

...SMILES...



"Christians, Awake," was being sung as a carol when a window was raised, and a voice said: "Go away. We was not Christians, and we was not asleep."

Doctor—"Well, Mr. Jones, I am sorry to tell you that your wife's mind is completely gone."

Jones—"Well, doctor, I am not at all surprised to hear that, for I've had a piece of it every day now for these last six years."

Husband—"It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives."

His Wife (pleased)—"Oh, what a flatterer you are, darling."

Another thing about nudist marriages is the bride will never have to worry in after years from the moths getting in her old wedding gown.

Junior was dejected walking home from school, and his woebegone appearance attracted the attention of a kind-hearted woman who happened to pass him on the street.

Kind-Hearted Woman—"What is troubling you, my little man?"

Junior—"Dyspepsia, rheumatism, asthma and appendicitis."

Kind-Hearted Woman—"Why that's absurd. How can that be?"

Junior—"Teacher kept me in after school because I couldn't spell them."

We must either keep step with the changing times, or be cast aside. The attempt to hide our lack of ability to adjust ourselves to a changing world, by declaring the changes are all wrong, will never get us anywhere.

Joe—"Rankin left town in debt and almost in rags, I understand."

Sam—"Yes, but there'll be plenty of suits waiting for him if he comes back."

By the length of time it takes some men who have been going with the same girl for years, to make up their mind to propose, the girl begins to think that they are just taking up her time for the "love" of it.

Spandlot—"Well, how has everything gone since I last saw you?"

Hardup—"Everything's gone!"

If a list of hardest jobs were made, heading it we guess would be bringing up a modern child in the way he or she should go.

Headmaster—"Now we will have a little performance with the cane."

Student (who had stuffed books in the seat of his trousers in readiness)—"All right, sir; I've booked my seat."

The more you puff a cigar, the smaller it becomes. And it beats the dickens how many men are built like cigars.

One can always borrow trouble without offering security in return, but the interest rate you pay is exorbitant.

First Cat—"I hear you had an addition to your family, Mrs. Cat; Was it a boy or a girl?"

Second Cat—"Oh, just six of one and half a dozen of the other."

A man is said to have written his will on a biscuit. We suppose that after the lawyers have had their nibble the legatees will get a few crumbs.

Departing Guest—"You've got a pretty place here, Frank; but it looks a bit bare yet."

Host—"Oh, it's because the trees are rather young. I hope they'll have grown to a good size before you come again."

Misconduct Cured By Lauding Good Deeds

Children Appreciate Security Therefore Stress Good Points

Chicago—"I you make a fuss over good behavior in a child," Dr. H. W. Newell of Baltimore told the American Orthopsychiatric Association, "much of his misbehavior will vanish."

"The most important factor in a child's emotional life," Dr. Newell said, "is his sense of security. Undermine it and he begins unconsciously to seek to restore it by device to win the mother's attention. Much misbehavior is due to this yearning for attention which he gets when he 'cuts up,' even though it is a scolding."

"For instance, if a boy pulled his sister's hair eight times yesterday and three times to-day, most mothers would scold him for to-day's offences. But if, instead, she complimented him on the fact that he had erred five times less to-day, the child would learn that behaving is just as sure a way to earn attention as misbehaving."

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TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS



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In and About Pisa

Pisa, the maritime Commune that vied with Genoa and other Italian city republics up to the 6th of August, 1234, when it was conquered by its rival, is to-day a city of art, absorbed in a dream of its glorious past and noted, chiefly, for its architectural treasures, above all for its Leaning Tower.

The history of this tower—or, at least, peculiarity—is shrouded in mystery. At the top, it is 14 feet out of perpendicular; 100 years ago the projection was only 13 feet. It is said that the angle was discovered when the structure had reached the second storey and the builders continued their work, endeavoring, however, to counterbalance it. So it has stood, for people of all nations to see and wonder at, since the year 1174. Recently there has been great danger of further settling and, at the present time, a firm of British engineers is working on the foundations to prevent the possibility of a total collapse of this beautiful white marble edifice.

To reach the top of this circular tower, one must walk up 295 steps, but the splendid view of the city and surrounding country is worth the climb. Around the outside—on each storey—are marble columns, and the style of the whole building harmonizes with that of the Cathedral of Baptistry; all of which are located in the silent and impressive Piazza del Duomo.

