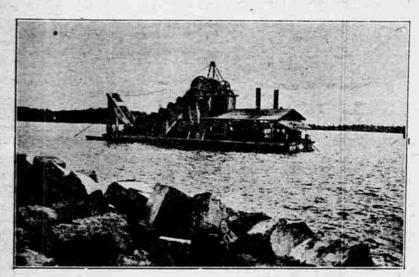
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drinking "joints." In Colon and Panama the seleons and gambling houses run riot, but on Uncle Sam's domain the restrictions are such as to bring the restrictions are such as to bring can be purchased by the employes that these places under a semblance of control. Secret societies are profusely represented. Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias and other secret a cold storage house at Colon receives a confirmed rumor that one of the white employes had made a "killing" in the matter of drawing \$7,500. These are made every Sunday, and create a

are made every Sunday, and create a great deal of interest among the natives and the Latin people, who will bet on anything. They are natural gamblers. The keeper of one resort told me that he was paid \$100 a month for allowing a slot machine in his place Gambling is the amusement of the two prohibited on the Zone. Still the prohibition is more honored in the breach than otherwise,

I visited the Cristobal commissary and was surprised at the great and va-ried stocks carried. Each employe is ried stocks carried. Each employe is permitted to draw a ticket or tickets amounting to a certain percentage of his pay. This ticket is something like the railroad mileage, and each purchase is paid for in this way. Not a cent of mopey is handled, nor can anyone not on the payroll buy anything. The native merchants strongly protested against the Government selling supplies saloons in Panama, some that are about the lowest on earth, kent by natives cigal hotel of the little Republic are in the lowest on earth, kent by natives cigal hotel of the little Republic are in the lowest on earth, kent by natives



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against the Government selling supplies to the canal people for fear that a profitable market would be lost to and "Chinks," as Chinese are called this neighborhood. A short distance them. They were told, in a diplomatic way, that it would be better for them to have the canal dug, without unnecessary delay, than to retain a trade with exorbitant prices.

The City of Panama.

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DREDGING THE MOUTH OF THE CANAL AT CRISTORIAL COLLARS.

Tables are organized, some into receims the mouts, vegetable, etc., and these grates on the control of the control with the musketos of the Stegomyia or yellow fever propagator and the Anopheles or malarial variety nearly put the hospitals out of business, and entirely so when "yellow fack" is counted. The French hospitals were also located on Ancon Hill, but their manifested on Ancon Hill, but their manifested on Ancon Hill, but their manifested on the property defective. The surgeons and physicians were doubtless good in their line, but everything, especially at night, was left to the Sixers of Charity. One cannot truthfully say a word against them; but a Sister of Charity is not a nurse necessarily. Her piety may give her no idea of hygiene or care of the sick. Nor, and speaking of the sick of the sick. Nor, and speaking of the sick of th

arch of the old church ruins is pointed out as proof that earthquakes have not been in evidence in that region or the standing. Thus ended a day, or, rather, a part of day, in looking over a very interesting part of the Isthmus. After the usual altering cation with my Jamaican friend, when he wanted \$7.50 gold for his indifferent service. I dismissed him with a slight

The Panama Rafroad.

Late in the afternoon I boarded the train for Empire, where one of my the sermon was preached by the Disdaughters lives. The railroad is as upto-date as the average of our reads at home. As the train speeds on the pashome. As the train speeds on the pashome senger sees the queer huts of the sure-enough natives. Generally these huts have but one opening, and that is closed to prevent insects and hear from en-color of the surge present. The prely of a mixture of mud and grass and there is a delightful spirit of kind-thatched with jungle palms, is an unsolvable question to a white man. But they live and breed young "spiggotles,"

"There are all kinds of orders and they live and breed young "spiggotles," they live and breed young "spiggotles," and, of course, dogs. The donkey furnishes means of transportation, and is handled mostly by the ladies of the

