

THE FUN OF IT ALL

THE TALE OF THE MODERN MARINER.

It was a modern mariner
That stopped to talk with me.
"By thy oily clothes and grimy face,
What's up?" says I to he.

The mariner is bent and bowed;
His feet he drags like lead.
With a weary sigh he makes reply:
"I had a boat," he said.

"Full twenty feet it was in length;
She had a three-blade screw.
Her engine had ten horses' strength;
She was half cabined, too.

"'Twas yesterday we sped away
With baggage loaded down.
We left the dock at six o'clock;
At seven she broke down.

"We tried the spark; we cleaned the plugs,
The carburetor, too;
We fumed and toiled and cleaned and oiled;
Eftsoons the air was blue.

"We took the cylinders apart;
We searched with eager touch
The pump, the shaft, the wheel abaft,
The timer and the clutch.

"Then back each part we put with care
And bathed the whole in grease,
And cranked and cranked and cranked and
cranked
Nine hundred times apiece.

"Till in the tank I looked at last,
That fed the motor's might.
Then rose a cry that rent the sky;
That tank was empty quite.

"Water, water everywhere
Upon the limpid scene.
Water everywhere but not
A drop of gasoline.

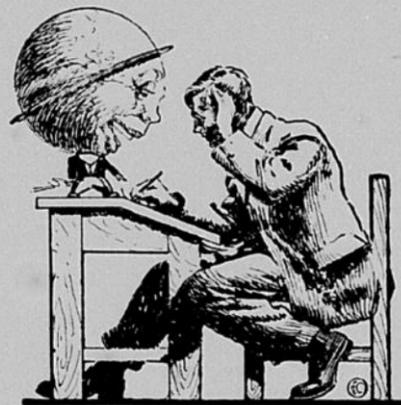
"With lips unslaked, with skins sunbaked
We sat the livelong day
And fed our thirst, the while we cursed
As wore the hours away,
Till in the gloam we crept in home,
Towed by a fisher gray."

The mariner hath told his tale.
"Now, fare thee well," says he,
"And say, if you should chance to note
A chump who wants a motor boat,
Pray send him quick to me."

HOW TO SEE EUROPE.

IV. GERMANY.

GERMANY is considered a very good country in which to practice the use of the German tongue. You will at once notice a great difficulty, however, in finding anyone to talk German to you. As soon as you address a German in his language, he will at once answer you in English in order to make it easier for you. You can remedy this by going to a tourist hotel filled with American travelers. Here nothing but German will be spoken and you can practice to your heart's content.



TRAVELING on German trains is an art which cannot be acquired in one trip. The fares average 2 cents a mile, and the fines \$5 a trip. The only safe way to travel is to do nothing at all while on board the cars. This will save you from being fined except for being in the wrong compartment, which is not possible to avoid, as there are no right compartments.

ELEVATORS in the German hotels should be used carefully and with forethought. If you are on the third floor you will generally find it possible to get to the ground floor by elevator in time for your meals. Above the third floor always start down for lunch after breakfast and for dinner after lunch. Old travelers when ascending to their rooms often vary the monotony by riding one story on the elevator, then getting out and walking a story, and then riding another story. The newer German elevators are equipped with restaurants and card tables, thus making them much more practicable.

GERMAN courtesy should be studied and followed as much as possible. Germans are always courteous, no matter what they are doing to you. This does not include women clerks in Germany, who are not polite to anybody. Always use the word "Bitte" (please) to begin and end every sentence. Everyone does. The German policeman requests you to "please" come with him and the horns of the German automobiles are made to imitate the word as closely as possible. At your hotel you will frequently be pained to notice that your waiter pays no attention to the word, and does not serve you any faster than he would otherwise. This is simply because he does not understand your accent. The proper accent to put on the word "bitte" in German hotels is a one mark piece at the end of the last syllable.

MANY travelers in Germany worry because they may not tip all the servants who expect tips. They need not worry about this. The servants will remind them.

IT is impossible to avoid being arrested for something in Germany, if only for sticking your newspaper in the wrong box on the street when you have finished reading it. Being arrested in Germany costs from 5 to 25 marks, \$1 to \$5, and is not painful as it often is in America. When a German officer approaches you and takes out a notebook, he is arresting you. Do not wait for him to club you. You tell him by his notebook not by the bumps on your head.

