

"A PERIL TO GIRLS."

Lambert Tree Warns Americans of Europe's Smart Life.

The social atmosphere in which clean young American girl tourists move in Europe is a bad thing, a very bad thing, for them, and I wish their parents could see it in its true light.

"The atmosphere of continental 'smart' life there and at other resorts," he said, "is highly prejudicial to the traits we prize highest in the American girl."

"I sat the other night in the palm room of a fashionable Homburg hotel. It was like fairyland, with delicately shaded lights and fine looking folk gathered around the tables, talking, smoking and drinking. All the world was represented. There were men and women from Turkey, Russia, Austria, Germany, Italy, France, England and the United States."

"It was sad to note that they had divested themselves of the old fashioned notions of their American mothers. In all save looks they were ultra-fashionable continentals. They had capitulated to every folly of the salon, including the drinking of stinging, particoled liquors and smoking. This is a most dangerous cradle for motherhood and society."

FRESH AIR TOWERS.

German Doctor's Scheme to Afford Good Breathing Places.

Dr. Scherl, a well known physician in Berlin, Germany, and an authority on national hygiene, has made a singular proposal to the Berlin town council, which this body is now considering, says a Berlin correspondent of the London Chronicle.

There would be plenty of seats up in those airy pavilions, plenty of flowers, good beer, lemonade, water, music and other enjoyments. As to the question of cost, Dr. Scherl is certain that his pavilions would pay, especially as no rent would be necessary, and, far from being eyesores, the pavilions might be graceful and artistic erections, adding considerably to the beauty of the streets.

A Short Cut to Reform.

In Kansas City the board of health is going to institute swift reform in restaurant kitchens where reform may be found to be necessary, says the Albany Evening Journal.

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The plan is beautifully simple and effective. And Kansas City is not the only town in which there is need of its operation.

Scarless Surgery.

Scarless surgery is one of the latest achievements in medical science, says the Cleveland Leader. The London surgeon who conceived the idea and successfully put it in practice is unable to meet the demands for his services.

A firm of merchants at Stroud, Mo., has shipped 150 bushels of peach stones to eastern manufacturers of flavoring extracts, says the Kansas City Star.

Fruit Served on the Tree.

French horticulturists have apparently been very successful of late in raising dwarf fruit trees, and one of the features of dinner parties among the rich now is to serve the fruit upon the tree.

Anatomy of an Oyster.

To discover the heart of an oyster the fold of flesh which oysterermen call the "mantle" must be removed. This is fatal to the oyster, of course, but in the interest of science and for the benefit of the "curious" it is occasionally done.

Has the Wasp Affection? A colony of wasps made a nest in the dark room of a studio last summer. At first the party who used the room did not relish their company, but for certain reasons he did not molest them.

Raters, Sallabouts and Larks. What is a rater, a sallabout, a lark, is a question commonly heard among those not familiar with yachts and technical racing terms.

Ceylon Sharks. Sharks infest the waters of Ceylon, and the pearl divers of that region are in deadly fear of these wolves of the deep.

Famous King Og. Og, the famous king of Bashan, mentioned in Deuteronomy, had a bedstead nine cubits long, or about sixteen and a half feet.

The Study of Poetry. Never before was there so much study of poetry and the drama. This is due to the modern extension of education and to the spread of reading matter among the masses.

Judicial Wit. "Her Christian name is Handel," explained a witness at West Ham, "but she didn't like it and took up Annie instead."

Facial. "Don't you think her face rather too thin?" "Well, I don't know. I can't see any place where it's worn through. Can you?"—Puck.

The river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 2,500, including 436 large streams.

AN ANCIENT PYRAMID.

Story of "the Tomb of the Christian" in Algeria.

The tomb of the Christian in Algeria is a pyramid on the summit of a hill more than 700 feet high, at the edge of the sea. It dates back to before the time of St. Paul, having been built by order of Juba II, the king of Mauretania, as a burying place for himself and his wife, Cleopatra, the daughter of Cleopatra and Mark Antony.

THE ELDER TREE.

Once Held in High Esteem as a Cure For Epilepsy.

Although tradition tells us that it was an elder tree that Judas hanged himself, great virtue has long been attributed to it as a cure for epilepsy.

Written on a Slate. General Lew Wallace wrote the first rough draft of "Ben-Hur" on a slate, giving as his reason that erasures could more readily be made.

Lizards' Tails. Certain lizards are remarkable for the fragility of their tails, although this weakness is not always the drawback that may be imagined.

