



ESTHER GOULD'S TRAVEL CORNER

SPAIN IS PICTURESQUE, BEAUTIFUL, FASCINATING

In fact oddly enough, she is everything she has been painted. To hurry through Spain as I am doing is like running through a large picture gallery. Every mile is a corridor in which you might well linger. The county police are garbed as gentlemen of Napoleon, the gesture with which that one throws back his cape and puts his hand to his sword is more than Napoleonic, it is royal. The doorways, streets, each one beckons, all but commands.

Traveling through Spain without a word of Spanish—not even able to do more than guess that it is dangerous to lean out of the window has its humorous side. Two little Spaniards tried half an hour yesterday on the train to ask me something, speaking very loud and gutturally. Finally in despair I handed out my French-English dictionary and after half an hour more of combined diligence they pointed to a word. I read "copy-book." It finally transpired when they had resorted to the universal language of signs that they wondered if I would like some tea. The connection between "copy-book" and "tea" was obscure but fearing apoplexy I didn't press the question.

Barcelona, my first stop, is the Chicago of Spain. A bustling whirling city, yet struggling under the handicap of its tiny streets as a giant struggling under irritating cords. A little donkey pulling his two-wheeled cart, which with its white hood looming behind him looks like the snail shell he has just walked out of, can hold up a line of motors and trucks for half a mile.

Barcelona has much of interest—the fourteenth century palaces with their exquisite stone work and tropical patios, the beautiful and impressive cathedral containing the famous "Christ of the Invincible Armada"—but it is a night in Barcelona which interested me most. Not the conventional "Night in Spain" of the musical comedies, but a far more interesting one which I watched at intervals from my balcony as from a box at the play.

During the evening all is movement, life, color. The Spaniards promenade endlessly on their boulevards, talking incessantly their soft explosive language. As midnight comes and goes, life gradually thins out on the boulevards, and the smaller darker streets gather it in. Directly across from my balcony is a tiny gambling place, set in a hole in the wall. Here all night long three or four men play their game. The clink of coins, the rattle of dice, a furious burst of language, silence again. Fewer and fewer people go by, the taxis hoot along the streets leaving the silence trembling as draperies in the wake of wind. One of the gamblers turns away. To prove that it is Spain, in a voice of purest melody, he breaks into a song. The others join in, frequently, as if under the director's baton, droning quickly away into silence and the sound of the coins.

The stars are brilliant overhead, a dying moon climbs wearily toward the center of the sky. The game goes monotonously on. An hour more and the moon has reached its place only to find it has been superseded by the dawn. No taxis now—but the market wagons take up the sacred trust of noise. They thunder down the narrow streets as locomotives gone

mad. Some cocks crow, they are on their way to market so all unwitting they are greeting their last dawn. The light is stronger. A flock of birds rise up in a great whirl and disappear. The gamblers are tired at last, they turn away. A one-legged news vendor hobbles up excitedly to his post, an old woman in a shawl creeps out under a vast market basket. The pleasures of the night are past, the business of the day has begun.

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North Shore Towns Get Tax Bills Later

Open season on taxpayers, except along the North Shore opened this week with collectors in several townships accepting payments for general taxes.

County Treasurer Jay B. Morse will not be ready to issue statements for North Shore cities until April 1, or possibly a few days earlier.

The Libertyville books were delayed, it was stated, but will soon be in the hands of the collectors. The system of accepting payment in the home township of the taxpayer was inaugurated to save time for the debtor and to avoid congestion in the treasurer's office.

Collectors are as follows:

Newport township: James Welch, Rosencrans.
Grant township: A. H. Franzen, Fox Lake.
Lake Villa township: R. Manzer, Lake Villa.
Warren township: Mrs. Mabel McCullough, Gurnee.
Libertyville township: Mrs. D. E. Morse, Libertyville.
Fremont township: Albert Snyder, Mundelein.

Cuba township: Miles T. Lamey, Barrington.
Vernon township: Maude Knolls, Prairie View.
Ela township: Emil A. Ficke, Lake Zurich.
W. Deerfield township: J. Dietz, Deerfield.
Avon township: E. Harris, Grays Lake.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 335
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois having ordered the construction of a Reinforced Concrete Pavement and Concrete Combined Curb and Gutter with the necessary drainage and other improvements in Green Bay Road from and connecting with the existing brick pavement in Green Bay Road at Edgewood Road South to the Southern Limits of the City of Highland Park. The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city and having applied to the County Court of Lake county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 13th day of April A.D. 1929, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten installments, with interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

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