

tain its nourishing juiciness... a little less than one inch thick...
...the center when done...
...can to taste very nearly...
...hot, greasing it ever so...
...then frying one side until...
...turning and finishing upon...
...Unlike the broiling process...
...when turned but once...
...use only enough butter to...
...sticking. If it threatens to...
...the pan before it is time to...
...the pan to loosen the steak...
...meat with your fork...
...rump are considered the...
...but they are expensive...
...and the vein and neck, if cut...
...and diagonally with every...
...all very nourishing, sweet...
...and have no waste, as in...
...The lower round toward the...
...an excellent Hamburg...
...appetized with a meat chop...
...woman should possess, none...
...can be bought very cheap...
...about one minute upon...
...fork to insure an even fry...
...is not previously heated...
...and simmer in its own juice...
...the tough and gray.

SPAIN'S LOST COLONIES.

CRUELTY, GREED AND TYRANNY CAUSE HER DECLINE.

...the sixteenth century...
...Spain was without question the...
...greatest power in the world. She own...
...ed all that she now possesses, in ad...
...dition to Portugal, the kingdoms of Na...
...ples and of Sicily, the duchies of Mil...
...the Netherlands and the whole of...
...the two Americas south of the third...
...parallel, a dominion to which...
...fourth Britain nor Russia, nor...
...the United States can be compar...
...in respect of potential wealth-yield...
...power. This empire, too, rested on...
...strong foundations. It lasted in Na...
...strong for 200 years. The people of the...
...Low Countries threw it off only by a...
...effort that was like a martyrdom, whi...
...the Spanish ascendancy in America was...
...so deeply rooted that even now the...
...the language and the civiliza...
...tion of every land that belonged to...
...Spain remains essentially Spanish.

...Today Spain is one of the most...
...weak and fallen kingdoms on the face...
...of the globe. Only part of the Iber...
...ian Peninsula remains in her posses...
...sion. Her population has dwindled to...
...17,000,000. She is threatened with the...
...loss to the United States of her only...
...two remaining colonies, the Antilles...
...and the Philippines. Her treasury is...
...practically bankrupt, her army disor...
...ganized, and in fact she has sunk to...
...the level of a fourth-rate power. She...
...shows that she is one of those nations...
...which, to use the words of Lord Sal...
...isbury, "have exhausted their vitali...
...ty and are doomed to decay."

...What the cause of this decay can...
...be is a subject for much speculation...
...and discussion, neither of which, how...
...ever, has as yet furnished any sat...
...isfactory response to the problem.

...There are some who ascribe it to the...
...expulsion of the Jews, but Spain reach...
...ed the culminating point of her pow...
...er almost two centuries after the He...
...brews had been driven out of the...
...kingdom. There are yet others who in...
...st that the valor and the manhood...
...of the Spaniard has decreased, but am...
...big evidence to the contrary has been...
...furnished even since the beginning of...
...the present war, while the first Na...
...tion was wont to declare that he...
...whenever met in all his wars more...
...and reckless foes than the Span...
...iards.

TYRANNY OVERREACHED ITSELF.

...In fact, there is no explanation that...
...can be furnished for the astounding...
...decline of Spain unless it be that the...
...inevitable advance of progress and en...
...lightenment, even in Spanish coun...
...tries has gradually awakened the mas...
...ses to the injustice of their being opp...
...ressed and ground down for the benefit...
...of the few, and to the iniquity of extor...
...ting from the people the fruit of their...
...labor for the benefit of favored and...
...generally tilted drones. Spain, it mu...
...st be confessed, has from time immem...
...orial treated her foreign possessions as...
...milk cows, to be drained of their last...
...drop of milk for the sole advantage...
...of those in power at Madrid, and has...
...not even practiced that piece of ele...
...mentary domestic economy, which con...
...sists in leaving something to the pro...
...ducer to serve as a kind of nestegg...
...She forgot, in fact, the principle in...
...culcated by the Bible when it forbade...
...the muzzling of the ox that thrashes...
...the corn.

