Bull Fights

Great Only as Relic of Barbarism

By P. EVAN JONES

IT IS difficult for an American visitor to Mexico to come to any other conclusion than that bull fights is "great" only as a relic of barbarism. Many Americans come in Mexico attend a performance just once. They do it for the same reason that visitors in museums look upon the instruments of torture from the middle ages—not to enjoy, but to see and learn, in order afterward to speak of it intelligently.

During a trip to Mexico in 1906 a friend of mine urged me to see a performance in Mexico City. While I was there on a Sunday afternoon seven bulls and 17 horses were killed and one man mortally wounded, with 20,000 people looking on. The animals had my sympathy, but the matador got what he deserved. The bull was brave, fighting alone with the weapons nature had given him, still his strength gave out and he fell dead. Against him were more than a score of his murderers, ready to assist each other in case of need.

The bull fight is of the same nature and exists for the same reason as the battles of the gladiators at the imperial festivals in ancient Rome. The gladiators were trained slaves. When marching out on the floor of the Colosseum to kill and be killed, passing by the throne of Caesar, they cried out: "We who are about to die salute thee!"

In the twentieth century the bulls have been substituted for gladiators. Caesar gave his entertainments free to the freedmen, as he wanted favors and needed their votes. The rulers of Mexico favor bull fights and gambling. Lotteries they conduct in the name of the state. The people must be amused and forget about a representative government. When Mexico becomes a republic in reality and not merely in name—though the time looks far off at present—there will be no more bull fights.

Strictly Modern Stucco House

By C. C. DENSMORE

A recent distinguished visitor to Chicago calls this a wooden town, alluding to the numerous frame houses left as a relic of days when pine lumber was plentiful and shelter an immediate consideration.

It is unfortunately true that to the occasional visitor Chicago presents in parts the appearance of an overgrown prairie village, but the time is not far off when the frame house will disappear from sight and we shall have in their place the strictly modern stucco exterior finish.

In the fashionable suburbs there is in evidence a disposition to make a change by plastering the outside of frame houses with cement mortar, which becomes as hard as stone and much more durable.

In many instances this is colored with light tints and the effect is most pleasing.

When this fashion shall generally prevail and the unsightliness of wood be blanketed with the handsome stucco finish, there will be a transformation which will make all parts of Chicago uniformly attractive.

Halley's Comet and Cold Weather

By ELMER SCHUMPEY

Noah Webster (author of Webster's dictionary) gave his opinion, over a century ago, that the near approach of great comets usually portended (with few exceptions) by severe winters.

Halley's comet is now nearer to the orbit of Mars, I believe, than any other planet, crossing it early next year.

Whether Webster's view is right or wrong, it is interesting to note a report from an astronomer, at the observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., that he observed a remarkably early snowfall in the antarctic regions of Mars on November 12 and 16. Perhaps the comet will near Mars too late to affect our winter in any great degree.

As to the view of some that a comet is composed of so extremely attenuated matter that it cannot produce any practical effects, I would ask, may it not, however, contain great magnetic, electric or other unknown forces?

Football Is Too Violent as Played

By JAMES J. SMITH

This season there have been a number of lives sacrificed in college football games. Why a game so brutal should be entertained and sanctioned by the various colleges and universities instituted for the cultivation of the intellect is beyond my understanding.

This is a game in which the brute force in man is summoned and exercised.

The aim in this game is to reach the goal, through you trample or crush your competitor.

It that a proper lesson to teach young college students? It is well and good to encourage games in which there is healthful outdoor exercise, but football, as it is played, is overdoing it and is too violent.

Mexico Is Deeply Religious Bent

By H. C. ROBERTS

In Mexico the masses are of a deeply religious bent.

I had occasion in a recent visit there to note the deep-seated faith of the swarthy descendants of Montezuma.

In going along country roads it is a common sight to see the sign of the cross that owners of farms and ranches have erected even if they only employed a couple of rude sticks.

In the humblest adobe huts there are pictures of the virgin and the saints and often an altar.

Such devout conduct does not invariably go with the highest morality, but I have no doubt that their religion makes them more honest and that it has a tendency to make the people lead purer lives.

CARRY OUT PLEDGES

TAFT ANNOUNCES THAT WHILE PRESIDENT "SOMETHING" WILL BE DONE.

DEFIES FRIEND AND FOE

Tells Callers Test of Republicanism Will Be Vote for Measures Pledged in Last Campaign Platform.

Washington.—President Taft has set his back against the wall, hade defiance to foe, and too solicitous friend and the country at large, and announced an ultimatum that began with the statement that a second term is as indifference to him and that he is not looking for it, but that while he is president he is going to do something."

That something, the president made clear "regular" and "insurgent" Republicans, is to carry out the pledges of the Republican party, and his test of Republicanism will be a vote for those measures that he recards as pledges of the party in the party platform in the last campaign.

