THE GUACHOS.

Dashing Cowboys of the Argentine Republic.

Their Picturesque Costumes and Desperate Combats.

The Guachos of the Argentine Republic, says the New York Sun, are the children of Spanish adventurers and the native Guarani Indian women. These are the nomads of the pampas. They are a unique combination of the most chivalric and treacherous qualities. Indolent and at the same time of the most intense activity, half their lives is spent in the saddle, and in horsemanship they are unexcelled. They despise work, yet many of them are forced to hire out to the more wealthy Irishmen because, like the North American Indian. the enormous immigration during the past decade has forced them to labor for subsistence. A few of them own ranches, but, as a rule, they roam the open pampas as free and unfettered as the air they breathe. The Guachos at maturity are from 5 feet 6 to 6 feet 6 in height, and are powerfully built. They wear sombreros and ponche blankets, valued at from \$10 to \$50. The legs are covered with cotton drawers made in the United States, and the lower leg, from the ankle to the knee, is thrust into the skin taken from the foreleg of a young horse. On the feet are worn sandals made of woven rope and canvas. Many of the more prosperous Guachos wear top-boots ornamented with unique devices, like the cavaliers of old.

The soles of these sandals are about half an inch in thickness. They are valued at 50 cents per pair. As a rule the Guacho has silver enough on his horse to buy an ordinary house and lot.

The stirrups, bit and bridle are often of solid silver. The Guacho standing is measured in the camps by the amount of silver on his horse and on person. This dashing cavalier defends himself only with a knife. This is short and shaped much like as mall butcher knife. The blade is about six or eight inches in length. They fight frequently among themselves. These battles usually originate at a pul peria, or drinking place. The fire-water which causes the combat is called 'cana, and is distilled from sugar cane in much the same manner as your own whiskey is made. It is a very pleasant liquor of about one-half the strength of American tanglefoot. It costs about 40 cents a quart. This liquor is carried in glass or leather-covered bottles. At first the Guachos are as friendly as brothers, but as soon as the liquor begins to take hold one will challenge the other to mortal combat. The fight takes place in the open air, and there is always a large and interested crowd looking on. The Guacho prepares himself for the battle by wrapping his left hand in his poncho. He folds it around his flesh, covering up the left hand and the arm up to the body. As it is made usually of the very finest material, this poncho furnishes a shield which is rarely cut through by the knife. All the preliminaries are settled in the most punctilious manner, and no unfair advantage is taken by either.

Nobody interferes. When each has arranged his curious shield to his liking the laft arms are thrust in front of the body, the right foot is advanced, the gleaming knives are raised over their heads, and with a mutual cry of "Anear!" (look out) they spring at each other. After the fight is begun it usually means death to one or both men. Agile and wily as panthers, those cruel blades are driven through muscle and

The Chinese Minister at Washington. The present Chinese Minister is very exclusive in his habits. His predecessor was one of the most agreeable and popular men in society, and was always to be seen wherever anything interesting was going on, and all the attaches of the legation also took an

active part in the gayeties of Wash. ington. The present minister, Mr. Hen, not only does not propose to indulge in social festivities himself, but has prohibited the attaches of the legation from doing so, which deprives Washington society of some of its most attractive ornaments. Mr. Hen is the first Chinese minister to the United States to bring his wife with him, but he might as well have left her at home so far as the outside world is concerned. for she, it is understood, will remain a recluse.

A prominent gentleman and lady in this city, writes a Washington correspondent of the Chicago News, who lived some time in China and have been very intimate at the Legation ever since it was established here, called upon the Minister and his wife the other afternoon, having first given notice of their intention to do so. The Minister received them very cordially in the parlor upon their arrival and sent a servant for his wife, who came down wearing a coronet of gold and diamonds. She is a little woman, not bigger than a child of ten years, and her feet are so small that she could scarcely walk across the room. She chatted pleasantly, however, through an interpreter, and as the caller was the first American lady she had ever come in contact with she had a great many curious questions to ask about the manners and customs of women in this country.

A few days later the call was returned with great ceremony, and then followed an invitation to dinner. The Minister accepted for himself, but sent his wife's regrets, with an explanation that, as she had never dined except in the Chinese fashion, she desired to be excused. She was informed that there would be no other guests, but held to her refusal. and sent as a peace offering a handsomely carved chest filled with the richest silks, which will form a portion of the trousseau of the young lady of the family, who is soon to be married. The Minister came to the dinner, but not being used to the knives and forks at the table found much difficulty in eating. About all the poor man could get to his mouth was bread and olives.

Interesting Names of Fabrics.

Damask is from the city of Damascus; satins from Zaytown, in China; calico from Calcut, a town in India, formerly celebrated for its cotton cloth and where calico was also printed; muslin is named from Mosul, in Asia; alpaca from an animal in Peru, of the llama species, from whose wool the fabric is woven; buckram takes the name from Fostat, a city of the middle ages, from which the modern Cairo is descended; taffeta and tabby from a street in Bagdad; cambric from Cambrai; gauze has its name from Gaza; baize from Bajac; dimity from Damietta and jeans from Jean; drugget is derived from a city in Ireland, Drogheda; duck comes from Torque, in Normandy; blanket is called after Thos. Blanket, a famous clothier connected with the introduction of woolens into England about 1340; serge derives its name from Xerga, a Spanish name for a peculiar woolen blanket; diaper is not from D'Ypres, as it is sometimes stated, but from the Greek diaspron, figured; velvet is from the Italian vellute, woolly (Latin vellus -a hide or yelt); shawl is the Sanscrit sala, floor, for shawls were first used as carpets and tapestry; bandanna is from

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

There are only three newspapers published in China.

