

## THE INTERIOR OF PATAGONIA

How it Looks Beyond the Mountains—A Vast Terra Incognita Which Few White Men Have Visited—Ostrich Lore—Hunting the Big Birds With the Bolas.

### Special Correspondence.

Punta Arenas, Patagonia, March 31, 1904.—When you sit down to read this letter will you do me the favor to have before you a map of South America? Such a map as may be found in any encyclopedia will answer the purpose, if a never is not easily come-at-able. I want to call your attention particularly to that portion of the southern continent between the Rio Negro and the Strait of Magellan, a vast territory nearly a thousand miles long and 480 miles across in the widest part, which is known to the world (though now erroneously) as Patagonia. With a total area of 350,000 square miles, it is larger than France, Spain and England, yet it is about the most thinly populated section of the globe; and though now the joint property of two highly civilized countries, its interior is almost as complete a terra incognita as it was centuries ago. Some authorities state the number of its inhabitants as 3,000, outside of Punta Arenas, and none go higher than 19,000.

### WILD AND PICTURESQUE COUNTRY.

Observe how the eastern shore is broken by a succession of bays and inlets, and what noble streams flow into them—the mighty Rio Negro; the Chuput, or "Chubut" as it is often called, and its greatest tributary, the Senegal; the Santa Cruz, which runs through a valley from one to 50 miles wide and 14 hundred feet below the level of the plain, till it joins the larger Rio Chico near the Port de Santa Cruz; and numerous small streams, unnamed and unknown, except by a few migratory Indians who occasionally pitch their move-

as. The pebbly surface is mixed with earth of a pale gray color, overlying masses of porphyry and strewn with enormous boulders, gradually rising in natural terraces from the ocean to the cordillera. The soil is strongly impregnated with saltpeter, and the numerous small salt-lakes are surrounded by a dazzling, snow-white crust.

### MORASSES AND SALT WASTES.

In several of these lakes the water is poisonous, and all have the peculiarity of being extremely cold in summer time and correspondingly warm in winter. Other places are overgrown with tall grass, so rank and coarse as to resemble rushes; alternated by patches of thorny brushwood, morasses saltier than the sea itself, and "salinas," or beds of solid salt, often several feet thick and covering miles; while toward the coast the level of the landscape is broken by basaltic ridges, the home of hawks and eagles. The great Andean condor here crosses the continent for the first and only time, and builds his clumsy nest upon bare rocks overhanging inland streams, as well as on cliffs that front the sea. Geologists tell us that all this country was once sea-bottom, for everywhere marine shells are found, and other evidences that the ocean once rolled over it. Far inland the remains of fossil monsters are met with—the giant armadillo, and colossal mylodons and megatheriums; and several hundred miles of the southern coast is one vast deposit of tertiary strata, underlying a white pumaceous substance composed of marine infusoria. In surprising contrast to Western Patagonia, the eastern side is mostly dry and hot, because the prevailing west winds having been drained by the Andes, bring no moisture. Travelers who have seen both countries, declare that portions of this bear a striking similarity to the deserts of southern Africa, the resemblance being heightened by the presence of ostriches, which may always be seen scudding over the Patagonian plains like ships under sail. Others compare this to the "Bad Lands" of the Colorado, and the "Barren Grounds" of the Hudson Bay company, and others (generally those who have not been here) to the Peruvian deserts, and even to Sahara, Gobi, and the steppes of Kauruzim. There are deep valleys which the dreaded pampero winds, blowing furiously from mountain torrents and dotted with picturesque lakes blackened by wild ducks that are tame as barnyard fowls, having never learned the fear of man.

The plague of eastern Patagonia is the pampero, or prairie winds, cold and cutting, that occasionally sweep

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the country with the fury of hurricanes, demolishing everything in their path.

