

QUEER THINGS IN COLOMBIA.

Its Government is Patterned After That of the United States—With Variations.

Special Correspondence.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 25.—According to the Colombian constitution, the president's term of office is six years; but in reality he sits for the executive chair for as long or as short a period as his military authorities hold out.

He is assisted by a vice president, seven ministers and a council of state. Congress meets in Bogota on the first day of the new year, the senate and house of deputies both using the same room, which is a very large, bare apartment, having galleries on three sides. Original legislation belongs only to congress, but the governors of the various "departments," or provinces, have power to issue edicts upon laws passed by congress, for facilitating the affairs of their respective districts. The various departments are administered by departmental assemblies, which meet once in two years, and each has its own municipal council, superior court and district judge. Besides the civil, criminal and district courts, "commercial courts" are also held, so far as the text of the law is concerned, foreigners enjoy equal rights with Co-

lombians, including those of law, medicine and that of apothecary, is absolutely unrestricted, so that one need not even possess a license or diploma. Rather too much liberty, it seems to me, in placing human bones and bodies at the mercy of any fiddling who chooses to call himself a physician, surgeon or dentist. By the way, Colombia is the very paradise of dentists. Ten dollars an hour is the tooth-doctor's usual price in the cities, one "hour" being appointed before hand. If the victim fails to appear on schedule time, he is charged for his appointed hour, all the same as if it had been filled with work; and meanwhile the dentist takes things very leisurely beguiling the time with cheerful conversation, apparently "nursing" the job to its limit. There may be exceptions to the general rule, but I have not yet come across them. An acquaintance of mine who wears a plate with half a dozen false teeth in it, had the misfortune to break one of the teeth in Bogota. She went to the leading dentist to get the same tooth fastened again to the same plate, and what do you think he charged her? The job in the United States would cost all the way from nothing (if one's extra dentist) to a dollar; but the Bogota tooth carpenter rendered a bill of \$24.25!

Among the colonists of various nationalities in Colombia, those from the

ACUTE INDIGESTION

CURED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE.

Every Sufferer Will Recognize the Symptoms Described by Miss Roling.

Healthy and rosy-cheeked, looking as though she had never known a sick day, Miss Helen Roling has nevertheless passed through intense suffering. To a reporter who called at her house, No. 27 South Washington street, Columbus, Ohio, she said:

"Two years ago I had an attack of acute indigestion, accompanied by nervous headaches and dizzy spells. I lost in weight, my complexion became pale and yellow, slight exertion made me breathe hard and I could not walk any distance without getting all tired out. I became alarmed and sought medical aid but the doctors gave me no lasting benefit and I continued to grow worse. My stomach could not digest even the simplest and most wholesome food, and dieting did not seem to help me. And I was so tired and worn out all the while."

"It was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People that cured me. I read an article somewhere telling what these pills had done and began taking them. Relief came almost immediately. I kept on taking them and my color came back, I could eat again with relish and with no fear of distressing consequences. I began to feel strong and active and in a short time was restored to perfect health."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People did for Miss Roling they will do for others similarly afflicted as is proved by thousands of cases on file. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure stomach trouble by their tonic action, building up the digestive organs and enabling them to do the work that nature intended them to do. Artificial ferments and predigested foods weaken the stomach in many cases. Medicines should do the stomach's work but should put it in condition to perform its natural functions. A diet book giving useful information will be sent free on request by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Scientific problems in astronomical or mathematical formulas. Most of the professional men were educated abroad and almost everybody of account in Colombia is a writer or a writer. The number of daily and weekly periodicals published and the many loose sheets issued as occasions require, is astonishing. People rush into print on the smallest provocation, and say there indefinitely, long-windedly arguing in manner of questions, to the exceeding interest of the people who have so little to do. Colombian authorities have furnished textbooks on political economy, grammar, geography, mathematics and art; books on metaphysical, historical and biographical essays and works of fiction and poetry. Some of the text books are subsidized by the government and all authors are protected by a copyright law. Patriotic eloquence is the ideal of the Colombian, and well as it realized in many native orators. The people are natural musicians, and spend a great deal of time and money in improving the talent. In every house of the better class is found a German piano and many young people earn good salaries teaching music, while extravagant prices are paid to foreign professors. As the constitution, laws and government of Colombia were modeled after those of the United States, so their financial policies imitate England's; their fashions, manners and customs follow those of France, while their literature, verbosity and suavity are Spanish to the core. The smallest business transaction here requires many formalities. Even the account books of the merchant must receive the legal rubric, as nearly every trial is decided upon the written evidence only.

