

IN THE VILEST PRISON

Miss Cisneros Confined in Filthiest Place Imaginable. NOT EVEN GIVEN CLOTHES

IF THEY FALL OFF THEY MUST GO NAKED.

SPITE OF THE MARQUIS OF CERVERA

Delicately Reared Cuban Girl, Cossio Cisneros, Scours the Floors of a Prison, Fifty Beyond Belief, to Gratify the Spite of a Spanish Nobleman (New York Journal.)

The Casa de Recojidas, or prison for abandoned women, in Havana, in which Senorita Evangelina Cossio Cisneros, the delicate and extraordinarily beautiful young Cuban girl, is imprisoned, is one of the most abominable jails in Cuba.

The conditions that exist there, as described by Senora Agramonte Sanchez and Senorita Maria Aguila, who were incarcerated with Miss Cisneros, and are now in New York, would be beyond belief were it not known that the Spaniards have not yet learned to treat prisoners as human beings.

Last winter—of course it is always summer in Havana—when these two women were in the Casa de Recojidas, there were ninety-two prisoners in all there. Twenty belonged to the best Cuban families, and were imprisoned for political reasons. They were not political offenders themselves. They merely happened to have brothers or other male relatives in the ranks of Cuba's army of liberation. The remaining seventy-two were women of the lowest class, mainly negroes, who were serving sentences ranging as high as twenty-five years for the worst crimes, including murder, known to the code. These latter were all confirmed criminals of the vilest habits.

ALL TREATED ALIKE.

The economy of the Casa de Recojidas management makes no allowance or provision for the separation of these two classes of prisoners. The delicate, refined woman who is thrust within its walls, like Miss Cisneros, must not only associate with the criminals, but has to sleep by their side.

The Recojidas is a low, one-story building that was constructed in the early days of the Spanish conquest as a convent. It is situated near the Paula promenade, not far from the sea. It has two large apartments that are long and narrow, and three small rooms. The latter are about twelve feet square, and each has one window and one door opening into the courtyard. In these five rooms were housed, rather penned, the ninety-two prisoners!

The twelve square feet rooms held from nine to twelve each. All are absolutely bare of furniture—no chairs or anything else of that kind. There are only long tables extending the entire length of the room on both sides, and on these the women sleep. There are no mattresses. The bare board is the bed, and there are no pillows and no bedclothes. In the two larger dormitories the women are crowded on these planks, which incline somewhat from the wall, toward which their heads lie, so that the feet of those on the one side are opposite the feet of those on the other side.

SMALLER, BUT BETTER.

The conditions in the smaller rooms in this respect are a trifle better, but nevertheless, so bad that the difference is not worth mentioning. However, the smaller rooms are the more desirable, and are assigned to those who have met with favor in the eyes of the huge negro, herself a prisoner serving a term of twenty years for murdering a woman of her class, who is the overseer of the unfortunate under the keeper of the prison.

The place is horribly dirty. There are no sanitary arrangements. A shallow pretext of keeping it clean is made in the way of compelling the inmates to scour the floors, but this is more for their punishment than otherwise and cannot in any case, as the place is constituted, be effective as a means of removing foul odors. There are no provisions for bathing, and the inmates must thus go from week to week with only the simplest ablutions.

Again, the prison authorities do not supply the prisoners with clothes. If those with which they enter the Recojidas should fall from their backs through wear or be torn off in a fight—and fights are of constant occurrence—then the prisoners must go naked.

There were about ten persons during the time that Mrs. Sanchez and Miss Aguilar were there that were absolutely without clothes. They had no money to send out to buy any. They had no friends to bring or send them any. They therefore had to go around like savages, and the Government of Spain, as represented by Weyler in Cuba, saw everything of reproach to it in that disgraceful fact.

CLOTHES ALL GONE.

