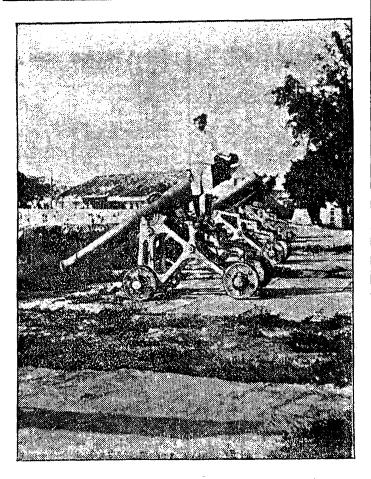
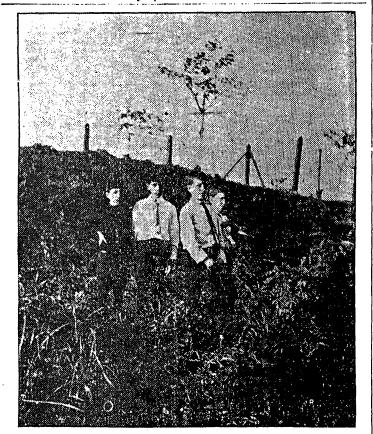


President Palma's state carriage.



Rafael Palma on the ramparts of Cabanas Fortress, where family spends the summer.



President Palma's two young sons, Carlos and Rafael (the two

THE FAMILY LIFE OF TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

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The Ex-President of Cuba Has a Singularly Happy Home—Senor and Mrs. Palma Have Six Children-Palma Condemned to Death by the Spaniards.

(Start Correspondence of the Picayana.)
Havana, Sept. 24.—The family life of President Tomas Estrada Palma forms an interesting contrast to the stress and storm of his official routine. After a wearing day spent in conferences with his advisors, in receiving delegations, and over sheaves of correspondence, he has but to shut the door of his study to find himself surrounded by the restful influences of a singularly happy home. A part of the second story of the old palace of the Spanish Governors-General has been set aside for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Palma and their children. The windows of their upartments overload Chelly Street, one of the busiost retail shopping districts of the city. There are glimpses to be eaught of the plance; of the harbor, with its ceuseless procession of ships; of Cabanas Castle, sprawling along the opposite side of the harbor above the litie town of Casa Blanca, and, further away in the distance, risos the graceful lighthouse and the timeworn buttlements of the Morro. The palace istelf is full of memories. It was the limeted over the graceful lighthouse and the timeworn buttlements of the Morro. The palace itself is full of memories, to whom was assigned the unpleasant task of delivering to the Americans control over the government of the island.

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sonally, the young woman has a very sweet and refined manner, and charming personality. She is the intimate friend and constant companion of her father. Cuban eliquetto prevents her from accompanying him into his office, and she cannot for that reason be of assistance to him in the round of official duties; but she is probably of great value in handling his personal correspondence, and still more in cheering him of evenings with her music. She reads to him frequently from his favorite authors, historians and some of the great biographers, with all of whom the Falma children are surprisingly well arquainted. Miss Candita, like all the other children, speaks English better than she does Spanish. She was born in Conter Valley, and until her father became President of the Cuban Republic, probably expected to live all her life in that little town. Since coming to Havana, however, she has given a great deal of time to perfecting herself in Spanish, which she now speaks very well. She is sudying French now.

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The three younger children are, in some ways, the most introsting members of the family. Lucita an I Carlos are twins, now 12 years of ago. Rafael, the youngest, is 19, Lucita's real name is Mariana de Luz, a beautiful but somewhat cumberous, appellation, which has been shortened by the family and her playmates into the more portable form, to which she commonly an swers. They attend an American accomplished American, Indy, Miss Phillips, of California. The instruction is in English, but there is a Spanish master, from whom they receive lessons in their own idlom. They are dignified little people. In apite of their tender ages, but intensely democratic and unaffected, very popular with their little associates, and always enger and obliging. If their teacher assigns the children some little task, such as the arranging of the chairs for the music classes, none responds more punctually and delightedly than Master Carlos, if some me is wanted to run an errand, the first to volunter is Master Rafael. In fact, they servind wholly unconscious of the position which they occupy as the President's children, and behave like healthy, happy, well-brought-up youngsters in the United States.

To their parents all of the Palma children show a pretty deference, and especially towards the mother, their attitude is one of reverential courtesy. The President loves to froile with the younger children in the evenings. When they were still more hables nothing gave him sincerer delight than to romp with them just as Eugene Field did with his merry little folks. Last year, when the political skies were beginning to be overcust, and a series of threatening anonymous letters caused the family much alarm, the children were taken away from school and put in charge

ardice have plunged him into all the dangers and difficulties of his present situation. He is said to be quite aware of all that has been done by pretended friends during the last two years, but such is the gentleness of his character that he would not lift a hand to avenge himself on them of a single personal injury.