The wholesale and commission merchants comprise a large class. They buy from the largest selling market, giving the largest credits, and sell to the small tradesmen of their individual sections, often supplying them with goods in advance of the coming crop. This gives them control of the produce a long time ahead. The people are excessively given to the game of chance, and lotteries and raffles are liberally patronized. Beggers are numerous, owing partly to the peculiar diseases that scourge the country. As in Mexico, Saturday is "Beggars' day," authorized by law. Then they crawl out of their holes and lairs and fairly swarm the streets, levying toll upon everybody with confidence. Housewives make it a pious duty to save up all the broken bits of food and the clothes that can be spared to "lend to the Lord" on Saturdays; and every merchant places on his table a quantity of small coin and hands it out as the mendicants ask for it.

The police do duty at night only, leaving the people to look out for themselves during the daytime. Four policemen are stationed at the four corners of each plaza. Every 15 minutes throughout the hours of darkness a bell rings, which causes the guardians of the city to blow their whistles and change places. This is to prevent them from sleeping on their beats, or at least giving them time for little more than "cat-naps." Though the lower classes work indiscriminately, the women do the heaviest share of it, carrying burdens over the mountains equal to the men, often with the addition of two or three children. Indians from the interior come to town in groups, men and women together, often walking three or four days, carrying upon their backs heavy loads of produce or a long string of fish. Arrived at their destination, the women sit patiently all day in the market place peddling the stuff, while the men patronize the gambling booths and drinking places. At night, if there is any money left, they all get drunk together; and then spend three or four

days more on the road, traveling home with tired feet, contented hearts and empty pockets—to repeat the happy experience as soon as they can secure up anything more that is saleable. The homes of these people, who comprise the bulk of the population numerically, are mere huts, roofed with grass and reeds, with a bench or two in the thatch through which the smoke may escape, if it will. There are no windows in the walls and usually the entrance has no other door than a bit of brush set up for the occasion, a stolen board, or an old blanket slung across. Another earth furnishes the only flooring; chairs are unknown; and a bench or two, with a stationary table of solid adobe, or a few rough planks nailed together, are considered ample furnishings. A pile of blankets, covered with a blanket forms a luxurious bed; but often there are no beds at all, the people lying down on the ground wherever they like, while the pigs, fowls, goats, donkeys—what ever "live stock" the family possesses—beside you sleep, etc.—go in and out at will, as much at home inside the premises as any of the other occupants.

A little way out of Bogota is the cemetery for foreigners, and in it are buried all Americans, whether Catholics or Protestants, who are so unlucky as to shuffle off the mortal coil in Colombia. The little "God's acre" was laid out many years ago by a former minister from England. Its high adobe walls are washed a vivid yellow, in which a wide archway forms the portal for double wooden doors. Having obtained the key from a neighboring cottage and unlocked these massive gates, you follow a pathway between tall rose-bushes whose trunks are like those of a tree, bordered by beds of pansies and forget-me-nots, a passion-vine clambering overhead and an occasional orchid showing among the purple flowers; until a second wooden gate is reached, through which you pass into the last resting place of numbers of your countrymen. Among scores of unmarked graves of the long-forgotten dead are several handsome tombs and monuments.

FANNIE B. WARD.

THE JOKE WAS ON PAPA.

It was a serious moment in the family. Helen Jennings was in tears and tried to speak, but her father stopped her with a sad gesture. Mrs. Jennings wiped her glasses and prepared to read a letter that she had just found in her pocket. To think that their Helen, who had but recently celebrated her seventeenth birthday; their Helen, who was so sweet and good and straightforward, should have a letter like this!

Mrs. Jennings read, in a trembling voice:

"Angel of my existence—"

"What!" exclaimed Mr. Jennings.

"What sensible man would dream of addressing a young girl in that idiotic manner? But go on, my dear."

"Existence spelt with an 'a' too," said Mrs. Jennings.

"Really, the idiot can't even spell!" exclaimed the justly indignant father.

"But let us hear the next."

"It is impossible for me to describe the joy with which your presence has filled me."

