

MEN ARE TIED TO CROSSES

A Woman Tells How a New Mexican Religious Sect Operates.

Albuquerque, N. M., June 1.—A description of the Good Friday rites of the Penitente sect at Abiquiu, N. M., is given by Mrs. Alida F. Sims of Albuquerque, who was an eye-witness of one of these observances. It was at this village that a party from Albuquerque saw two men tied to crosses this year for twenty-five minutes, as the climax of the rites. Mrs. Sims' story started with the arrival at the village.

Hear Notes of Pito "We stepped outside; a faint, plaintive piping attracted my friend, and she observed, 'That is the Penitente "pito," or flute. You will hear that wherever they are.'

"But the center figure caught and held the gaze—a figure stripped to the waist, with blood-drenched trousers—a figure that at each step struck itself with a great whip that came away blood-stained. "Slap, slap came the crack of the lash. But the penitent made no sound. His head was covered with a great black sack. Beside him a boy walked, carrying a pail filled with salt water, into which the whip was dipped from time to time.

In another procession seen the same day by Mrs. Sims, one of the penitents shouldered a cross up the steep path to "Calvario," accompanied by flagellants. Once the cross-bearer stumbled and fell, and his companions laid the great wooden beam upon him so that he was pinned to the path beneath it.

Later in the day Mrs. Sims attended the services of "las tinieblas" in the chapel. These services represent the hours of darkness and chaos that followed immediately after the death of Jesus on the cross. The witness thus describes the scene: "The babies were taken out, the door and windows covered with blankets, the candles of the wooden tri- angle gradually extinguished. Just before the last light went out a weird sound came through the wall, as though it were issuing from the depths of the earth. The brother in charge of the rites conversed with the supposed 'lost soul.'

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CARELESSNESS CAUSES FIRES

Greater Caution Must Be Exercised by Owners Many an insurance payment has been sought due to the carelessness of the automobile owner when he works at his machine. Allowing leakage of gasoline in the garage, smoking a cigar where the "gas" fumes may explode, letting oil and grease accumulate at danger points—near the exhaust pipe, for instance. These

are some of the causes of fire on the automobile or in the garage. Great caution should be observed at all times if the owner wishes to keep his car and garage intact.

USE OF CHAINS

Only Keep Them On So Long as the Streets Are Wet It is always advisable to use tire chains whenever pavements and roads are in such condition as to make skidding likely to happen in turning corners, stopping and starting. But, the driver should bear in mind, that chains should be removed as soon as it is safe to drive without them. In putting chains on the rear tires,

they should be fixed to the wheels with the hooks to the rear so that the forward motion of the wheels will have a tendency to pull the chains tighter in the locks. If at any time it is necessary to reverse the wheels in order to get out of a bad hole the chains should be inspected to make certain that they have not become unhooked by the backward motion of the wheels. Small wire wrapped around the hook locks will often prevent chains from loosening and becoming lost.

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