

TYROL THE BEAUTIFUL

CHARMING SPOT IS TOO OFTEN
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Mountains and Valleys in Delightful
Tangled Jumble—Has Every Sort
of Climate Found in the
Rest of Europe.

Austrian Tyrol, which is today in
the public eye because of the strained
relations between Italy and Austria,
is one of Europe's healthiest provinces.
In the northern parts the air
drifts pure and cool from the haunts
of the glacier and pungent with fir
and pine; and in the south it is soft
with Mediterranean sunshine and fragrant
with orange and lemon.

Though Tyrol is a land all-deserving
of the artist, the sportsman, the
vacationist, and the mentally or physically
ailing; though it is a country
where nature has been overlavish
with beauty, and where there are
more than 350 registered health
resorts, it, nevertheless, has been comparatively
neglected, more especially
by Americans.

Austrian Tyrol forms a considerable
part of the forbidding and difficult
boundary that runs between Italy
and Austria. It is a barrier more effective
than the Vosges barrier between
Germany and France, or than the
Carpathian barrier between Hungary
and Galicia.

Austrian Tyrol is 10,305 square
miles of Alpine mountains, etched
with a wonderful and intricate design
of valleys. While there are fewer
lakes in Tyrol than in Switzerland,
and while the highest Tyrolean summit,
12,790 feet above the sea level,
falls far behind the monarchs of the
Swiss Alps, yet the Austrian crown-
land yields nothing in charm by comparison
with its neighbor.

Among the rock-strewn gullies of
Tyrol Dante found the materials for
his picture of the entrance to Hell.
The main chain of the Alps crosses
this region from east to west, and
around it on all sides is a wild chaos
of rock masses.

Tyrol, though small, has more sorts
of climate within its borders than any
other part of Europe. There are parts
of the crown land where the winters
are those of northeast Siberia and the
summers are those of Franz Joseph
land. There are other parts, more
southern, where an Andalusian languor
is hardly freshened by recurring
winter.

Tyrol is primarily a pasture land.
There is a little farming within the
sheltered valleys, and some lumbering,
but, for the most part, the population
depends for support upon its flocks
and herds.

Moreover, there is a goat's milk
cheese prepared by the peasants of
Tyrol that equals in its mellow, fragrant
beauty any product made of milk,
whether from Brie, Neufchatel or
Roquefort.

The population of the crown land
numbers about 900,000, of whom more
than half are German-speaking. There
is a large Italian-speaking population
in the valleys of the south.

Yarn Restores Voice.

Laughter provoked by a funny story
has resulted in restoration of the voice
of Charles Kateza of Allentown, N. J.,
who had been speechless for two
years. About four years ago Kateza
lost his sight and hearing temporarily
in an accident in an iron foundry.
These functions were restored by
medical treatment, but when he recovered
he was without power of speech.

He was undergoing treatment in
Mercer hospital. A fellow patient told
him a funny story and Kateza indulged
in unusually hearty and prolonged
laughter. During the night he dreamed
of the yarn, and his nurse found him
repeating the story in his sleep. Since
then Kateza's speech has been normal,
and the hospital physicians believe
it to be permanently restored.

Maritime Character.

"There is something about the fellow
who was in here just now that
smacks of the salt sea gale," said the
newly arrived guest.

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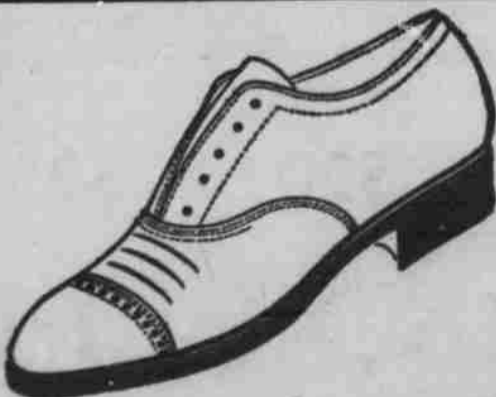
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