Besides these ten that were without a stitch on their backs there were many others who wore the merest rags and were hardly any better off. Miss Cisneros' condition in this respect was not far above those latter when these two women entered the Recojidas. They gave her some of their clothes, but since then there has been nobody to befriend her. Not only is she without available relatives and friends, but the kindly disposed in Havana who would have helped the poor girl with food fit to eat and clothes fit to wear have been frightened away, and dared not risk Weyler's wrath by even going to see her, much less sending her things to make life bearable in the terrible Recojidas.

The chief official of the prison is a Spaniard, and he has two men under

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WHAT FUSION RULE HAS DONE.

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him. The immediate supervision of the inmates, however, is intrusted to this huge negro, who was selected for her ability to beat any of the other women.

She has two general assistants and five other aids, all of them prisoners like herself. The duty of the five aids is to keep order at night in the five apartments, one being assigned to each and being, as it were, its captain.

These eight women have practically the lives of their fellow prisoners in their keeping. They can beat them with impunity and do, and they can impose any conditions they please. Spain finds this system a particularly advantageous one in her bankrupt condition, because these women, being prisoners, can be made to serve without pay. They enjoy the authority that they have.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The order of the day in the Recojidas is as follows: At 6 in the morning these women open the doors, and the prisoners must immediately go out into the courtyard, naked, or half naked. There are two hours before the first meal. These two hours are employed by some of the women in washing their clothes. All must use the same large tub. Others sew. The majority chat, lounge, sing, smoke.

At 8 each gets a piece of bread and nothing more. At 10 two men bring in a huge tin pail containing a soup-like mixture of rice, potatoes and another vegetable. Each of the women has a tin plate and a large spoon. As they are called by name they go up to this pail and take as much as their spoon will hold. They can dip in only once. This latter process is repeated at 4 o'clock, when a piece of meat is added.

At 8 at night the chief woman guard blows a whistle and all must hasten to the dormitories. Until this hour they are permitted to pass their time as they please in the courtyard, and the air is filled with quarrellings, cursing, bickering and cries, for fights are of almost constant occurrence, and fierce fights at that.

It is among such women and amid such surroundings, and in such conditions that Evangelina Cossio Cisneros—everybody says she was the most beautiful girl in Cuba—has had to live these many months. And her life has been made even harder in Recojidas than it might have been, for since her incarceration there she had the misfortune to attract the attention of the Marquis de Cervera and de Villaitre—he holds the two titles, which are among the highest in Spain.

PERSONALITY OF THE MARQUIS.

The Marquis is reputed to be of monumental degradation. His name is synonymous in Cuba, not only among the natives, but among his own countrymen, with wiliness, viciousness and dishonesty. He has served terms in Havana prisons for robberies and gambling frauds. He was degraded from his rank of colonel in the Spanish army for having filched money from fellow army officers in the barracks. But he ingratiated himself into the Infanta Eulalia's favor when she visited Cuba in 1893, after having been the guest of this country on the occasion of her visit to the Chicago World's Fair, and through her intercession with the Queen Regent the Marquis was restored to his rank in the army.

Decent Spaniards in Cuba, as all Cubans, shun the Marquis of Cervera as if he were poison. He is one of Weyler's most intimate companions, however. The Marquis went to the Casa de Recojidas and offered Miss Cisneros, with whose beauty he was impressed, his protection. The young girl spurned his advances and the offers of his assistance.

BOASTS OF HIS CRUELTY.

He is known to have boasted that in consequence he has had the few privileges that she had previously been allowed withdrawn; that he had her removed from one of the small rooms in the Recojidas to one of the larger; that by his influence with Weyler he got the Recojidas authorities to make the girl scrub the floors once a week, as the more hardy prisoners do, and as she had not had to do before, and that to him would belong the credit of having broken her haughty spirit!

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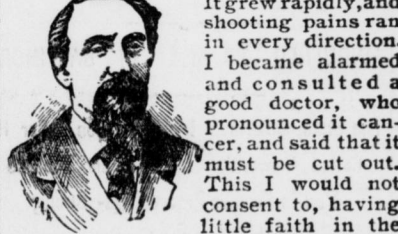
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