A sheet of cork one pound in weight will support the body of a man in water.

The other day a bear left one of his paws in a steel trap near Hollidaysburg, Penn.

It requires twenty-two volumes to register the different cattle brands of Arizona.

One sheet of paper recently made was eight feet wide and seven and threequarters miles long.

Over 2,000,000 quinine pills, weigh ing about a ton, have been consumed by the people of Boston in ten days.

The Reading railroad company has issued an order requiring all its uniformed employes to keep their coats buttoned.

The women of Milford, Me., have presented to the town a hall which they. paid for themselves by giving entertainments and fairs.

It is said that one of the English novelists is able to repeat from memory every word he has written, and he is the author of many books.

Francis Christian of Muskegon, Mich., is 100 years old. His mother lived to be one hundred and four, and he has a cousin who is now in his one hundredth year.

A woman of Ionia, Mich., suffered with a pain in her side for twenty years. The other day a physician removed a needle that is supposed to have caused all the trouble.

Novel Watch Dial.

The changes which the flight of time brings upon humanity afford an inexhaustible subject for the lover of the curious in art and nature.

As a notable specimen of emblematic work of a very appropriate and felicitous kind, a watch dial now in course of construction at Waltham, Mass., is mentioned as one of the most wonderful of the wonderful pieces of mechan. ism which have been constructed by the deft- fiagered artists. It contains, instead of the usual numerals, twelve small but distinct silhouette figures, beginning with a woman with a very young child in her arms. At 1 o'clock the lady and her little baby are clearly depicted, the infant being in long clothes. At 2 o'clock the same figure appears but the child is a little larger. At 3 o'clock mamma is still there, but the infant is in short clothes. At 4 o'clock the child again appears, and so on up to 8 o'clock when he goes to school for the first time. At 9 o'clock he may be seen again in college gown, which is being contemplated by the now elderly mother. At 10 o'clock the death-bed scene is presented, where he parts with his beloved mother. At 11 o'clock he, too, is a middle-aged man, over whom the snows of many winters have passed. At 12 p'clock he makes his final appearance, an old and decrepit specimen of humanity, praying for the end. -St. L wis Republic.

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ABOUT 200,000 persons are on the pay rolls of the United States Government, and it takes some \$165,000,000 annually for wages.

Beware of Qintments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, Beware of Qintments for Catarra That Contain Mercury, As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole sys-tem when entering it through the mucons sur-faces. Such articles should never be used ex-cept on prescriptions from reputable physi-the good you can, possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactuued by F.J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mer-cury, and is taken internally, and acts direct-system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F.J. Cheney & Sold by Druzzists, price 75c. per bottle. I's Edinburch Scotland. It is found possible

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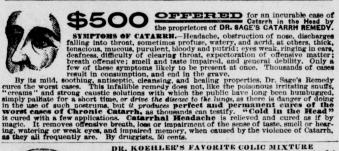
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THE GERMAN AND HIS CLOCK.

The story is told of a German who took the hands of his clock to the maker to have them fixed, because they did not keep proper time. Of course, the clock maker to have the usorks, as in them lay the trouble. Boils and blothes, pimples and other eruptions on the exterior tell of a disordered condition of the blood within. Be you rano or woman, or aught else human, if you have these in dications, be wise in time and take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It puts and hores up the functions generally. "Golden Medical Discovery" checks the frightful inroads of Scrofula, and, if taken in time, arrests the march of Cousumption of the blood, cleanse the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising, and tones up the functions generally. "Golden Medical Discovery" thereby the frightful inroads of Scrofula, and, if taken in time, arrests the blood, thereby curring the same euriches the blood, thereby curring



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bone until a vital spot 1s reached. Sometimes the battle continues for half an hour so expert are they in parrying the deadly thrust with their ponchocove red left arms.

The Duke's Eyeglass.

new presentee, whose utterances were

cut short, not only by the manner in

which the monocle appeared to fly up

to the Grand Duke's eye of its own ac-

cord, but also by the fact that his im-

verial highness seemed totally unmoved

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an Indian word to bind or tie, because it is tied in knots before dyeing; chintz from the Indian chott; delaine is the French "of wool."

Breaking Into Safes.

The favorite method of modern burglars is absolute breaking of a safe. The Grand Duke Constantine, the This is done by the application of powmost talented and clever member of the erful levers. The burglars have imperial family of Romanoff, was wont learned the lesson of Archimedes, who to disconcert prosy bores who were said that if he could only find a place presented to him for the first time. His to rest his lever he would move the single eyeglass hung from his neck by world. The safe itself supplies to the an elastic cord, and as soon as ever his skillful burglar the most solid fulcrum, interlocutor had embarked on some and the combination or sectional "jimlong-winded speech, he would quietly my" a tool whose power is almost ungive the elastic an imperceptible twitch. limited. The different sections of this which had the effect of sending the "jimmy" are adjustable, so that a burglar may carry in his pocket enough eyeglass rebounding up to his eye, where it remained fixed without any sections to make a lever twenty feet long if need be. Such a tool inserted apparent effort or action on his part. He would then gaze fixedly through the in a crack or a hole made for the purpose, or a fissure in the framework of a eyeglass at the unfortunate speaker. just as though nothing had happened. safe, will tear the stoutest iron as easily The effect of this little manœuvre was as a woman tears a strip of cloth. generally to disconcert completely the New York Sun.

> William Hammond, of Wilkesbarre Heights, Penn., aged seventy -nine, has worked continuously in coal mines for over seventy years, having commenced with his father in Wales when he was eight years old. He is hale yet.