### A Mexican's Revenge.

I have spent. in all, three years in Central America. I went there with a surveying party which was running the line of a projected railroad, one of those railroads which are built on paper alone. It has never yet materialized. While the line was being run I made the acquaintance of an American citizen who was the owner of a large coffee plantation, and he invited me to spend some time with him. I accepted, and in a little while a mutual friendship sprang up between us. The result was that before the time came for my departure he told me that it was necessary for him to pay a visit to his old home in Ohio with his wife, to settle up some legal busi ness, and he had been trying to find some one who could take charge of his plantation during his ab ence. He urged me to take the position, and I accepted. Another week found me at the head of one of the finest plantations in Nicaragua.

My duties were light enough. Bland had a competent general manager, and about all I had to do was to act as the power behind the throne in the masters absence. I had but one difficulty during this time. The manager, a Cuban named Carlinos, was popular with the laborers, and all went smoothly until one day a Mexican, Michael Ferrara, positively refused to obey some order that Carlinos had given him, and Carlinos appealed to me. Upon investi-gation I calmly told the Mexican either to obey orders or leave the place. With a sidelong glance at Carlinos and myself he did what the manager had commanded, and the storm seemed to have blown over, but I did not feel quite confident about it. The Mexican's look troubled me and I mention ed it to Carlinos, but he treated the matter lightly and was inclined to be scornful in regard to Ferrara. 'He is a coward,' he said, shrugging his shoulders, and so dismissed the matter. I let the subject drop, ashamed of seeming a-fraid of a man whom this slender Cuban regarded with such disdain, and yet I could have sworn that when I waked that night, startled at some slight noise on the terrace outside my window, it was Ferrara's dark face I saw in the moonlight peering in at me. In an instant it was gone, and I was out of the room, running along the terrace. searching here and there. But no, though I gave the terrace a thorough search and even went around to the end of the house and the grove of banana trees beyond, I saw nothing moving anywhere, save an owl that flitted out of the trees. I went back to my room, concluding that I had dreamed the whole affair.

The next morning I felt quite sure of it. I met Ferrara several times during the course of the day, and he was especially pleasant. He was better educated than the majority of his class, and his position on the plantation gave him a kind of preced ence over the others I was near him several times before the day was over, and I noticed that on each occasion he took pains to speak pleasantly and greet me with his most courteous smile. I thought he was sorry for the bad temper he had shown the day before. I didn't know him as well then as I do now.

The next day Carlinos and I had decided upon a hunt in the mountains that made a jagged outline against the sky off to the south. While we were getting the guns and cartridges into condition for use, Ferrara approached and said in his smoothest

'If the senors went to the valley, down below the Contadino pass, they would find where a grert painther roams, and has been seen many times. I myself saw it about two days ago, but I was unarmed, so I put spurs to my horse and galloped away.' Carlinos turned to me with a look of interst. 'That's a good a idea,' he said. 'We'll look for the panther first, and if we fail to find him we can try the mountains.' We were about to turn away when Fer-

rara stopped us, with many apologies. Beyond the Cantadino pass,' he said, 'you will find a narrow trial leading of eastward down the valley. Follow that trail half a mile, until you see a huge white cliff, a hundred yards to the right. At the foot of that cliff the panther has been seen again and again. Adios, senors!'

And so Carlinos and I went walking off with swinging stride, toward the pass, glad of a day in the woods, and ready for any adventure that came along, except the one that actually did come. For within the next | never found out, however. When I had hour we passed through the most horrible regained strength enough to feel some experience that ever fe'l to the lot of mor-

tals I am sure. We tound the pass-a mere gap in the mountains, not used for travel as another pass, a few miles further south, furnished the nearest road to the town. The pass was strewn with rough bowlders and jagged masses of rock, difficult to make one's way over, and for half an hour we had all the exercise we needed in climbing over and around these obstructions. At last, however, we were clear of them, and we shouldered our guns again atter a brief rest, went on until we found the trail among the bustes It was such a path as could be made by cows or sheep, going to and from a watering place, and I was going along, paying very ltttle attention to it, when Carlinos, whow as in the lead, suddenly stopped and muttered: 'That is

very s'range.' the yellow sand was the bareloot track of a man. We easily traced it along the trail for several hundred yards, and then it suddenly disappeared, as though the owner of the track bad turned off into the thick undergrowth. We both followed it up to the point, and then missing it, looked at one another and said again: "That

is very strange! And then we both laughed, and Carlinos said: 'But it might have been some herdsman looking for a stray cow or sheep. But I noticed that Carlinos looked atter

held his gun in a position to use, if necessary. And just then the cliff that Ferrara had described came into view, about a hundred yards away, and we turned off from the path toward this place in which the panther had been so often seen.

