

CURACAO, THE "ISLAND OF REST."

A Bit of Old Holland in the West Indies—Mainly Known To the World by the Liqueur that Bears Its Name and As a Haven for Political Refugees.

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Curacao, Dutch W. I., April 5.—The quaintest little island in the world lies only about forty miles from the Venezuelan coast, on the edge of the great Gulf which receives the waters of Lake Maracaibo. Its distance from New York is in the neighborhood of 1,800 miles, and from Key West not much more than a thousand. About the size of the District of Columbia, it contains a flourishing Dutch colony, 40,000 strong, and half as many more people of diverse nationalities, having been, since time out of mind, a favorite asylum for absconding defrauders, forgers and other criminals, as well as for political refugees from North, South and Central America, and all the islands on this side of the globe. Many of the revolutions that have racked and ruined the so-called Republics of Spanish America were hatched in Curacao, under the shelter of the pretentious, (but nowadays perfectly harmless) fort that guards this port. Bolivar, Blanco, Santa Ana, Lerdo, Barrios, and a long line of later dictators and would-be "presidents" found security for a time in this little island. Bolivar, the founder of five republics, lived here in banishment several years, waiting for the rescue that never came and the justice that was not recorded till after his death.

In reality, Curacao island is nothing but a great volcanic fissure, between 30 and 40 miles long by from three to seven wide—two wide bars, abrupt ridges of greenstone, connected by a limestone dyke, more than a mile thick. Coasting around its edges, you see many deep indentations, which look as if they might be excellent harbors, each a circular basin enclosed within high rims of greenish rock, but the steamer stops at none of them, until the southwest corner of the island is reached, where is Willemstadt, the chief town of Curacao, commonly called by the same name as the island. The entrance to its bay is a narrow, mile-long passage which reminds you of the approach to Santiago de Cuba, except that this is straighter and deeper than the historic Cuban inlet. The Dutch possessors have dubbed the passage Skatgat, and lined it on both sides with towering forts that fairly bristle with antique guns. So narrow is the waterway to Santa Ana bay that sentinels on opposite forts crack jokes with one another and might easily jump off their walls to the deck of your vessel. The bay into which it leads is a natural lagoon, deep and wide enough to float more of a navy than Holland will ever own. On its farther edge is the harbor proper, defended from the world by an absurd little pontoon bridge across its entrance. On all sides are antiquated forts, towers, batteries, rusty cannon and garriisons of jumpy Dutch soldiers—an amazing bit of Holland's power in the western world, which strikes you as extremely funny. You do not observe the pontoon bridge until almost upon it. The steamer halts, and presently the deep bass of her whistle is answered by a shrill treble from a tiny launch. Then one end of the bridge of boats is seen to be slowly moving toward the opposite shore. Little by little the strip of blue water widens, until at last the pontoon lies parallel to the shore, and a series of car-splitting tows from the fussy little tender announces that the deed is done and the strange vessel is at liberty to enter Holland's domain. Before your steamer reaches her dock in front of Curacao's capital, the launch has tugged the pontoon back into place, and traffic upon it is resumed.

So eminently, sleepily and clumsily Dutch is the scene that you can hardly compel yourself to believe that you are still in the western hemisphere, actually under the lee of the two Americas, and not in the Zuyder Zee. The town of Willemstadt is scattered all around the lagoon, its houses built exactly like those of Holland, the streets so narrow that the burghers can shake hands with one another through opposite windows. So solid is the architecture that each residence might withstand a siege, its walls of stone and mortar a veritable fort. There are no others like them on this side of the world, unless it be at Surinam—that other Dutch paradise in Guiana, a little further down the coast of South America. Huge stone buildings, two or three stories high, have the oldest of gables and dormer windows, and pillared balconies let in on the second floors, with places of business below. Even the governor's mansion and splendid residence has a government storehouse on the ground floor. They are really Spanish "casas" with Dutch modifications—a happy combination to fit the climate, with their bricked courts and tiled roofs and breezy corridors shaded by jalousies. The walls are painted yellow, pink, purple or blue, after the fashion of Spanish-America, the roof-tiles are dark red, and the jalousies are as bright a green as paint can make them. Dominating all are the forts and castles—Fort Amsterdam, Fort Rijk, Nassau Castle, Bolivar Tower, and others whose names I have not learned. All your previous experiences of travel in strange places seem to be upset in Willemstadt and you find yourself ob-