IT is not compulsory to drink beer in Germany. The drinking of water and other peculiar liquids is permitted. If you desire water with your meals you should telegraph ahead to the next hotel and give the proprietor time to hunt up a well.

AN American dollar splits up into a tremendous amount of change in Germany. It can be exchanged for four marks, and each mark is divided into 100 cents. It is quite possible to go shopping with six pounds of copper change and to spend all afternoon shoveling it out.

A German father can divide one mark into 100 cents, take his family to a beer garden and spend an entire evening eating and drinking without using up all the debits.

NO matter how clean you are when you see Berlin, you will instinctively die for a bath tub. This, in order to become as clean as the city. The entire city is not only scrubbed, but man-leured, every day. Wipe your feet on the curbstone before crossing the street in order not to soil the pavement.

GERMAN roads and streets consist of residences and restaurants in alternation. There is a restaurant everywhere in Germany, except in the tomb of Emperor Frederick in Charlottenburg. The rule in Germany is to eat something every time you sit down, and to sit down every time you stop walking. The country is so arranged that whenever you sit down you do so in a restaurant. In following this rule you may suffer some slight inconvenience for a few days, but it will soon pass away—or you will.

THIS WAGGING WORLD.

A Wisconsin man played the piano twenty-four hours while hypnotized. More wonderful yet, several persons listened to him without being hypnotized.

The fact that Turkey did not send all of Abdul Hamid's wives away with him while retaining his income, disproves the old belief that there is no mercy east of the Bosphorus.

A French scientist has perfected a means of dispersing fog by hot air. But what we need more than that is some means of getting rid of hot air.

Baseball at night is being tried in Cincinnati. It will be a failure. The fans would have to sit up till morning playing the game over.

An attempt is being made to market butter made from petroleum. Let us hope

the dealers will not be so absent-minded as to raise the price of it on account of the scarcity of grass.

HAVING FUN.

Having fun, according to the small boy, is doing something that he is glad his dad doesn't know about.

To the older boy it is doing something he is glad his mother doesn't know about.

To the young woman it means having some young man spend money for her.

To the married woman it means making some other married woman frantically envious.

The practical joker has fun when he can get some other fellow into trouble.

The millionaire has fun when he can get the world watching him.

The hunter has fun when he tries to get ducks and pneumonia at the same time.

The college boy has fun when he can get between a football and twenty-one other college boys.

The college professor has fun when he discovers an original pun in a Sanskrit fragment.

Having fun means to the wife and mother, telling an amateur mother how to raise her first baby.

To the actor it means cutting up before a camera.

To the rounder it means trying to hold onto the earth while it is turning a sharp corner.

AMERICAN CITIES.

I. New York.

NEW YORK is a polyglot riot composed entirely of superlatives. It contains the tallest buildings, the shortest actors, the greatest financiers, the smallest officials, the yellowest newspapers, the greenest millionaires, the fastest automobiles and the slowest courts in the world.

New York was originally confined to Manhattan Island, but has now spread to the adjacent country, Jersey City and Hoboken being quarantined from catching the infection by the Hudson river. It is less than 300 years old, but its first families have gotten prouder in that time than European families have in a thousand years. It contains 4,500,000 souls besides a very populous financial section and a full set of aldermen. It ranges from six stories deep beneath the street to 50 stories high over it. Its buildings, bridges, railroad stations, hotels and policemen and city debt are the biggest in the world, but its churches are very ordinary in size.

New York is composed of Americans, Jews, Italians, Huns, Slavonians, Lithuanians, Poles, French Germans and Bohemians in equal numbers. The eighth ward on the east side is the receiving ward for most of the immigrants who come to this country. The United States has established consulates all over the East Side and the American tourist can now travel through this part of the city in safety.

