

Pepe, A Story of Porto Rico

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Porto Rico, you must know, is nearly as thickly populated as Belgium, and many of the people are very poor. To some parents it was a positive hardship to clothe their numerous offspring and motherly love was not an all-sufficient reason for the neglect. The governor general, however, understood that very well. To his military and comradely eyes the child photographed as of the backside was not a child, but a number of naked babies. He was determined that the poorest parents, upon the island, should be forced to do their duty.

By the time the order had been issued, the children were all dressed in the same style of clothing, and the motherly love of the people was not so much a hardship as it had been. The children were all dressed in the same style of clothing, and the motherly love of the people was not so much a hardship as it had been.

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HER LAND REWARDS THIS GIRL For Her Goodness.

It is a pretty story of a young girl who brightens the lives of the natives of the Orient, and who is rewarded for her goodness. It is the story of the good little girl Riko Wakayama of Tokoku and of the government that had her rewarded for her virtues and patience.

Riko Wakayama is 15 years old, and it is her devoted conduct toward her parents which has just been officially rewarded by the governor of Tokoku, who has presented her with a diploma of praise and a sum of money.

In the days of her childhood her family was living in a fair way, indeed, her father is a man of no ordinary being, the holder of a position which has given him after the last war, in twenty-three years ago. But when the fortune began to turn against them, when they moved to Tokoku from Matsuyama, where they had been originally, by the time Riko had entered on her sixth year the family had become so reduced in their circumstances that the father had to find a way to make things better for his wife and child. He had to find a way to make things better for his wife and child.

moment," would be an English equivalent of what was said, but does not correctly translate the polite, Porto Rican Spanish employed. I must tell you that Latin-American children are always courteous, and, for example, if you ask the name of one of the tiniest of them, he or she will give it in full and then add: "Your little servant, sir." In this instance the voice came from behind the open door, and when I stopped, Pepe's head appeared.

"Come out of that, Pepe. What's the matter with you?" said I.

"I can't come out, Mister. I can't get no shoes. And I can't bring you no more paper, because no paper can be in if they see me inside," he replied. There is a regulation in Porto Rico, as well as in England.

"Well, your father must get you some shoes."

"I can't get no shoes, Mister. My father can't get no shoes, and my mother can't get no shoes. What do you want to do with me, Mister?"

"I want to see your father, and tell him that you can't get no shoes, and that you can't bring no more paper, because no paper can be in if they see me inside."

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MASON - DIXON LINE.

TWO STATES CONTRIBUTE TO ITS RETENTION.

A New Survey of the Famous Boundary Between the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland—Over Mountains and Valleys.

During the present month there will be begun a re-survey of that famous old boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, known as the Mason and Dixon's Line. The object of the re-survey is to re-establish the line monuments and to place monuments on the western end of the line where none have hitherto existed. The state of Pennsylvania and the state of Maryland have each appropriated \$1000 for this purpose.

Dr. Henry S. Purcell, superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, is president of the commission that will have the honor of the re-survey. The other members are Prof. William F. Fernald, of Johns Hopkins University, and Major H. H. Wood, of the United States Army. The re-survey will be made by the division of the northern coast and geodetic survey, and will be completed in the month of August.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Winnie VanEvery, visited in Franklin this week.

Mrs. Lydia Musgrave visited relatives in Pontiac Tuesday last.

Hiram Skinner and wife, of Orion, visited at Robt. Hanna's last week.

Mrs. Clara Hall, of Rochester, visited relatives in town Sunday last.

Berleigh Randall and wife, of Farmington, visited in town Sunday.

Miss Linnie Peirce, of Detroit, visited Miss Mollie Beardree last Sunday.

Miss Maggie Dunwoode, of Detroit, visited Mrs. James Shaw last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Simpson and Mrs. N. A. Boyce, visited in Detroit, Wednesday last.

Mrs. James A. G. Gage, of Detroit, visited in town Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. H. visited in town Sunday last.

Mrs. B. M. M. visited in town Sunday last.

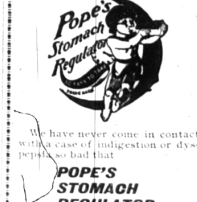
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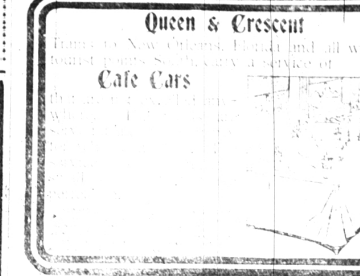
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