LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF THE INFAMOUS CORTINA.

Still Living in a Hale Old Age and Highly Esteemed by the Mexican

A Fort Davis (Texas) correspondent of the New York *Times* says that the Rio Grande (pronounced Reo Grandee) is a dry, sandy trough eleven months out of the twelve, and rascals committing dep-redations on this side can easily sin-teross into what is known as the "Zona Libre," or Free Zone, and be safe from

both Governments.

This little belt of nondescript soil, stretching along the Rio Grande on the Mexican side for sixty miles or more, is and has been for years the safe refuge or retreat for all the cutthroats and outlaws of the Southwest. Steal a horse, mur-der a man, rob a train, or commit some other deviltry, and all they had to do to be safe was simply to cross the Rio Grande dry shod and hide themselves amid the mountainous rocks of "Zona Libre."

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To give an idea of what a man can do in the country and escape hanging it is only necessary to recite a few experiences of Juan Nepucemo Cortina, who is now alive, hearty and well, prospering under the fostering care of the Mexican Government. This old rascal, gray and aged in crime now, is a born bandit and murderer, and the catalogue of black crimes charged against him would alone be sufficient to fill a good sized volume. He always had an inherent hatred for citizens of the United States, and especially for of the United States, and especially for Texans. No red handed Apache or any other savage or Indian has ever caused to our countrymen one-tenth of the sorrow and mis ry that this villain has. In his face may yet be discovered the avaricious, malignant, cruel sneer which has been true exponent of his living character for all the years of his life.

When the war with Mexico broke out Corting was a stalwart young fellow, who took possession of nearly all the Lower Rio Grande country and carried on a deadly guerrilla warfare against our peoble. He was, I believe, really commissioned by the Mexican Government as a pay and assastin. He began his career ander this commission in April, 1846, by ambushing and shooting in cold blood took possession of nearly all the Lower ambushing and shooting in cold blood Colonel Trueman Cross, Assistant Quar-termacter General, United States Army. Colonel Cross was a veteran of 1815, and deserved a better fate than fell to his lot.

Cortina's next exploit was to trap ieutenant Tneodore H. Porter, Fourth Lieutenant Tneodore H. Porter, United States Infaniry, and a handful of on, and slaughter them without mercy. The record would be too long and disma to follow him through the war. For prisoners to fall into his hands meant sure When the Mexican war closed the guerrilla settled down, nominally to ranching and farming, but his true occu-pation was horse stealing and the run-ning off of stock. When he stole from Americans a market was found for his ander on the opposite side of the Rio Grande at Matamoras, Cindad Victoria, and other towns of the Mexican States of Tamaulipas. When he despoiled his own countrymen the animals were crossed over and driven far inland into Texas, princi-pally to Goliad, which was then a dourishing frontier settlement on the Lower San Antonio River. His skill at roping was remarkable, and his horsecould equal him in either of these ac-complishments. An old Texan ranger, who is himself pretty well along in years, thus speaks of Cortina in his nalmy days: palmy days:

"I knew the fellow well. He could handle the lariat better than any cowboy the Northwest or Southwest has ever produced, and as to his nerve, why with all his wickedness I must say that he was the nerviest and quickest man with a shooter I ever saw. One day in Brownsville (old Brown was a tough town then)
Cortina was standing in the door of a saloon smoking a cigar and apparently

If you cannot be happy in one way, be sation sinoning a ciguration looking at nothing, yet his eagle eye covered everything and everybody in sight. His waist was a perfect arsenal of firearms, and among others I noticed a large, double-barreled, old-fashioned horse pistol, which was stuck corhorse pistol, which was stuck con-veniently in front and within easy reach for quick use.

"A row sprang up at the other end of the town which created some excitement. A Mexican came running down the street, and at his heels the City Marshal with pistol cocked, who called for the fugitive halt. The pursuer stopped, leveled big pistol and fired. The Mexican fell, winged, but not very badly hurt. Cortina stood quietly looking on and made no move to interfere until the Mexican tumbled heels over head in the Mexican tumbled incels over head in the dust. Then he threw away the cigar he had been smoking, walked over to the Marshal, cursed him in Spanish, drew his pistol like a flash, and shot the officer in the face. Then leaping on the nearest horse (it was not his own), with revolver in hand, he rode out of town, yelling defiance at all Americans, but especially at Texans.