### THE LEADING "INDUSTRY."

The principal "industry" of Patagonia—if such a term can be applied to the slovenly habits of Indians—is hunting guanaco and ostriches, for the skins of the former and the feathers of the latter are valued articles of commerce, and the flesh of both serves for food. Time never hangs heavy for us in Punta Arenas, notwithstanding the dearth of what is generally considered good society, and however close we may be confined indoors by howling gales and storms of sleet, for there are ostrich hunters to be interviewed, people who have been brought up, as it were, among those ungainly birds and have spent the best years of their lives in pursuing them. Our interest in the subject never flags, and evening after evening we sit at the feet (figuratively speaking) of a grizzled American, who hailed originally from Maine, but has lived in these parts more than thirty years and has come to be considered authority on ostrich lore. I wish I could reproduce for you his funny drawl and way-down-east expression; but space will not permit more than a condensed statement of the main facts I have gleaned concerning

### AMERICAN OSTRICHES.

In the first place it should be understood that two distinct species of

ostriches stalk over these plains, and that each species has its range, confined within certain limits. Thus the great Rhea, which more nearly resembles the African ostrich, roams the northern pampas but never comes below the Chuput river; and the smaller strutho Darwinii, indigenous to the neighborhood of the straits, is not found west of the pampas. The northern variety is hercubous known as "Avestruz moro" (gray birds), their plumage being uniformly gray; while those of the south have brownish feathers tipped with white. Both build the rudest kind of nests, merely a shallow hole scratched in the ground under the shelter of a bush, and softened by a wisp of grass. The females are the laziest of birds, for one nest serves for several of them, who all deposit their eggs in it, and then go gadding, leaving their husbands to hatch the chicks. There are usually from thirty to forty eggs in a nest, and as each egg is about equal in size to ten hen's eggs, it requires considerable space to cover them. The period of incubation averages 22 days; and it is a fact that the male bird squats patiently upon the nest, day after day, until all are hatched, and then he looks after the babies till they are able to take care of themselves. During rainy weather the faithful father never leaves the eggs for a moment, and has been known to stick to them a week or more without feeding. When the weather is fine he strays

away an hour or two toward evening, to stretch his long legs and get some thing to eat. If a fox or other animal steals or breaks an egg during his absence, he knows it the instant he returns, and then his rage knows no bounds; he will dash the egg to pieces and dance around the debris like a lunatic. After the hatching period, the females lay their eggs promiscuously about the plains. The natives call these "hatchos," and the ostriches are extremely good deal of time hunting them. They keep fresh for half a year, (fresh enough for a Patagonian), and one egg being equal to eight or ten hen's eggs, is considered the fair quota for one person's dinner. The Darwinii ostriches are extremely shy, and as their vision is remarkably acute, it is not an easy matter to capture them, unless the hunter has well trained dogs. The American bird has many habits in common with his African cousin. One of these is that he scoots ahead in a straight line when pursued, and always against the wind, if he can. Aware of this habit, the Patagonians chase him on horseback, first placing some of their party in ambush in the direction which he is likely to take. They then gallop full tilt up to the lines of sight, and either intercept the ostrich altogether, or "hobble" it with a pair of bolas.

### THE PATAGONIAN BOLAS.

The bolas is peculiarly Patagonian, and was in use nobody knows how many centuries before the coming of white men; yet nothing better has ever been devised for hunting the shy creatures of the plains, and the Spaniards and Guachos, away up in Chili and Argentine, have adopted its use. To make bolas, take two stones of unequal size, one about as large as a goose-egg, the other as a hen's egg, and grind them perfectly smooth by rubbing one against the other. Cover each with a bit of guanaco rawhide, firmly sewed on, till it looks something like a circle, each about four feet long; attach one end of each to a ball, and knot the other end of the things together, so that when the strings are at full stretch the balls will be at least eight feet apart. That is all there is of it, and the bolas are then ready for use. But the difficulty begins when the novice attempts to handle them, for dexterity comes only with long practice. Every Patagonian has had his, almost from the cradle, for the bolas is the plaything of his childhood, as the sling is of the Bolivian gamine, and to display skill in its management has been the pride of his youth; so that it is no wonder that he becomes so proficient that he can project the balls an incredible distance

with unerring accuracy of aim. In such a way that the things will wind around the legs of the unlucky object struck, whether man or beast, or throw an animal with the force of a catapult. The method is described in the "The Halls are then whirled in a circular motion around the head, and when sustained, the weapon is launched at the object to be captured. The aim is a matter of nice calculation, in which the mind, eye and arm all bear a part; and as the hunter seldom fails to bring down or otherwise cripple his game, whatever it may be. The rounds of the stones is the work of the men, and it takes two or three days to grind a pair to the proper spinning shape. In some districts farther south a third ball has been introduced. FANNIE B. WARD.