This Piazza is one of the most celebrated spaces in the world. The Cathedral, the Baptistry and the Leaning Tower rise in their white and gold beauty from the surrounding green carpet, while, in the background, on either side, are the ancient battlemented walls of the city. The Cathedral was built in 1063 and enlarged about 1176. It contains many notable works of art, but one of the most interesting objects is the "Lampada di Galileo," a great bronze chandelier, hanging from the vaulted roof and held in a perpendicular position by a silken rope. According to popular tradition, the great astronomer, Galileo, obtained the idea of the pendulum by watching the oscillating movement of this huge fixture. The magnificent pulpit, the exquisite Holy Water Basin—in the font of which, when we were in the Cathedral, tiny objects floated around in the stagnant water; the many wonderful paintings—any one of these would be the subject of an article. Across from the Cathedral is the round and graceful Baptistry, the whole building surmounted by a huge dome. The interior of this dome gives some wonderful acoustic effects. Two years ago, when we were visiting the Baptistry, there was a party of opera singers from La Scala in Milan there also. At the suggestion of the custodian, one of the singers tried his voice in the building and, to the delight of all who were there, the sound echoed and reverberated for some seconds after the voice had ceased. Then another member of the company—this time a soprano—executed some lovely trills; this was repeated again and again, duets, trios in unison and harmony filled the air of the ancient building, with such glorious effect that we were all loath to leave the place. Last year we had a lovely singer in our own party. I question whether she has ever had a greater thrill than when she heard the sound of her own voice resounding in the Baptistry of Pisa.

Our guide, on these two occasions, was a one-legged man, who propelled himself along with a crutch. Imagine our consternation, on the first occasion, when we found that he had been limping too much of the wine of the district and was not any too steady on his one foot and crutch. However, he knew his business, in fact, to such an extent that his temporary disability was lost sight of.

In front of the main door of the Cathedral there stood a man clad entirely in black, with a cowl over his head and two slits for eye-holes. He jangled a metal container and was soliciting alms. This man was a mendicant.

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"Travel Impressions" have been coming to us each week. These articles are a feature of this paper and are taken from the experiences of one who has seen what he writes about. We have been asked to bring to your attention a unique trip which Captain Reid is organizing and which he will personally direct this coming Summer. If you have no definite plans and desire to take advantage of a real opportunity to see the Old Land under ideal auspices, this selected motor party should appeal to you.

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ber of the Misericordia Society (Brothers of Charity), an organization which exists only in Tuscany, of which Pisa, Leghorn and Florence are a part. This organization was founded by the nobles and wealthy people of the Middle Ages, who, in order to conceal their identity, while performing works of charity, clad themselves in this sombre garb. Their duties consisted mainly of giving assistance where there was death or sickness among the very poor. We saw two Misericordia funerals, one in Pisa and the other in Leghorn. In each case, the procedure was similar. At the head of the procession walked the officiating priest, attended by cross-bearers. Following him and flanking the ornately decorated black and gold hearse, were men clad as I have described above. These men were carrying huge torches, from which a smoky reddish flame came, as if the material used was of a tarry nature. The two men, on the coachman's box, wore gold-braided black uniforms and, on their heads, they wore three-cornered cocked hats. The hearse was heavily draped and surmounted with long black plumes.

We found Pisa a very interesting place; most tourists stop there only long enough to see the three buildings hurriedly—we spent a longer time than usual and found much to admire. The Arno River runs through the city, as it does in Florence and, in many respects, Pisa resembles her sister city. During the week of March 5th to 10th the students of the University of Pisa are enlivening the streets of the old city with masked processions, donkey races, humorous tournaments and a cavalcade of 14th century costumes.

Next week we will take you to the land of dykes and wooden shoes—Holland.

Fewer Millionaires In United Kingdom

London.—Millionaires are decreasing in the United Kingdom. Figures issued recently by the Board of Inland Revenue show that 897 persons last year had incomes in excess of \$150,000, compared with 1,160 in 1932.

The total amount of super-tax, imposed on incomes in excess of \$10,000, dropped by \$70,000,000. On the other hand, the total death duties increased by \$75,000,000, reaching the figure of \$380,000,000.

