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#### On Talking Scandinavian

(By Lion Frank Hogg)

have, until April, been undoubtedly was a day's diet of coffee and gingamong the finest non-English-speak- er ale-thoughtfully provided to ing countries in which to visit. The wash down the food we had not scenery is magnificent, due to the brought. dreds of miles of beaches, islands Sweden' when what you were meant and fjords. The climate is moderat- to learn was that "If you went to ed by the Gulf Stream which flows Hven, you could learn whether you down the Norwegian coast. The peo- could get frequent service to Sweple are wholesome, friendly and den". And you go, and learn that happy. There are no slums, such as you can't, and so come back and are ever present in many European start over. and American cities, to prod your My wife's chief Swedish accompsocial consciousness. And the food lishment was to learn to ask for a is so far superior to that found else- glass of fresh water - and hence where that it defies description. But guard against the national custom I do use the term "non-English- of retarding water as a designation speaking"!

speaks English much better than foods. most English speaking people speak In all, on reconsideration, there any foreign language. Yet get off | are worse things than the difficulty | the beaten tourist routes, and you in understanding. Some years ago find that, linguistically, you and I visited with an eminent Swedish your hosts have little in common. | scholar who started by suggesting,

viously, I naturally represented my- rectly) that I could speak no Swedself as an authority on all things re- ish. Would I prefer to talk in Gerlated to travel when my Lioness and man or French, as his English was I recently had occasion to visit Den- poor? In the ensuing long convermark and Sweden. Besides my cour- sation I murdered the German age and a rather poorly-working language, and used, when necessary, knowledge of French and German, English or French words to help we had a Swedish-French dictionary. bury it. Imagine my consternation A Swedish Handbook that we had on learning later that my host read, gave translations of such helpful wrote and talked fine English, but sentences as "Will you pass the was too shy to talk English to Engsnuff, please." A typical example lish-speaking people.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark | eat them on the boat. The result

mountain vistas, the countless lakes, Or again, "If you go to Hven, you carefully preserved forests, and hun- can get frequent boat service to

for a noxious aerated beverage. But The guide books correctly assure of course you never starve in a resyou that English is spoken in the taurant, as you can always point to leading hotels, shops and railroad something on the menu, and hope stations. Also the college students for success. The element of surprise usually speak beautiful English. And is appetizing, in countries where raw certainly the population in general fish and reindeer meat are staple

As I had been to Scandinavia pre- in French, that he supposed (cor-

of the difficulty you encounter was | On the whole, it is probably better when we started off on an all-day to stick to the celebrated custom of excursion, being assured in answer frequenting only "English-Spoken to our question put in all four Here" places, and assume the well languages, that we could get meals known tourist attitude that if you on the boat. The correct informa- repeat a question often enough, and tion was, of course, that we were loudly enough, in English in any supposed to take our own meals and country, you will finally be answered.

#### All In A State Of Mind

(By Lion "Dick" Edmunds)

that comes to each member of the build a structure that shall be the human family. It may be sickness, envy and the hope of all peoples, death, wayward children, financial, in this Canada of ours&a Dominion mental or spiritual worry. Even to that stretches from sea to sea. those with an abundance of wealth | Let us do it; first by setting our comes worry; the worry caused by thinking straight individually; secthe responsibility of handling a sup- ondly by having faith that we can erabundance of this world's goods. do it; and thirdly, lastly, by work-

chances that come our way, there is is of no avail. always at our command if we will use it, a Faith that "All things work together for good". If we will only exercise this Faith we shall surely end our worries, and follow the path that we should travel.

In every human being there is a God given quality that permits the exercise of this supreme Faith, if only he or she will make use of it. The trouble is that we get so taken up with, and surrounded by, the earthly things of this world, that we do not give our inmost being much of a chance to have an innings. Every day happenings loom so large in our consciousness that our inner self lies dormant.

It is just like every other part of our being, that we call our body. If we lie up for a considerable period, our legs do not function properly. If we do not exercise the muscles of our body they get flabby and of little value. So it is with these other parts, for such they are. To function in the right way it is necessary for them to be exercised.

The reins of this world are in the Hands of a Driver Who does not make mistakes, strange though some events may seem to us. The old saying still holds good "Man proposes but God disposes".

Because we have striven hard to attain some objective and failed is no reason for us to give up or lose heart. Conceivably it may be that the thing we worked for would not have been good for us. That may sound like "Sour grapes" but it still holds true.

Because we pray consistently for something which never comes to pass is no reason to lose faith. We are very finite mortals to say the least of it, and our minds are very seldom in tune with the Infinite.

Let us therefore open up our minds and hearts to the good things of this life-Faith, Joy, Friendship, Sympathy. Let us take down the Misses McLean of Yonge St. have shutters so that our blind eyes may left our midst, taking up residence see these things, and not allow Envy, with nephew John at his recently Hatred, Malice, Uncharitableness, purchased farm near Unionville. Worldliness to fill our lives.

We are too ready to destroy, and Norman Cooks.

There comes to each of us a time | not prepared to work to build. It is when we cannot see the way to tra- easy to pull down and hard to build. vel; which is the best road for us. It is our opportunity and privilege, Trouble is one of the earthly ills in this our day and generation to

Yet in all the sundry changes and ing for it, for faith without works

#### THE ISLAND

A song for England? Nay, what is a song for England?

Our hearts go by green-cliffed Kin-

Among the gulls' white wings, Or where, on Kentish forelands pale The lighthouse beacon swings; Our hearts go up the Mersey's tide, Come in on Suffolk foam-The blood that will not be denied

Moves fast, and calls us home

Our hearts now walk a secret round On many a Cotswold hill, For we are mixed of island ground The island draws us still; Our hearts may pace a windy turn Where Sussex downs are high,

Or watch the lights of London burn,

A bonfire in the sky! What is the virtue of that soil That flings her strength so wide? Her ancient courage, patient toil, Her stubborn, wordless pride? A little land, yet loved therein

As any land may be, Rejoicing in her discipline, The salt stress of the sea.

Our hearts shall walk a Sherwood track.

Our lips taste English rain, We thrill to see the Union Jack Across some deep-sea land; Though all the world be of rich cost | And marvelleus with worth, Yet if that island ground were lost How empty were the earth!

A song for England? Lo, every word we speak's a song for England. -Christopher Morley.

We learn, with regret, that the Their house has been leased by the

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