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Salt Lake Boy in Puerto Rico

Wesley R. Long, at One Time a Newspaper Reporter in Salt Lake, Writes Interestingly of Life in the Sunny Isle Where He is Now a Teacher-People Are Great Beggars- Do Not Respect, Privacy of a Dwelling House-Exparience With an Over Friendly Nativa.

Rico is rather a far cry, but Wos- crally useful, although summer a reporter in this city, is now | tention. for one year was instructor of spanish at Stanford university, in California,

teresting incidents of life in a tropical tsle. It is as follows:

Quebladilias, Puerto Rico,-I am fairiy installed, to use the newspaper term, ere now. I had a very "pleasant all non-northole voyage, to loro; w a bruse of Mr. Dooley 8. I went to San an drat and was detained there neara week waiting for the commissioner knocking. But here, it seems, it is return from the southern part of the permissible?" On his return he assigned me

out the middle of the month. his is a town of 8,000 innabiants, here?" the northwest corner of the ising, about two miles from the coust. it was founded by the Spaniards over low years ago, and is very dirty and in-teresting. I am the only American within a radius of seven miles and the natives come around to stare at me, and follow me around the streets as if I were a whole dime museum in When I first came they used gather outside and stare through the bars of my cage (i. e. the windows of my room at the "pozada"), men, wo-They would point men and chlidren. ne out to one another, saying) "Mr. Long blacking his boots," "Mr. Long, Mr. abing his hair," or "Mr. Long shaving," as the case might be. However, I finally managed to spread the im-pression that that sort of thing was not considered good form in my country and they now leave me in comparative neace.

My teaching is to be confined to English this year. I have 14 classes a day of 20 or 25 minutes each with the students, making six hours of teaching dally, and two classes a week, one and one-half hours each, with the native The students are about 250 number, in six grades, ages ranging rom 5 to 13. Only a small proportion if them are from the "poblacion" or town proper, which contains altogether | before. only about 1,100 people. The greater part are from the surrounding country and are a very unkempt and unprepos-sessing lot. More than half of the boys are barefooted and generally disreputable in appearance.

ELEPHANTS IN AMERICA.

They are very simple people. I have been asked a good many questions about the vast herds of elephants that

, ROM newspaper man in Salt Lake | especial patronage and stuck to me to teacher of English in Puerto | closer than a brother, helping me in various ways and making himself gen-I had not ley R. Long, through the past sought, or especially desired, such at-

however I made no protest against installed us a teacher on the sunny fale. It, and got used to having him around He is well qualified for the position, as a good deal. The only thing I strongly he had received a thorough college edu- objected to was his coming into my estion before coming to sait Lake, and room without knocking, at all hours of the day and evening, to get his papers. I stood for it for some time, but one day when he came in I spoke His letter, which was written to a to him pratty shortly and managed to personal friend here, is replete in in- convey the impression that he was un-That evening he met me on the strest and rather indignantly in-quired what the matter was.

"I notice there is a dif-1 said: ference in many customs between your country and the United States. For instance, in the United States, it is considered very impolite to enter the room of another without

'No," he said, in the same indignant and. On his return he assigned bere tone, "it is the same here," "What, you say it is just the same

"Yes," he said. We walked along for a few minutes in slience, and he seemed to be sort of revolving the subject in his raind. Then "Why did you say this to me?" he said: I told him flatly it was because he had butted in" to my room in that way. Then he started in to tell me what he thought. He said he had considered that we were particular friends, that he had done everything possible for my confort and as distance, and thought I regarded him as a special friend, and that in the cases of such particular friends as he thought we were it was considered permissible in his country to dispense with the formality of knock ing. He was very much hurt, and said "I will continue to be your as much. friend," he concluded, "and will do all I can for you, but my dignity will not permit me to ever in my life enter your room again.'

I didn't say anything, and he didn't come near me for the next day or the following, though he spoke pleasantly when we met on the street. On the third day he came to my room, knock. asked permission to enter, and stayed for an hour, and smoked two of my cigars without referring at all to his dignity. He has been around regularly since, though not quite so frequently as

PEOPLE NOT INDEPENDENT.