liged to take new bearings altogether. The reason why there are not more fatalities in the six-foot-wide streets is probably traceable to Dutch lack of hurry. Carts can barely squeeze through them, the ponderous hubs of their wheels grazing the walls on either side and scattering pedestrians into doorways. There are tramcars—heavy, square, curtained boxes, with dashboards so high and seats turned the other way that the "motor" (two diminutive donkeys to each car) is not visible. You soon learn that the city is divided by the clover leaf-shaped bay into three district parts—Punda, where the government buildings and principal commercial houses are located; Batavia (together with a populous residence quarter; and Scherpe, the Fifth Avenue of the island. Each of these divisions has just one broad, smooth, main driveway, encompassed by a network of alleys. Naturally, everything on wheels seeks the three wide thoroughfares, crowding them from curb to curb and making them more dangerous than the comparatively deserted alleys. The carriages of Curacao aristocrats are drawn by the lively half-wild horses of Colombia, which disdain control and dash ahead at break-neck speed, whatever may stand in the way. People pass from one division of the city to another by tramcar, which makes the circuit of the bay, or in flat-bottomed boats or punts—the latter method of transportation being a regular and well-conducted business. Punda section includes the old Spanish city of Santa Ana, and its modern eastward extension. Close to the governor's residence stands the Dutch Reformed church, where Peter Stuyvesant worshipped when he was governor of the island, before being transferred to New Amsterdam, which is now a part of Greater New York. A little way back of this quaintest of sanctuaries is the nearly obliterated ruin of the Stuyvesant mansion, and in an adjacent cemetery lies one of the Stuyvesants' legs. Of course you go to service in the Dutch Reformed church on your first Sunday morning in Curacao, and perhaps sit in the governor's pew, which is as high as the pulpit, quite as conspicuous. As you pass out of the door, a cloth bag is presented to your attention, in which you are expected to deposit an offering for the church; and after a 7 o'clock dinner you should follow the local world to the governor's house, and promenade therein, to the music of the government band, for an hour or two. Following the band, you go up the wide staircase of the mansion, into a series of lofty saloons, all looking out over the bay. Presently dancing begins, (although it is Sunday evening), and perhaps the stately governor, Baron von Heerdt Eversberg, leads the measure. More likely, however, he is busy with his male friends in a big apartment to the right, where sideboards and decanters are the conspicuous features of furniture; or else he is in the card-room, where a heavy of gentlemen, prosperous-looking men are at whist, or some other game that is played with cards. What is your surprise to observe in the midst of the preacher of the morning—the reverend divine whose powerful discourse reminded you so much of the late Henry Ward Beecher—his hands full of kings and aces, his little guilder stake on the table, a fragrant Havana between his lips and a glass of brandy-and-soda at his elbow? We are assured by those who live here, and therefore ought to know that there are no better people on earth than these, both in intention and execution; but their ways are not exactly those to which Americans have been accustomed. Out in the streets everything looks equally queer and improbable—from the street arches that stand ready to dive for the pennies you throw into 20 feet of water and the half-nude boatmen will row you from place to place in the town to variously colored women selling fruit, sweetmeats and tobacco, and ladies trailing stiffly starched skirts at their slippered heels.

The official language of Curacao is Dutch, but English, Spanish and French are also commonly spoken. The emancipated negroes who comprise the bulk of the population, speak a strange patois called Papiamentu—a word which literally translated means to speak lies. It is soft and liquid as that of the South Sea Islands, and evidently grew from a Spanish base in the old slave times. Dutch, Danish and English words were also incorporated, but none of African origin. All harsh consonants have been eliminated, all long words abbreviated and after three hundred years of growth it has become a language by itself. Children have learned it, generation after generation, and the Roman clergy have given it a fixed grammatical form.