...Greed and cruelty are indeed the...
...chief causes of Spain's decay as a...
...great colonial empire. Her dependencies, "ul...
...trammar," that is to say, beyond the...
...sea, besides being fleeced by the Mad...
...rid Government have been robbed with...
...out scruple by the royal officials and...
...administrators, all of whom have been...
...Spaniards appointed by the sovereign...
...Spanish America, which comprised in...
...the early part of this century, the...
...whole of South America, with the ex...
...ception of Brazil, the entire region of...
...Central America, including Mexico, and...
...more than a third of what is now the...
...United States was divided into four...
...royalties, bearing the names of...
...Mexico, Peru, Buenos Ayres and New...
...Grenada, and into three captain gen...
...eralships, Chili, Caracas and Guate...
...mala. These viceroys and Captain Gen...
...erals were accountable only to the...
...monarch of Spain, and exercised the...
...most autocratic and despotic sway...
...their word being law in all legislative...
...judicial and military affairs. Their...
...terms of office were from four to six...
...years, and they invariably returned to...
...Spain with colossal fortunes amassed...
...by nefarious means.

DESOTISM HELD SWAY.

...The tyranny with which Spain ruled...
...her American colonies is almost incred...
...ible. There was a strict censorship of...
...literature. No books could be import...
...ed of which the ecclesiastics disap...
...proved. At the beginning of the re...
...volution in 1810 Peru and Chili posses...
...ed between them only one printing...
...press. Intercourse with other coun...
...tries was as far as possible prevent...
...ed. The King of Spain reserved to...
...himself the right of granting or refus...
...ing passports to such of his subjects...
...as desired to visit the colonies, and no...
...colonist was allowed to visit Europe...
...or even a neighboring colony without...
...the special permission of the Captain...
...General of the province in which he...
...lived.

...Shipmasters, other than Spaniards...
...who attempted to enter the harbor of...
...any Spanish colony, as also merchants...
...who traded without official permission...
...were punished with death. To increas...

I Have No Stomach

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The pope made eight hogheads of wine last year from the vineyard in the Vatican gardens. A small part of the wine is reserved for his own use, another portion is sent to the churches to be used at mass, and the rest is sold.

Mr. Gladstone at the time of his death was a member of the Royal Academy, holding the sinecure office of Professor of Ancient History. Other honorary members of the Academy who are not artists are Mr. Lecky, who is Secretary for Foreign Correspondence; Bishop Creighton of London, Professor of Ancient Literature, and Mr. Francis C. Penrose, antiquary.

Charles Kean the younger's books and mementoes are to be sold soon in London. Among them are the folio Shakespeare presented by the Duke of Devonshire to Edmund Kean, a mulberry tree at Stratford-on-Avon once owned by Garrick, and the scales, weights, knife, and parchment bond used by Edmund and Charles Kean when acting the part of Shylock.

Kaiser Wilhelm draws the line at Jews. A Magdeburg Hebrew, proud of his seventh boy, asked permission to call the child William and to have the Emperor's name entered on the register as godfather. He received in reply from the Government "the decision that the entry of his All Highness's name as godfather in the registry of names of children of the Mosaic faith is not permissible."

Africa seems to work on Prince Henry of Orleans's temper. In his last expedition he quarrelled with M. Bonvalot, his companion, returning to insult the Italian army, which led to his duel with the Count of Turin. The expedition into Abyssinia, which he has just entered upon with the Russian Leontieff, has already split up into two parties, as the Prince and M. Leontieff could not agree from the start.

Many years ago the daughter of an artist who was painting the queen was discovered to be so exactly of the same stature as her majesty that she sat to her father for the queen's figure, thereby relieving her majesty of many tedious hours. This lady, whose name is Miss Blanche Sully, now lives in America, to which country she went back loaded with exquisite presents from her majesty.

Lord Wolseley is almost as devoted to the pen as the sword, and if he had not been fated to be a field marshal he would beyond question have been a man of letters. He rises early in the morning to write, and his official duties only commence when a pile of MS. testifies to his industry with the pen. For some time past he has employed a number of copyists in making extracts for him in the archives of Venice.

Kaiser Wilhelm carries with him a small but serviceable revolver either in his pocket or in his belt when in uniform. The threats of the anarchists have caused him to have recourse to this measure of security. His majesty is extremely skillful in the use of the weapon, and the chasseur who accompanies him everywhere has had orders to inspect it every morning in order to make sure that it is in working order.

Few people know how Bismarck and his ancestors got their name. Bismarck is the name of one of those ancient castles a short distance from Stendal, on the road from Cologne to Berlin, in the center of the old Marquisate of Brandenburg. The castle had this name because it defended the "Marca," or the line where the River Biese formed a boundary in former times, or mark of defense against invaders. Hence the name of Bismarck.

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