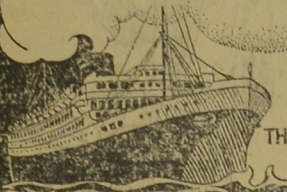


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A LAKE OF HOT WATER HAS BEEN FOUND IN SALVADOR EARTHQUAKES ARE COMMON

A remarkable reception is being accorded us in Central America. On leaving Guatemala City the International Railways of Central America attached a special car, with attendants, to the train, all port formalities were cleared by order of the President, and the steamship Jamaica was held up for us and we went straight on board, writes F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, London Daily Mail correspondent in San Salvador.

Through courtesies extended to us we have been enabled to see the country. We traveled out to Lake Ilopango. The scenery here is very fine. The lake, which is nearly ten miles long and five and half in breadth, is really an enormous crater. At one end is the volcano of San Vicente, its peak rising among the clouds.

We were intrigued by a brown mass of rock which rose from the centre of the lake and stood out sharply in the sun. We found it to be a crater.

Accompanied by severe earthquake shocks, some years ago the crater suddenly made its appearance above the surface, rising sheer from the bottom of the lake which is here more than 900 feet deep. Simultaneously a beautiful, fertile island three miles away disappeared.

Hot Water Spring.

In one part we found the water almost boiling hot. Evidently a subterranean volcanic spring pours in below. All over the lake the water is very warm and the surface is covered with a yellowish scum amid which float masses of pumice stone.

We had not left the crater more than five minutes when a sinister bank of blue-black clouds rose above the mountains surrounding the lake. A deadly stillness hung over everything. The sun beat mercilessly down. Not a breath of air tempered the insufferable heat. Then the black mass was ripped and torn in every direction with bands of vivid violet flame, and, like the roar of 18-inch guns, the thunder boomed across the lake. A white line appeared on the water close to

the far shore and advanced with the speed of an aeroplane. With a shriek the squall struck us. Waves broke right over, drenching us to the skin and filling the boat, but by frantic bailing we kept afloat.

The impenetrable bank of cloud was rent asunder by the violence of the electrical storm; masses of vapor settled down on the land to be greedily absorbed by the hot earth.

Storm Brief and Fierce.

As suddenly as it arose the wind fell to a dead calm. From start to finish the storm only lasted a quarter of an hour and in five minutes after being drenched through so fierce was the sun that we were quite dry.

We afterwards traveled to Coatepeque Station, and leaving the railway we journeyed to Lake Coatepeque.

This lake resembles a gigantic bowl. Mountains rise steeply all around it with the great volcano Santa Ana rising from the water's edge. This lake, like Lake Ilopango, has formed in the crater of an extinct volcano.

Living in thatched dwellings along the edge of the water are the Nahuatl Indians, who spend their life fishing. They employ methods I have never seen elsewhere. One is for the men to stand up to their shoulders in the water quite naked and cast their hook and line with a long, thin bamboo pole. They remain immersed like this for many hours.

Another is for a man to make a small raft in the centre of which a tiny seat is fixed. Using a crude paddle, the fishermen moves about the lake to his special place. One must be an expert equilibrist or the frail craft will inevitably capsize. As it is, so small are the crafts that when the man is seated in the centre the craft submerges and to the eye the fisherman appears to be sitting on the water.

Volcano Active.

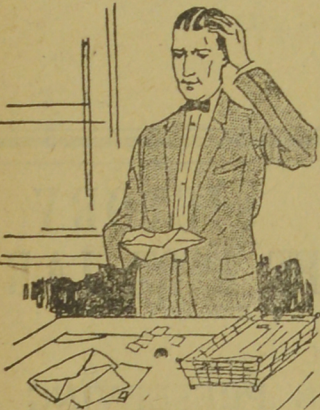
Nearer to the Pacific coast the volcano of Izalco rears its clean-cut conical peak. At present it is very active. Regularly every three minutes a great blast of smoke and steam shoots up from the crater, while on clear nights the lurid glow of the molten lava running down the sides can be seen thirty miles away.

At the foot of the volcano live the Izalco Indians, a curious people who speak a language entirely their own.

Just before the great volcanic eruption took place in 1917 there was a lake on San Salvador exactly the same as Ilopango and Coatepeque; in a single day is disappeared.