The limitation of the use of the injunction power by the federal courts.

The enactment of amendments to the railway rate law to conform to the laws which regulate interstate commerce.

The establishment of a system of postal savings banks.

Separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

The president mentioned two important bills of interest to Chicago and consequently no test of Republicanism. He submitted that these two matters were questions on which there could be reasonable differences of opinion. These two mentioned are: Conservation of natural resources and a federal incorporation act.

Representatives Hayes of California, Murdock of Kansas and Gardener of Massachusetts got this information in a conference Tuesday with the president. He also informed them that the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is a matter upon which he will be responsible to the country. He declared that he would accord Republicans who vote with the Democrats to retain Representatives Slayden and James as the minority members of the investigating committee as a direct opposition to him and to his administration.

JOHN R. WALSH IN PRISON

Former Banker Is Taken to Leavenworth After Federal Court Denies Him New Trial.

Chicago.—John R. Walsh, convicted of misapplying the funds of the defunct Chicago National bank, was received at the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth Tuesday to begin serving his sentence of five years.

Walsh, the former banker disappeared yesterday when the United States court of appeals refused to grant him a new trial.

He left last night for the federal prison in charge of Deputy Marshal Thomas Middleton.

Immediately after refusing to grant the new trial Judge Grosscup, speaking for the court, ordered that the mandate of the court for Walsh's confinement issue at once. On the mandate was issued the mittimus and, within a few minutes it was placed in the hands of Marshal Hoy.

When it became known that the mittimus had been issued friends of the convicted banker besieged the office of the United States marshal and entreated him not to take Walsh away until Saturday, pleading that he be given much time to arrange his job affairs. Marshal Hoy replied that the order of the court was mandatory.

Nathan Walsh, brother and member of his family, save Dr. L. Blake Baldwin, his son-in-law, was in court when the decision was handed down.

The day when all hope of freedom departed from the aged banker was the second anniversary of his conviction. It was January 18, 1908, that a jury in Federal Judge Anderson's court found him guilty of misapplying funds and the judge sentenced him to five years in prison.

Attorneys for the convicted man would not discuss their plans. John S. Miller, chief counsel, refused to say whether he would attempt to secure freedom for his client through a plea, like one made in New York for A Augustus Heinze.

Thirty Governors Confer.

Washington.—Governors from 30 states of the union gathered in the national capital Tuesday to discuss problems of state and of national interest. Gov. William of Kentucky, chairman of the committee on arrangements, in a brief introductory speech referred to the great importance of state heads, invited in May, 1908, by President Roosevelt to meet in the White House. This year's conference is on the governors' own initiative.

Another Record Is Broken.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Fighting against a gale of wind which had driven ballonists to cover, Louis Paulhan of France Tuesday succeeded in making a 45-mile cross country flight in a Farman biplane. He broke the world's record for such an aerial voyage and won a prize of $10,000. The world's cross country record for aeroplane flights was held by S. F. Cody, who covered 40 miles in 63 minutes at Aldershot, England. Paulhan himself has made his 45 miles in 62 minutes and 42 4-5 seconds.

EVER POPULAR FRUIT CAKE

Housewife May Be Sure of Turning Out Successfully by the Following Method.

Grease a cake tin well, then line it with three layers of greased paper. Put into a basin oranges and the rinds of two lemons; then add the juice of two lemons and oranges, with a quarter pint of brandy and half cup milk. Mix all well together and pour into prepared tin.

Place the tin on another tin and bake carefully in a moderate oven from three to four hours. Take the tin to get too dark, lay a piece of paper across the top of it. For the first ten minutes the cake should be put in a quick oven; then the heat should be lessened. If it commences to rise in the tin, peel off the paper carefully and put on a slave till cold. Put it away when cold for two weeks before cutting.

The Home

Ammonia water, after it is used for washing, may be used to water house plants, as it is a good fertilizer.

One or two onions, eaten with bread and butter, a short time before retiring, will act as a sedative and induce sleep.

Wet paint on white goods will often easily be removed by slightly soaping it and then pouring boiling water over it.

Dry flannels quickly after washing, and when nearly dry press with moderately warm iron, and they will shrink but little.

Cold water dashed on the face and chest each morning gives nearly the same effect as a cold cold plunge, without danger of shock.

A good lotion for moist hands is a mixture of two ounces of cologne and two drams of tincture of belladonna, used after washing.

Mock Chicken Pie.

Take pieces that are left from a stuffed roast fresh shoulder, put in an agate dish, cover with water and boil slowly for an hour and a half; then near time to put in oven put gravy and dressing all in with meat. If put in baking dish add eight bunches of bottom. Add flour, to thicken a little. If you have enough left over pile mashed, molded potatoes around the dish. Add a little butter, salt and pepper and add to pie crust. If not, make biscuit dough and put on top of cooking spoon of lard. Roll it so that it will be a little larger than the top of the dish, so as to fill on sides. Put it hot oven.

