

THE LAND OF YERBA MATE.

How Paraguay Tea is Cultivated and Prepared—A Beverage Truly "Fit for the Gods."

Special Correspondence. AsUNTON, Paraguay, Aug. 1.—This far-away country ought to be christened "The Land of Yerba Mate" because its native tea is known to be the most prominent peculiarity—more prominent here than pine in the Lebanon, coffee in Brazil, vanilla in Mexico, and so on.

Herbaceous everybody drinks incredible quantities of it, from the infant in arms to his grandfathers tottering on the brink of the grave. The resident beggar, from his palatial daughter of the aristocracy, whose waking hours are divided between mass and mandolin, hammocking and mild flirtation, to the bareheaded female who fills the fitches and serves as housemaid.

Prefering it to any alcoholic beverage, the average Paraguayan imbibes from 12 to 20 cups per rather, according to his degree of sobriety. It is one of those extremely rare instances wherein the national habit of excessive drinking tends to the mental and physical improvement of the people.

And truly, it is the cup which cheers but does not inebriate, being a gentle stimulant whose tonic, exhilarating effect is felt for several hours, but is in no way harmful, like the stupefying coca of Bolivia from which cocaine is made, nerve-shaking Chinese tea, or the best coffee of Brazil, which a local sufferer testifies to his cure of skin disease by D. D. D. Prescription.

Payson, Utah, June 1, 1904. D. D. D. Co., Chicago, Ill. Gentlemen: I wish to express my gratitude for your D. D. D. remedy. I was much troubled with a very bad case of eczema, and tried everything that could be suggested for the cure of this terrible disease. Nothing helped me. I was almost in despair of ever finding relief. I saw your advertisement in the "Telegraph" and sent for a bottle, and I am glad to say it helped me immediately. I have used two more bottles, and I feel I am almost cured. I cannot recommend it too highly. I hope others who are suffering will read my letter and find the relief that I have received. Yours truly, L. N. FISHER.

