was the Caroline, which finally went over the Niagara Falls. To-day those who are most familiar with his affairs rate him at \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000. It is understood that the bulk of his fortune will go to his son, William C. Vanderbilt. Mr. Vanderbilt first married in 1813, Miss Sophia Johnson, the daughter of a neighbor living near his father's farm on Staten Island. She bore him thirteen children. He married a second time, at the age of seventy-six, a lady from the South, some forty-five years younger than himself. The old gentleman looks hale and hearty.

PERSONAL.

PRINCE OSCAR of Sweden, who is going to the Centennial, is a younger son of sixteen, and a cadet in the Swedish army.

A STATUE to Spinoza will be erected at Hague on the 21st February, 1877—the two hundredth anniversary of his death. It will be placed in front of the house in which he died.

This late Grand Duchess Maria of Russia was a patroness of art, and the artists of St. Petersburg are about to found an art gallery to be called by her name. A special salon will contain the work of art which she had collected during her life.

The late Countess Danner, widow of Frederick VII. of Denmark, has made noble use of her wealth by endowing with \$4,000,000 an institution for the maintenance of orphans or deserted girls of Denmark. Accommodation for 500 or 800 will be provided.

The monument to John and Charles Wesley has been placed in Westminster Abbey, but it has not yet been unveiled. It stands near the monument to Isaac Watts. To Dean Stanley belongs the credit of securing this honor in England's historical abbey.

An incident of the Queen's recent visit to the London Hospital is recorded: A little girl four years old, who was brought into the hospital on January 14 with a hurt side and thigh, had previously said, "If I could only see the Queen I should get well." The remark was repeated to her Majesty, who determined to gratify the child's innocent wish. "My darling," said the Queen to this little girl, "I hope you will be a little better now."

The preacher was a little off color in his cutting, but the spirit level would adjudge his heart and head in the right place. He said, "My brethren 'ligion is like the Alabama River. In spring come freshets, and bring all the old logs, stumps and sticks that have been lying on the banks of the river down; then a log catch here, and a slab gets crotched there, and there they lie until there come another freshet. Jus' so there come 'revival of religion; by the ole sinner is brought in, and ole backslider come back, 'we have a mighty time. But lymely 'vivals all gone; den dis ole sinner gets in his ole sin, and dat backslider gets crotched where he was afore; and they wat got 'ligion lies all along de shore till 'noder 'vival.' Debbededd brethren keep in de current, 'n den you are safe."

Mrs. KIRBY, of Egypt, has lately established a school for the education of the most polished nations of the country of the late Mr. Pharaoh has ever beheld. It is proving a great success. Mrs. K. bought a house in a thickly populated locality, near the dancing derishes, erected around it a quadrangle of schools, but the buildings, having been under the Education Department, but herself defrays the whole cost of maintenance. The school is free to all, and when it had been open only four months there were 206 boarders and 100 day scholars, all Arabs or slaves. They dress in the latest fashion, and are dressed in frocks, pinafores, and shoes, in English fashion; and they sit, not squatting on the ground, but at desks. They must find fire, rather irksome and barbarous when they return home.

DEAN CARLOS is in the habit of walking about his room at Brown's Hotel in Dover street, draped in a sheet, after his bath. Being a handsome young man, he is likely, should he remain in England, to become the pet of London society after Easter. Although he is an excellent French dancer, does not understand English, his suite, with the exception of an Englishman, are equally ignorant. The little black page, the dwarf, which he owns according to royal custom, and his suite, state that Dean Carlos is merely in London to see the little war, and one year after his passage in order to descend into his room. The unfortunate domestics are fast losing their admiration for the troublesome customer. Spain has at last been lucky enough to get rid of him.

DEAN CARLOS'S career at Oxford was a continued brilliant success. He began by winning a scholarship at Balliol, and shortly afterward he took the Newdegate prize with an English poem, called "The Gypsies." He gained the Ireland scholarship, and in 1837 took a first class in classics. Two years later he gained the Gypsey prize, and one year after carried off the theological prize and the prize for the English essay. In that year (1840) he was elected a fellow of University College. For twelve years he was a tutor in his college, and during that time he acquitted himself most gallantly after the fashion of his old master, Dr. Arnold, laboring not merely to impart to those under his care a knowledge of the humanities, but to develop and encourage among them a spirit of manly Christianity, which has since those days become fruit not only in many a country rectory, but in other places where manliness and Christianity are no less needed—in barracks and in camp, in the pleader's room, wherever the liberal professions have carried the men he taught.

IT WAS "POROUS."

