



some mention of Miss Eva C. Carr, the friend and principal lieutenant of Mrs. Palma. Miss Carr has known the Palma family intimately for many years. She is from Center Valley, N. Y., where her acquaintance with the President was formed. When the family moved to Cuba, Miss Carr came with them as secretary to Mrs. Palma. She is a young and very attractive woman, remarkably well informed, and with wonderful executive talent. She proved invaluable in aiding Mrs. Palma to adjust herself to the conditions of life in which she found herself as the wife of the President and first lady in Cuba. Mrs. Palma is shy, and at that time was very anxious not to commit errors, relying on Miss Carr to a great extent to save her from them. She did her work well. The President has come to rely upon her to such an extent that last year, when after three years of service, she wished to go home on a vacation, he said, "Go if you must, but be sure to return before the presidential campaign; I will need you then." Miss Carr, moreover, is the loving confidant of the children, particularly the younger ones. She supervises their education, sees to their clothing, accompanies them to dry goods stores or milliner, and audits the accounts, pays the servants, and handles the keys. When the children ride, she accompanies them in the state carriage reserved for the use of the family, and of which Petruccio is the faithful char-driver. Petruccio is a faithful colored retainer, whose devotion to his little charge is such that when recently he was offered promotion to the President's official carriage, he promptly refused it.

One does not always look for home life in a palace, but the palace of the President of Cuba is that rare exception. Whatever may be President Palma's faults as an executive—and that he has them, the present rebellion is sufficient evidence—he is a model husband and father, and the atmosphere of affection, peace and fidelity which surrounds his private life is such as only a good man could inspire. Those who know the President at his own fireside say that it is there that the real Palma is found—graciously, courteous, considerate, a Christian gentleman in the finest sense of the word.

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