Germany's Castles

AN ARTICLE in the current Munsey tells of Emperor William's restoration of ancient castles in Germany. It seems to us most natural, for every one is a link in that history which traces Germany up from a race of more than half wild men to the creation of the modern home. It is just the history that the German people ought to all make themselves familiar with, and in studying it, those old castles stand out as signal stations along the way. Our country is too young to quite appreciate all that must be in the minds of the Kaiser as he pursues the work, and yet it would be a shock to all Americans to hear of the destruction of a few simple, old structures which held the men, who kindled the fires of the revolution and framed our government, and that was less than one hundred and forty years ago, while Germany had rounded into a nation sixteen hundred years ago. The Empress of Germany has a passion for building churches, which is all right, but the thought of the Emperor holds within the purpose of making every German a devoted patriot by linking him with all the triumphs and defeats through which rounded modern Germany into form. And the very highest triumph which the German people ever wrought was their triumph over themselves, in beating back the barbarism of the forefathers, learning to subdue themselves, inspired them to fashion a code and submit to it, and then to advance in art and literature, in arms and in industry to the forefront of continental Europe. Those old castles are steps in the stairs up which Germany has climbed, and the thought of the Kaiser to perpetuate them is good.

MR. BRYAN

By Rod Goodwin.

(With excuses to Mr. Hovey.)

Bryan, my boy, it's the end of Democracy,
From Bangor in Maine to the Utah theocracy.
Back to the timothy, let the plutocracy
Steer the State ship from the sea to the sea,
Clawed by the Tammany tiger of tyranny,
Still from this distance, you do not appear any
Worse for the wear, and we don't think you fear any
Other will take your place, William J. B.

Four years you'll agitate,
Then you'll articulate
Also capitulate,
You will agree,
You'll not epitomize,
Never will temporize,
But always dogmatize,
William J. B.

Like a big blanket surcharged with humidity,
White and as cold as the Arctic frigidity,
Ballots came down and your only solidity
Was in the zone of the Palmetto tree.
Good night to your fads, your foibles and fables, sir—
Ain't it just awfully awful for Mabel, sir?
Kindly explain this as soon as you're able, sir,
Which end of the glasses Mack looked through to see
Your superiority,
So a minority
Looked a majority—
Tell it to me.
Now for prosperity,
Don't doubt my verity,
In all sincerity,
William J. B.

William J. B., here's a toast to the fight you made,
Game as a wolf, but outgeneraled in plans you laid;
Three rousing cheers for the brave length of time you stayed
Spreading philippics, and spreading them free.
So while we are sipping our Clicquot or Chablis,
We with the rest of the commoner rabble he
Treated to yarns in the fine line of gabble he
Always excels in, we'll lift one to B.
Whose near elevation
Just missed laureation
By those of the nation
Accepting his plea
Backed with virility
And a facility
Proving ability,
William J. B.

Old Gent—Here, you boy, what are you doing out here, fishing? Don't you know you ought to be at school?

Small Boy—There, now! I knew I'd forgot something.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Louis Hendricks, as The Boss, in "The Map of The Hour".

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