While a clerk in a Hamilton hardware store was yesterday morning setting things to rights for the business of the day, a citizen with gray locks and self-satisfied look dropped in and kindly asked: "Have you any four-quart porous kettles?" "Porous kettles?" mused the clerk. "I never heard of them." "What do you call these?" demanded the citizen as he nosed around and held up a kettle. "That's a porcelain kettle, sir," was the reply; "that's what you want, is it?" "That's what I want if it is a porous kettle," said the citizen. "We call them porcelain," replied the clerk. "What right have you to call them so? Why don't you call a dog a cat?" "But how can iron be porous?" humbly inquired the clerk. "How can a young man be a fool?" shouted the citizen. "It has come to a pretty pass when a boy of your age attempts to teach a man of my years anything! Don't you suppose I know the difference between porcelain and porous?" "Well, then, here's your seventy-five cents for this porous kettle, and I'd like to have it sent around to the house right away." The clerk had to submit. He says that a rich man can do anything, while a poor clerk is kept down.

ALL SORTS.

HOR colors.—The clouds and sky. GARDENERS have a winning manner.

The policeman's favorite vegetable—Short beats.

The extreme height of misery is a small boy with a new pair of boots, and no mud puddle.

The latest in the form of a parting salutation is: "Well, if I shouldn't see you again, hello."

A SACRAMENTO paper says it spoils a Christian man to find he has a horse which can trot in 2.30.

An Irish lover remarked that it is a great pleasure to be alone, especially when your sweetheart is by you.

When a man's thoughts are his only companions, he should make them as pleasant as he possibly can.

The Senate of the University of Prague has prohibited the attendance of women at the lectures at that institution.

Just about this season of the year a good many women imagine that they know how to whitewash a ceiling as well as any man that ever wore boots.

A PENNSYLVANIA mechanic has invented what he calls a "Sun roller and crusher." By using the roller, if you want them rolled and crushed.

A LADY of rank complaining that her husband was dead to fashionable amusements, he replied, "but then, my dear, you make me alive to the expenses."

They call it an "act to promote pedestrianism among students" when the California Legislature decrees that no liquor shall be sold within four miles of the State University.

"What is Heaven's best gift to man?" asked a young lady the other night, smiling at her friend, who was a little tipsy. "A horse," replied the young man with great pride.

It is reported that fresh disturbances have occurred in Malacca. Sir William Jervois, Governor of the Straits Settlements, with a company of regulars, has left Singapore for the scene of trouble.

The Montreal Herald feels lonely and deserted. Every other daily paper in the city has a libel suit on its hands, and some of them two or three; but the poor Herald has not a solitary suit to itself withal.

Be assured those will be thy worst enemies, not to whom thou hast done evil, but who have done evil to thee. And those will be thy friends, not to whom thou hast done good, but who have done good to thee.

SARCELLE.—Parish clerk's wife.—"Let you sit in the church, and read the interior. I dustn't do it, Miss. There was a party there last year, and do you know they let a 'orrid Dissentin' trac' in the rector's pew! Ever since that it's aginst orders."

A MAN has put up in his store a sign as nearly like that of his neighbor as he could remember, and it reads, "If you see what you want don't ask for it," and the first customer who saw it waited until the proprietor's back was turned and helped himself.

At the close of a tavern dinner two of the company fell down-stairs, the one tumbling over the other, and the other rolling to the bottom. Some one remarked that the first seemed drunk. "Yes," observed a wag, "but he is not so far gone as the other gentleman below."

A PRETTY little Water-loom schoolmaster tried to whip one of her pupils, a boy of fifteen, and he refused to do so. He commenced operations but coolly threw his arms around her neck and gave her a hearty kiss. She went straight back to her desk, and her face was "just as red."

"Mus' brace up," said Sozzie, as he stood on the doorstep at 1 a.m.; "I'll never do led no more, but I'll get up at 11 o'clock, and knock the stairs, clad in her robe de nuit, Sozzie braced up, knocked the ashes off his cigar, and as the door opened, said cheerily:—

"Hullo, Maria, (hie) up? Got a match in yer pocket?" Of course, she did not suspect anything.

The London Times reports that during the heavy rain, the crew of four men were stranded off Helingsborg. The crew of one were saved. Those on the other vessels are still in danger. A fishing boat attempting to rescue them capsized, and four men were drowned. Great loss of life is feared, as the men are picked up in the bay.

LIFE flakes of snow, that fall unperceived upon the earth, the seemingly unimportant events of life succeed one another. As the snow gathers together, so are our habits formed. No single flake that is added to the pile produces a sensible change. No single act, however it may exhibit a man's character; but as the tempest hurries the avalanche down the mountain, and overwhelms the inhabitant and his habitation, so passion, acting upon the elements of mischief which pernicious habits have accumulated together by imperceptible accumulations, may overthrow the edifices of truth and virtue.

The Senate has declared the seal held in that body by Sir Edward Kenny vacant, owing to that gentleman's absence for two months. The cause of his absence is the cause of his retirement. His ill-health is reported to be such that he will not return to Ireland in 1876, and came to Halifax in 1874, where he engaged in business. He sat in the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia for twenty-six years, during eleven of which he was Premier. Sir Edward was born in 1817 and was appointed Receiver-General of the Dominion, and held that office till 1869, when he became President of the Council, retiring in 1870, and receiving the honor of knighthood.

