Puebla de los Angeles, and Its Wonders-The Streets and Quaint Buildings-

The Famous Cathedral-Beauties of the Altar.

[Fannie C. Ward's Puebla Letter.] This "City of the Angels" is one of the few in modern Mexico which was not built upon the ruins of former Aztec great ness, but was an original idea of the early Spanish colonists. Its site, on the green plain of Acayete, was formerly occupied by a few huts belonging to the Cholula Indians, and was then, as now, environed by productive cornfields, beyond which miles of the American agave or century plant stretched away to the foothills of

the Sierra Madras. The present city is considered by many the finest in Mexico. It is the rival of Guadalajara in beauty, and is second in size to the capital, with a population of nearly \$00,000. It was founded in 1531, and was named Puebla de los Angeles (City of the Angele) because of the tradi-(City of the Angels), because of the tradition, still devoutly believed, that while its cathedral was being constructed the work was continued every night when the was continued every light was continued workmen slept by angels, who added as many stones as the builders had placed by day. Since 1862 the city has been called Puebla de aragoza, in honor of the Mexican general who defeated the French

army here in that year.

The streets of Puebla are wider and the streets of Fuebla are wider and better payed than those of most Mexican cities, and its two storied buildings are in pleasant contrast with the prevailing style of interior towns, where the narrow stony alleys are overshadowed by the gloomy alleys are overshadowed by the gloomy.

low-roofed casas of a bygone age. Be-sides the inevitable central plaza and the great Alameda (grove of elms), Puebla re-joices in no less than twenty-six public parks, all of which are well shaded, and flower-filed spaces, where the populace congregate nightly. The shop fronts and most of the houses are built of six sided bricks, with small blue tiles set in between. Others are a per ect mosaic of Dutch or China tiles upon a ground work of Pompeiian red, arranged in all manner of designs, and having numerous placques and panels, upon which saints are carved or painted, let into the walls. The effect is extremely quaint. Although somewhat startling at first to foreign eyes, one soon becomes accustomed to the vivid coloring, and comes to regard our commonplace dwellings much as a collector of ceramics looks upon delf as compared with decorated pottery. The finest tiles on the continent are made in Puebla, and here are no less than a dozen fabracas for their manufact-

The famous cathedral, once one of the richest in the world, is still the great attraction for tourists, though much of its pristine splendor disappeared with the decadence of papal power. Standing in the midst of majestic cypresses, and sur-rounded by a wide stretch of marble pavement one sees no evidence of the work of shadowy hands; but, on the contrary, everything looks as substantial as though designed for eternity. The facade of the northern entrance is embellished with statues and medallions in marble, and the mitre and keys of the pope. On the face of the western tower is a fine old clock, made in Madrid more than two centuries

The main entrance of the cathedral is toward the vest, and here are more statues, occupying numerous niches, scores of sculptured saints and coveys of legless cherubim hovering around the marble slab, which tells us that the gloomy pile was erected n 1664. The immense marble paved space surrounding it is inclosed within a high, spear-pointed iron fence, whose innumerable posts of massive granwhose innumerable posts of massive granite are all faced by bronze casts in bas relief, and topped by angels with outstretched wings. All these bronzes were
cast by an American named Marshall, formerly from New York city, who lived in
Mexico for many years.

Though untold treasures in the way of
gold silver and precious stones.

gold, silver and precious stones were con-fiscated from this church by the anti-Cath olic regime, it is still enormously rich. The finest collection of marbles in the world eate into its construction, not even excepting the celebrated Taj Mahul, even excepting the celebrated Taj Mahul, of India. Perhaps its most striking object is the main altar. It was erected in 1812 by a prelate of Puebla, and affords the greatest display of the beautiful Mexican onyx to be found anywhere in the republic, which is famous for it. One is astonished by the infinite variety of tints—from rose color to Nile green, dark yellow, and mahogany brown. Among all the most conspicuously lovely is the pure white transparent alabaster from the exhaust-

less quarries near Puebla. A massive railing and steps of translu-cent onyx lead to a circular platform ele-vated ten feet above the floor, beneath which are buried the successive bishops of Puebla. This exquisite sepulchre is constructed entirely of the most precious materials, and is divided into niches and materials, and is divided into aiches and panels, the whole covered with a dome of transparent alabaster, whose crystal-like clearness is enhanced by trimmings of bronze and gold. From the center of this wonderful canopy depends a huge siler lamp, which burns forever above the illustrious dead.

The Sickness Called "Sirocche." (Chicago Tribune.)
Mr. Meiggs carried his famous railroad from Lima to the crest of the Andes, over three miles high, at a cost of \$27,000,000 three miles high, at a cost of \$27,000,000 and 8,000 human lives, but died before completing it. About fifty miles of track remain to be built. A contract for its construction has just been made by a brother of Mayor Grace of New York.

It is said that the sensation of riding up this railroad, together with the rapid ascent from the sea level to the mountain's crest, produces a sickness called "sirocche," often fatal, and usually sending people to bed for several weeks. The symptoms are a terrible pressure upon the temples, nausea, bleeding at the nose and ears and faintness, but the effects can be avoided by taking precautions and observing rules that experience has suggested, the chief one being to drink a glass of brandy and keep perfectly quiet, as the slightest degree of exercise will foor the strongest man.

strongest man.

