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Dear ~~Mad.~~ Miss Towne,

I humbly
submit the article for which you
asked. Chop it down to fit your
space. I am coming north
on same boat with this letter.
I shall be at Mrs. Heylman's
a day or two. Expect to be
on the continent about three
weeks.

Sincerely

E. W. H.

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The People of Porto Rico.

The people of the United States! What one phrase would embrace them all! The people of Porto Rico! The one characteristic common to all of them is - the desire to please.

A little girl whose name was hard to remember, was heard to tell her teacher, "Call me anything you please. Yes, Crispianita is my name, but if you desire me to have another name I shall be glad to be called by it."

To "tell on" another student is not a popular practice in school, because it would be displeasing to said student. "I beg of you, tell me who did this," says the distracted directora of a girls' residence hall. A polite shrugging of shoulders, and an innocence of expression which would improve the looks of any angel, is all Doña Directora meets in answer to her plea.

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Their desire to please their chum
and at the same time keep all
unpleasant knowledge from dis-
pleasing the matron, has kept them
silent.

Their desire to be pleasant and
not offend, keeps Porto Rican people
from laughing at well-meaning
Americans who show their ignorance
by their high and mightiness, and
display their inferiority by
assumed superiority.

Porto Ricans are no fools. They
may assent to all you say, but on
the inside of their brilliant minds
they put you down as one more
fledgeling.

Ranting reformers and
more-holy-than-thou missionaries
lay the Porto Ricans' lack of decision
to character not fully strong. May it

not be blamed on their desire to please?

"Carlos! Why did you not tell me there was a hole in the wolf's cage?" said Mrs. Menagerie Keeper after said wolf had devoured chickens galore. "Not wishing to disturb you, madam, sealed my lips."

Politicians, the world over, are noted for their desire to please. Porto Rican politicians beat the world for their daring pleasantry. Those who doubt it may refer to an experienced gentleman of sixty summers, a world traveler, who has elected presidents United States politics. "They are" "Porto Ricans are adroit politicians," says he.

Porto Ricans are a religious people. They make beautiful Christians. Pedro Juan's sisters made Sunday a day of

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fiesta. His brothers attended baseball games. All the family ridiculed Pedro Juan who tucked a cornet under his arm and a Bible in his pocket and walked three miles into the country every Sunday rain or shine to hold a Sunday School.

"Porto Ricans have no sense of humor" was choice information from the lips of one whose very existence must have made Porto Ricans see the joke, for they are the wittiest of the witty. They see humor in a situation which has very little fun ⁱⁿ it for the average.

The Porto Ricans are a patient people. "Poco a poco" (little by little) is their middle name. "Do people wear clothes in Porto Rico?" asked a voter in the State of New York. The

Porto Rican lad to whom the question was put must have felt like an eight year old ~~lad~~ girl did some years ago from prosperous electrically machined Kansas, when a lady in Massachusetts asked an inhabitant of the wild and woolly west if they had ^{stoves} ~~stoves~~ in Kansas.

Porto Ricans are so patient they do not even resent letters like one a Reverend Sir from California wrote - "We are having a mission study of Porto Rico. Please send me a native costume". The wicked missionary wrote back "Buy a Hart Schaffner and Marx suit."

Porto Ricans know how to select the best influence of all the nations. Europe and the two

Americas pass Porto Rico's door,
 and are attracted by the beautiful
 isle. So it is a ~~cosmopolitan~~ cosmo-
politan people. Asia is represented
 here as well. And Africa has left
 many of her sons in the coast
 towns. ~~At a meeting of Latin~~ ^{where} ~~American delegates~~ ~~delegations~~
 At a meeting of Latin American
^{conference} delegates in San German, boys
 from four different Latin
 American countries led in
 prayer.

Porto Ricans imitate perfectly,
 whether it be clothes, architecture or
 worships. "We shall call it our
 college uniform," said a lady whose
 dress had been copied by teachers,
 matrons and students, in a
 school where they wished to please this
 lady by making dresses like hers.

Porto Ricans are a lovable people. They are bright, attractive, always kind, and will do anything for one they love. They cannot be driven an inch.

They are a proud people. A friend of Porto Rican girls often used this argument effectively, "Sara, if you should so far forget yourself and your family as to do this again, people might think you came from a home where the children had not been taught better." They are so proud they will throw a whole loaf of bread away if it should slip off the plate to a spotless floor, and even if they are starving. More humble people would cut off the "bottomest" slice and use the rest.

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Porto Ricans are lovers of the beautiful - Everything is ornamented. If a Porto Rican neighbor gives you a Pineapple she sends it in a tray, and decorates the spines with flowers. The most beautiful roses and flowers and vines are cultivated with care.

A gift to a friend is wrapped so daintily it adds ten fold to its value. The grocer's memorandum is on good paper, with graceful flourishes in ink. The inside patios are dreams of beauty with vines and bright colored plants.

Porto Ricans are great smilers. The servant smiles pathetically when she shows you the broken fragments of your muddling cut glass. The high class society woman smiles when she merely passes the time o' day. The merchant smiles, the

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telegraph messenger ~~to~~ smiles, the nurse smiles when she proffers your bitter dose, Porto Rico is where the miles o' smiles are - really and truly.

Porto Ricans are a grateful people, though their appreciation to some extent may be said to be short lived.

Porto Ricans are great talkers. They would rather talk than eat. Whether in their sala at home or at the casino (club) or in a public speech anywhere. Where the Anglo Saxon would make the briefest of replies, the Porto Rican would bow and gesticulate gracefully and give a two minute sample of real oratory. To keep order in Christian Endeavor was one poor woman's hardest

task, because all were so eager to make ^{long} speeches.

Porto Ricans are sensitive people. They feel deeply.

Porto Ricans love money a lot. Whether the Americans taught it to them, or whether it is in their Spanish blood, anyway it is true.

Porto Ricans are easily discouraged. "Cesar, you are our best pitcher - do not ~~throw~~ throw those easy balls! Give 'em a hard one!" ~~So~~ The discouraged pitcher answers, "What's the use? They are beating us." When the game goes against them, instead of nerving them to greater effort, it discourages them till they no longer try to play well.

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Many Porto Ricans do not deem little tricks in trade dishonest. To them it is superior intelligence.

Porto Ricans, taking them all in all, are not especially truthful, for sometimes the truth is unpleasant. They always love to please, remember, and do not condemn them too strongly, because the religion they inherited has taught them to deceive at the Confessional. But there are thousands of Christian exceptions where the truth and the truth only is practiced.

Porto Rico is so densely populated the people have learned to love crowds. The more people living in one house, the less danger of loneliness.

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Porto Ricans are just folks like everybody. They have their faults and they have their strong points.

Sum up all the adjectives used about them in these lines, and Porto Ricans are not half described. They are a worthy people, worthy of our respect, interest, love, devotion, friendship, admiration, help.

Come see them for yourself - won't you?

- E.W.H.