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"In the night he collected thirty desperadoes from somewhere, armed to the teeth, and dashing back into the town at daylight rode to the Brownsville Jail, determined to liberate every criminal and horse thief therein confined. Of Johnson, the jailer, they demanded the keys.

"'Come and get them,' said Johnson, holding them out with his left hand. One of the Mexicans spurred forward, and as he was about to take the keys the jailer shot him. Then retreating, he opened fire on the gang, but thirty revolvers rid-dled him with bullets, and the outlaws hacked his body to pieces with their sa-bres. Cortina released the immates of the jail, who were nearly all Mexicans of the worst type. One of the latter had a grudge against the prison blacksmith, Morris, for no other reason than because he had forged the fellow's fetters. Morris was called from his bed and ordered to knock the shackles off of all of them, and when he had finished this unvelcous ich when he had finished this unwelcome job the prisoner mentioned deliberately blew the poor blacksmith's brains out.

Quite a number of citizens were mur-

many stores were robbed."

As a matter of fact, this outrage outlawed Cortina, that is, as far as the United
States and Texas were concerned; but
Cortina was equal to the occasion, for he
actually conceived by way of retaliation
the bold scheme of invading Texas on he
own hook, not to acquire plunder and
spoil, but to gain territory. The release
criminals joined his band, which numbered,
more than a full infantry regiment of the
present day. Considering the sparselypresent day. Considering the sparsely-settled condition of the country this side of the river, and the nature and temper of Cortina's outfit, the expedition was calculated to do a vast deal of mischief before it could be finally crushed. The United States Government had a praye officer—a Cantain of the results.

brave officer—a Captain of the regular army—on duty near Brownville, and he, calling in the assistance of rangers (rangers were free lance troopers which the Lone Star State still keeps in existence and organization), followed Cortina up the river, and near the spot where the pres-ent Fort Ringgold stands met Cortina and his mounted rascals in fair fight and "smashed" them out of existence in one engagement. This Captain lived to become a general officer in the Civil War, winning many brevets for brave and meritorious action on the field of battle. His

torious action on the field of battle. His name was Samuel P. Heintzelman.

The outlaw jumped back across the river, and, of ceurse, was safe from either extradition or pursuit. When Maximilian came along to attempt the conquest of Mexico Cortina was soon in the saddle and practicing guerilla warfare against the usurper. He actually fare against the property of the home performed great service for the home Government, and in return received a commission as full Brigadier General in the Menican Army. Soon afterward he became Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, and when holding this exalted position he encouraged the worst men in his province to raid across the Rio Grande steal cattle and sheep from the Americans

While he was Governor of Tamaulipas the Grand Jury at Brownsville at one sitting indicted him no less than twenty-seven times for murder, each one being a new and personal bill against the Mexi-can Governor for separate offenses. But the Mexican Government, as well advanced and as fair and just as it is to-day, cannot see in this arch rascal very much to condemn, for he is now roaming the streets of Mexico a free man and without restraint, while the result and effect of his crimes against excitant will not be forgotten nor overcome years to come.

### WISE WORDS.

Merit is born with men; happy those

with whom it dies. The greatest truths are the simplest-

so are the greatest men.

The only way of setting the will free is to deliver it from wilfulness.

Generosity, wrong placed, becometh a vice; a princely mind will undo a private family

Everybody must care for his neighbor's opinion, whether he cares for his neighbor or not.

If we did not take great pains and were not at great expense to corrupt our nature, our nature would never corrupt us.

The principal point of good breeding is to suit our behavior to three several degrees of men-our superiors, our equals, and those below us.

Never live in hope or expectation while your arms are folded. God helps those that help themselves. Providence smiles who put their shoulders to the on thos wheel that propels to wealth and happi-

The censure of our fellow-men, which we are so prone to esteem a proof of our superior wisdom, is too often only the evidence of the conceit that would mag-

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after felicity, like an absent man hunting for his hat while it is in his hand or on his his hat while it is in his hand or on his

### A Mammoth Building

Buildings eight and ten stories, and ome even twelve and fourteen stories some even tweete and fourteen stories high, are no uncommon sight in our large cities. And among these mammoth structures is one which is now being erected in Chicago by a firm of well-known publishers of that city. It is to be ten stories lishers of that city. It is to be ten stories in hight above the basement, and the frame is to be entirely of steel—a novelty in the way of building. It will contain fifteen miles of steel railway; twelve miles of steam pipe; seven acres of floors, the boards of which, if laid end to end, would reach from Albany to Boston, some 200 miles. If the cement used in the building were in barrels piled one upon another, the pile would be two miles high, and the plaster used in the building would cover an ordinary street for rs of that city. It is to be ten stories ing would cover an ordinary street for more than a mile. In the whole struc-ture there will be some 3700 tons of steel. The building, when finished, will probably be unequaled in the West.—
Detroit Free Press.

