

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPAIN
HAVE VERY LITTLE FREEDOM;
ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 12—A pulchritudinous girl in a bright red dress undulated down the Calle de Alcalá, the crowded main street of Madrid. She was visible a block away, not only because of the vivid hue of her costume, but also because of the flurry she caused along the sidewalk full of men.

She left a trail like that of a cyclone leveling a path through a forest, because as soon as every Spaniard saw her, he either stopped dead in his tracks to stare or slowed down sufficiently to be able to turn around and follow her with his eyes. The men did everything but swoon as she passed.

She was neither a celebrated movie star nor a sensational beauty. She simply was a moderately attractive woman in a bright dress that paraded robust charms; she was alone, and among Spanish men. That is a formula that will assure any woman on a Spanish street an abundant harvest of admiring stares, flattering remarks, and even elbowings.

Women in Public

The intense and open interest that Spaniards show women in public is one of the most pronounced characteristics of Spanish life, and one that no foreign woman who is at all sensitive, is likely to overlook. In fact, it is so obvious that it is humorous when not exasperating because the ordinary Spaniard can no more see a lone woman than he immediately loses interest in whatever he may be doing and figuratively or literally starts in pursuit like a hound in full cry after a rabbit.

Mrs. Robert Patterson, formerly of Manistee, Mich., swears she bent over to look at an article in the window of a jewelry store, and a man in turn bent over and looked up, the better to see her face, which was partially hidden from the sidewalk.

Here in Madrid and to an even greater extent, farther south, the "lady killers" pride themselves on their ability to make witty comments to and concerning women as they pass. I had a few of them translated and these are typical:

"If you would look at me you would kill me."

"The warmth of your beauty chills my blood."

"Flower of my heart, flesh of my flesh."

And so on in a mock romantic strain. Some of the bolder spirits among the women seem to like the attention and retort in kind.

This sort of badinage usually occurs along the promenades common to all Spanish cities, accepted by the populace as parade grounds during the cool of the evening, or outside of business or governmental buildings when the the women employees pour out at meal hours.

Before the bull fights men collect in the arena, and watch the crowd arrive and find seats. The appearance of a striking woman provokes a chorus of exclamations and comments and frequently a surge of the connoisseurs toward her section of the bowl. Just before the time for the fight to start the men are cleared out of the arena.

The principal cause for this attitude on the part of Spanish men probably is the almost Oriental manner in which girls and women are kept at home. They have practically no freedom at all, in the American sense. Girls are educated in convents and never permitted to go out unless accompanied by some member of their family as a chaperone. Even after a girl is engaged to a man, and engagements incidentally are arranged by families she never sees her fiancé alone. There always is a chaperone.

One Exception

The only exception to this rule generally is that a girl can talk to a man through the wrought iron grill of a gate or over a window, or from a balcony. This is a privilege quite frequently claimed. Walk along the residential streets of Seville or other southern Spanish towns around midnight and you see dozens of such romantic rendezvous.

If Spanish women were more free, and there was more easy comradeship between them and the men, Spanish men might become less aggressive in their attitudes toward women in public. There is a small but active feminist party in Spain, and eventually it may be able to obtain equal rights for the sex. But that, of course would mean another blow at romance. There would be no more whisperings through grills, or moonlight serenades of dark eyed beauties hiding in the shadows, of their balconies.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MUSEUM
ESTABLISHED IN FREDERICTON

To the Editor of the Daily Mail:—

Dear Sir:—

In these days when the Tourists are flocking to our land and a great many of them ask a first question, "Where is your Museum?", and as the need of such places is officially recognized by the Government of our Province, it takes no argument to prove that we have need of such an institution in Fredericton and it is our task to meet the demands of our City and Province in this regard, hence to following suggestion:—

In a number of Cities that we visit, we are directed to their Show Place, it may be the Chamber of Commerce, the Museum of the Exposition Building, where we find exhibits of various kinds, all put there to attract the Tourist and fix his attention on the Country and its Resources.

This would be good business for us in the City of Fredericton and we have already at our hands a most remarkable opportunity and an exhibit, which if properly handled, will give our City and Province Thousands of Dollars worth of advertising, as well as pleasure and education to our own People.