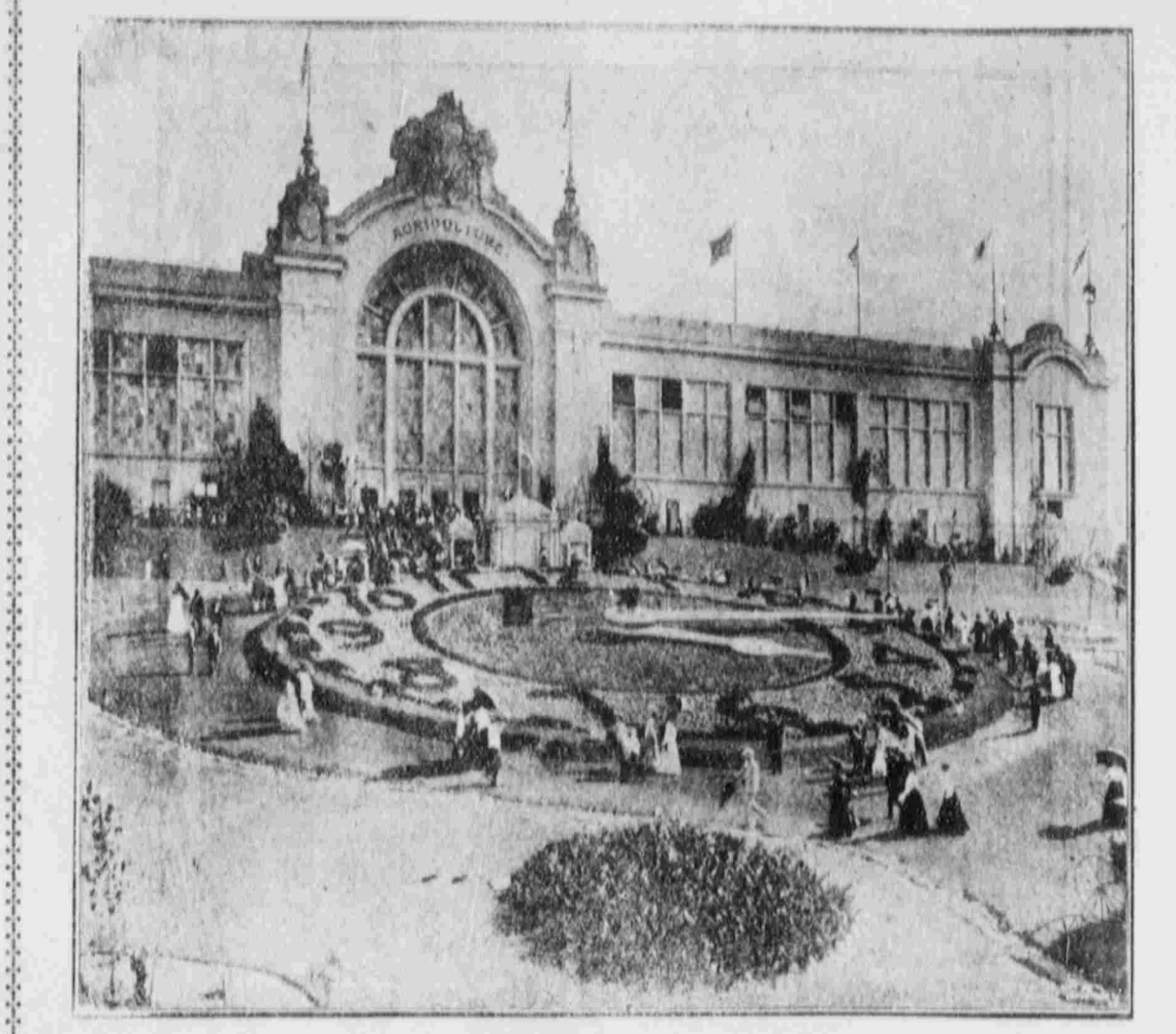
proverb says should be "black as night, bluer as death, stronger as love, and hotter as hell." Chemists assert that mate contains both caffeine and theine, together with caffeotannic acid; and, wherever procurable, it is especially recommended by physicians for the cure of dyspepsia and other ills of the digestive organs.

It is admirably adapted to this climate, having a cooling effect in hot weather and the reverse during the chilly dampness of the rainy season, which here answers for winter, and is always drunk at a scalding temperature which brings tears to the eyes of the unsophisticated. Its bitter, herbal, and astringent qualities, which act as a stimulant to the powdered herb only a few swallows, and after one person has emptied it, it is refilled with more hot water and handed in turn to each of the others in the company.

The yerbales, or mate fields of this small republic, alone are said to cover an area of something over 3,000,000 acres, and in their present state produce an annual crop of not less than 250,000 cwt. Although it grows wild in great thickets like hazel or cranberries, it is greatly improved by cultivation in quality as well as in quantity.

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WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR. Timothy L. Woodruff, Republican politician, one-time Lieut.-Governor, and alleged boss of Brooklyn, is making a hot fight for the nomination for governor of New York. If a thorough knowledge of the ins and outs of the republican machine are of any value in such a fight, the prize will surely go to Woodruff.



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REBUKED BY A BEGGAR. L. F. Scholes of Toronto, who has won the Diamond Sculls at Henley, gave a dinner party a few days before he set out for England. The dinner was unusually magnificent, and one of the guests, in commenting on the generosity of the host, said: "But Scholes is always generous. He is not like the man to whom a beggar said one day, 'Sir, I am starving,' and the man replied, 'Here, take this penny, and tell me how you became so miserably poor.'"

HUMOROUS. From Puck. "Swaney boasts that he can trace his ancestry back to Edward the Confessor. He rejoined in England in 1942." "Oh, well, at this distance from Edward the Confessor one of his descendants would not be apt to have more than about one-billionth of a king in his composition, so I fancy Swaney is not royal enough to hurt."

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