Scarcely had we started in that direction when we were startled by the long, fierce scream of the panther itself. As nearly, as we could judge it was at that very moment at the base of the cliff. We stopped involuntarily at the sound, and then went stealing down the slope, with eyes watch-ful and nerves stretched to the utmost Yet we went on and on without seeing it and suddenly found ourselves almost at the base of the cliff, which had been hidden by the thick and tangled brush through which we had passed.

Then we stopped and looked around, peering here and there through the brushes. It was easy to see the spot of ground on which we stood had been the haunt of some wild animal, for all about us bones lay bleaching on the ground. But nothing was to be seen. The face of the cliff, up to a height of twelve or fitteen feet, was covered with the matted tendrils of a dead vine, apparently. It suddenly occurred to me that the panther's den might be back un der the cliff, hidden by the vine, and I was about to investigate when just behind us, not ten feet away, sounded the horrible scream of the panther.

Both of us whirled, and Carlinos stepped back a little. In a moment of confusion I failed to notice him, but in an instant he gave a heart rending cry: 'Help! help! quick, the tree! The man eating tree!'

Never will I torget that cry, nor the sight that met my eyes. In stepping back he had stumbled against the dead vine,

as I had thought it. And then in a moment every tendril had become instinct with life, and was twisting and writhing about him with the most horribly snake like motions, matted around his body and legs, holding his arms tight, and drawn across his face and clasped about his throat. Already when I looked about he was helpless. During the single moment while I stood there looking at him motionless with horror, his face had begun to turn purple.

And then all at once I recovered myself

a little, and snatching my hunting knife from my belt began cutting and slashing at the horrible, writhing tendrils in the effort New York, Oct. 6, to the wife of A. E. Davidson, to cut their victim loose.

But before I made three strokes something caught my arm then something crawled swiftly about my neck, and then there were others around my hands, over my head, and held, while wherever the snaky monsters touched went fierce pains, as though my flesh were being torn from my body. I felt my consciousness slipping away; but as it was going suddenly the dark face of Ferrara peered out from the bushes in front of me, and he cried out with mocking laughter:

'I hope you enjoy yourselves, senors. The panther is not far away, believe me Only wait for him until he comes. Adios ! Adios!

The shock of anger roused me a little in the midst of my racking torture, and I saw Ferrara turn to go away, but all at once amid the chorus of maledictions, a dozen hands seized him and pinned him down, and we were surrounded by a crowd of Conquerall Bank, Oct. 4, to the wife of Wm. Weagle laborers from the plantation. With long knives they cut and hacked at the limbs that were sucking the blood from our veins, and in a few moments they had us tree. How they got us home I never knew. It was not until the next day that I recovered consciousness, and I was unable to turn over in my bed even, for two weeks. The excoriations on my hands and face left painful wounds, which were a long time in healing, and which made dreadful scars. These have all gone, however, except the one on my neck, which resembles the scar left by a centipede.

As for Carlinos, he lay as it dead for several days, and there were times he was pronounced really when dead. Then he went off into fever and delirium, and it seemed that he could not possibly recover. After a while, though, he did struggle back into life, but his health was wrecked, and he was never again able to walk as much as a huudred

How did we happen to be rescued? Why, some of Ferrara's fellow servants had heard his muttered imprecations against us, and, when we had gone and they saw him sneak after us, they held a consultation and decided to follow. I have always believed that Ferrara circled around us, got in ahead, and imitated the cry of the panther to lure us on. I have curiosity, and lasked one of the rescuers what they had done with Ferrara, he answered with the utmost unconcern:

'We gave him to the man eating tree, senor !'-The Golden Censer.

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his cartridges a little more closely, and supper, and a dinner of three conrses. Our bill for the day's catering will reach a total of £187,500,000, or thirty-one times as much as all the thrones of Europe cost annually. The same sum could meet our entire National expenditure for a year and three-quarters; would pay the entire cost of our Navy for the next eight years; or of our Army for the next ten years, allowing in each case for increased estimates. To meet our day's bill, we should require the weight in sovereigns of 25,470 sverage guest; or, as much gold as 1,000 horses could draw. If six expert cashiers were to count these sovereigns, each at the rate of one a second, night and day, it would take them nearly a year to check the accuracy of our payment; and four days' interest on the amount would more than pay the aggregate salaries of all our Cabinet Ministers for a year. And yet it seems such a littie thing to wish to do !

