PICTURESQUE SANTIAGO.

THE BEAUTIFUL LOCATION OF THE CHILEAN CAPITAL.

Fire-places Almost Unknown—Grand Public Walks—A Unique Structure—Dress of Chilean Women.

The cities that can boast of a more delightful climate or grander scenery than this are few, writes Fannie Ward from Santiago de Chile. Though barely 1800 feet above the sea, it is far enough from the equator to escape excessive heat, yet not so distant as to be subject to extreme cold. Set in the midst of a great green valley, the mighty Andes that stretch away to the horizon on every side inclose it as within white walls 8000 to 20,000 feet high, their snowy bulwarks in dazzling contrast to the cloudless blue above, the "living green" below, and the golden sunshine that envelopes all as with a garment. From every street and balcony the most glorious views may be obtained—of mountains towering above mountains, with such rosy tints upon them at sunrise, and evening shades of amethyst darkening to purple, as no brush can paint or pen describe.

The country immediately surrounding the Capital is made up of small estates, with handsome villas upon them, belonging to wealthy families who have the good taste to forsake the city's glare in summer-time for a few months of rural living. Many of these suburban casas are fitted up in a style of elegance rarely surpassed in similar residences of Europe or the United States.

The tourist coming down from the tropics, feels exhilarated by the climate of Santiago. Benjamin Taylor, in his "Between the Gates," describes it exactly, for nowhere are the seasons more neighborly. Says he: "The impropriety of winter lingering in the lap of spring has made a public scandal; but when September is on whispering terms with May, and old January masquerades in June clothes, and July gives all her rainbows to November, it is time to talk! The winter is in summer and the spring is in winter, and harvest is in seed time, and autumn is left out of the calendar altogether. The siroccos blow from the North, and the cold winds from the South; and you must never sail by the almanac, or you will lose your reckoning and get lost in the weather."

There is downright discomfort here during the cold days of the rainy season. The people have a deep-seated notion that fires indoors breed diseases of every sort, and except in houses built by English or American residents there is hardly a stove, grate or fire-place to be found in all Chile. The enormously thick walls retain no end of dampness, the floors—laid flat upon the ground without cellars beneath—are cold and clammy as tombstones, and as every casa is built around a central palio into which all the rooms open, there are seldom communicating doors between the various apartments; so that, whatever the weather, one must step out into the uncovered court yard to go from parlor to dining-room, bed-room or kitchen. Although the prevailing diseases are pneumonia, throat and lung troubles, and the mortality from these causes is frightful during wet seasons, nothing can convince a Chilean that artificial heat will not absolutely poison the atmosphere. When he visits the home of a foreigner, and finds the rooms comfortably warm and dry, he invariably grumbles, and requests that the door be left open, so that he may not suffocate, but spreads his hands and coat-tails before the cheerful blaze as if he thoroughly enjoyed it.

It looks odd, at a party, to see ladies in bare arms, with blue noses and chattering teeth, wrapped in shawls and fur-lined cloaks, crowding around a charcoal brazier, which emits just enough heat to make one more sensible of the deadly chills that come galloping up one's spinal, and odder still to see them at table, still wrapped in cloaks and shawls, the aching feet of each guest thrust into a foot-warmer, though surrounded by every luxury (except fire) that wealth can buy. These foot-warmers are unique institutions, and as ornamental as indispensable. They are regular pockets, each just large enough to slip a pair of feet into, and are made of fur or flannel, lined with llama wool. They are often richly embroidered, and are of home manufacture, or made by the nuns and orphans in the asylums, who are all experts in needlework. And oddest of all it seems to see gentlemen and ladies perambulating the plazas in midwinter—the former with mufflers, overcoats and fur caps; the latter bare-headed, with no other wrap than a silken shawl. The manta is universally worn in church by all classes of Chilean women, but for riding, shopping and the promenade all but the ultra-fashionable still go about with heads uncovered.

Santiago is especially blessed with paseos, or public walks. Besides the incomparable Alameda the central plaza with its environing arcades and portales, and beautiful Santa Lucia, there is the Tajamar lying along the banks of the Mapoche, which used to be the favorite resort before the Alameda was completed.

Though many cities have extensive and beautiful botanical and zoological gardens, there are few which can show anything like this of Santiago—and I doubt if its equal, in area and the value and variety of its buildings, can be found anywhere in the world. It contains not only a vast botonical garden, laid out on a grand scale, with little lakes crossed by rustic bridges, a wilderness of blossoming plants, vines and shrubs, towering oaks and pines, statuary, shaded nooks, well-kept walks and plenty of rustic benches, and the greenest of swad without a single placard (so frequently met with at home) saying "Keep off the grass," and in an extensive zoological park, containing all the animals of South America and many others, conveniently arranged for observation in long avenues; but a magnificent museum, an underground, grotto-like structure containing innumerable glass tanks full of fish swimming in water supplied by hidden fountains; an agricultural college, with a handsome museum of its own and a long line of buildings devoted to its various offices; an enormous new normal school, capable of holding 2000 pupils, besides the teachers and their families, who, supported by the Government, are all to be housed and fed under the same roof, and a variety of other edifices too numerous to mention.

