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PLAZA SECOND PLACE

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Plaza second place. So read the message that was flashed from the field of Amsterdam to let the whole world know that Chile had been second in the Marathon race. Old Europe may know that in this corner of the earth, nitrate of soda to fertilize their land is not the only thing that we produce, but also men who are able to face them in a contest of this magnitude.

No doubt they were somewhat surprised on seeing an unknown flag flying at the mast after the race; but the news of Plaza's achievement didn't surprise us a bit. We knew that Plaza was going to stick to his promise. We were sure that he was the man able to «save the situation», not only ours but that of the Latin American countries.

But aside from the great importance of his success from the international point of view, his victory has still a more important value from the educational point of view.

Plaza's success was not a matter of good luck. He didn't win by mere chance. We cannot say that circumstances favoured him. Plaza attained his success because it was his, because he deserved it and because he had been since the day he arrived at Amsterdam, under very strenuous training. It did not matter to Plaza if it rained. He would comply with his daily training as usual. Rain, cold nor mud could stop him from advancing in a sure way toward victory. He had been preparing himself for years in advance of the race which was going to give him the fame he has achieved.

He started right from the very beginning.

He was well prepared for this great contest. He appeared at the field with a face revealing confidence in himself. He knew he was not going to be so easily beaten because confidence, faith and effort are a powerful shield against defeat, against failure.

Young men, life is also a Marathon race, but much larger than the one that was run few days ago. If we want to succeed in this long race we must be in constant training to acquire the necessary strength to change failure into victory. We must devote a part of the day to study and comply with our duties with all our heart. If we try to improve what we did yesterday; if we do our best to near perfection as much as we can, then we ought to be sure that all difficulties will be easily overcome and victory will be our reward.

Let us take example from Manuel Plaza who has shown us that perseverance and confidence in oneself lead to the road of success.

WOMAN'S PROGRESS IN JAPAN

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According to the «Japan Advertiser» (a Tokyo newspaper) women of Japan enjoy a very much greater degree of freedom than do their sisters in other Eastern countries.

In the towns and cities they are to be seen acting as conductors on the tramways and omnibuses and occasionally a woman taxi-driver is to be seen plying her trade.

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