> How Old .- He: 'How old should you say Miss Spinner was ?" She: 'Old enough for people to begin telling her how young she is looking.'



# GUARANTEED

#### BORN.

Truro, Oct. 8, to the wife of Alexander McNutt, a Amherst, Oct. 10, to the wife of Duncan Holland a Campbellton, Oct. 11, to the wife of Chas. Gass, a Halifax, Oct. 7, to the wife of Wm. Robertson, a Parrsboro, Oct. 5, to the wife of John Kendrick, a St. John, Oct. 14, to the wife of H. L. McLean, a Windsor, Oct. 1, to the wife of G. K. MacKeen. a

Windsor, Oct. 11, to the wife of Addison LeCain, a Walton, Sept. 25, to the wife of B. T. Freeman, a Long Island, Oct. 5, to the wife of James Allen,

Moncton, Oct. 12, to the wife of H. E. McFarlane Bridgewater, Oct. 5, to the wife of Wm. Fancy, Bridgewater, Oct. 7, to the wife of H. H. Archibald

ridgewater, Oct 10, to the wife of Wm. Cuthbert, Windsor, Oct. 5, to the wife of Dr. Reid, a daughter. Campbellton, Oct. 5, to the wife of St. Onge, a Parrsboro, Oct. 5, to the wife of Philip Bou dreau, a Parrsboro, Oct. 9, to the wife of David Gabriel, a

Halifax, Oct. 14, to the wife of Thomas Grace, a Halifax, Oct. 2, to the wife of Geo. Wessell, a Halilax, Oct. 3, to the wife of Mr. Brenton Wiles, a

Amherst, Oct. 9, to the wife of Chas. Reynolds, a Windsor, Oct. 2, to the wife of Mr. Wiley Burns, a Dorchester, Oct. 12, to the wife of Charles Eldson,

a daughter. Summer Hill, Oct. 1, to the wife of A. M. Corbett, a daughter. Newcastle, Oct. 12, to the wife of Thomas J. Jaffrey,

Halifax, Oct. 1, to the wife of Peter C. Flemming, a daughter. New Edinboro, Oct. 1. to the wife of Danis Doucet, Moncton, Oct. 5, to the wife of H. Rudyerd Boulton,

Falmouth. Oct. 3, to the wife of Seward Davidson, a daughter Windsor, Sept. 28, to the wife of Wiley Davidson,

Windsor Forks, Oct. 7, to the wife of Chas. Gormley Hazel Hill, Oct. 7, to the wife of Arthur Sullivan, a daughter.

West LaHave, Sept 26, to the wife of Alex. Nor-Sunny Brae, Oct. 12, to the wife of W. S. Wood-

Mahene Bay. Oct. 5, to the wife of Rev. E. A. Allaby, a son Folly Village, Oct. 7, to the wife of Rev. Wm. St. John, Oct. 15, to the wife of Thomas J. William-

son, a daughter. Millstream, Oct. 7, to the wife of Allen D. Rock-Wolfville, Oct. 9, to the wife of Norman, E. Scho field, a daughter.

Chignecto Mines, Oct. 7, to the wife of Renfoad Mc-Three Mile Plains, Oct. 7, to the wife of Andrew Upshaw, a daughter.

#### MARRIED.

Fredericton, Gilbert Ho mes to Mary McNutt. Westville, Oct. 12, by Rev. T. D. Stewart, James Halilax, Oct. 5, by Rev. Wm. Dobson, Edmund P. Allison to Jean B. Hart. Bridgewater, Oct 6, by Rev. F. A. Buckley, May-nard Oxner to Eva Hiltz.

Brockway, Oct. 12, by Rev. J. A. McLean, William Lister to Barbara Thomas. Campbellton, Oct. 11, by Rev. A. F. Carr, John Murray to Mary Jane Garrett.

Oxford, Oct. 3, by Rev. P. D. Nowlan, Robert C. Simpson to Ruby E. Rushton. Fredericton, Oct. 7, by Rev. J. D. Freeman, James R. Briggs to Anna 6. Collins.

Oxford, Sept. 28, by Rev. P. D. Nowlan, Nathan W. Wood to Mabel F. Patten. Lower Millstream, Oct 5, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Henry Green to Ida Keirstead. Weymouth Falls, Sept 26, by Rev. F. R. Langford John Pannell to Abbie Nichols.