One of the most unique structures in the Quinta is one contributed by Senora Cousino—half castle, half pagoda—built entirely of glass bottles, bits of iron ore and square chunks of coal, cupola, balconies and all, representing the family enterprises—the coal mines, iron foundries and bottle factories at Zota, the wine manufactured on their various estates and the celebrated "Cousino beer." Besides music stands and dancing pavilions, there is a luncheon pavilion, with open sides and awning-shaded porticoes, where parties may be served at little tables with ices, wines, fruits and other light refreshment. There is also a big restaurant, which is justly famous for its breakfasts and dinners—the former served between 10 A. M. and 2 o'clock, and the latter from 5 P. M. as late as a possible customer remains. Though the cooks are French, Chilean styles prevail in the food and its serving. Among other delicacies they give you camerons, or fresh water crabs, shrimps with long black hairs on, the plumpest of white-breasted partridges, tiny brown birds on toast, "sea-urchins" steamed in their own round, prickly shells, strange fruits and salads.

Chile's National Museum is housed in the imposing building in which the International Exhibition of 1875 was held. The collection of birds is the finest I ever saw, from the timest humming-birds hardly an inch long to the giant albatross and huge Andean condors, golden pheasants, fantailed lyre birds, ichetrias, hooded birds of paradise—millions of them, and a whole large room devoted to their nests and eggs. Besides all things usually found in museums, there is a magnificent array of aboriginal pottery; utensils and weapons of stone, bone and wood from all parts of South America and the least-known islands of the Pacific; wax figures representing all strange peoples dressed in their different costumes, each in a glass case by itself, like Mrs. Partington's crocodile, "large as life and twice as natural"—surrounded by its own peculiar implements and belongings.

Perhaps the object which attracts most attention is one of those horrible "pressed heads," the work of the Jivero Indians of Eucador—the flesh of a human head, from which the skull has been removed, shrunken to the size of a fist, yet the features preserved with life-like expression, eye-brows intact, lips sewn together, gaudy feathers pendant from the ears, and long black hair concealing the pike upon which this ghastly trophy of savage warfare is impaled.

And then the mummies! There are enough of these dried and pickled folk to populate a village—those that hailed from Egypt stretched out at ease in their gayly-painted coffins, leering at the ancient Peruvians, who are all bound up in the most uncomfortable posture, with knees and ears close together.

WISE WORDS.

Indolence abhors exercise.

The spark of envy kindles the fires of hate.

If pains are taken satisfaction should be given.

It is easier to refuse another than to deny self.

Even those who live high are not out of harm's reach.

Hope will not revive until confidence has been restored.

The man who wants nothing could not possibly wish for less.

He whose wit is his livelihood can ill afford to be out of humor.

The eye telegraphs its message of love; the tongue expresses the sentiment.

He that speaketh against his own reason speaks against his own conscience.

The wrong-doer may succeed in eluding justice only to be overtaken by remorse.

At present let us remove what is bad, which must be done before good of any kind can spring up.

Sense shines with a double lustre when it is set in humility. An able yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.

Though truthful utterance is worthy of highest commendation, it cannot be denied that a lying tongue would be better still.

Bad temper is its own scourge. Few things are bitterer than to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim.

It would seem absurd for one to plead that the vengeful things one has said about another were uttered in spite of one's self.

Youth is apt too much to spend all its time in looking forward. Old age is apt too much to spend all its time in looking backward. People in mid-life and on the apex look both ways.

Coldest City in the World.

The coldest city in the world is Yahutsk, on the Lena River, in Siberia. The mean temperoture of the town throughout the year is the same as that on the summit of Mont Blanc. There are many populous cities lying much nearer the North pole, but in none of them is the climate so bitter or the ground so continuously and so deeply frozen as in Yakutsk. And yet, notwithstanding, it has a resident population of 5000 souls, and it is a great trading city as well; thousands of merchants, hunters and mariners throng its markets at specified seasons with the costliest furs and skins and all sorts of necessities of life for sale, and over a million of rubles change hands yearly.—*Philadelphia Times.*

The indications seem to be for a smaller hay crop than that of last year.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Souvenir pencils are here.

Mrs. Cleveland favors pink.

Queen Elizabeth is said to have had 4000 gowns.

Bright yellow maintains its protest beyond contradiction.

Empress Victoria Augusta of Germany plays lawn tennis.

The Chinese do not permit their women to be photographed.

The United States possesses 350 Quaker women teachers.

One-seventh of the landowners in Great Britain are women.

Modjeska was not allowed to play in Russia because she is a Pole.

A couple were married on the Suspension Bridge at Niagara Falls the other day.

The divided skirt is now much worn by ladies addicted to horseback exercise.