Walking to Health. When there is no organic weakness which is aggravated by the exertion it is the easiest and pleasantest thing to walk right into health.

Civilization Does Not Enteeble. We need not have the slightest fear that civilized man is going to become degenerate from city dwelling or any of the other strains of civilization.

Should Help Himself. "Yes," young Mr. Timmid admitted; "I've always been bishful among the girls."

Speculation. Experience proves that those who gain money rapidly by speculation almost never keep it, and when they have lost it they are infinitely worse off than they were before.

Knew the Place. Guest (in cheap restaurant)—Here, waiter, this meal is simply vile. I won't pay for it. Where's the proprietor? Waiter—He's out at lunch, sir.

He will never accomplish anything who dreams of what he will do instead of showing what he can do.

Bernhardt and Dumas.

Sarah Bernhardt had just been elected a life member of the Comedie Francaise. When she found that she had a paper to sign she became nervous and went to see the younger Dumas to tell him that she shrank from the binding terms of the engagement.

Elisir of Youth. In former times elder flowers were treasured not only by lovers of hedge-row beauty but by those who desired to preserve their own beauty and youth.

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THE PERSECUTED JEW.

He is, It is Claimed, the Most Spiritual Man Alive.

"The Jew is said to have what is known as the commercial instinct," said Oscar S. Straus. "I have tells us that under Richard I, 500 Jews sought safety in the castle of York, where, not being strong enough for defense, they killed their wives and children, threw the bodies over the walls into the mob below, and setting fire to the castle, were themselves burned alive."

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To preserve youth you must have a variety of experience. The country woman at forty, although breathing a purer air and living on a more healthful diet than the city woman, often looks fifty, while the latter at the same age does not look more than thirty.

Few minds are strong enough to overcome the aging influence of the monotonous life which rules in the average country home. City people have infinitely greater variety of life. They enjoy themselves a great deal more than country people.

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Humor and Philosophy

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FERT PARAGRAPHS.

Promises are pleasant things, but grocers don't receipt your bills for them.

The prayer that is made with both hands is the one that is most apt to be answered.

Not to have been evil seems to be the idea of achievement that many people have.

A dictionary is a large book that most people have lying about to give an air of learning to the establishment.

A young and pretty sister is a delightful thing to have if she is some other fellow's sister.

It is not a bad idea to count those people your friends who successfully keep out of your way.

Calls to duty are of various kinds, but those are easiest heard which have the largest salary attached.

Fearlessness usually has its root in ignorance.

Some people try to get to heaven at excursion rates.

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Slowly drags away the morning in the office or the shop; Time is certainly a laggard. Almost threatening to stop; Heavy grows the pen and ledger. Saw and hammer take on weight. But they fall down when the whistle opens up the noonday gate.

In the piercing intonation Of the message that it sings There are promises in plenty Without any kind of strings—Rest, rap chewing or a saunter And a pipe or two, no doubt, Not to mention the substantial That the dinner pail pans out.

There are melodies in plenty That assail our weary ears—Ragtime, classic, steam pianos And the music of the spheres; There is piping in the gloaming. There is baying at the moon—But they're every one back numbers When the whistle blows at noon.



Suitable. "What was Adam's last name?" "I never heard he had one." "Seems to me he did." "Must have been Mudd just after he was evicted."

A Hurry Up Job. While it will be some years before we will be able to sail the Panama canal, picking Panama hats from the bushes along the banks, yet the decision of congress to make it a lock rather than a sea level canal may hasten the time so that some of us now living may reap the benefits of the labor.

A sea level canal looks the nicest on paper, but somehow it is hard for us to take much of an interest in a project that will be completed in the year 4000 or thereabout.

How do we know what kind of a race will be inhabiting this country by that time? If it is the Chinese they might thank us for the trouble of digging the canal, but what would we get out of it?

Thought It Was a Sewer. "He had a nice little business, but the octopus came along and swallowed him up."

"I should think he would have a case against the city. They ought to be compelled to keep the streets in better shape than that."

Steady Companion. "Haven't seen Mrs. Lighthouse for several days?" "No; her bark is on the sea." "Say, that woman can't go no place without taking that pug dog of hers."

Want Some One to Talk To. "Why do old maids like cats?" "Old maids are women." "You don't say! But what of it?" "Cats make good listeners."

Not In a Book. "I suppose they lived happy ever after." "Where did you get that notion? Didn't I tell you they got married?"