To Brighten Nickel.

The woman who does things herself always has on hand a can of aluminum paint with which she brightens the nickel trimmings that have become tarnished.

It is wonderful how fresh looking a house can be kept by small efforts. Paint but one door knob or one escutcheon, and when put on too thickly the paint peels off.

There are some housekeepers who seem so far as to learn reniceling, that they do cooking with the brass and rums from it. When done allow the fruit to get cold before setting in a cool place to serve. Very rich if served with cream.

Sewing Machine Hints.

Sewing machines sometimes refuse to sew on some goods. The best remedy is to lay a slip of paper each side of the seam, slip it under the presser foot and sew with steady force. After sewing, the paper can be pulled off.

White stuffs with much dressing in them, loaded silks, and wiry woolens are also apt to cause trouble. For the white stuff, rub the seams with soap; for the silk use a bit of wax; for the wool, a soaping with wax afterward.

Crystal Bugles.

Evidently the crystal bugle, with its bald stalks, has lost its charm, as it is only more of the trimming this season. It is from a quarter to a half inch long, and is made from tulle, net and chiffon cloth.

Ham Hint.

Take slices of fresh ham and place in a dish and cover with milk and let stand for an hour or more. Most of salt falls to bottom and leaves the ham sweet, with just the amount of salt to make it delicious.

Breakfast Gems.

One cup of sweet milk, 1½ cups flour, one egg, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon baking powder, beaten together five minutes; bake in hot gem pans in a hot oven about fifteen minutes.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Springfield.—Judge J. Otis Humphrey of the United States circuit court overruled the demurrer of Attorney General Stead in the case involving the constitutionality of the two-cent fare law. The court also entered an order on the attorney general to file an answer to the petition of the receivers of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railway, the road leveled by the legal struggle, within ten days. The attorney general had contended that the federal court did not have jurisdiction in the case, after Judge Humphrey had granted an injunction to the road under which it is collecting three cents a mile as fare, also that the railroad had not made a showing to prove the two-cent fare confiscatory.

Chicago.—Despondent because of the long illness of a married man with whom she was infatuated, Mrs. Syrita Sandusky, 26 years old, swallowed chloral and then layed down on a snow bank to die. She was found in an unconscious condition and taken to the Michael Reese hospital. For hours she refused to disclose her identity, but finally admitted she had taken poison of her own volition. The Sandusky woman was fashionably dressed. She wore valuable rings. In her handbag was found a small revolver. One chamber contained a cartridge that had been recently discharged. The police believe that she had attempted to shoot herself before she took poison, but failed.

Aurora.—Peter Kless, police magistrate at Aurora, weight 280 pounds, died suddenly at his home, and now there is left to the problem of his burial. A portion of the front of Kless' home will be torn down to permit of the removal of the body. No hearse big enough to accommodate the huge casket is obtainable, and the casket will probably be piled upon a bob sleigh or a hay rack. The casket will be of exceptional size and strength, as of the strongest men in Aurora will act as pallbearers. Kless was not entirely portly, but was a giant in size of a man. He was six feet three inches tall and was proportioned.

Elgin.—Dr. Waldo J. Johnson of Elgin, defendant in a divorce suit started in Reno, Nev., by Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, has made preparations to follow his wife to the west. Dr. Johnson declared that there was nothing whatever unusual in his wife's desire to leave Los Angeles and set there. A reconciliation followed the filing of the suit. He is now engaged in business in Elgin and Chicago and propose to leave this city with my son, the lad of Los Angeles with his wife suing ten days. We will pitch Mrs. Johnson in California and plan to spend our home there," said Dr. Johnson.

Champaign.—The annual convention of corn growers and stockmen began in the agricultural building of the University of Illinois, and for two full weeks the farmers will have practical work and lectures corn judging, livestock judging, and instructions in dairying and farm mechanics. Exhibits in all these lines from various parts of the state as well as from the university will address those in attendance. During the two weeks there will be meetings of the state association of corn growers, of dairy breeders, and the Illinois Farmers' club.

LaSalle.—Following out a threat he had made by letter, Edwin D. Patterson, constable of Mendota, and injured Miss Sadie Hauser, a waitress of LaSalle. Father then killed himself. Miss Hauser is in a hospital, and doctors think she may get well. The girl formerly lived in Mendota, but has been here two months. Father was jealous and wrote to her that he would come to kill her.

Streator.—Terming it a national disgrace that Gen. Fred Funston, ex-rebel in confederate uniform to enter a place in the national Hall of Fame, the local posts of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at a joint meeting unanimously opposed the last honor to the confederary.