Palms fought aginst the Spanish in the Ten Years' War till the formation of the first Cuban Ropublic. Eventually he became the fifth President of this short-lived State, While still in office he was captured by the Spanish and sent to Morro Castle under sentence of death. The cell where he was imprisoned is still pointed out. Martinez-Campos, who was then Governor General of Cuba, annulled the sentence so far as the annulled the sentence so far as the doubt penalty was concerned, but sent him a state prisoner to Barce-lona, where he was immured in a

fortress, said to be a duplicate of the Morro. He remained there for some time, but was eventually released. His refusal to take the cath of allegiance to Spain cost him a sentence of banishment from Cuba. He set out for Paris, vowing he would never return to his native land till he could bring Cuba her freedom from Spanish tryanny. It was to be his proud destiny to accomplish this vow, though not till after many years of absence and suffering. From Paris he went to Honduras. It was during his exile in this country that he mot and wooed his present wife. He was employed as tutor in he family of President Guardiola, and the present Mrs. Palma was one of his pupils. She was 25 years his junior, but the disparity in agos has in no way diminished the perfect happiness that has marked their wedded life.

Mrs. Palma has probably descended from one of those virile Indian races which formerly dominated Central America; the swarthy complexions and prominent cheek bonessean in her own visage and in those of her children bear testimony to the fact. They are attributes which might not be deemed beautiful, but in the cast of the President's wife they are redeemed by a fine presence and delightfully simple and refined manners. Mrs. Palma is tall and plump. Her figure has not, like many of the Cuban matrons, taken on fat with ago. She is distinguished for good, sound sense and judgment. Her chief pleesure is found at home with her childen. When she first came to Cuba the found it difficult to realize that the belonged to the public as much as her distinguished husband. When she first came to Cuba the found it difficult to realize that the belonged to the public as much as her distinguished husband. When she first eame to Cuba the respectfully curious eyes of the croyd. To be exposed to their scrutiny was very painful to her, This feeling expresses itself also in her shrinking from all social demonstration. She has considerable culture, and while she may of the croyd. To be exposed the her chief occupation and principal deligh

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ied by his aid-de-camp, and his Sectetary, Mr. Belt. The latter is a man of great ability, who makes his home with the President, and is his constant companion. This summer, however, while the family was at Cabanas, Mr. Meyer was in attendance on the President. He was associated with Mr. Palma during the time of the Cuban revolutionary junta in New York, and is devoted to his service. Mr. Meyer speaks English fluently, but Mr. Belt is not acquainted with that language, which the President and all his family speak with equal. If not greater, fluency than Spanish,

At Cabanas the President occupies the picturesque little residence overlocking the ramparts formerly used by the Spanish Commandant. The house is overshadowed by magnificent laurel trees. A little belvedere has been erected on the ramparts, so as to command a view of the harbor and the city. The sight is a superbone. Here the family speaks many happy hours. It is especially a favor-



Miss Carr (figure on right, wearing hat) and President Palma's children, with some of the friends, in the grounds of the Quinta de Molinas, Havana, Cuba.



Palma's children at school. Luzita Palma, seated on extreme left; Carlos Palma, next to her bu one; Raiael Pa ma, standing behind his brother.



President Palma's children and a group of little friends at play at the Quinta de Molinas, the summer home, on the outskirts of Havana.



President Palma's two younger sons about to dance minuet with two little American girls (fig-

sme mention of Miss Eva C. Carr, the figed and principal lieutenant of Ma. Palma. Allss Carr has known the Palma. family intimately for many years. She is from Center Palma, N. W. where her acquaintance with the President was formed. will the President was formed. The the family moved to Cuba, the Carreame with them as sectoristy to Mrs. Palma. She is a rough and very attractive woman, markably well informed, and with roughtly executive taient. She would invaluable in aiding Mrs. Palma to adjust herself to the conductable in the conductive taient. She will be self to the conductable in the conductable lag on Miss Carr to a great extent to has on Miss Carr to a great extent to may her from them. She did hor work well. The President has come for the president has come to rely upon her to such an extent that styer, when after three years of service, she wished to go home on a vacation, he said, "Go if you must, but he sure to return before the medical campaign; I will need to them." Miss Carr, moreover, is he leving confidant of the children, aritually the younger ones. She supervises their education, sees to be confident, accompanies them to impose the configuration of the companies the configuration of the companies that the configuration of the companies that the companies the configuration of the companies that the configuration of the companies that the companies that the configuration of the companies that the configuration of the companies that the companies t ber clothing, accompanies them to try goods stores or milliner, and that the accounts, pays the servate has children ride, she accompanies children ride, she accompanies children ride, she accompanies chain a the state carriage reserved as the use of the family, and of take he could be the server of the faithful charitet. Petruccio is a faithful colored retailer, whose devotion to his his charge is such that when remaily he was affered prometion to sale charge is such that when the was offered promotion to be residence official carriage, he monthly refused it. Manphy refused it.
One does not always look for home it in a palace, but the palace of a president of Cuba is that rare dependent whatever may be present a palace of the present and the has them, the present willing is sufficient evidence—he is added husband and father, and the manches of affection peace and landed husband and father, and the three husbanders of affection, peace and the three husbanders of affection, peace and the three husbands and the three husbands are could also the three husbands and the three husbands and the three husbands are three husbands and the three husbands are thre And at his own fireside say that is blers that the real Palmy is found of the considerate, considerate, containing sentiement in the finest mass of the word. JOHN S. KENDALL.