

painter, passionately clung to me, his great liquid eyes looking lovingly into mine as he whispered his broken *adios* between his sobs. He was the child type of the warm friends of maturer years whom I was leaving.

The sun was setting behind the distant blue mountains; strains of sweet minstrelsy floated on the evening breeze; the panorama of singular characters passed me on their accustomed rounds. As the train moved gently along, I peered back and saw the distant lights gleaming in the city, and heard the long-drawn sweet tones of the evening bugle call, that seemed, as it dwelt on its last notes, to hold me bound in sweetest music, bidding me a yet more sorrowful farewell.



## FACE TO FACE WITH THE MEXICANS:

THE

DOMESTIC LIFE, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND BUSINESS WAYS,  
STATESMANSHIP AND LITERATURE, LEGENDARY AND  
GENERAL HISTORY OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE,

AS SEEN AND STUDIED BY AN AMERICAN WOMAN DURING SEVEN  
YEARS OF FAMILIAR INTERCOURSE WITH THEM.

BY

FANNY CHAMBERS GOOCH.

With 200 Illustrations from Original Drawings and Photographs,

*Giving a complete picturesque delineation of interesting and beautiful places, famous heroes, rulers, and authors, and a multiplicity of the detail of every-day life among that unique people.*

The Mexicans are very chary of admitting foreign *men* into their homes; but a cultivated and intelligent American *woman* (such as Mrs. GOOCH is), properly introduced (as she was, through the most distinguished people of their nation), they receive with open-hearted hospitality. Thus our author had unexampled opportunities for observation in her kindly task.

The cordial commendatory letters of Bishop RILEY and Mrs. CORNELIA TOWNSEND, on the following page, give not only a comprehensive idea of the labor which Mrs. GOOCH undertook in making this book, but valuable testimony to the fact that the work has been *successfully and brilliantly accomplished*. It is

*A Treasury of Romance, Legend, History, Picturesque Description, Valuable Information, and Genial Humor.*

IT IS ALSO

**Beautifully Illustrated, Brilliantly Printed, and Richly Bound.**

Fawn-colored English Cloth, \$4.25.

The Same, gilt side, back, and edges, \$5.00; Half Morocco, gilt edges, \$7.50.

SOLD ONLY BY SUBSCRIPTION.

FORDS, HOWARD, & HULBERT,  
27 PARK PLACE, NEW YORK.



FROM RT. REV. H. CHAUNCEY RILEY, D.D.,

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, 1887.

MY DEAR MRS. GOOCH: The chapters of your forthcoming book on Mexico that have been read to me are admirable. If all the other chapters of your work are equally interesting, you will have prepared a most valuable publication. Having mingled with the rich and the poor in Mexico, you are able to speak from personal knowledge of their home life in a way which those who have hurriedly travelled through that land, of course, cannot.

A noble thought has moved you to write this work on the sister republic, namely, the wish to make Mexico and its people better understood in the United States, and to correct many misconceptions that unfortunately are rife about that neighboring nation. Knowing how faithfully and industriously you have labored at your work, and how bravely and nobly you have faced and overcome many difficulties to achieve what you have accomplished, I trust that your work will meet with a hearty welcome and a wide sale.

I gladly put my name down as a subscriber to the same, and remain with much respect,

Yours, sincerely,

*H. Chauncey Riley*

FROM MRS. CORNELIA TOWNSEND.

THIRTEEN YEARS A RESIDENT IN THE MEXICAN CAPITAL, AND KNOWN  
AS THE "MOTHER OF THE AMERICAN COLONY."

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, 1887.

DEAR MRS. GOOCH: I have read with pleasure and deep interest the MS. of your work entitled "Face to Face with the Mexicans," and congratulate the neighboring republic upon the acquisition of a faithful and impartial chronicler, for certainly no nation on earth has been more thoroughly misrepresented by tourists and newspaper correspondents than Mexico.

During the past decade I have observed that travellers and certain knights of the quill usually considered a sojourn of a few weeks in the Federal Capital ample time for obtaining data sufficient to "write up Mexico," politically, socially and commercially. The fact that they could not speak Spanish, and had not the entrée to that exclusive circle termed "La Alta Sociedad," did not deter them from writing freely of "domestic life in Mexico." They obtained their information on all subjects from prejudiced and disappointed American speculators, or discouraged English and French colonists. Writing, of course, in accordance with the views of these foreigners, the result has usually been a tissue of absurdities or false statements.

I remember well how courteously you were received by President Diaz and his charming wife, and how royally you were entertained by Gen. Riva Palacio and family. I recollect, too, your interviews with the distinguished philosopher and *littérateur* Ramon Manterola; the venerable Prieto—Mexico's Béranger—and the charming poet, Juan de Dios Peza. As to the brilliant men who are members of El Liceo Hidalgo, they may well be termed "the intellectual nobility of Mexico," and you must have deemed it a glorious privilege each time you attended a "Velada Literaria"—I certainly did.

Fortunately you met representative women of the highest class; therefore you have, I observe, paid just tribute to their virtues and accomplishments.

I am particularly glad you have faithfully described those civilized Indians who form the "Servidumbre" or working-class, for they are honest, faithful and most excellent people.

No doubt your book will serve to correct many errors, and to eradicate the prejudices of Americans, who are too generally inclined to regard the Mexicans as cowardly, inefficient and deceitful simply because flippant and irresponsible writers have maligned a brave, intelligent race, which, until recently, has been victimized by foreign tyrants and unprincipled revolutionists.

You have been truthful, and have done justice to Mexico.

Adios.

