

MEXICAN PROGRESS.

Features Noticed by an Observant Traveler. I ran across Peter Lewis, an American doing business in the City of Mexico, the other day.

Speaking of the progress which Mexico is making, he said: "There seems to be a kind of hazy idea running through the minds of a good many people in this country that Mexico is greatly behind the age in the march of modern improvements."

THE LODGE BILL.

Why Should Harrison Endorse a Policy That Grant Abandoned? We have asked the question of the eminent Republican members of Congress who are in favor of the Lodge bill and at pains to press it why we should expect from President Harrison the execution of a policy that Gen. Grant abandoned.

We have not seen the name of a single influential Southern Republican who is in favor of the passage and signature of the Lodge bill as it left the House. The fact—if it be a fact, and the testimony is clear and strong—that the Southern Republicans do not want the Lodge bill to become a law is conclusive against it.

Promoting Pauperism.

We have before us a circular from one of the chain agents, who is "blowing his ten-dollar fee, which, after stating various inducements for the recipient of it to apply for a pension, explains that there is nothing to pay 'until you get your pension,' and that the claimant will take his chances for his \$10, for 'the Pension Office is now under splendid management.'"

Understand, you do not have to prove that you contracted a disease or disability during your army service. Are you disabled now? That is the question. It has been twenty-five years since the war closed, and what veteran now living in there who is free from some kind of disability today.

What a vista of perjury and fraud this opens up! Does it not fully sustain Bishop Potter's criticism that the least objectionable effect will be the depletion of the Treasury? It is aimed at manhood and honesty.

The Camels of the Vegetable World. The cactuses are very peculiar plants—as peculiarly so as they are bizarre and grotesque in outer appearance. They have spared no pains and shrunk from no sacrifice in accommodating themselves thoroughly to their niche in nature.

In the first place, they have no true leaves. What look like leaves in certain jointed cactuses are really flattened and expanded stems. If this seems at first hearing a hard saying, the analogy of the common stone-crops, where stem and leaf are hardly distinguishable, will help to make it a little less incredible.

In other ways, too, the stone-crops (or sedums, as gardeners call them) throw much light upon the nature of the cactuses. All these rock-haunting or desert plants naturally get very little water, except at long intervals after occasional showers.

Hence only those can survive which form themselves, as it were, into living reservoir to retain all the moisture they once absorb. As soon as the rain falls in their arid haunts, the roots and rootlets eagerly drink it up in a great hurry, and store it away at once in the soft and spongy cellular tissue of which the main part of the plant is composed.

For this purpose, both in stone-crops and cactuses, the stems have become fleshy and succulent, and, being also green and leaf-like, they closely resemble true leaves. But they are covered externally with a thick skin, which resists evaporation and keeps the moisture, once collected, at the plant's disposal for an unlimited period.

In short, the cactus does as a plant just what the camel does as an animal.—[North American Review.]

A Unique Five-Dollar Bill.

Yesterday afternoon as the crowd was thickest in the Palmer House rotunda a young man approached a group of men at the counter and pleasantly remarked that it was an unpleasant day. The stranger wore a shabby silk hat, trousers shaped like elephant's legs and a fancy shirt of a pattern resembling kitchen wallpaper.

He held a greenback in his hand and seemed to be greatly interested in the money. "Pardon me," said the stranger, by way of breaking the ice, "but I've just had the strangest experience in my life," and he looked intently at the five-dollar bill in his hand, holding it toward the light and trying to see through it.

The crowd gathered closer around the young man, but as he did not show any intention of telling his strange experience, a drummer asked him to relate it.

"See this five-dollar bill?" said the stranger. "Now, I don't suppose there is a gentleman here who could tell it from any other bill of the same denomination."

At this point Clerk Cunningham and Dr. Sutton, of Rome, N. Y., pricked up their ears. The clerk is a numismatist of no mean ability, and the Eastern physician is in Chicago for the sole purpose of picking up curiosities to add to his large collection.

Both of these men reached for the bill. "It looks like any other," remarked its owner, "but I'll bet fifty cents that no one can tell why it is different from any other five-dollar bill. Not that I care for a mere half dollar, but just to test your knowledge of paper money and just to make the trial interesting, I'll put up fifty cents."

He handed his money to Mr. Cunningham. Dr. Sutton deposited a like sum. Then the relic-hunter from Rome felt the bill, held it toward the light and scrutinized every number and line on the greenback; but he found no evidence that the note was either a counterfeit or a rare bill. Finally he gave it up, and also his half-dollar.

"If that is an odd bill," he said, "I am fooled. Now that I've given up my chance will you tell me its peculiarity?" "I don't mind," said the stranger, as he put his two half-dollars in his pocket. "You see this five-dollar bill belongs to

me, and no other does. Pardon me for taking your money, but I'm trying to get a stake so that I can get back to New York. Good afternoon, gentlemen."—[Chicago Tribune.]

THE SUNNY SIDE OF THINGS.

Electricity is a very dangerous fluid, but yet we make light of it.—[Yenowine's News.]

"This is a queer experience," said the man who received the counterfeit coin.—[Washington Post.]

A cheerful old man or old woman is like the sunny side of a woodshed in the last of Winter.—[Denver Road.]

The swells are always in the swim at the seashore. (And the swimmers are generally in the swells.)—[Binghamton Leader.]

There never was a woman who didn't long to tell some other woman just how she ought to do up her hair.—[Somerville Journal.]

It takes three scruples to make one dram, so that a man may drown all scruples after taking a dram or two.—[New Orleans Picayune.]

"Do hens pay?" asks a poultry journal. Mrs. Panzie, who had \$10 worth of garden flowers destroyed by her neighbor's chickens, says that if the hens don't pay she will sue their owners.—[Norristown Herald.]

To Monmouth Park Races. To all intents and purposes it is impossible for Secretary Blaine to write a letter on the tariff without severely roasting Major McKinley.

The blame lies wholly with the Napoleonic Congressman. The truth about tariff matters will invariably conflict with the McKinley idea.—[From the St. Paul Pioneer Press—Rep.]

Local Markets.

POULTRY—Hens, No. 1, per dozen, \$4.25 to \$4.75; old roosters, per doz., \$3.00 to \$3.75; young roosters, per doz., \$4.00 to \$4.50; broilers, large, per doz., \$3.00; broilers, small, per doz., \$2.50; turkeys, per lb., 14c; ducks, large, per doz., \$3.00; ducks, small, per doz., \$3.00; geese, \$1.00 each.

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