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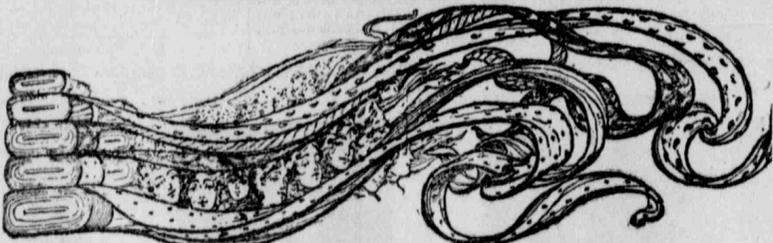
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- 1 Style at 45c. Gingham striped Waists, all colors.
- 1 Style at 50c. Percale Waists, two rows embroidered insertion, fancy colored stripes.
- 3 Styles at 60c. Solid color Dimities, plain and fancy striped Ginghams, and black and white Percales.
- 6 Styles at 85c. Black and white stripe Percale, solid tucked fronts, Ginghams, cluster tucked yokes.
- All over tucked lawns in pink, blue, tan and green Chambrays, with deep stitched tucks and broad striped Madras.
- A Beautiful Style at \$1.10. Striped Percale, 6 rows embroidered insertion down front and back, a beautiful waist.
- 7 Styles at \$1.35. Polka dot mercerized, mottled, striped Gingham, stitched tucks.
- Mercerized Zephyrs, tucked Gibson styles, mercerized Ginghams, with black or white piping.
- Embroidered striped Persian Lawns, Linen Oxfords, tucked yokes, and polka dot Lawn Waists. Elegant assortment.
- 4 Styles at \$1.50. Linen colored Lawns, colored dots, button in back or front.
- Mercerized Ginghams, tucked Gibson style.
- Mercerized Oxfords, fancy stock collar, and Persian Lawns with small colored rings, open in back or front.
- 5 Styles at \$1.85. Striped Batiste, Gibson style, mercerized Ginghams, tucked yoke and strap trimmed. Linen Batiste Waists, tailored pockets, fancy striped tissue, Ascot stock collars. Striped and figured Mulls. Persian band trimming.
- 6 Styles at \$2.65. Mercerized Oxford with white plique collars and Gibson style, striped linen, 5 rows embroidery, colored lace stripe Dimity, polka dot mercerized Ginghams, striped Grenadines, tucked, linen crash, Gibson style, stock collar, Jabot front. Beautiful Waists.
- White Waists. 1 style at 75c. White India Linon, sailor collar, embroidery insertion trimmed.
- 2 styles at \$1.00. Hemstitched, tucked front, India Linon and Lace and Embroidery trimmed front Waists.
- 2 styles at \$1.25. India Linon, made with cluster plm tucks and two rows Valenciennes insertion and pique, with crush collar.
- 4 styles at \$1.40. India Linon, made in solid box pleated Gibson style, fine tucked fronts, others with 8 rows embroidery insertion down front, open in back, or 6 rows lace insertion and tucks.
- 6 styles at \$1.65. Fancy Oxfords, hemstitched linen collar and cuffs. Fine dotted and striped Swiss, hemstitched collars. Victoria Lawns with Val Lace insertion and box pleats, edged with Valenciennes Lace. Mercerized Oxfords, Ascot collars. India Linon, embroidery trimmed, open in back. Pique tucked Gibson styles. Space does not permit us to tell of half the trimmings, etc.

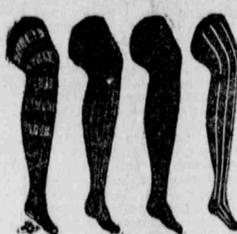
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- Skirts for \$2.98. One lot of walking and latest cut, black and colored dress Skirts. Walking Skirts come with stitched bouces or strap trimmed, flaring styles, and the dress Skirts are made in a large variety of Satin, braid or Taffeta fabric trimmed. Some sold as high as \$5.00, choice this week for \$2.98
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- Skirts for \$7.25. One lot of Taffeta, Beau de Soie, Etamine, Venetian, Canvas weave and Broadcloth Dress Skirts, handsomely trimmed, newest models, some are in the latest cut, unlined, light colored, summer weight, corded and stitched cloth skirts, a big assortment and some of these were our regular \$14.00 skirts. Choice this week for \$7.25

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- SKIRTS. 49c for Skirts. Umbrella styles with hemstitched hem and tucked yoke.
- 75c for Skirts. With a deep flounce, edged with Hamburg embroidery and tucks.
- \$1.49 for Skirts. Umbrella styles with lace insertion and edge, dust ruffe.
- \$1.69 for Skirts. With wide flounce, torchon insertion and lace, dust ruffe.
- DRAWERS. 25c for Ladies' Drawers. Clusters of fine tucks and hemstitched hem.
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- 75c for Drawers. Cambric and long cloth, tucks, lace and embroidery trimmed.
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