"What does he try to describe it for, then, the ignorant? But don't let me interrupt you," groaned Mr. Jennings.

"I think of you constantly, and I bitterly condemn your father, the obstinate, unfeeling, purse-proud old party, who will, no doubt, withhold his consent to our union."

"Old party! Obstinate, unfeeling, purse-proud! And I have been the kindest of fathers. When I see this young man, I will—the man that could pen those words—but go on, my dear."

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I feel it my duty to let my afflicted sisters know of the potency of Wine of Cardui for female troubles. It takes the place of a doctor in my family. I have had experience with different kinds of medicine but nothing I ever saw or heard of would compare with your medicine. It is a ideal home medicine and when doctors fail Wine of Cardui will cure me. I cured me of irregularities and nervousness when I felt as if nothing I did would help me. People don't sympathize with those suffering with such a trial, but I thank you most heartily for what Wine of Cardui has done for me and mine. I am in perfect health now and it is all due to your medicine which is certainly without an equal.

It is women's nature to be patient. A nervous, irritable woman is always sick. The scolding of the household is generally the cry of distress of some suffering woman, racked with unstrung nerves caused by irregular menstruation, bearing down pains or some other form of female weakness that is making her not herself. Household cares never bring from the heart the cry of anguish that the torture of bearing down pains do. It is female weakness that is killing so many mothers. It is sad to see sweet tempered and loving mothers becoming haggard, sickly, cross and nervous unlovely creatures when even their nearest relatives and dearest friends never know enough of the truth to give sympathy.

People do not understand female weakness and its power to crush a woman's life. Mrs. Danforth knows about it and she wrote this letter to show sick, tired, nervous and worn out women the way to health. She has shown you that Wine of Cardui is the best and surest medicine to take to secure health. You owe it to your family and friends to secure health. Wine of Cardui imparts health and strength to the female organism. This relieves the nerves of strain and tension. This medicine eliminates bearing down pains. It banishes the last traces of irritation of the membranes and maintains regularity in the menstrual flow.

All druggists sell \$1.00 bottles.

WINE of CARDUI

THINK IT OVER.

Something You Can See in Any Restaurant or Cafe.

A physician puts the query: Have you never noticed in any large restaurant at lunch or dinner time the large number of hearty, vigorous old men at the tables; men whose ages run from 60 to 80 years; many of them bald and all perhaps gray, but none of them feeble or senile?

Perhaps the spectacle is so common as to have escaped your observation or comment, but nevertheless it is an object lesson which means something. If you will notice what these hearty old fellows are eating you will observe that they are not munching bran crackers nor gingerly picking their way through a menu card of new fangled health foods; on the contrary they seem to prefer a juicy roast of beef, a properly turned loin of mutton, and even the delectable broiled lobster is not altogether ignored.

The point of all this is that a vigorous old age depends upon good digestion and plenty of wholesome food and not upon dieting and an endeavor to live upon bran crackers.

There is a certain class of food cranks who seem to believe that meat, coffee, and many other good things are rank poisons, but these cadaverous, sickly looking individuals are a walking condemnation of their own theories. The matter in a nutshell is that if the stomach secretes the natural digestive juices in sufficient quantity any wholesome food will be promptly digested; if the stomach does not do so, or if the stomach is diseased, or if the stomach is weak, the food will not be properly digested and the result will be a weak stomach, lack of pep, indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, etc., etc.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do not act upon the bowels and in fact are not strictly a medicine as they act almost entirely upon the food eaten, digesting it thoroughly and thus giving a much needed rest and giving an appetite for the next meal.

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All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full sized packages and any druggist from Maine to California. If his opinion were asked, will say that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the most popular and successful remedy for any stomach trouble.

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CAUSE AND EFFECT!

BECAUSE WE BOUGHT CHEAP WE CAN SELL CHEAP. Add to that the fact that we bought good shoes cheap and are selling them cheap—that is the reason, pure and simple, that the CROWDS ARE COMING OUR WAY.

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This week's selling is of especial interest, as the choice of \$5.00 to \$7.00 shoes for men and women at \$2.85 is included, to give added zest to the sale.

Wichert & Gardners famous \$5.00 a pair Shoes for Women, and our famous \$5.00 Aristocrat Shoe for men will be in the sale.

YOUR CHOICE OF ANY LADIES OR MENS

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SHOES IN THE HOUSE

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