The Ottawa Free Press is glad to know that there is evoked a large quantity of lumber trade looking up this spring. Indeed, prices have already begun to advance. It is understood that Mr. John Bell, of Pembroke, has on account of the improved prospect, contracted for a very large quantity of deals sawn this season, and has given a contract for sawing to Mr. A. Flock, at the McEwen estate mills, Ampror. He has already effected a sale of the deals at a figure largely in advance of last season's quotations. Mr. Bell has been engaged in the lumber trade for the timber of his nephew, Mr. Robert Porteous, on the Kippewa.

There are two bits of china now in possession of a poor crippled woman in Indiana that ought to be at the Centennial, as they are probably the oldest pieces of china in that country. They consist of a small pitcher and a dish of the year 1634, thus making them 242 years old. There is no question as to their age, for it is wrought into the bottom of them. They were brought originally from Scotland, and were in possession of the Marquid family in Baltimore until some part of it removed to Ohio in 1836, when these precious relics were packed in feather beds and taken to the Western world. They ought to be owned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Of all the towns in the world, Athens is probably that of the most ancient and civilized. Rome is too large and too confused; Jerusalem has been too completely ruined for the imagination to paint it. But we all know the plain going up from the sea, the Acropolis rising from the plain, the Parthenon and the water, the more distant hills of Lycabettus and Hymettus, the scenery at once so lovely and so temperate in its beauty. This is the town where the citizens, in the words of one of their own poets, walk over delicately through the most resplendent air.

ACCORDING to a French statistician, taking the mean of many accounts, a man of fifty years has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500 days, walked 8,000 days, amused himself 4,000 days, was eating 1,500 days, was sick 6,000 days, etc. He has eaten 17,000 pounds of bread, and drunk 16,000 pounds of coffee, 4,000 pounds of vegetables, eggs and fish, and drunk 7,000 gallons of liquid, viz., water, coffee, tea, beer, wine, etc., altogether. This would make a respectable lake of 300 square feet surface and three feet deep, on which small steamboats could navigate. And all this makes up the routine of an average man's life.

USEFUL RECEIPTS.

TO TAKE WHITE STAINS FROM DARK WOOD.—Use equal parts of vinegar, sweet oil, and spirits of turpentine; shake all well together in a bottle; apply with a flannel cloth and rub dry with old silk or linen.

SORT GINGERBREAD.—One tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful sugar, one-half cup brown sugar, two cups molasses, two cups water or sour milk, one and one-half teaspoonfuls soda; do not stir very long; bake in a moderate oven.

SQUASH PRES.—Boil and sift a good dry, good squash; thin it with boiling milk until it is about the consistency of thick milk porridge. To every quart of this add three eggs, two good spoonfuls of melted butter, nutmeg for green, and a few sweet potatoes, and sweat with sugar. Bake in a deep plate with an under crust.

VEAL CUTLETS.—Dip in beaten egg when you have sprinkled a little pepper and salt over them; then roll in cracker crumbs, and fry in hot fat. If you wish to use butter or dripping, add a little boiling water to the gravy after the meat is done; thicken with browned flour, boil up once, sending to table in a boat.

STRAW CUPS.—One cup of sugar, half a cup of butter, one fourth teaspoon of soda dissolved in half teacup of milk, whites of five eggs, three-fourths teaspoon cream tartar mixed in two cups flour. Yolks of the eggs and same ingredients make good cake. Season the straws with peach and the gold with lemon.

SWEET-BREADS, (Fried).—Wash very carefully, and dry with a linen cloth. Lard with narrow strips of fat salt pork, cut closely together. Use for this purpose a larding-pot, or a frying-pan, which has been well buttered or greased, and cook to a fine brown, turning frequently until the pork is crisp.

BOILED APPLE DUMPLING.—One pound of suet; one pound of flour; heaping teaspoonful of salt; one egg set in a little of the fat to be used for the dumplings. Mix the fat and cold water enough to make a paste; roll as thin as pie crust; pare a dozen large apples, quarter and core them, keeping each apple by itself; the quarters together, and again cut the dumplings in a square cloth, and tie each dumpling in a square cloth. Boil an hour, putting them into boiling water; serve with hard sauce.

MODERN FIREWORKS.—Take a tin puding-boiler that shuts over tight with a cover. Butter it well. Put at the bottom some rotten raisins and then a layer of baker's bread, cut in slices, with a little butter or suet strewn over; then raisins, bread and suet, and so on, until you have filled the boiler. Take every quart add three or four eggs, some nutmeg and salt, and sweeten with half sugar and half molasses. Drop it into boiling water, and boil for one hour. Be sure the cover fits tight or your pudding will be waterlogged. Serve with sauce.

BILOUSNESS.—Dr. Hall relates the case of a man who was cured of his biliousness by going without his supper, and drinking freely of cold water, and eating the morning after, this patient arose with a wonderful sense of rest and refreshment, and feeling as though the blood had been literally washed, cleansed and cooled by the lemonade and fast. His theory is that food can be used as a remedy for biliousness, and that the morning after, this patient arose with a wonderful sense of rest and refreshment, and feeling as though the blood had been literally washed, cleansed and cooled by the lemonade and fast.

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