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## PRIMITIVE METHODS.

### THE WATERWORKS OF GUAYMAS RUN BY MULE POWER.

A Little City That Is Up to Date In All Important Respects Except One—You Are Delighted With the Water, but Are Surprised When You Look It Up.

Half way up the gulf of California, on the southwestern coast of Mexico, is the little resort of Guaymas. Of late years Guaymas has grown apace commercially, and her Mexican and Indian citizens, spurred onward and assisted by the influx of Yankee and English merchants, have a great many modern improvements, and as soon as you land the people begin to talk to you about the wonderful advantages of Guaymas either as a residence or business location. With pride they show you their street lights, their horse cars and several other more or less modern improvements. But no one ever has a word to say about the waterworks or the water system. Yet you notice with satisfaction that the water they give you to drink is clear as crystal, soft and very pleasing to the eye and taste alike. Of course you do not expect to find running water in each room in a Mexican city of only 5,000 inhabitants, and you are not greatly surprised to have the water poured out for you from big leathern bags or earthen jars, for that is the way of things in Mexico, and a very good way with respect to drinking water.

But after you have visited the new plaza and seen all the sights that the town affords you may have a curiosity to know something about the water system. If such a curiosity should possess you it may seem strange how the natives avoid conversation on the topic. They do not even care to talk about the good quality of the water, and this seems passing strange to the newcomer, because even towns that lack good drinking water never fail to blow about the quality and quantity of whatever drinking fluid they do happen to have. But here in Guaymas the subject of drinking water, at least in business and commercial circles, is strictly tabooed.

Now, if you are a thoughtful person, all this will strike you as remarkably singular, and some fine day, after enjoying a glass of this most excellent water, you will start off on a tour of investigation for yourself, bent upon discovering the source of Guaymas' water supply. About a mile east of the city, if you have good luck, you will strike a very ancient artesian well, surrounded by a curious arcade system of adobe walls, flumes, prehistoric windlasses, one mule and two Indians. These comprise the waterworks of Guaymas. It is said by travelers that there is not such another antique water pumping station in North America. And it is not difficult to believe this if we add the qualifying words "in a civilized community of 5,000 inhabitants." Surrounding this artesian well, which is said to tap a subterranean stream that flows as freely today as in the days of Montezuma, is a quadrangular stone wall of about 4 feet in thickness. In the center of the south and north walls are two piers or columns of stone which rise to the height of about 10 feet above the walls. Resting on the walls is a substantial roof or flooring of thatch, and in this there is a small opening immediately between the columns. Resting on the columns over this opening to the well is a most primitively constructed windlass. This is operated on the ground below by a big, crude fashioned wooden wheel that is best described by comparing it to a birdcage, and this engine wheel in turn is operated by the slow and toilsome meanderings of a very ancient and wreny mule, that requires the constant surveillance of an Indian driver in order to keep him wide awake. Just what it is that keeps the Indian driver awake is another question.

A long, untanned leather strap winds several times around the birdcage wheel and then takes a diagonal cut up to the end of the windlass. Attached to the windlass are two rude buckets, made something in the shape of barrels, which appear laden with as sweet, pure drinking water as ever quenched the thirst that springs eternal under the hot skies of the Mexican seacoast. In the east wall of the quadrangle is an opening, through which a big wooden flume leads from the water casks as they emerge from the well down to a series of wooden reservoirs that stand up on stilts about ten feet from the ground.

In these reservoirs or sluice boxes the water is stored. Early every morning these sluice boxes are filled. The inhabitants of Guaymas come out and take their day's water supply therefrom, and by night the sluice boxes are emptied. Not every

inhabitant of Guaymas makes a diurnal pilgrimage to this primitive waterworks, but all of the poorer people, who cannot afford to pay the slight charges incident upon having their leathern water casks filled by the regular carriers for the well to do, may be seen in the early hours of the morning going forth and returning with their crude and curious water vessels.

One's first question upon discovering this antique water supply of Guaymas is inquiry concerning the age of the artesian well and the antique wall surrounding it. No one seems to know, but the American consul says it must be fully 400 years old. It is evidently not of Toltec or Aztec origin, for its distinguishing characteristic is its extreme crudeness. Some day an enterprising Yankee will import a few thousand feet of iron pipe into Guaymas, and then these water carriers will be out of a job. It is doubtful, however, whether it will ever pay to replace the tired mule that works the windlass by a stationary engine. The artesian well lies back of the hills and is at an elevation of fully 1,000 feet above the town.

Guaymas is situated on Yaqui bay and is the seaport of the provinces of Sonora and Chihuahua. Its chief exports are wheat, flour and hides, while the Indian part of the population makes its living by fishing in the bay. Yaqui bay is a commodious port and has excellent anchorage, but is not provided with an abundance of modern wharfage facilities. Nevertheless Guaymas' foreign trade is considerable, and, though the climate is hot and unhealthy, the streets narrow and dirty, the residences, as a rule, squalid and unpicturesque, yet the surrounding scenery is very beautiful during the winter months, and the place is visited by not a few American and European tourists. All these are loud in their praise of the delicious water they give you to drink at Guaymas, but very few of them know in what a primitive fashion it is furnished.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Modest.

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## THE UNLUCKY OPAL.

He Was Very Superstitious, but Wore a Brace of the Gems.

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"By the way," he remarked, "isn't there a little obligation between us?" "I replied stiffly that there had been for three years.

"It had passed my mind," he said easily. "It just occurred to me."

"With that he took out a large wallet and presented me with three bills of large denomination. I tell you it was like finding the cash. I went to the office, and there was a letter saying that our mine, which with its constant assessments had been a nightmare, had struck paying ore and that the stockholders were in favor of selling out at a great advance to a syndicate. I picked up the paper, looked at the stock quotations and saw that zinc had gone away up. Telegraphed to my agent to sell my stock and was a good gainer thereby. Man came in and bought a lot in my subdivision. First I had sold in six months. Telegram came from Lansing. Supreme court had reversed the decision of the lower court in a case of mine, and, by George, I was a winner of a long fought, obstinate case. Next week an important event happened in the family."

"I suppose was a boy?" was suggested.

"No, sir—two of 'em! I am the happy father of two as buxom, fat boys as you ever saw. Raphael's cherubs aren't in it with them. Superstitious about opals? I should say I am! I wear them every day."—Detroit Free Press.

### Her Letter and His Answer.

"Would you be kind enough to return my photograph?" she wrote. "I gave it to you in a moment of girlish folly, and I have since had occasion to regret that I was so thoughtless in such matters."

Of course she pictured that photograph framed and hung up in his room and was inclined to think that he would part with it with deep regret. Just why she wanted it returned is immaterial. Of course he had offended her in some way, but it is unnecessary to inquire how.

The answer to her note came the following day.

"I regret," it read, "that I am unable at this late day to pick out your photograph. However, I send you my entire collection, numbering a little over 600, and would request that you return all except your own by express at my expense."—Chicago Post.

### Solitaire.

Mrs. Runluck—Why weren't you at the whist club last night?

Mrs. Briden—Because Jack said he'd rather stay at home and play solitaire with me.

Mrs. Runluck—But two people can't play solitaire together. Why do you call your game that?

Mrs. Briden—Because—oh, well, because we use only one chair.—New York Sunday Journal.

### In the Biology Class.

Teacher—What peculiarity, if any, do you observe in the anatomy of the frog?

Pupil—The frog consists of a pair of legs, with enough other meat thrown in to hold them together.—Chicago Tribune.

### She Wanted One.

"My task in life," said the pastor complacently, "consists in saving young men."

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