Number of persons with incomes between \$150,000 and \$200,000 dropped from 479 to 372; between \$200,000 and \$250,000 from 221 to 192; between \$250,000 and \$375,000 from 225 to 182; between \$375,000 and \$500,000 from 96 to 57, and over \$500,000 from 103 to 94.

Every generous illusion of youth leaves a wrinkle as it departs. Experience is the successive disenchanting of the things of life; it is reason enriched with the heart's spoils.—J. Petit-Senn.

Most women like to run a house if you'll really let them run it. They get so much real fun out of changing things around every week.

Anne Boleyn's Name Not to be Given to New London Street

Girls of Today Might Ask Who She Was, and "Who Knows What Consequences Might Ensnare"

London.—After some worried pondering the London County Council has rejected suggestions that a new street be named after Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Queen Elizabeth, and left it to the name of some personage entirely without blemish.

It has been the council's custom to perpetuate the memory of many historic figures by adopting their names for new streets. When it was proposed to thus honor Anne Boleyn, however, Dr. Emil Davies quoted a declaration that "she appealed to the less fine part of Henry's nature, and her virtue was not of a character to deserve the respect of her own or subsequent ages."

If the name of this Queen was to be put on the road of a respectable neighborhood, said Dr. Davies, the young ladies of to-day would be stimulated to ask who she was—and who knows what consequences might ensue?

Sir Paul Latham appealed to come to the rescue of the unhappy Anne and the laborites then suggested the new street be named after Wat Tyler, who led the men of Kent in the 1318 rebellion. In the end the council rejected both.

Slovenly English

There is a good deal of truth in the remark "that probably the best English is spoken by foreigners who have taken the pains to learn it correctly." This should be taken to heart by every one who stands before the public. Every minister, every teacher, every public speaker should take the time and trouble to learn how to use his own language, how to speak grammatically and to pronounce correctly. This, of course, means labor, but it means well spent labor, and the reward will be a more interested audience. The dictionary is too little used by our people. Why should we excuse a man or woman for mispronouncing a word when two minutes' search in the dictionary would enable them to give that word its proper sound? There is altogether too much slovenly English in use, and if our young folks would determine that they would do better than their elders it would be a distinct improvement. It is no excuse to say that we have had but a scanty education, for that is not the real fault; the real difficulty is that we are not willing to learn to use our own language correctly. If we take some time and effort, but it will more than pay for both. Surely it is incumbent on those who are born of British ancestry to see that they are able to speak their own tongue at least as correctly as those who have had to acquire that to use as a foreign language.

Beautiful Sunsets

We wonder how many of our readers are enjoying the sunsets, since the days are lengthening. Quiet blessings—one writer who has had the habit of looking at them, notes; in ordinary blues and grays, with a touch of some more exciting colors, that we get at this time of year; one of the rich inheritances God has given us. Let us form this habit, which is free, and it will help us to forget the long winter—and incidentally, the depression.—Smiths Falls Record-News.

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Little is Known Of New Empress

Mrs. Elizabeth Pu-Yi Will Share Her Husband's Throne—Will Be His Only Wife

Hsinking, Manchuria.—When Henry Pu-Yi dropped his civil title of "Mr. Chief Executive" on March 1 and became Emperor of the new Manchurian Empire, his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Pu-Yi was automatically raised from the position of a commoner to full "queenhood."

She is the daughter of a Manchou business man named Jung Yuang, now head of a Manchukuo investment concern here. Little is known to the outside world about her, for it is the tradition and practice in the Orient for women in the ruling circles to stay discreetly in the background.

Manchu Beauty Ten years after his dethronement as Emperor of All China, Mr. Pu-Yi as his bride from a group of photographs of "marriageable young ladies" submitted to him by his advisers. She was then described as a "Manchu beauty."

Later, in accordance with Chinese imperial custom, the youthful Manchou nobleman acquired two additional "unofficial wives" or concubines. In the course of time, he got rid of these extra wives, largely at the instance of his "No. 1 wife."

It was announced that when Mr. Pu-Yi became Emperor he led a "strictly monogamous life," even dispensing with the time-honored eunuchs, who have always been employed in all Chinese imperial households to protect the women of the ruler.

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