

WOMEN OF MEXICO DRINK OVER BAR WITH MEN—PULQUE, NATIVE DRINK OF MEXICO



A "Pulqueria," or Saloon, in Mexico, Where the Women Drink Mescal With the Men.

Mexico City.—Pulque (mescal) is the peon's drink. He indulges in it whether there is war or not. It is slightly intoxicating, tastes like sour butter-milk and looks like yeast. This drink costs from 2 to 5 cents a quart. Consequently many of the peons practically live on it. Many of them prefer to go without food in order to buy pulque. In Mexico City alone, some 20,000 pesos (\$10,000) is spent by laborers every day for the beverage, which they think has wonderful properties.

Pulque is the juice drawn from the century plant when in flower. The huge stem of the flower is cut out and the juice drains into the bowl made by the leaves. When the bowl is full the juice is carried by the peon work-

ers on the plantation to the hacienda-house and there allowed to ferment. Then it is shipped to the cities in hogsheads. In the cities pulque is sold from the "pulquerias," a sort of saloon. Men, women and children come to the paper-decked shops and drink pulque over the bar or carry it home for the family.

\$200 reward offered for arrest and conviction of murderers of Henry J. Bellman, saloonkeeper, killed by hold-up men, July, 1913.

Trial of James Franche, "Duffy the Goat," for murder of Isaac Henagow, arraigned to Judge McKinley.

Illegal operation self-performed coroner's verdict in death of Mrs. G. W. Williams, 7000 Sheridan road.