### The Property Called Health.

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SILK LUSTRES AND MO. HAIR SUITINGS. An endless variety of colors in neat figures, dots, plain and stripes. Mohairs are the most popular material this season for separate waists and complete shirt waist suits. Qualities that sold at 75c and 85c. TO BE CLOSED OUT AT (per yd)—**55 cts.**

Another Big Sale of Two Lots of Fine Arabian and Brussels Net

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LISTEN TO THE GOOD NEWS. Beige Colored Arabian Lace Curtains, handsome and substantial, a very desirable style for the Parlor, Library or Drawing Room, has a Honiton Lace Effect Inserting and Edge mounted on a heavy quality Bar Net. Size 3x5.50. Value \$6.50, on sale, per pair—**\$4.60.**

3 1/2 and 4 yards long White Brussels Net. Curtains, hand-made ones—in Novel Effects—delayed in transit—should have been here in time for the Curtain Sale. Imported to sell at \$12.00, on sale this week, per pair—**\$7.80.**

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### THOSE EXCLUSIVE WASH FABRICS!

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To see them means admiration, and recommendation. Hundreds and hundreds of bewitching novelties. Scores of which can be seen only here. Every fabric and design that has fashion's sanction is here. A world of beauty is represented in our stock of these summer fabrics. The collection of artistic novelties is far above any display we have heretofore made in both high-grade textiles and the more inexpensive materials. And this is the most favorable time of the season for you to expect very extraordinary values from this department. If you are informed as to values, the prices quoted here will cause you much pleasant surprise.

20 pieces Linette Zephyrs, in solid colors, such as gray, tan, blue and ox bloods, they are linen finish and worth 15c, this week, **9c**

25 yards, but only one color—ox-blood—mercerized Scotch Madras, 33 inches wide, value 25c, this week, **12 1/2c**

50 pieces plain colored organdies, even in weaves, in the prettiest shades of pink, light blue, red, lavender, tan, navy and black, value 20c, this week per yard—**14c**

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IMPORTANT SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN SUPERBLY FINISHED, HIGH GRADE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR OF EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AT WONDERFULLY LOW PRICES.

LADIES' KIMONA NIGHT GOWNS, made of finest cambric, with 2 rows of hemstitching around neck, front and sleeves, all sizes, a very elegant gown of high quality, regular price, \$1.50, and 8 other styles equally as good on sale this week **\$1.00**

LADIES' WALKING SKIRT of very best fine muslin, made with 16 inch deep lawn, umbrella ruffle trimmed with 4 rows of 1/2 inch wide Tachyon Lace Insertion and 3 inch wide edging made with extra dust rose lace, reaching to 44 inch, an excellent \$2.00 skirt, and 4 other styles to choose from, on sale this week, at **\$1.39**

LADIES' CORSET COVER, made of very fine nainsook, front trimmed in 4 rows of hemstitched ruffles, all sizes, a most excellent 75c grade, and 8 other styles to choose from, go on sale this week at **50c**

LADIES' CORSET COVERS of good cambric, in 3 different styles, all sizes, they are either lace or embroidery trimmed, good 25c values **12c**

## Spring Shirt Waists

AT SPECIAL PRICES.

G LORIOUS news that—for all woman kind. Next week's sale of Waists will include hundreds of values that will appeal strongly to every economical buyer. Compare our waist values with those offered elsewhere. Compare our styles with those offered by other houses, and you will no longer speculate why ours is the busiest Sell Dept. in Utah. Prices we quote today make this the most remarkable opportunity ever offered.

At 39 cts. Ladies' Shirt Waists of White Lawn, plaited and insertion trimmed, full sleeves, regular price 90c.

At 50 cts. White Lawn Waists with black polka dots, they are trimmed with tucks and plaited front regular price 50c.

At 73 cts. Neat Tailored Waists of fine white lawn, finished with tucked front and French back, new stock collar, regular price \$1.25.