## The First Great Railroad Accident.

The first great railroad accident coursed on the Great Western Road of England in 1841. A train was rushing along when a mass of earth and stones fell from the embankment and obstructed fell from the embankment and obstructed the way. Eight persons were killed and many wounded. The Coronor's jury returned a verdict of "accidental death in all cases and a deodand of \$5000, an engine, tender and carriages." The old common law provided that when any personal chattel was the cause of death it should be forfelted to the King. Part of this act was not enforced in later years, but a heavy fine was imposed on the owners of any chattel doing personal injury to the King's subjects. This law was observed as late as 1847, when Parliament abolished the practice.— Doctroit Free Press. NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Women's sphere broadens daily. Colored mantles are very stylish Black with pale colors is regarded with

favor by milliners Chocolate goat button shoes are much ffected by young misses.

In perfumes just now Chinese scentare said to be especially prized.

Amber is replacing tortoise shell as an ornament for the hair in England. Venetian lace for summer toilets will

be largely used as an ornamentation. Mrs. John A. Logan intends to found training school for female servants. The Empress of Austria is known as

the best royal housekeeper in Europe. Waterproofs now have two immense envelope pockets, an idea welcomed by

Parasols are being made very large, to relieve the immense dimensions of straw hats.

The garden hat of the moment delights in a garniture of freshly plucked blos-

The seven hundredth female physician Russia has just passed her examination.

Ouida, the novelist, uses on her hair and eyebrows scent that costs \$30 an

Miss Catharine Bruce has given \$20,-000 to the New York Free Circulating Library. Miss Mary Howe, of Brattleboro, Vt., s spoken of by a Boston journal as an-

other Gerster. Plain toilets call for a plaid parasol, and so a great many are now seen upon

the promenade. A great many half-shoes of lilac sucde kid are worn at pates, musicales and day-

light-at-homes. Bead embroidery and passamenterie are again finding favor as trimming for evening toilets.

Fine frillings of tulle and crepe are worn about the neck and sleeves of the Henry II. gowns.

The tendency to close clinging skirts becomes more and more apparent as the season advances.

A woman laid the corner stone for the Monticello Seminary for girls, at Godfrey, Ill., recently.

Mary Schenley, of Pittsburgh, Penn., has given a site for the Western Pennsyl-vania Blind Asylum.

Mattilline, a new fabric of fine mat-ting, wears well and comes in pretty pat-terns. It is popular. Ivory belts are the very newest whims of fashion; they are both an expensive

and elegant ornament.

A young woman in San Francisco re-cently died of erysipelas superinduced by the piercing of the ears. Beautiful indeed are the newest para sols. They are painted and represent scenes and a variety of flowers.

The low-cut necks of last season will not obtain this year. We have gone back again to very high collars.

In the use of gilt and silver passemen teric medalions of embroidery to finish the ends that hook or turn over. Miss Jennie Clarke, of Casey, Texas, has just received the first check in her

career. It was for \$1,000,000 left by an uncle. Steel braiding and steel embroidery are even more popular than gold or silver

showing the popularity of gray shades in A young Southern woman who is attaining some prominence as a writer, is Miss Louise Meyer, a daughter of General

Adolph Meyer. A good pian to cure frowning is to tie a tight, smooth band or broad ribbon about the forehead when writing, studying or sewing.

Combination gowns are to be seen in tan and brown, green and gray, green and pink, and gold and white. The latter are dazzling.

When Mrs. Harrison is in evening dress she arranges her hair in a very high twist and powders it, which is wonder-fully becoming to her. Mme. Carnot, wife of the President of

France, gave each of four hundred children a savings bank book with \$10 de-posit on Christmas Day. A new idea in hose is to make them wide at the toes instead of narrow. This

shape conforms to the natural foet and The leg-of-mutton sleeves are la mode with heavy materials. Gauzes, crape and spangled net are prettier puffed with bands of pearl or ribbon between.

