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## ASTER SUNDAY IN PORTO RICO.

Mr. Frank Parker Writes Interestingly of the Day as Celebrated in One of Uncle Sam's Island Possessions.
Tis Easter Sunday. A big event this Catholic country. The past several weeks of Lent have been very quiet, so far as pleasures, fiestas, dances and such like are concerned. But tonight in every town of any consideration and many not so, will be given the great Laster Dance. One of the events to which many look forward-after being denied the privilege of such pleasures for many weeks. Notwithstanding it is Sunday. Here the best fiestas, dances, and the like, are given on Sunday nights. In fact it seems that Sunday is considered the pleasure day of the week. Perhaps due to the belief that rest means change of occupation, therefore pleasure.
Most of the stores do their great est business on Sunday morning, because it is the day when everyone has the greatest liberty. No day has such crowds or abundance of products at the town markets as does Sunday. In fact from daylight unmet on the main roads coming into town. Some on or by their little, til 8 o'clock great crowds may be heavily-laden and wabbling horses, which is the customary way for transporting fruits and produce in the unimproved districts where no good roads have been made. It is wonderful to see how large and heavy a load these little horses can carry and the roads that they climb and travel over.

Another common method of the natives transporting wares is on the top of their heads. Why they frequently carry heavy trunks. And when a creek becomes swollen too high to pass, the common method of crossing is to climb on the back of a peon or native man and he wades through. One day a boy not over fifteen, weighing perhaps one hundred and ten pounds, carried me, weighing one hundred and ninety, through water much over his knees. Have you heard of the sure-footed mountain mules, always spoken of as being small? Well, we have here the true, genuine sure-footed horses, mules and people. Sometime ago I had occasion to make a cross-country trip requiring two days. Our line of travel led over wonderfully hilly, rough, muddy, steep and al most unpassable trails. Why, at one place, we stood on an outlook point which showed a great canyon below which by my barometer later indicated a descent of over one thousand feet of near sixty degrees incline. And up the other side the trail lead by places where one wrong step would land one perhaps several hundred feet below. Frequently the path was cut out of the face of solid rock and so steep as to frequently require the use of both hands. I give this as introduction to saying that two horses we had along made all these places with as much ease as we did and yet they had packs on them. Had I not seen I would not have believed it possible.
Say, dad One of my greatest shortcomings is either side or backsliding, for 1 am always leaving my subject. To get back to the market where we left the incoming populace. The common dress is a dirty white, and most country people have for market day these, their dress clothes. It is said that the larger percent have some trouble with their minds-not crazy, but unable to think quickly or well. However that may be, I have frequently had difficulty in passing some of them until by some unusual sound they were
bile horn has no effect because the are accustomed to that sound.
he must these crowds with an auto, stantly attract their attention:
At the market may be found
larger towns anything from many kinds of seeds, roots, herbs, fruits, tube vegetables to cloth, sweetened water drinks, trinkets and such like. The most interesting phase is to watch the bartering. As a rule oranges sell for from one-fourth to one-half cent each, but they would start at one cent and the proper person might get them for one-fifth of a cent or five for a penny. They expect this. The very worst kind o Jew trading. If an American want-
ed that orange and could not speak Spanish, it would be two cents was once asked five cents for a orange and get six for three cents. All this on Sunday-does it sound like it? I heard only one church bell this morning-the Presbyterian As a rule the Catholic churches have hree bells and even in ordinary week days, they are rung at fre quent intervals, beginning in early morning. One who is not accustom ed to the racket wonders whether it is a funeral, or in a minute a marriage-no it must be a fire-no pose of the mixing of the clanging of the three different tones?

I might close by saying the church is heard and makes a great appearance here, but am afraid that the Catholic faith is doing very lit the to improve the morals and spirit of its members.

I understand that it is common on Good Friday for a procession to form and at its head some one cares a statue of the crucified Christ or Virgin Mary. This is done as a token of remembrance and worship. In some places, a person, in the ab sence of the proper statue, may impersonate the Virgin.
And as soon as this worship is over their minds are quite free from further such thoughts. To prove it the great dance and other festivities that are to take place tonight.

1. wanted to see more of their Easter week customs but my broken foot still holds me in my room and bed. I think, however, I may be walking again in two weeks. This has surely been a lonesome day for an American Easter.

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