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IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

BRIEF PORTRAYALS, IN PICTURE AND TEXT, OF MEN, WOMEN, AND THINGS THAT FIGURE
IN THE CURRENT HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

A VOLUNTEER QUARTERMASTER'S EXPLOIT.

Surely Captain John B. Jeffery, who lately resigned as assistant quartermaster of United States volunteers, has reason to desire a certified copy of his record as an officer in the Philippines "for his own honor and as a legacy to his family," as Brigadier General M. P. Miller, under whom he served, sets forth in a communication to Quartermaster General Ludington.

During his service in the far east Captain Jeffery did many wonderful things, and if all that his superiors say of him were printed, the record for his honor and the legacy to his family would make a book of comfortable size and worthy of the finest binding. Not content with being a most excellent quartermaster, which is sufficient honor in the eyes of soldiers, he distinguished himself by taking possession of a steamship almost single handed, saving the



Grand Duchess Helène of Russia. The Grand Duchess of Hesse. Princess Beatrice of Coburg.

A TRIO OF ROYAL SISTERS AND COUSINS.

From a photograph by Uhlenhuth, Coburg.



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SOCIETY IN CUBA.

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THE SLAVERY THAT IS STILL THE LOT OF THE CUBAN WOMEN OF THE UPPER CLASSES, AND THE PROSPECT OF THEIR LIBERATION UNDER THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS.

While the men of Cuba are now freed from the burdens under which they struggled during Spain's supremacy, the women of the island are social slaves, bound in a medieval tyranny made all the more unendurable by comparison with the liberty of the American women whom they see in Havana.

Even in their financial reverses, the aristocratic Cuban families cling stubbornly to the strict observance of the old Spanish exclusiveness. As a result, but few Americans of the class now most in evidence are seen within their homes. There are some, however, who have recently adopted modern customs, and their influence is very great. Heretofore, Cuba has had but two social grades, the aristocracy and the common people. Now a great middle class is likely to be developed. The English language has been introduced, and American newspapers are finding their way. Fear of social ostracism is the only thing which prevents the Cuban women from adopting our example of feminine independence.

CUBA is a small island, but it has made history. Politically, the Pearl of the Antilles is just now in the throes of a regenerating process, chiefly

of an educational nature, in which the Anglo Saxon is training the Latin in the first principles of self government. This he needs sadly. Today Cuba is

free. No—that is but half the truth. Her men are free; her women are social slaves, bound in a barbarous and medieval tyranny.

Not in the harems of the far east is woman more jealously guarded, more selfishly secluded, than in Havana today, and though not to the same extent, the spirit and the underlying reason are the same: an arbitrary exercise of power by men over the women of their households; a sur-

and there is no one to strike them off save the women themselves, aided by such of their men as have learned the meaning of true liberty for man, woman, and child, and will demand for their womankind the respect of their fellows and the privileges of liberty and civilization.

A period of reconstruction in any country is always attended with more or less unrest; the political tide ebbs and flows; the conservatives hold



SEÑORA CATALINA DE LASA DE ESTEVEZ, OF HAVANA.

From a photograph by Dupont, New York.

vival of that dark period in the world's history when women were but chattels and men their masters.

Just two years ago, when the echo of the guns had died away at Santiago, the men of the little island were free; a great nation had come to their rescue. The shackles of the women remained,

to the old, the radicals demand the new. So it is that now, within a day's journey from its nearest point to our country, all the elements of a social revolution are at work in Cuba, and a quiet but fierce battle is waging in nearly every home in Havana and throughout the island. The only ex-