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DROWSY OLD SANTA FE.

A Lazy Latitude and a Quaint Old Town.

"It is not dead but sleeping." Of all the sleepy old towns on earth, Santa Fe takes the cake! Centuries ago it took a drowsy fit and like the fat boy in Pickwick, it has not been able to keep awake long enough to find out what is going on or whom it belongs to.

"It is a funny old town," and seeing it one is reminded of Mark Twain's comments on Tangier. "It seems like a profusion to laugh and jest and bawdy the frivolous chat of our day amid its hoary relics.

"El Senor Marques de la Penula hizo esta fabrica, el afierro, real Don Augustin Flores de Vergara, a cargo de don J. D. 1710."

Which, for the benefit of those who have yet to eat their first Mexican meal and enjoy (?) a dish of "chile verde" or "chile con-con," when reduced to United States measure: "The Marques de la Penula erected this building, the royal edifice Augustin Flores de Vergara his servant, in the year 1710."

Santa Fe as well as being the oldest city on the American continent is also the oddest, but in reality is nothing more than a collection of mud built houses with a sprinkling here and there of modern structures.

THE PLAZA, or square round which all centers, and like Rome all streets lead there, contains an area of about two acres, enclosed with a wooden fence, and contains many fine shade trees, most conspicuous of which are the cotton woods.

PALACIO DEL GOBIERNO, or the governor's palace, is the one best and most noteworthy place in the city. Everybody likes to look at a "palace," and some may feel nervous because they were not born in one. Feel

so no more, for most any country home is a palace compared to this. A glance at its mud built sides reminds one of Tim Finnegan's—"My father had castles of mud, Of which I was fond of admiring; They were built in the time of the flood, For to keep our ancestors dry."

The greater portion of this palace is mud, an adobe like all the rest of the buildings. In front is a long veranda, or porch, which extends along its entire length, and not at all palatial in shape or construction, but has more the appearance of a rope factory than a palace.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE is an adobe church with smooth walls, and surmounted by a diminishing pile of mud pillars, which form a tower.

There is also the church of our "Lady of the Rosary," but space will not allow a detailed description. It is, however, as interesting, and perhaps as equally as pathetic a history as the others.

There are many other attractions in old Santa Fe that I might go on and describe as well as to briefly mention their history. Among which are old Fort Meyers, the old cemetery, the oldest house in Santa Fe, the Bishop's garden, the Christian Brothers' College, Sisters of Loretto Convent, and last but not least, the unique street scenes of Santa Fe, as well as some of its suburban scenes, all of which would make an interesting letter in themselves.

RURAL HAPPENINGS. BROOKLYN, Dec. 20th.—The schools are in full blast. Mr. S. Warren Kice is teaching in District No. 8; Miss Emma Hawk, of Mendota, in No. 7.

Oh, the mud! The mud is the pass word. It has been raining most all day. The roads are in a deplorable condition. The Lyceum is still a kicking, notwithstanding the mud. We are still wishing it success, for all we do not attend. We like fun, but when a society gets so wild as to cheer religious songs when sung we wish to be excused, and so do some more civilized persons.

Mr. Geo. Yencick has moved to town, and now Phil is backing it. Young ladies, take this opportunity and make yourselves useful. Phil, say the word, and you will have the cook; see if you don't. Mr. William and Clarence Deane, Sheldon,

though not so ancient or important as San Miguel. Like all the rest it is adobe, or mud brick, and built in the shape of a cross. But it will soon disappear and be known only as a thing of the past, for these are now being built around it a new church of modern style which promises to be a masterpiece of art when completed.

Very taking—Colds. Very glad—The Druggists. The very best remedy—Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It is a little curious that when you say a man is a hard drinker you really mean that he drinks so easily that he does it all the time.

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