*Cornelia Townsend*



"BOOKS ARE THE FOOD OF YOUTH, THE DELIGHT OF OLD AGE, THE ORNAMENT OF PROSPERITY, THE REFUGE AND COMFORT OF ADVERSITY, A DELIGHT AT HOME."—*Cicero*.

## CHOICE AMERICAN WORKS

BY

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT,  
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE,  
DR. JOHN LORD,  
HON. ALBION W. TOURGEE,  
HENRY WARD BEECHER,  
PROF. JACOB HARRIS PATTON,  
MAJ. GEORGE F. WILLIAMS,  
LOUISA T. CRAIGIN,  
FANNY CHAMBERS GOOCH, ETC.

With Illustrations by

GIBSON, DIELMAN, BIDA, EDWIN FORBES, CUSACK,  
AND MANY OTHER CELEBRATED ARTISTS.

SOLD BY SUBSCRIPTION.

"I rejoice in this carrying the waters of knowledge to the very doors of the people, and almost coaxing them to drink. It is the beginning, I doubt not, of a great system of creating an enlightened community."—Rev. JOHN TODD, D.D.

Selling the best books in an honorable way is a respectable, refined, and healthful pursuit. The reading habit is growing; a vast population is to be supplied; and there is work for all. No intelligent person need be without remunerative employment.

Salesmen and ladies of good education are employed in every community to take orders for our high-class publications. For particulars address

FORDS, HOWARD, & HULBERT,  
27 PARK PLACE, NEW YORK.

## FACE TO FACE WITH THE MEXICANS.

BY

FANNY CHAMBERS GOOCH.

PUBLISHED BY

FORDS, HOWARD, & HULBERT,

No. 30 Lafayette Place,

New York City.

Mrs. Gooch, a lady well known in Washington and at her home in Austin, Texas, has achieved a book of unique character and rare value.

Just at present, one of the topics most attractive and interesting to prominent men at the National Capital is the International Conference of Countries in North, Central, and South America, called to convene in the Spring of 1889. All of these, except Canada and the United States, may be called Spanish-American, and the singular interest of their peoples and the untold wealth of their commerce are matters that our own citizens should understand. Among them all, none is making such rapid strides toward the Anglo-Saxon standards as Mexico, especially under President Diaz, during the past ten years. With their peculiar races, religions, customs, and climate all against them, they are making splendid efforts, and their commercial importance is rapidly growing.

Books take the place of travel, for those who cannot go, and it behooves Americans to see what the English and French and Germans know of that rich and romantic land,—to see it as a matter of culture, as a source of wealth, and as a means of enlarging their sympathies with mankind. To show how broadly and carefully and aptly Mrs. Gooch has grouped the mass of varied material in this *live book* on Mexico and the Mexicans, the following expressions from men of national reputation stand as a remarkable testimonial to her noble aim and marked success.

*The late* CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE,  
*Supreme Court of the United States.*

One of Mrs. Gooch's earliest subscribers for the book, when she went to Washington to submit it to the judgment of the men trusted by the Nation, was the learned Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whose lamented death has since occurred. His signature is a fit preface to those that follow.

*M. R. Waite*



JUSTICE MILLER,  
*Supreme Court of the United States.*

I am satisfied it is a work of great value, and one especially needed in view of the increasing value of our intimacy with the Mexicans and their increasing commercial relations with the United States.

*Sam J. Miller*

PRESIDENT OF U. S. SENATE.

An attractive volume, elegantly illustrated, and abounding in spirited and picturesque descriptions. . . . Cannot fail to be an important contribution to our knowledge of the Mexican Republic.

*John J. Ingalls*

SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A most entertaining and instructive book. I cheerfully recommend it.

*J. G. Carlisle*

THE ADMIRAL OF U. S. NAVY.

I never read a book which gave me more pleasure or one which more graphically describes the manners and customs of a people. I passed three years of my life in Mexico, one year of which was in the City of Mexico, where I was partially educated. . . . In the latter place I lived with a Mexican family and had a good opportunity to study the manners of the natives. I also traveled a good deal through the country, and I can therefore indorse what you have written. . . .

*David D. Porter*

SENATOR EVARTS.

I take pleasure in obtaining a copy of this interesting book, and commend it to all my friends as worthy their reading and attention.

*Wm. Evarts*

THE MEXICAN CONSUL IN NEW YORK.

The many passages of your book that I have read have given me a positive pleasure, because they show that you have had many opportunities of knowing intimately the customs and usages of the different classes constituting the people of my country, and that you availed yourself of said circumstances in the fairest and most benevolent spirit. Your work is very valuable to both Mexicans and Americans, and deserves to have a large circulation.

*Juan V. Navarro*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Interesting and instructive. . . . Will help to improve the social and commercial relations of the people of the two great sister-republics of North America.

JAS. B. MCCREARY, *Chairman.*

*Signed also by the following gentlemen of the Committee:*

CHAS. E. HOOKER, <i>Miss.</i>	WM. WALTER PHELPS, <i>N. Y.</i>
JOHN E. RUSSELL, <i>Mass.</i>	ISIDORE RAYNER, <i>Md.</i>
CREGAN CHIPMAN, <i>Mich.</i>	T. H. NORWOOD, <i>Ala.</i>
WM. W. MORROW, <i>Cal.</i>	PERRY BELMONT, <i>N. Y.</i>
	R. R. HITT, <i>Ill.</i>

HON. S. S. COX,

*Traveler, Author, and Congressman.*

Its charm of illustrations, type, arrangement, and binding are but superficial merits; the worthiness of the book and its object give it an inner beauty. . . . I trust your volume will have its reward in the good will of our people.

*S. S. Cox*