If you want a dress bonnet buy a fillet of velvet bands, two or three in number, with a bunch of flowers on top and a

swarm of butterflies hovering over it. The Princess Bismarck is described as the model of a practical, methodical German matron, with an eye to every de-tail of household management and econ-

It is said Mrs. Laugtry is making a vigorous attempt to bring in the Jersey again, but so far without success. Jerseys may be comfertable, but have long ceased to be stylish.

Miss Julia Wheeler, daughter of General Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama, is one of the pets of Washington society. She is a pretty girl, with blue eyes, light-brown hair and a clear complexion.

A fashionable visiting card in Berlin is an African importation. It is a leaf of the silver poplar, which keeps its color when dried and can be easily written upon. It delights fashionable Berlin under the name of "Emin Pasha's visit-ing card."

A young lady recently invented a new fashion for weddings that may be taken up by members of the fair sex who are crowded with engagements. Unable to appear at her friend's wedding, she had her photograph specially taken for the occasion, and this portrait, with appropriate good wishes, greeted the bride on the morning of the eventful day.

Little and Big Legal Fees

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The late Sunset Cox got \$25 for his first law case, and Henry Clay's first fee amounted to just fifteen shillings. Representative Holman, the noted economist, learned how to skimp the Government by skimping his stomach to fit the size of a country Hoosier's legal salary, and John Allen, the funny man from Mississippi, made his first jokes before the bar. Speaking of the investments of legal earnings, some of the big fortunes have come from fees in kind which have been retained and have grown into millionair. The bulk of his fortune came from some lands about Chicago which he was given for legal services came from some lands about Chicago which he was given for legal services when he was a young man, and when the lands were supposed to be worth practically nothing. He held to them, and the city grew and the lands grew with it, until they brought him in hundreds of thousands of dollars instead of dreds, of thousands of dollars instead of a few hundred dollars. It is so with many of the cases that come before many of the Washington courts and before the departments. Patent lawyers accept sometimes interests in the patents they secure, and one of the rich men of Washington is a patent lawyer named Anthony Puliock, who manages the Goodwar rubber natents. The land claims year rubber patents. The land claims that come before Congress amount to millions of dollars, and when a lobby lawyer gets one through, on the condition that he is to receive one-half or one-third, he makes a big strike or nothing.—Chicago Post.

### The Land of Paper.

The string with which the articles you buy are fastened is made of paper in Japan. Do you want a piece of string? Tear a sheet of paper, roll it between your fingers; it requires a strong wrist to break it. The handkerchief thrown away after use is paper! The partitions divid-ing the houses are paper! The pane through which an eye looks at you is pathrough which an eye looks at you is pa-per! The method is very simple. One finger is passed through the paper—that is all! When one has had a good look a small piece is stuck on this opening with grain of rice. The yakonnine hat passing is paper; the porter's cloak, who carries his burden, singing a cadence, through the rain; the garment of the boatman who conducts you on board; the tobacco pouch, cigar case—all are paper! Those elegant flowers ornamenting the beautiful hair of the Japanese ladies, and those robe collars, which are taken for crape—paper!—New York Journal.

An Infant's Long Journey Alone, Little two-year-old Ringhill Larsen holds the record as the youngest im-migrant ever landed alone in New York. The pretty little tot, who was born in 1888 in Stockholm, has traveled from there to New York to meet her father, who is employed in Newark, N. J. She had with her letters written in Swedish, English and French, asking the ship's officers and railway officials to take the little one in charge and see that she reached Newark. The stewardess of the Aurania during the passage across the Atlantic saw that the wee traveler was well pro-vided for, and at the Barge Office Matron Strickland sent the little one safely on her way to find her ther in Newark.—

### A Great Trotter's Shoes

The shoes worn by Maud S. are kept in Mr. Robert Bonner's writing desk. Two of the pair in which the beautiful trotter made her last record are displayed wall cabinet and have a value of \$500 each. Mr. Bonner has had numerous requests to raffle them off at church and charity fairs, but preferred always to give his check for their value rather than part with either .- New York World

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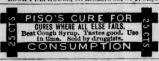
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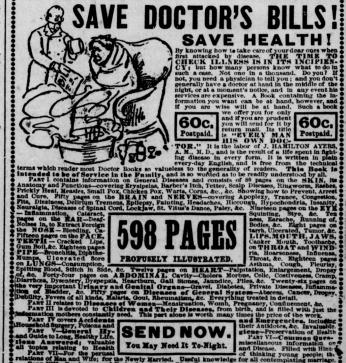
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