The living of these people is easy to obtain, as bananas, coconnuts, limes, oranges and yams are all around them and can be had for the gathering. A yard of cloth, with a grin, suffice for an adult's every-day adornment. The problem of the high cost of living has not reached the jungle nor never will. The native has no aspirations and is without energy. A few work on the canal, but he can exist without. I met a real St. Louis "coon" at Empire driv-ing a mule. He was delivering water to the different houses. I saw that he was not of the West Indian variety. He told me that the Commission had brought to the Zone a large quantity of mules—and, by the way, they are fine animals and well groomed—and that the Jamaicans could not handle them. The mule is reckoned inseparable from the negro here. They rebelled at the West India help, and proceeded to kick themselves, with their native energy. out of commission. Their continued gestures with their hind feet presented a problem that could be solved only by a problem that could be solved only by importing drivers from the States. This was done, and no more trouble occurred. The deliveries of ice, coal, wood, water, etc., are now made with the combination of northern negros and Misscuri mules. You will likely ask what they do with wood and coal for domestic uses in that climate. The lighting is entirely by electricity, and lighting is entirely by electricity, and the wood and kindling are for kitchen purposes. Being but 10 degrees from the equator, no fuel is needed to heat

Contented People.

I have never met a more contented lot of people than those who are employed on the Canal. They have their amusements, and while they may be restricted in their scope as compared with those at home, they are varied and interesting. The baseball games are well patronized, and are of the superior amateur sort. At intervals are well patronized, and are of the superior amateur sort. At intervals shows come from the States that are very creditable. The Y. M. C. A. felks furnish bowling, billiards and other games that are patronized liberally and with very little cost. These all help to alleviate the disease of nostaigla that sometimes makes living away from home unbearable. The character of the employes, who are paid in gold, is of the highest. They are engaged in a great work that will reach far into the coming years, and their intelligence encoming years, and their intelligence en-ables them to grasp all this. My son has been on the work of the canal for nearly five years, and I count that rec-ord as being equal if not superior to

Conclusion.

On last Thanksgiving Day the writer celebrated the great American holiday with his son and two daughters, who are helping in their way to dig the canal. The dinner was a typical one. The memories that came back as the writer thought of the childhood days of those who were honoring their father, and as he connected those memories with the present, they were tender and are continuing. There can be little doubt of the fact that honors are clustering closely around those who in that far-away tropical country are aiding in the greatest work ever undertaken by man, and the person who wears the Roosevelt medal earned by faithful service on the Zone may feel as proud as Roosevelt medal earned by faithful service on the Zone may feel as proud as one who wears the decorative emblem one who wears the decorative emblem est dreamer of extravagant dreams can-not imagine a greater achievement than that of plowing a navigable trail thru

Note.-The writer is indebted to the

Spending the Winter in Florida.

The Utica (N. Y.) Daily Observer of Feb. 9 contains the following from its correspondent at Camden, N. Y., under the heading of "Spending Winter in

service, I dismissed him with a slight reduction—after telling him to drive to a polleeman—by paying \$2.50 gold. Episcopal Church, which took place a short time ago. The money to build the church was given by C. O. Livingston. church was given by C. O. Livingston, of Jacksonville. It is a pretty brick to prevent insects and heat from en-tering. How the large families live in one of these small hovels, built general-united and friendly with each other.

bestowed for bravery on the battle-field. Human activities increase as the march of time goes on. But the wild-not coming to enjoy life with us in this

that of plowing a navigable trail thru among the hundreds of buildings there the hills of Panama to connect the are no two alike. The houses have cost all the way from \$15 to \$3,000; so Note.—The writer is indebted to the valuable book on the Canal of Willis Fletcher Johnson for figures and information, and to Mr. E. E. Miller, secretary to Congressman Wm. A. Rodenberg, for his courtesy in turnishing statistics. All this lessens the work of writing even so imperfect a story as this.

Cost all the way from \$15 to \$3,000; so you see there is quite a range in prices and styles. A good, comfortable homa can be built at from \$500 to \$1,000, depending, of course, on the finish. The houses built during the past year are a much better class than those built in the first few months of the town's existence. Last week we went out to see our 10-acre plot, and were much pleased. It is almost as level as a floor pleased. It is almost as level as a floor and one could run an automobile over almost any part of it. There are but few trees, and it will not be hard to clear. The soil is black and rich, and it is only a little ways from the Coun-

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piety may give her no idea of hygiene were it not for the line breeze from the cor care of the sick. Nor, and speaking ocean, and the nights are generally cool. reverentially, can the saying of aves and paternosters supply the physical people in St. Cloud, and every train needs of a sick person.

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