Earthquakes are frequent here. Almost every day since our arrival there has been a tremor, but so long as the volcanic Izalco is active this constitutes a safety valve and the people are happy.

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The diagram shows how relatively simple this particular dress is to make—a one piece dress given a two piece look by the upturned band. Notice the close fitting hip line and the suggestion of a blouse above. The skirt, pleated in front is plain in the back; and this is a practical touch because pleats in back require so much pressing. When making this skirt, by the way, don't forget to adjust the length and baste in the hem before giving the pleats their crucial pressing.

Wool crepe will be smart this year and is first choice for such a dress. If you are a brunette try it in Chanel red, with brown kid shoes and pocket book to match—the dark rich brown that goes so well with red. Your hat may be red or the same brown.

PEAR HONEY.

Wash, pare and grate the pear, the hard cooking pears are the best.

To each quart of grated pear add 1½ cups of sugar, put into preserving kettle and boil slowly 45 minutes remove the scum, stirring frequently, the time depends on the kind of pear used. It must be stiff and not separate. Just before removing from fire add 1 teaspoon of grated lemon rind or 1 tablespoon finely cut yellow of lemon; boil 2 minutes after lemon is added. Fill into well sterilized wide-mouthed bottles, cover with wax and paste paper over top.

Quince honey is made the same way, or quince and apple honey, using equal quantities of apple and quince.

SPICED PEARS.

Wash, pare, quarter and remove the core, using any kind of cooking pear. To each ½ peck of good pears use 3 cups of granulated sugar, 1½ cups pure cider vinegar if whole spices are used a 5 inch stick of cinnamon, 1 tablespoon of cloves, 1 tablespoon allspice, and 1 teaspoon of mace; if ground spices are used tie in 2 small pieces of cheesecloth using 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, ½ teaspoon cloves, ½ teaspoon allspice and ½ teaspoon mace. Mix before tying into cheesecloth. The whole spices may be tied the same way if you do not wish the spices among the fruit.

Put sugar, vinegar, 1 cup of water and spices on to boil; boil 5 minutes, skim and then add the fruit. Simmer slowly 35 minutes, being careful to remove all scum as it rises. Fill into well sterilized jars, adjust the rubbers, which have been dipped in boiling water, put on sterilized lids and when cold put in cool, dry place.

PEAR BUTTER.

Pear butter can be made from the early, poorer kinds, and is a very good spread on bread and biscuits. The pears are washed, stemmed, blossom and bad places cut away; cut into quarters without paring; put in kettle with very little water, cover and cook until tender. Pour into colander and when well drained mash through and to each quart of pulp add 1 cup brown sugar ½ cup syrup 1 level teaspoon salt, 2 level teaspoons cinnamon; 1-2 level teaspoon grated nutmeg. Return to preserving kettle and cook slowly until it thickens. It must be stirred often.

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Like a full moon who knows her reign soon past,
She spends her evanescent beauty, bright,
With a too perfect loveliness to last.

Sun and grape drunk, wrapped in a golden haze,
She revels a delirious hour, mad
To drain the cup knowing how few her days,
Then sinks into a dreaming, gently sad.

—KATHERINE ALLISON MacLEAN, in New York Sun.

When Shakespeare's filmed, his play will get
Renamed in movie fashion.
And "Romeo and Juliet"
Will be "The Pangs of Passion."

—London Opinion.

And Macbeth's dame, whose actions were

A good deal worse than shady
"The Sleep Walker" they'll title her
Or else, "The Spotted Lady."

—Boston Transcript.

And then there's good old "Hamlet," too,

Whose lines we dearly love to scan;
Comes soon a time to make us blue
When it is called "So's Your Old Man."

A MYSTERY.

My grandma says, when daddy went
To school, his books were neat,
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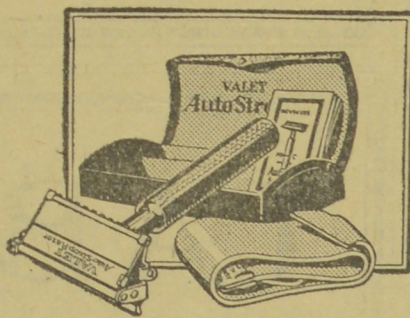
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