

THE DECADE OF SPAIN

Fall of the Greatest Empire Ever Seen on Earth.

INSTRUCTIVE BIT OF HISTORY

Wealth and Extent of the Spanish State During the Days of Charles V. and Philip II.—How the Vast Dominion Has Collapsed.

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To the student of the philosophy of history no more thrillingly interesting chapter has ever been written than that which tells of the fall of the greatest empire that ever existed on earth.

THE SPANISH EMPIRE.

When the universal contempt into which Spain has fallen is remembered, it is difficult to realize that only three centuries ago Spain ruled the world.

ery of the new world 2,000 tons of gold and three times that quantity of silver crossed the ocean to be squandered in Spain.

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THE CAUSES.

So rapid a decline and a fall so great have rarely been witnessed in the history of any nation.

FEMALE BULL FIGHTERS

Spain's Collection of Feminine Matadors Who Fight to Kill.

A STUDY IN HUMAN DEPRAVITY

Account of Some of the Deeds of Blood and Daring Performed by Amazon-Like Donnas of the Fighting Kingdom.

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When the people of Barcelona first saw the whole world with talk of war between Spain and the United States...

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On the day set apart for the women bull fighters there are women only in the ring.

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On small events great results hinge. A scandal in Rome two years ago threatened the safety of the Crispi ministry...



EMMA CALVE, THE GREAT SINGER. From the Chicago Times-Herald. By the Courtesy of E. H. Kohlsaat.



ETHEL IRENE STEWART, AGED 15, MARVELOUS CHILD SOPRANO. From the Chicago Times-Herald. By the Courtesy of H. H. Kohlsaat.

Notes on Science and Industry.

A great number of people who can never cross the ocean without being prostrated by seasickness have come to look upon the sea as a delusion and a snare.

THE NEXT STEP.

The next step in the degeneracy of the bull ring, according to Spanish authorities, came with the appearance of the woman fighter.

YOUR GOOD HEALTH.

Cheerfulness, first of all, is a duty a man owes to himself and to his family.

DECAY OF THE DESPOTISM.

Since then there has been a change. The Khalifa, with his eastern Arab back for backers, has ruled with a rod of iron...

THE WARS OF CHARLES V.

The consequence was that even during the reign of Charles V. the empire became involved in war with all its neighbors.

THE AMERICAN REVOLT.

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