

A Real Guide Book.

"Terry's Mexico; Handbook for Travelers," by T. Philip Terry. (City of Mexico, the Sonora News Company; Boston, Houghton-Mifflin Company).

Mr. Terry has made a handbook that, without fear of results of a comparison, is fit to stand beside anything the great Baedeker, prince of guidebook makers, ever turned out. In fact, the urgent advice to Herr Baedeker in this relation would be for him for the nonce to forsake the beaten paths of Europe over which travelers have traveled until every blade of grass bears their pedal imprints, as it were, and come over to this side with the one avowed purpose of turning out a handbook on Mexico—as nearly complete and reliable as Mr. Terry's. Among other helps to the traveler and the wayfaring man the present author lays out seventy-two routes which take him in a most admired criss-cross over every accessible part of Porfirio Diaz's republic, and the descriptions of the bigger cities make superfluous any apprehension as to where to spend one's time. Indeed, with this "Handbook to Mexico" in one's grip, one can safely enter a Pullman in St. Louis, study out any desired route and have it "pat" by the time El Paso is reached. The 600 closely printed pages are interspersed with maps and plans, numerous and well executed. The author employs a compact style and has an amusing horror of needless verbiage. Clear type and good paper make the book all the more attractive and useful.