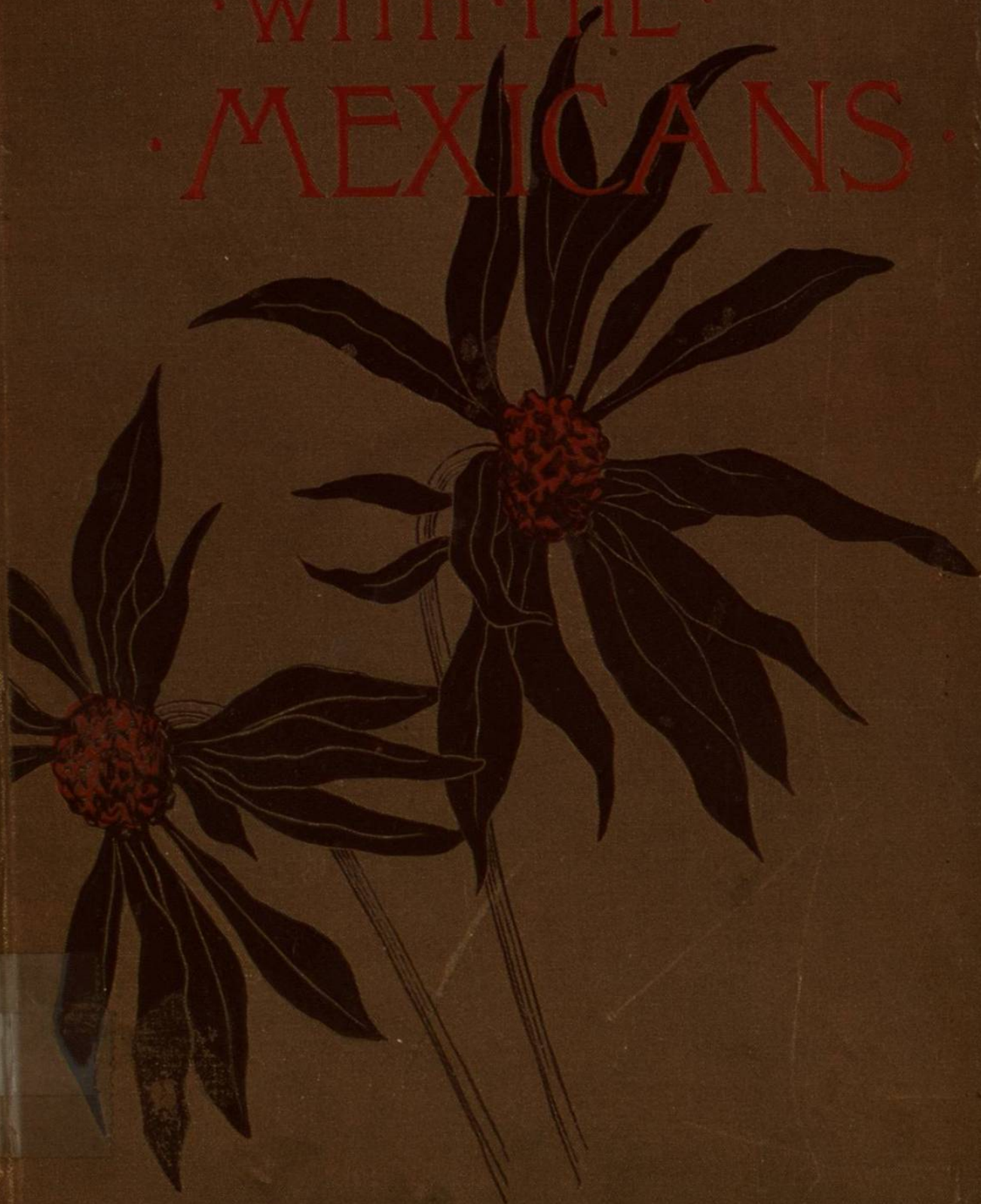


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Some fragrant trees  
By flower-sown seas  
Where boats go up and down,  
And a sense of rest  
To the tired breast  
In this beauteous Aztec town.  
  
But the terrible thing in this Aztec town,  
That will blow men's rest into stormiest skies,  
Or whether they journey or they lie down—  
These wide and these wonderful Spanish eyes!

Great walls about,  
Gate posts without,  
That prop these sapphire skies;  
Two huge gate posts  
Snow white, like ghosts—  
Gate posts to this Paradise!  
  
But, oh! turn back from the high-walled town;  
There is trouble enough in this world, I surmise,  
Without men riding in regiments down  
To die by those perilous Spanish eyes!  
  
—Joaquin Miller.

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*Carmen R. de Diaz.*

TO  
MY MEXICAN FRIENDS  
THIS VOLUME,  
IN WHICH I HAVE ENDEAVORED  
TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION OF MEXICAN CHARACTER AND  
SHOW IT TRUTHFULLY TO MY COUNTRYMEN,  
IS DEDICATED.



*Porfirio Diaz*



México, Abril 1.º de 1886.

*Señora*

*Fanny Chambers Gooch.*

*Presente.*

*Estimable Señora:*

*Conpuesta de su favorcida de antes y obsequiando  
el bondadoso deseo que a sí me W. expresarme, tengo el gusto de  
adjuntarle las fotografías que me pide de mi Señora y mías.  
Mucho agradecemos a W. la consideración que nos dispensa  
y deseamos también las gracias por su atención de partici-  
parme sus preciosos viajes, que deseo lo haga con toda felicita-  
dad, quedo de W. atento y afectísimo servidor.*

*Porfirio Diaz*

[Translation of letter from President Diaz.]

MEXICO, April 1, 1886.

MRS. FANNY CHAMBERS GOOCH,

*Present.*

ESTEEMED MADAME:

Having read your favor of day before yesterday, and complying with the kind desire which you are pleased to express, I have the pleasure to send you herewith the photographs of my wife and myself. We are grateful to you for your consideration, and also thank you for your courtesy in notifying us of your approaching journey, which I hope you will make with all happiness. I remain your attentive and affectionate servant,

PORFIRIO DIAZ.