How the Chinese Keep Cool. Washington Cor. Baltimore American.)
The members of the Chinese legation actually revel in this weather. They spend their days in their hammocks and their nights on the street. Their Mother Hubbards" can be seen floating in every breeze along the fashionable promenades, and in unfashionable walks as well. The Chinese seem to know the art of dressing for hot weather better than any other people. If "the set" could only see the comfort they take in these hot days, who knows that the reviled and persecuted "Mother Hubbard" might not become the ultra-fashionable summer garment for

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The Great Generals of the War.

[Philadelphia Times.] The only two great commanders now living who faced each other in making the thrilling and crimsoned annals of the late civil war are Gen. William T. Sher-man and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. Grant met Lee, Joseph and Sidney Johnston, Beauregard, Buckner, Bragg and Pemberton in battle, as chief commanders, and of them Joseph E. Johnston, Beauregard and Buckner survive.

Meade, who met the terrible shock of the battle at Gettysburg, was borne to the City of the Silent within a short time of the imposing southern pageant that committed the dust of Lee to the mother dust; and Thomas and Hood, who fought the last great battle of the war at Nashville, both sleep the dreamless sleep of the

Sherman and Johnston alone remain of the great commanders, who locked horns with each other in the flame of battle. Their campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta and from Atlanta to the sea. was the most brilliant of the war, and they are the only two great commanders who are left to sit down and talk their battles over, as they often do in the heartiest good fellow-

of the many commanders of the heroic army of the Potomac, none remain, with the single exception of General McClellan. Scott. McDowell. Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant, who in turn commanded that magnificent army, have all gone to join the great majority, and Longstreet is the only one of Lee's great lieu tenants who linger with the living. Jackson, Hill, Ewell and Stuart, who were in every great conflict of the army of Virginia, rest with their great chieftain of

Arlington.
Joseph E. Johnston and G. T. Beauregard are the only surviving Confederate commanders who led great armies to battle, and they are whitened by the frosts of time. Johnston has been in congress, and is now at the head of the National Railroad bureau, while Beauregard is bartering his fame in the market-place where lottery swindlers rob the multitude.

> Making Ginger Ale. [New York Sum ]

"The demand for ginger ale," said a prominent manufacturer of that article, increases very rapidly. When I started in it years ago there were not more than twenty in the business. The most of my business now is the manufacturing the ex tract for others to put into potable form, and these others have grown from thirty to about 500. In the main, all the makers use the same formula and method. They mix the extract with pure sugar syrup, dilute with water until an ordinary bottle contains about fifteen drops of ginger, and then put this into bottles with a carbonic acid machine.

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Creeping Up the Mountain Sides. [San Francisco Bulletin.]

Ten years ago if any one had predicted that hill land in California, well up the mountain sides and covered with chapparal, would be covered with vineyards and orchards, most people would have put no faith in such anticipations. But to-day one sees the vineyards and orchards creeping up the mountain sides from 1,000 to 2,500 feet high, and some at even greater altitudes. Dwelling houses are perched upon elevations where a few years ago no one would have taken the land as a gift under an agreement to cultivate it. These new vineyards and orchards are the last to be overtaken by any of the pests found at lower elevations. of the pests found at lower elevations.

Bridal Presents.

[Chicago Herald.] The gold engagement bracelet is becom-The gold engagement bracelet is becoming as popular as the engagement ring. Only diamonds, rubies and pearls are used on these bracelets. The old superstition about the pearl, that it brings bad luck as a wedding gift, seems to have gone over entirely, and now it is said that emeralds and sapphires are the "unfortunate" stones to give for bridal presents, although they are highly fashionable as gifts any day later or to anybody else.

Buzzards Protected.

The buzzard which was belled in Jones The buzzard which was belied in Jones county, Georgia, before the war is still fling around the state. It was identified the other day at Dawson. Buzzards live to an immense age, and in most of the southern states it is misdemeanor to kill them They are further preserved by the superstition among the negroes that it is bad luck to hurt them.

In the Days of the Slave Trade.

[Chicago Herald.] The export of slaves from the Mozambique coast from 1807 to 1847 amounted to 5,000,000 souls. In the palmy days of the foreign slave trade the bishop of the diocese, seated on a marble throne, baptised and blessed the gangs of slaves as they passed, shackled, to the shore for embarkation.

The Mexican "Cop."

[Exchange.] The policeman in the City of Mexico is The policeman in the City of Mexico is usually a strong, fine-looking young man, wearing a military uniform and openly displaying a six-shooter. His beat is in the middle of the street, where he can see and be seen, and, instead of yielding the right of way to vehicles, makes them turn out for him.

out for him. State Elections.

State elections will be held this year as follows: Counceticut, Nov. 4; Iowa, Nov. 3; Minnesota, Nov. 3; New York and New Jersey, Nov. 3; Ohio, Oct. 11; Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, Nov. 3; Virginia, Nov. 2.

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