Let us take a suitable Building, use the front for our Tourist Information Bureau, Exhibition Office and Chamber of Commerce; along the sides let us put in our display of Minerals, Native Woods, Fruit, Grain, Honey, etc. Then in the rear we can have a Master Piece.

At the rear of these Exhibits we build a permanent stage setting depicting a Hill with Grass land, Gravel, Rocks and Shrubbery; we run a small stream of open water down this Scenic Park to a small pond and foundation; along this stream we display a tent and fishing scene, and round about on this setting we display the Collection of our game and fur bearing Animals, our fish and birds; we turn loose a rabbit or two to give it life and we will have a picture that will cause any of our citizens to visit the place again and again, and will attract the tourists and enable them to get more information of what New Brunswick has to offer them in ten minutes than they will see in travelling over our Province in a month, their advertising will be worth many times the cost of the exhibit.

We have the animals and birds at U. N. B. where very few ever see them, we have the Minerals at the Departmental buildings, our native woods and other exhibits are easily obtained, if we lease a building for a term of years the greater part of the remodeling would be done by the landlord, therefore, the cost would be mainly the setting for these exhibits; this would be quite an initial expense because, in order to do justice to the wonderful exhibits we have, we must have a first class man to put in the scenery.

It would seem that the initial cost of this exposition should be borne by the city and the province, the maintenance also by the city and province, with the Fredericton Exhibition Limited paying a rental for the use of the Offices, perhaps the Board of Trade also.

Fredericton Exhibition Limited, having a permanent Secretary, would keep some one at the room all the time, and if as at present the Secretary of the Exhibition would act as Tourist Secretary, he could take charge of the Bureau not only for Tourists, but for many thousands of our own people through the province who will come hundreds of miles to visit such a show place.

Thus by simply taking advantage of an opportunity that is laying dormant, but within our reach, we can obtain publicity for our City and Province that will reach further than any other plan to date.

If our citizens and leaders will take hold of this idea it can be worked out to give us a great deal of pleasure and profit.

Your Sincerely
C. L. SYMPHER.

EMERGENCY COOKIES

2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-4 teaspoon mace or flavoring to taste
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons shortening
Milk

Sift the baking powder, flour, salt, mace and half the sugar into bowl; add the shortening and rub in very lightly with the tips of the fingers; add enough cold milk to form a dough that can be rolled out on floured board 1-4-inch; cut with cookie cutter. Brush the tops with melted butter, sprinkle with sugar, put a raisin in the centre and press down. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in hot oven. These may be sprinkled with cinnamon if desired. Or, instead of the sugar and raisin, a small piece of red jelly may be put in the centre, or they may be sprinkled with grated coconut for a change.

ESSAY ON SHEEP

A sheep is an animal with fore quarters, also two rear ones. Though possessed of a sheepish look, he allows no one to pull the wool over his eyes. Yes, he will make "sheep's eyes," but of course they are sheep size. He has no long "tale", but blats out exactly what he has to say. A sheep is strong and tough, especially in the form of mutton. I know of many instances of sheep being fleeced. Sheep did not originate in the wild and woolly West. I imagine all this to be true, and if I could I would tell you more.



SEALED tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for The Reconstruction of Wharf, Beaver Harbour, N. B.", will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Tuesday August 27, 1929, for the Reconstruction of Wharf at Beaver Harbour, Charlotte County, New Brunswick.

Plans and form of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineers, Old Post Office Building, St. John, New Brunswick; St. John Association of Construction Industries 109 Princess Street, St. John, New Brunswick, and at the Post Office at Beaver Harbour, Charlotte County, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or bonds of the Canadian National Railway Company will also be accepted as security, or bonds and a cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted cheque for the sum of \$10.00 payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,
S. E. O'BRIEN,
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We know a chap who in his proposal asked the girl to marry him and make him "the happiest man in the world," and after two years he has come to the conclusion that she split the difference: she did and she didn't.

"Probably cooler" means that the lawn will have to wait another day for the mower.

Films with full sound effects showing the hunting of wild animals in Africa, will soon be shown. The animals will purr of course, but we are especially anxious to hear what honed-eyed words the hunters use to make them do it.

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