#### THE DANISH ISLANDS.

St. Thomas De Los Estados Unidos Del Norte-A Hasty Visit to Our Newest Possessions-The City of Charlotte Amalia.

artistic touch to the landscape. The height of the dark mountains behind

seems to dwarf the puny works of man, and gives to Chariotte Amalia the diminutive appearance of a toy village —or rather of three villages, each on its

cwn little hill; and the tall, straight, top-heavy paims so like the miniature trees that children play with, add to the illusion. Then there is the toy-like fort, with bastion, battlements and bar-

been strongly suggestive of cake-or-namentation, all bristing with little guns and alive with toy toldiers. A toy public garden lies close to the landing, and over the tops of the trees you can see a Moorish looking structure, appar-

ntly suspended in mid-air, which might be a Noah's ark full of toy animals,

but turns out to be the crack hotel of

Meanwhile long before you have completed these observa-tions the hubbub of "totin" coal" has begun. Score of negresses

in line, each blacker than the black

diamonds she carries in a basket poised

on her wooly head, sing or swear, Qc-carding to the mood of the moment. Fortunately for "ears polite," their ribald chatter is mostly unintelligible.

vival of that strange dialect which Moravian missionaries compiled into a

sort of literature, nearly two centuries ago-a queer jumbae of Dutch, French. English a. d Creole words, mixed with

orrowings from every civilized country and unknown tongues from tribes of Darkest Africa. The baskets carried

by these half-naked females weigh, when filled, from 30 to 100 pounds each; yet they swing the barden jauntily to their heads and tret gaily off with it,

erect as statues—to and fro over the gangplank, all day long in the blazing

sun, or all night if need be, for the pitiful hire of 10 cents an hour. The lesses of the St. Thomas wharves keep

exhaustics supplies of coal always on hand, and for many years our naval

vell for himself had be purchased the

island at double the price agreed upon. The famous port, which lies on the south side of the island, midway in the

Mexico, Europe and the Greater Antilles, besides over colonization track of

these bound to and from the ports of the Unuited States. No only do many

steemship lines touch here regularly for coal, but a great many other vesels put in for repairs, or for shelter in storing weather. The great

circular harbor is so well protected that ships are perfectly safe in it from all

the gales that rage outside. There is a commedious floating dock, and a

Of course, the tade of St. Thomas amounts to little, or Denmark would not have been so will's a c got rid of

than 100 years this has been a free port

with not a customs officer anywhere

about. Therefore articles of foreign make, for use or wear, may be obtain-

ed very cheaply in Charlotte Amalia, sans duty. The finest Cuban cigars,

or example, which sell in New York for 17 to 20 dollars per hundred, can be bought here for eight or ten dollars, and come off without duty. The finest

bay rum, too-the very best ever made -sells today in St. Thomas for 20 cents

a point; while at home the same-after being bountifully "doctored," costs

five times as much.

The town of Charlotte Amalia is one

of the most attractive in all the West Indies, with delightful scenery, condi-

ions of infinite rest and an atmosphere of eternal summer tempered by balmy tradewinds. As before mention ed, it is built mainly on the seaward slopes of three hills, with handsome villas dominating the upper heights and pretty cottages scattered through

the valleys. The whole island-only about 15 miles long by four wide-is

rugged and picturesque, with a mountain ridge of volcanic origin running across it, and its edges are surrounded by reefs and breakers.

Landing in front of a little plaza, overhung with palms, and mange

trees, you are at once in the midst of a strange but good-natured people-black, white, brown and yellow men, women and children, with hard-

ly an Anglo-Saxon face among them. The clothing of the crowd is peculiar to

northern eyes, as lavish in coloring as scanty in amount—the men, as a rule,

wearing nothing but cotton trousers and a straw hat; the women, a single

garment of gaudy called, or bedraggled white muslin, always hitched up on one side to the bare knee, and topped by a twist of bandanna handkerchief, beside

which, for blending of hues, Jacob's fa-mous coat would hardly be worth men-

tioning. And then the astonishing num-ber of children that tumble about everywhere under foot-white teeth

gleaming in perpetual grins and black

eyes shining like jet beads in a saucer of dark molasses—all dressed in suits of "fast black" (or should we say un-

dressed kid?) just as nature made them! Women saunter along carrying

broad flat trays on their heads, heaped with vegetables, fruits, bread, squaking

chickens, tied leg to leg, chunks of raw meat, bloody livers and kidneys, tripe

and fish. Others importune the strang-er to buy strings of seashells, seabeans,

"Job's tears," pieces of coral, seafans, and other ocean products; while others

and other ocean products; while others squat all day on their heels, under the friendly shade of the mango trees, beside their little piles of yams, peppers, limes and joints of sugar cane. The business part of the town is comprised in one long street that follows the curvilers of the shore and the shore and

ings of the shore, and at either end merges into a road which encircles the

island. Red-tiled houses rise in regular gradations up the steep hillsides. Climb

any of the cross streets and presently looking backwards, you have a charm

looking backwards, you have a charm-ing picture of villas in the foreground, painted in rainbow colors, the beautiful bay with its ships and islets in the mid-dle distance; and beyond, across a blue expanse of ocean, the dim shape of Porte Rico, Santa Cruz and other of the

esser Antilles, FANNIE B. WARD.