At 98 cts. Fancy figured white damask Shirt Waists, fronts entirely side plaited and trimmed with large pearl buttons, regular price \$1.50.

At \$1.15. Ladies' Shirt Waists of striped and dotted lawns and Chambrays, all dainty summer colorings, extra full front, regular price \$1.98.



At \$4.75 Extra quality white and black China Silk Waists, neat 1/2 tucked and trimmed new 1904 sleeves, pretty stock collar, regular price \$5.00.

At \$1.45. A very pretty white Lawn Waists, yoke effect of embroidery insertion, plaited front and back, regular price \$2.25.

At \$1.73. Sweet Lawn Waists, two handsome styles, side plaited effects with embroidered front, regular price \$2.75.

At \$2.23. China Silk Waists, trimmed with 4 rows of lace inserting, new sleeves and stock collar, regular price \$3.75.

At \$3.60. Handsome white and black wash silk waists, trimmed with lace inserting and silk medallions, regular price \$4.95.

At \$4.00. Ladies' taffeta Silk Waists in white, blue, cardinal, old rose, pink and black, trimmed with fancy medallions, regular price \$5.95.

### MORE IMPORTANT WHITEGOODS NEWS!

Following the "Auerbach" rule of always selecting its specials from the most wanted things, we have planned for this week more bargain offerings of beautiful white fabrics for graduating gowns and waists, specials which will give you the latest and best grades and patterns in these lines at the lowest prices you have seen or likely to see this season.

44 inch wide India Linon, value 20c, on sale this week, **13c**

A 27 1/2 inch quality White India Linon, 40 inches wide, this week, **19c**

White Silk Persian lawn for graduating gowns, value 50c, this week **22c**

50 inch wide white Paris lawn, for graduating gowns, worth 60c, 37c

The most novel white waists, well worth 90c. On sale, **44c**

Imported pin dot white embroidered Swisses, value \$1.25, this week, per yard **78c**

White Wash Liffon, 50 inches wide, for graduating gowns, which can't be matched at \$1.25, this week, per yard **83c**

### A WORD TO THE GRADUATES.

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### Misses' or Young Ladies' SHOES!



Special Cut Price For Next Week.

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SAME SHOE in young ladies' sizes with half or medium heel. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7—**\$1.95.**

ANOTHER LOT OF MISSIE'S SHOES WITH MEDIUM OR HEAVY SOLES, VARYING IN PRICE UP TO \$1.75. SIZES 1 1/2 to 2—**\$1.20.**

SAME SHOES IN SIZES 3 1/2 TO 10 1/2 WORTH UP TO \$1.35. THIS WEEK—**95 cts.**

### Price and Quality ATTRACTIONS in Ladies' & Children's Hosiery.

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A \$1.00 HOSE FOR 50 CENTS. Ladies' best black extra fine Silkette Hose, wear guaranteed, this is a very special high grade quality, comes in all sizes, well worth \$1.00 a pair, just 50c this week, on sale **50c**

Ladies' Silk Embroidered fast black Maco Cotton Hose, several styles to choose from, and a handsome line of Lace Lisle Hose, all our best 35c grades, on sale at **25c**

Ladies' Gauze Hose, a very fine fast black quality, with double sole and high sprung heels and toes, the best 50c stocking shown in the city, goes on sale this week **35c**

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### Price and Quality ATTRACTIONS in LINEN BARGAINS!

Double Interest Should be taken in our Linen Specials next week. Hints of the pricing that will prevail.

62 inch wide Bleached Irish Table Damask—bought retail at 60c, this week, per yard—**44 cts.**

2 yard wide German Bleached Table Linen, choice patterns, extra good value, \$1.25, this week, per yard—**94 cts.**

5 Pieces of the finest 11.50 Table Linen in the market, German make, 2 yards wide, in the newest designs, this week, per yard—**\$1.10.**

### A SALE OF BOYS' GOOD CLOTHING.

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BOYS' SQUARE CUT DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT—in dark and light mixtures, ages 8 to 10 years. These are our regular \$2.50 and \$4.00 values. Special sale price **\$2.25**

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