This lack of independence, characteristic of the people here, and their greatest fault, is also well illustrated at the social events in the town. When

fact, am doing so. I have run along quite at length. one of the 400 gives a ball, those who It is sometimes a pleasure to record impressions of a new country, for your are not invited, instead of running down and poking fun at the function own amusement as well as for that of or getting up a rival dance of their about the vast herds of elephants that they suppose feed along the valley of ica, hang around outside the house and another. LADIES NOT BOISTEROUS. the Mississippi, and similar wonders, look through the windows, with their the found trates with which which takes in their mouths, at their snob-Senor Milan insisted on taking me one night to see a couple or his lad; bish friends. They are glad to be perfriends. They were of the best class of people in the town and both were intellitted to catch occasional snatches of the music and see the dresses of the rural belles. people in the town and both were inter-ligent and very prepossessing. The younger, especially, would have been a belle in any American town of the same size. It seems, therefore, very incon-gruoue to see this charming young lady interrupt her conversation by frequent-ly and unctiously splitting into a small base outplot which he kept at her The same opirit among the people is illustrated again in the great prevalence of begging. BEGGING A FINE ART. Great numbers of professional mendily and unchously splitting into a sindi-brass cuspidor, which she kept at her feet for that purpose. That, however, is not thought anything of here, I will probably be in Puerto Rico two cants fill the street corners, and the habit is even cultivated among the children of the well-to-do people, who will stop anyone who looks generous, in the street, at any time to ask for a

The lack of self-respect among these

people is, I suppose, a natural result of years of slavery under Spanish rule.

They have become reduced under these conditions to a state of childhood, men-



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in the town I have to use Spanish ex-cluseively, and as a result talk almost like a native already. I am going to

hire a horse at \$3 a month, and do a good deal of riding while here. The

food is better also than I expected, and

ole with the people and expect to get an

unusually thorough and extensiva knowledge of the colloquiar and idio-

matic forms of speech in that way. In

quite eatable. I mix as much as possi-

I have ever seen, two miles from the | while cultivation and grazing are

town. Also very fine river bathing. As changing the plants of the country, the I am the only English-speaking person margins of the railways afford a refuge

A double row of gray stone steps lead up to the mansion, entering on to a are grouped around that. In the basebroad and handsomely thed veranda en-closed on either side. This extends around the north and western sides of in the country. the manufon to the conservatory. The entrance doors are of solid and highly polished mahogany, opening into a spaclous and handsomely furnished recep-tion hall, and beyond is the main hall used as the sitting aparament, after the fashion of English manors. The ground floor includes a large invary, ideal in

fittings and equipment. There is also a wide and charming old fashioned fireplace, back of which is the \$10,000 organ.

for the hard-pressed plants of nature,

and in these places are to be found a better presentation of the native flora

than exists elsewhere. Many of the plants-blooming in masses-can be recognized even from the windows of

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they were stuffed by a predecessor of 1 was rather agreeably surprised

though, on the whole, with the Porto Blouis They are naturally very bright, though unsophisticated, and show an astonishing amount of ambition to learn, much more than American chil-dren. I believe they will make very creditable people when they have bad time to take advantage of their recent liberation from intellectual and moral

They are extremely polite and anxi-ous to do anything possible for a stranger. They carry these qualities a little too far, however, to suit me, For instance, I could never get used to this Spanish custom of men greet-ing each other by mutual hugging and kissing instead of shaking hands,

HUCGING DIDN'T GO.

One or two of the men here tried it on me, but I refuse to be hugged by any man and much more by a Spaniard This excessive familiarity is the only This excessive fainfiantly is the only thing I have against the better class of the people here. Here is an example: While waiting for a permanent room to be prepared for me at the inn, I have taken a temporary one nearby. The brightest and most progressive of the pative tempera a map named Milan tally. They will improve rapidly, I am sure, under a more liberal and civilized native teachers, a man named Milan, used to occupy this room and has since

government. HEAT NOT EXCESSIVE. The climate is not so hot as I exkept some of his school documents in the bookcase. As soon as 1 arrived in town, he had taken me under his



Senator Barney Martin is one of the most famous of the old-time politiciand his announcement that he will retire from political life, recalls many of the historic political fights. Barney Martin was one of the right hand then of Honest John Kelly. He says that politics is a good work for young men who are honest, but that there na room for dishonest ones.