IMAGE GOOD AS A MAYOR.

Salem Mayor Says His Power and Au-

thority Are Mere Fictions.

Fitchburg, Mass.-The brightest gem

In Mayor Babbitt's collection of letters from mayors of Massachusetts cities, on the subject of charter revision, has been contributed by Mayor Hurley of

Salem, who at the present time is his

own chief of police.

Mr. Hurley confines his comments to what he has learned by observance and experience in Salem, and treats of the matter in a thoroughly unique but

characteristic manner.

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HARLOTTE AMALIA, St. Thomas Island, Feb. 2.-What better thing can we do, in this history-making morning of the twentieth century, than turn our backs on the worn-out monarchies of the old world and take a look at Uncle Samuel's atest acquired possessions? The immediate transfer of the Danish isl-ands to the United States decided us to curtail our European tour—or at least to defer its completion—for a brief study of the conditions and busi-ness possibilities in the new territory. Will you do me the favor at the outset to procure a good map of the West In-dies, so that we may first get our hear-ings well in mind? Before the Spanings well in mind? Before the Span-ish-American war, compartively few people in the United States had any idea of the vast number and extent of the Islands which, set in the form of a rude arc, stretch from Florida and Yu-catan in North America, to Venezuela in South America. To this day, many solventhy adverted pressure if asked to tolerably educated persons, if asked to tell in a hurry where Saba, St Jan, Basse-Terre, Grenada or other of the lesser islands are situated, would, like lesser islands are situated, would, like as not, locate them on the other side of the world. The far-reaching results of the late war will be felt in the next decade, and the next, more powerfully than now; and does it not behoove us of the conquoring race to have a thorough knowledge, not only of lands we have recently acquired, but of the adjacent territories—all of which, on this side of the Atlantic, will eventually beours? Search that cobwebbed corner of your brain where you keep packed away rusty nuggets of information garnered "in childhood's happy hour." bring to light and dust off a few pertinent facts. The enormous archipelago, which forms an invincible barrier between the swelling billows of the Atlantic and the smaller basins of the Carlbbean sea and Gulf of Mexico-comprises, all told, something over one comprises, all told, something over the hundred thousand square miles of land and has a present population of about six millions. Columbus, himself, had no idea of the magnitude of his find, but named the few islands he saw West Indies, because he thought that through them had been discovered a quick and easy passage to India. You hear them variously spoken of as the "Greater Antilles," the "Lesser Antil-les," the "Leeward Islands," the les," the "Leeward Islands," the "Lucayos "Windward Islands," the "Lucayos Islands," the "Virgin Islands,"—until your head whirls in trying to unsharl the tangle. Right here the map comes in. With it before you, begin at the northern end of the archipelago and northern end of the archipelage and note that the Lucayos, or Bahama Islands. (claimed by Great Britain), straggle half way up the coast of Florida, separated from that peninsula only by a narrow strait and the Great Bahama bank. They alone number upwards of 500 and their roughly estimated ropulation is 30,000.

mated population is 30,000. The Greater Antilles comprise only Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica and Halti, with the smaller islands along their coasts—a land area of at least \$3,000

square miles.

The Lesser Antilles, disposed in the of a crescent, the con-side facing eastward, are di-d into two chains—known as e Caribbees," trending around Porto Rico to Trinidad, the island that produces our asphalt, off the coast of Venezuela; the other lying along the northern coast of South America to Lake Maracaybo, including the big Dutch island Curocoa. Early naviga-tors called these last named the "lee-ward islands," and the other chain the "windward," but nowadays nearly all modern charts simplify matters by classifying all the islands above the fifteenth degree of north latitude as leewards; and those below that line as windwards. Besides these main groups, hundreds of smaller islands and an incalculable number of unnamed islets are scattered along the shores and dot the 1,303,000 cubic miles included in the Caribbean sea and the Gulf