The people of New York are the busiest in the world. It keeps them hustling trying to spend the money that the rest of the country makes. The sights of the city are the Brooklyn bridge, the Hudson river, the Great White Way, which is Broadway, the great whitewashed way, which is Wall street; Pierpont Morgan buying railroads, Harry Thaw on trial, Hetty Green spending money, the Flatiron building, the Flatbroke brigade and the latest styles on Fifth avenue. It is not necessary to name the distinguishing features of the New York citizen. He will name them himself when he meets you.

The Nation's Pawn

By Roy Norton

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"The motor-boat was purchased and loaded aboard, before she cleared from New York. The men of her crew were led to believe that Kelly was I, and he, in turn, led them to believe that he was conveying two desperately insane men to New York, and that they were being returned in absolute secrecy to the asylum from which they had escaped. The automobile quietly returned to New York, as did the yacht.

"We had plunged thus far, hoping that the delay of the inauguration would cause men to think more sanely; but we reckoned falsely, and, when the news came of the Liberal plans, found ourselves against a more difficult task. We knew that, at a certain point, the two trains of the X. Y. M. Ry. might be caused to run abreast; but we dared not order a special car attached to the New York train, because, by this time, the whole secret and police service of the country was on the alert for any unusual happening, hoping thereby to discover a clue to the disappearance of the officials-elect.

"So, I again called upon men whom I could trust to do certain things, and in the Pullman, on the night when the three gentlemen from Cleveland were removed to it, was none but those put there by John Kelly and myself. For this enter-

prise, I was compelled to use men who would not, in the first instance, dare disobey me, in the second place, when they became aware that they were part of a notable conspiracy, would fear to speak. Two of them are men of great prominence and personal friends of mine, who would have done their part if I had asked them to help me capture a king, and they held check over the weaker ones. The porter suffered most, for he was conveyed by a fellow porter under bribe, drugged and stupefied, to a basement where he was held prisoner for several days; but he is now richer than he could have ever been by other means, and hence is paid for discomfort and loss of position. The cabinmen were hired in the manner you know, for the sole purpose of guarding against accidental following and discovery by some overly-alert detective on watch for anything unusual. We dared not use an automobile, for in the very simplicity of the checker arrangement was our success. I had even hired the newsboy to delay the third cab in which the detective sprang, in case any man entered it. He was told that, if a man entered and he caused a delay of three minutes, he would get five dollars. If he made it five minutes, he was to get ten. He received the latter sum. But two of these men knew that they

were doing more than earn extra fees, and carriage number two, in which the prisoners were brought to my home, was driven by my own man, who had hired the vehicle for the night from its regular driver.

"The special train to Washington was secured with ease, because I own that railway, and the president—the supposed owner—is merely my agent.

"I have explained all there is to explain. I am writing this because my other work is done, even to that final drafting of my will, which is so to disburse my property that my friends and proteges may never want, and that the rest of it may go back to the full benefit of my countrymen through ways I deem best. I have wrestled with chances, knowing that, if I failed in my attempt, I would go down as a greater criminal than Benedict Arnold—a man consigned to perpetual obloquy. I did what I did only because I love my country and my countrymen, and hoped to teach them the one great lesson, I believe I have succeeded. It is this:

"No man, nor body of men, is of importance when a great and vital thing is being, an embodiment of principle, is involved. Our government is in truth the Heart of Liberty, because it is founded on high ideals, and has in itself no in-

herent weakness. It is perpetual because it is right. There may come times of political corruption, times when men are led into weak ways by demagogues, times when party disputes lead to grave errors and grave unrest; but the thing itself, the government, will survive after all these are gone. Parties and policies, men and methods may arise, gain power, and have their brief hour of domination, may struggle as they will and act as they will; but the big, invisible principle enshrined in this Heart of Liberty will go on and on, resistlessly and remorselessly if need be, through times of peace or over the bodies of the slain, immutable and persistent.

"The tenacity of its life has been tested on many fields. After the first gun was fired at Fort Sumter, it was no longer a question of slavery or of state's rights, but the survival of this government, and it survived. I have no doubt that, had war resulted from our last disputes, the government would have triumphed again, although over pitiable, mangled masses of its dead children, sacrificed on the altar of liberty.

"I say again that my life has been filled with errors of judgment, perhaps even in the manner I chose for this, my closing attempt to do what I could for

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