

BULL FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

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He is dressed in skinning short breeches of sky blue silk, with an Eton jacket like it, both plastered with the splendor of gold lace that can be fastened to them.

By his side, perhaps a little in the rear, stalks his less illustrious colleague. He, too, is dressed in the same combination, but his jacket is covered with more gold braid than the Admiral of the navy together can support.

The whole crowd are torreadores because they all, in one capacity or another, fight the bull. The matadors are the greatest because it is their work to dispatch the animal and there is required of them not only great bravery, but also a certain amount of skill.

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It simply blinds him and confuses him, and he does no harm. So it goes on until he is worn out by his repeated rushes and will stand still long enough for the matador to get him into just the position in which he can be killed most easily.

The first bull at yesterday's fight was a handsome big black fellow that excited the enthusiastic approval of the experts all around the ring as soon as he came through the gate.

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made a speech to the crowd, vowing to kill the bull or be killed himself. He, too, kept his word with one swift stroke, and hardly received the applause of the crowd when the ring was clear and the third bull was coming in.

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OLD GREEK CITY UNEARTHED.

PRIENE WAS PLANNED LIKE THE CITIES OF TO-DAY.

Its Ruins Now Tell as Plainly as a Printed Book Many Hitherto Undetermined Things About the Architecture, Art and Customs of the Ancient Greeks.

In the last number of the Revue des Deux Mondes M. Collignon of the Academy of Inscriptions published the result of a personal visit to the remains of the Greek city of Priene, where excavations have been going on for some time.

The site of ancient Priene, one of the twelve federated cities founded by the Ionians on the western coast of Asia Minor, was examined by Chandler and Revett in 1763.

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THE MASSIVE CROTON DAM.

NINE YEARS BUILDING AND NOW MAY BE YEARS LONGER.

Wonderful Inland Sea—It Will Withhold for New York's Water Supply 32,000,000,000 Gallons in a Lake Nineteen Miles Long Where Now Are Farms—Five Years to Fill It.

The great Croton dam, begun in 1892 to create an artificial reservoir which shall protect Manhattan and The Bronx from a water famine for a generation or two to come, will not be finished this year, as the Legislature originally provided that it should be, and the probability is now that several more years will elapse before it is completed.

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