The erstwhile Danish West Indies— St. Thomas, St. Jan and St. Croix—belong to the outer, or windward group, and lie only a few miles, due east, from Porto Rico. There is no need of a pilot to guide vessels into the beautiful harbor of St. Thomas, nor even of daylight to get safely through the deep and narrow strait that leads to its landlocked inner waters. Steamers general go up to the coaling wharf, opposite the town of Charlotte Amalia, sometime during the slient watches of the

night, and passengers are awakened by the guns on top of the old red forts that line the strait, beeming forth permission for the sun to rise. Hurrying on deck you are treated to a glorious view. Behind you are the tall cliffs that stand as doorposts to St. Thomas harbor, now veiled in fleecy portieres, with touches of amethyst, rose and gold. Before you, three rounded hill-spurs trend down to the sea—long ago dubbed by sallors "Fore," "Mast" and "Mizzen;" and on their sunny slopes the quaint old Danish town is silhouetted against a background of high, dark mountains, its vermillion roofs and the brown casties of long-dead buccaneers peering out from dense foliage. On the right, a wooded savannah sweeps gradually upward; on the left, a chain of rocks and islets almost closes the en-trance to the bay, whose tranquil surface reflects, as in a mirror, the hills that environ it and every cloud that skurries over on the wings of the trade-wind. The most striking part of the view is its rich coloring—especially when seen in the soft, golden light of the rain showers that so frequently deluge the island falling unexpectedly from an apparently clear sky and as suddenly passing away. Clusters of freshly-painted houses-pink, green,

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FIGPRUNE CEREAL

ter the first charter of Boston. It is a relic of a bygone day. A model in theory, perfect as a composition, it is in practice useless. Like all early forms, it is copied from the king and parillament. If a king possessed no more authority than the mayor of Salem he would have difficulty in amusing limself. The power and authority of the mayor of Salem are a fiction and imagdiminimum uniminimum uniminimum uniminimum uniminimum diminimum di nayor of Salem are a fiction and imag-nary. He can growl, find fault, and tell mary. He can grow!, and fault, and tely what ought to be done, but the action is taken by others. So far as accomplishing anything alone, a graven image would serve quite as well as a desh and blood mayor.

"A two board city government results in a free for all contest." It is not the contest. liant hues have been changed by time and weather to russet brown, add an

suits in a free for all contest; it is an-other 'go it husband, go it bear,' with the mayor holding the stakes and won-dering what will be the end. There are more inclpient statesmen, more budding. Websters to the square inch in the council of a small city than in Wash-ington during a session of Congress. More florid ejoquence is poured out on

petty matters than in higher legislative hodies upon a matter of grave public concern. It results in the dual form becoming a nursery for the political sprouts which are expected to develop into presidential or senatorial timber. "The people can be trusted. All officers should be selected yearly. Once an officer is removed from reach of the popular vote he is afflicted with a swelled head and becomes difficult to control. The office then becomes a personal right, to be held and dealt with at will and handed down like a chattel, although it may not be administered upon as a part of the estate.

"The more holy than thou reformers—they who, like the clock, hold their hands in front of their faces in mute horror at the decadence of the people—know little from contact with the peo-

horror at the decadence of the people-know little from contact with the people and learn nothing from experience. The idea of these reformers is to remove power from the masses and lessen the induence of the people.

"From these pious humbugs commissions spring. They seek to purify polities by frustrating the will of the people, and incidentally keep some friend in office, and this on the assumption that God never made but one man for some particular office. If the persons selected by the people to do their business are not capable, hoist them out. There are others who are willing to try it on, and it is not necessary to put them there for a term of years to perpetuate their incapacity. One year at petuate their incapacity. One year at a time is enough, and if they are then proven unfit, try again. The right man will come along, and when he does, he will stay as long as is good for the city, if not as long as he thinks he ought to hold the job."—New York Herald.

#### HAUNTED HOUSE WANTED.

Wanted—To rent a haunted house on west side, between Sixtieth and One hundredth streets. Write particulars to David L. Gluck, 68 Nassau street. and merchant vessels, as well as those of other nations having business in these waters, have made this an important port of call.

There is not the slightest doubt that Uncle Samuel would have by a doing

This advertisement in several morning papers caused astonishment, even in Manhattan, where people are not easily astonished. That haunted houses should have suddenly come into demand was surprising even to real estate agents, and all these immediately began to look over their lists for the purpose of finding property which would fuifill the requirements demanded by Mr. Gluck.

Mr. Gluck is a diamond dealer with

all the vessels that ply between Europe and South America, Europe and Mr. Gluck is a diamond dealer with places of business at No. 11 Maiden lane and No. 68 Nassau street. He is not at all of the type one associates with spook hunters, but a robust, hearty looking gray-bearded man of 45, merry faced and evidently a jovial man. When asked why he wanted to rent a haunted house and live in the society of spirits, he

"I did not advertise for that house for myself, but for some young friends of mine, and they were not hunting for a haunted house because of any fondness for ghosts, but simply because they be-lieved they might get a reduction in the rent by reason of the undesirable char-

her, but the Yankes nation will change acter of haunted houses, all that in the rear future. For more "Among many folks the Among many folks there is a strong eeling amounting almost to a superstition against living in a house in which there is any evidence of the presence of thosts. They not only object to the pell-ringing, dish-breaking, soft-footfall making tricks and other frivolous and foolish habits of ghosts, but they are

really affrighted at the idea of the pres-ence of these grewsome visitors, "Now, these young friends of mine, wishing to establish themselves in a house in the section named, and caring nothing for ghosts, figured it out that, if they could find a haunted house in at a reduced rent."-New York Journal



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