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Bridgetown, Oct. 4, by Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Herbert Grey to Maud May Clements. Harvey Station, Sept. 22, by Rev. J. A. McLean, Peter M. McLeod to Isabella Gillis. Shubenacadie, Oct. 11, by Rev. J. Murray, James McDonald to Gertrude V. Robinson. Welsford, Oct. 13, by Rev. A. D. McCully, Hedley Kirkpatrick to Lillie G. Wallace. Chatham, Oct. 12, by Rev. D. Henderson, Donald A MacLean to Alice Grace MacLean. Upper Musquodoboit. by Rev. F. W. Thompson, W. J. Davison to Lycia R. Hutchison.

Ingonish, Sept. 27, by Rev. C. H. C. McLarren, A. Howard Roper to Elizabeth Tucker. Campobello, Oct. 5, by Rev. W. H. Street, Clifton Hill Clark to Bertha Magdalene Calder. Granville Ferry, Oct. 5, by Rev. G. J. Coulter W hite, Robert Mills to Blanche Reynolds. Range, Queens Co., Oct. 12, by Rev. W. E. Mc-Intyre, Chas. F. Slipp to Annie M. Barton. Isaac's Harbor, Sept. 28, by Rev. J. W. Manning, Wm. H. McMillan and Constance E. Griffin.

Foster, Robert A. Hamilton to Olive B. Rath-Wolfville, Oct. 4, by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia Cecil H. Hopper to Hannah Thirza Marcella

Hibernia, Queens Co., Oct. 10, by Rev.

St. John, Oct. 12, by Rev. F. McMurray, John McCann to Nellie Doran and Edward McDonald to Maggie McCann.

#### DIED.

St. John, Georgie Rankin, 7. Halifax, Mary Catherine Wood. Halifax, James 5. Wilkinson, 45. Barachois, Roland McDonland, 6. St. John, Oct. 10, Jas. Dawson, 31. Lockeport,, Oct. 5, Jane A. Ringer. Hopewell, Oct. 8, Naomi Feraby, 48. Halifax, Oct. 10, Maria Anderson, 63. Newton, Oct. 2, M. H. Chapman, 70. Avonport, Oct. 8, Aaron Forsyth, 74. Hants Co., Oct. 2, Sarah J. Curry, 79. Woodstock, Oct. 5, Joanna Miller, 38. Colchester, Oct. 8, Wm. H. Wilson, 80. Halifax, Oct. 14, Harry N. Holland, 45. Richardsviile, Oct. 8, Lottie Nelson, 10. Wolfville, Oct. 1, Mrs. Amos Black, 91. Black River, Oct. 10, James E. P.ck, 74. Truro, Oct. 8, Catherine Fraser Yuill, 8. Little Branch, Oct. 14, Jane Fowlie, 89. Truro, Oct. 10, Ruby M. Roddick, 3 mos. Hampton, Oct. 11, Isabella Crookshank. Wolfville, Oct. 1, Audbrey Benjamin, 49. Donegal, Oct. 9, Margaret Hamilton, 71. Overton, Oct. 9, Rev. Jacob Whitman, 88. Shelburne, Sept. 30, Thomas N. Jones, 38. Argyle, Oct 12, Mrs. Margaret Baker, 68. Forest Glen, Sept. 23, E: Ann Armstrong. Shubenacadie, Oct. 8, Charles Nelson, 21. Brookfield, Oct. 8, William H. Wilson, 80. Chelsea Mass, Sept. 29, Frank R. Patnam. Bridgewater, Oct. 8, Elizabeth Keating, 85. Waterford, Sept. 30, Sarah J. H. Arnold, 1. Yarmouth, Oct. 7, Marie Jeanne Pothier, 34. Hampton, Oct. 12, Louisa Jacobina Betz, 75. Albert, Oct. 11, Alice Winifred Eyles, 2 mos. Chatham, Oct. 8' Mrs. Olive Mc Killock, 89. East Florenceville, Oct. 8, John R. Carle, 21. Arlington, Mass, Oct. 13, James Mulholland. Dorchester, Mass., Oct. 7. Josephine A. Ellis. Upper Stewiacke, Oct. 4, William Bentley, 65. Woodville, Oct. 13, Rev. Ingraham I. Hart, 28. Weymouth Falls, Oct. 5, Mrs. Robert Langford. Cosman Settlement, Oct. 12, Margaret Splan, 60. Weymouth Falls Oct. 11, Mrs. Morris Barnes, 55. Mechanic Settlement, Sept. 25, Percy Hayward, 14. Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 7, Laurance J. O, Toole, 52.

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