Mrs. Edmund Russell has written a book on how to yawn properly in society.

A novel feature of one of the new parks in Boston is an open air gymnasium for girls.

In France women are employed in freight and railroad offices making out bills and selling tickets.

Twenty-three States now give to women the right to vote in the selection of members of School Boards.

Wonderful embroideries are used this season for the corselet bodices and for the linings of the high Medici collars.

An organized band of girl thieves, from eight to thirteen years old, has been broken up in New York by the arrest of the leader.

"The German Union against the Tyranny of Fashion" has attracted considerable attention and many influential members already.

Women are understood to make the best experts to distinguish good from bad money in the United States Treasury Department.

Miss Sallie Stone, a compositor on the Lewiston (Me.) *Journal*, died the other day shortly before the time appointed for her wedding.

Ex-Governor Sprague's wife is one of the best horsewomen to be found at Narragansett, R. I., and often rides thirty or forty miles in a day.

Miss Flora Gill, of Tacoma, Washington, four years ago entered into real estate speculation there with $4000, and since then has netted $70,000.

The Cobden prize of $300 offered for the best economic essay in England this year was carried off by a woman, Miss Victorine Jeans, of Manchester.

Miss Snyder, the new American prima donna now in London, is described as above the medium height, slender and graceful, with a pale oval face, gray eyes and dark hair.

Miss Nikita, an American girl, and a successful soprano, is engaged to be married to Prince Mirza Riza Khan, who is the Consul and aide-de-camp of the Shah of Persia.

Miss Leale, of Guernsey, whose remarkable rifle shooting was the feature of the recent meeting in England, is not yet twenty years of age, and handles her gun like a veteran.

Mrs. Logan does her literary work in General Logan's library, and his armchair is kept in just the same position in which he used it, and the room is filled with mementoes of him.

Young Mrs. Oscar Wilde is said to be a very striking contrast to her husband. She is very quiet, while he is rather loud; she is inclined to be commonplace, while he is brilliant in conversation.

Mrs. Paran Stevens has excited Newport, R. I., by changing the style of her livery and having her coachman and footman wear red top boots and black velvet collars, trimmed with red piping.

Sorosis, the woman's club of New York City, which has met regularly at Delmonico's for twenty-three years, will hereafter hold its meeting at Sherry's, as the club has outgrown Delmonico's parlors.

A Lewiston (Me.) lady has a needle in her sewing machine that she placed there in the fall of 1874, and has not once been removed. It has done all the family sewing since that date, and continues to do it, although worn rather thin.

Old Lady Aylesbury is one of the most extraordinary figures in London society. She is nearly eighty, and wears a wig of corkscrew curls. She is noted as the possessor of a sharp tongue, and her language is at all times picturesque and vigorous.

Women are rapidly making their way into the faculty of medicine in England. No fewer than 107 students attend the London School of Medicine for Women. Nine ladies who presented themselves for examination at the University of London all passed and took their M. B. degree.

Dr. Muriel Maitland King, physician to the ladies of society, treats her faded and feeble patients by training them how to sleep without the use of narcotics, in which society women as a rule indulge. The surest renovator of a bad complexion, according to this dermatologist, is plenty of natural restful sleep.

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The World's Postage.

There was recently published by the French Ministry of Finance an interesting pamphlet in relation to the cost of the world's postage, which gives some very significant figures. The total cost of the postal service the world over is a little less than $500,000,000. Of all nations the United States is the most liberal patron of the postoffice, with an annual expenditure of $66,000,000. Germany ranks second, spending $50,000,000; but this also includes the telegraph service, accounts not being available for the separation of the two services. Great Britain spends $49,000,000 for postal service, and France about $28,000,000. Thus it can be seen that the United States is far in the lead. Another feature of our service that renders it better than that of any other country is that the department does not wait for a demand to spring up, but that in all of the less settled sections of the country, the postoffice has preceded the population, and immigrants are never without postal facilities. In this we differ widely from Europe, where only considerable villages have regular postoffices.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Curious Case of Color Blindness.

The London *Lancet* publishes a curious case of color blindess. The patient was an engine-driver in Russia, about forty years of age, whose vision was perfect until 1889. Then he began to suffer from violent headaches, due to over-exertion and insufficient sleep, which were followed by a loss of all power to distinguish colors. Everything appeared to him to be red, and he was obliged to throw up his position. Dr. M. Reich, who examined him, could discover no disease, but found his sight, focus, and sensation of light normal. In May, 1890, the man again submitted himself for examination, declaring that his sense of color had been restored. This proved to be the fact. The *Lancet* thinks that "this case seems to show that sensation of color is perfectly independent of physiological function."

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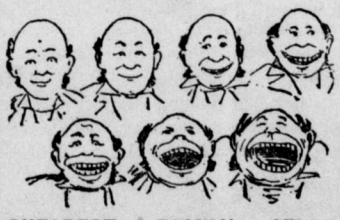

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