I will probably be in Fuerto Rico two years at least, unless something unex-pected turns up. It is very wearing at times not to have any fellow-country-man around to speak to, for though I mix among these people, I can't frater-ulae with them to any extent. Next The schoolchildren are great beggars Whenever one asks me for a cell, I take pains to give him a little discourse on the evil of mendicancy. It is a very generous thing for me to do, as I am nize with them to any extent. Next year I hope to be in some place where there are other Americana. not paid anything for giving them this sort of education. But they need it worse than they do the other.

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constituted a late striking exhibit in Naples, is a microscope of very long focus, the rack-mounted tube contain. focus, the fack-monitor too be and ing a system of achromatic objects and an eye-piece of wide field. The mag-nifying power is somewhat more than 12 diameters at a distance of 20 inches. 12 diameters at a distance of 20 inches. The new instrument gives revelations that are marvellous, as it shows the actions and emotions of such creatures as ants, spiders and files in their or-dinary undisturbed life, gives wonder-fully clear views of the doings of aquatic animals, and enables the medi-cal man to peer into the hervity and

cal man to peer into the harynx and other body cavities as never b-fore. It opens a new era in the study of nature. Lapland has a weather service of automatic apparatus. At two stations in the Lapland Alps-one at 3,500 feet on Sahkok mountain and one at 6,000 feet on the Portitjokko-have been installed the registering apparatus devised by Prof. Alex Hamberg of Stockholm, and records, including fails of snow and rain and the direction and velocity of

the wind, are kept with no human in-tervention except at long intervals. It is necessary to wind the clockwork and replace the paper registering cylinders only once a year. Difficuities due to frost and moisture have been largely overcome, and the mechanical observers have done their work two years with little Interruption.

The rubber meteorological balloous used at Pavia, Italy, are usually sent up in pairs, and rapidly rise to 20,000 meters or more, where 50 degrees Cent. below zero may be recorded. The up-per balloon eventually bursts, when the lower, one, smaller and not fully in-flated, acts as a parachute to bring the registering instruments gradually to the ground,

Something like tangible proof of a connection between magnetic storms and sun-spots appears in the recent discovery of E. W. Maunder, of the Green-wich observatory. It was long ago noticed that the magnetic needle is denoticed that the magnetic neede is de-flected regularly at intervals of 27% days, and after a long attempt to trace the influence of spots, faculae and prominences on the sun, it has at last been seen that a series of magnetic terms often fullence a term spot of the been seen that a series of magnetic storms often follows a large spot at like intervals. This period of 275 days is the time required for a point on the sun to go around once and again appear opposite the earth. The storms often occur several times after the spots have opposite the earth. The storms often recur several times after the spots have ceased to be visible, and they usually come 26 hours after the arrival of the spot's place opposite the earth, this being evidently the time taken by the stream of magnetic matter to reach the earth. Certain centers of the sunnotably the twenty-second degree of ongitude-show a remarkable tendency o develop spots and magnetic streams.

The railways are maintaining the great preserves of native plants. An American botanist points out that,

Various ores-including cinnabar, realgar, hematite, and copper and lead chlorides-are found to be deposited in the steam-jets, or fumareles, issuing from the cone of Vesuvius.

winter like other liquids, that the inter-

or of fibrous plants is sensibly warmer han the outside air in cold weather,

and that snow melts more tapidly at

the foot of living trees than at the foot

of dead ones. A more careful study has lately shown M. Dutrophet that

certain vegetables, with temperature independent of that of the atmosphere,

grow warmer until the middle of the

day, then become cooler as the sun de-clines. Certain plants show increase

of temperature in flowering, the rise

Henry-Cabbages and kings. Hayne-Atoms of Empire, Jerome-Tommy & Co. JUVENILE. Eastman-Red hunters and the ani-The fact has been slowly brought out that plants, like animals, generate a certain degree of heat, by their life

Frothingham-Sea wolves of seven hores. processes, though the amount is rela-tively very small. It has been noted that the sap of trees does not freeze in Henty-By conduct and courage.

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