Pinckneville.—One person was killed and ten others injured in a collision between the St. Louis-Memphis special and the Illinois Central train at St. Louis, and a freight train near this city. The train was running at high speed when it dashed into the freight on a curve. The dead man is Fred Ellis, fireman on passenger train, East St. Louis.

Peoria.—White Crash Vogel was shooting between two cars of a freight train on a crossing here they started to move, and his right foot was caught in the coupling. He held fast and was carried a mile before discovered by a brakeman and released. He is expected to recover.

Bloomington.—After repeating the Lord's prayer in the Christian church at Fairbury Mrs. Lourinda Anderson, a lightning rod agent, fell and dropped dead in her pew.

Belleville.—Willie Clark, colored, pleaded guilty in the circuit court here to the murder of Eugene Gowdy. East St. Louis street car conductor, man, and was sentenced by Judge Crow to be hanged. The night after Clark was arrested two mobs bent on lynching him were dispersed by the police and the deputy sheriff, and eight companies of Illinois militia were ordered by Gov. Deneen to be in readiness.

Quincy.—E. M. Miller, in the earthen and omnibus manufacturing business for nearly half a century, is dead at the age of 73 years.

HER POINT OF VIEW.

Sweet Maid—You must remember that this was a summer engagement.

The Man—That means, if you see anyone you like better, you'll break it?

Sweet Maid—Yes.

The Man—And if I see anyone I like better—

Sweet Maid—I'll use you for branch of promise.

SOFT, WHITE HANDS

May be Obtained in One Night.

For preserving the hands as well as for preventing redness, roughness, and chapping, and imparting that velvet softness and whiteness, so desired by women Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, is believed to be superior to all other skin soaps. For those who work in corrosive liquids, or at occupations which tend to injure the hands, it is invaluable.

Treatment.—Bathe and soak the hands on retiring in a strong, but, creamy lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry and anoint freely with Cuticura Ointment, and in severe cases spread the Cuticura Ointment on thin pieces of old linen or cotton. Wear during the night old, loose gloves, or a light bandage of old cotton or linen to protect the clothing from stain. For red, rough, and chapped hands, dry, fissured, painful, itching, burning, and shapeless nails with painful finger ends, this treatment is most effective. Cuticura Remedies are sold throughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., sole proprietors, Boston.

Fight Against Plague Goes On.

Although the survey of the past year's anti-tuberculosis work shows much good has been done, the reports from all parts of the country indicate that the work must be greatly enlarged to be expended, and the actual number of patients that will be treated will be more than double that of the past year. For instance, special appropriations have been made by the various municipalities for next year's anti-tuberculosis work, aggregating $3,976,000. In Chicago alone the appropriations over $4,000,000 has been set aside for the erection of new institutes for the campaign against tuberculosis this year. Besides these sums, a large number of the existing anti-tuberculosis institutions and associations are planning enlargements of their work, and new organizations are being formed daily.

After the Hunt.

Provided with some samples of the chase in the shape of rabbits, Rev. Gaston C. Hearn, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Yonkers, proceeded to dress them for dinner in the champagne cellar. His wife had watched the father's work with interest. Gazing upon the pastors, the youngster called his mother.

"Oh, mamma," said he, "what do you suppose papa will do next?"

"I can't guess, child. What is he doing?"

"Well, he's just skinning, shaving and cutting up cats."

Gave Himself Away.

"Michael, Michael, I required the employer, thinking he had seen his employee's good conduct in carrying in the St. Patrick's parade of the day previous, in which procession the irishman had carried a shillelagh, "didn't I see you carrying something in the parade yesterday?"

"Yis," admitted Michael, blushing scarlet, "but Oi had no suspicion me cane would be big enough to hit anyone much!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

WHEN DINNER COMES

One Ought to Have a Good Appetite.

A good appetite is the best sauce. It goes a long way toward helping in the digestive process, and that is absolutely essential to health and strength.

Many persons have found that Grape-Nuts food is the ideal breakfast food, and is a great appetizer. Even children like the taste of it and grow strong and rosy from its use.

It is especially the food to make a weak stomach strong and create an appetite for dinner.

"I am 57 years old," writes a Tenn. gentleman, "and have had a weak stomach from childhood. By great care as to my diet I enjoyed a reasonable degree of health, but never found anything to equal Grape-Nuts as a standby.

"When I have no appetite for breakfast and just cut to keep up my health, I take a few teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with good rich milk and cream, dinner comes I am hungry While if I go without any breakfast I never feel like eating dinner. Grape-Nuts is the dinner I need to keep healthy appetite for dinner.

"My little grandchild grandson had been very sick with stomach trouble during the past summer, and finally we fed him on Grape-Nuts. Now he is growing plump and well. When asked if he wants his nurse or Grape-Nuts, he brightens up and points to the cupboard. He was no trouble to wean at all—thanks to Grape-Nuts." Read the little book, "The Road to Well-ville, Ella." in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.