

SARDINIA: THE ISLAND OF PYGMIES AND WOLFRAM

A traveler of fine imagination suggests that travel involves a double journey—"one forward through space, the other backward through time." Your steamboat ticket from Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, entitles you to an eight-hour voyage to Sardinia, but affords a premium of several thousand years backward to Europe's earliest traceable history.

Sardinia has a double interest just now because of the reported native demand for home rule, and because Americans have found tracts containing wolfram, highly prized as a source of tungsten.

Second only to Sicily among Mediterranean islands, Sardinia has been referred to as the lost isle of that sea. Geographically it has been said to turn its back on Italy, for its east coast is mountainous. This isolation has a compensation in preserving the homogeneity of a people who have a

interesting as are these relics of unknown inhabitants, even more fascinating are the traces of ancient civilizations to be found in the daily life of Sardinians of today. One may find oxen plowing as they did in the days of the Roman empire, implements which were introduced by the successive occupants, one Catalan town (Alghero) where there is no jarring note in the illusion of old Spain, and dances of the classic Greek period at the mountain feste.

Only in Sardinia and Corsica is the mufioni, predecessor of our sheep, to be found. Wild deer and wild boar are plentiful in the mountain districts. Tunny fishing is a major industry.

In area Sardinia is comparable to Vermont, but has more than twice the population of that state. The island lies directly south of Corsica, and is separated therefrom by the narrow straits of Bonifacio. In shape it has been compared to a human footprint.

Eider-Down Duck.

There are two varieties of eider duck—the common eider and the king's eider, the latter supplying the down which is exported from Greenland, while that of the former comes mainly from Iceland. Ten thousand pounds of down is obtained annually from the latter country. The eider is larger than the common duck. The drake is black with a white back, while the female is brown with white spots.

Hunter's Unpleasant Companion.

Alligator hunting in the tropics is always exciting, but when you're harried on a muddy flat, with a wounded alligator for company, and your gun is jammed with mud—that is a real thrill. This is what happened to me, while the rest of my party were a quarter of a mile away. Nothing was left to do except throw mud in the alligator's eyes until I attracted the attention of my friends. After they had sunk about twenty bullets into that alligator we measured him and found him to be 22 feet long.—Chicago Journal.

Needed Immediate Attention.

A little miss, age four years, went to the country to spend a week with her married brother. He was bringing her home in his wagon drawn by two mules. On the way he stopped at a country store. While in the store one of the mules let out a "Hee-Haw." The little girl jumped out of the wagon and almost out of breath ran to her brother, exclaiming, "Oh, Alfred, come quick, one of the mules has the hic-coughs."



Sardinian Miners.

special interest for students of racial history. Sardinians are small of stature. Even their soldiers have an average height a fraction under five feet, four inches.

But the most conspicuous curiosities of Sardinia are its nuraghi, great round towers, relics of the bronze age, which served as fortified dwellings for some prehistoric people. There are 5,000 or more of these towers, some 60 feet high, usually about 30 feet in diameter at the base, made of stone blocks and smeared with clay on the inside. Stairways lead to upper chambers and platforms.

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OF A famil AND DELICIOUS smell, WHICH TIPPED me off, SO I gave the ghosts, THE HORSE laugh, AND SAID "Ed, YOU FAT guys, MAKE BUM ghosts, BUT BEFORE you fade, LEAVE WITH me one, OF YOUR cigarettes, THEY SATISFY," THAT spicy, delicious aroma of fine tobaccos, both Turkish and Domestic, makes you almost hungry for the "satisfy-smoke." And there isn't a ghost of a chance you'll ever find its equal anywhere—for the Chesterfield blend is an exclusive blend. It can't be copied.

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