

GETTING READY FOR EUROPE

Things a Prospective Tourist Learns Before Starting.

PRINTED TIPS FROM BOOSTERS

Means of Information to What Anticipation and Daze First Trippers—Posting Up on Places.

It ought not to take more than three months to prepare for your first trip abroad. Probably you can do it in less than that, if you are one of those who learn rapidly; say, two months and a half, ten weeks.

There used to be a species of traveler who greeted you with, "Yes, it's over the big pond for me tomorrow," or "Good-by, old man, I'm sailing tomorrow; over the same old mud hole, you know," with such an unpremeditated air that you felt sure he had made up his mind to go only a moment before he met you. You envied him. You fancied his setting forth on his long journey with about as much fuss and preparation as the average man devoted to a ride in the subway.

Well to Know Your Ocean. It no longer does to talk flippantly of the big pond and the same old mud hole. Such a remark is at once a confession that you have not studied your travelers' guide, wherein are set forth the "Biggest Bodies of Water," beginning with the Pacific ocean, area in square miles, 69,000,000; average depth, feet, 12,780, and ending with the Dead sea, area in square miles, 903; average depth, feet, 206.

But in preparing for your trip there is a great deal to learn before you get down to these figures. First of all you should know something about the history, development and theory of the wireless telegraph, the distances from New York of the principal points on the Atlantic coast, the addresses of the American newspaper offices in Europe, the prohibited imports in England, France, Germany and Italy, round-the-world records of the more famous globe-trotters, customs regulations abroad, Federal railway systems of the continent, taxicab charges in London, the feeding system, tides, velocity of sound, porpoises, how to tell time by the ship's ball, how to translate knots into miles, latitude and longitude, points of the compass, European currencies, the Gulf Stream, how to compute differences in time between New York and where you are going, baggage regulations, how to carry funds, steamship lines, and many other things, including a smattering of French, German and Italian for purposes of inquiring your way to the nearest cathedral, the postage rates, the hours for meals and such things.

Building Operations for May and Five Months

Building operations for May ran along at an almost perfect pace with those of May last year. The difference in volume was only a small fraction of 1 per cent. Official reports of the building permits issued in seventy cities, received by The American Contractor, Chicago, aggregates a total of \$72,077,112 for the month, as compared with \$72,381,986 for May, 1913. Of the seventy gains were shown by thirty-seven and losses by thirty-three.

Table with columns: City, May, 1914, May, 1913, Per Cent. Gain/Loss. Lists cities like Akron, Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Cedar Rapids, Chattanooga, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Detroit, Duluth, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids, Harrisburg, Hartford, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Lincoln, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Manchester, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Newark, New Haven, New Orleans, New York, Omaha, Oklahoma, Philadelphia, Portland, Richmond, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Seattle, Springfield, Syracuse, Toledo, Washington, Worcester.

considered an essential part of the preparation for the trip. Some books go a great deal further and prescribe a rudimentary knowledge of physics and chemistry in order that the traveler may have no difficulty translating the temperatures registered by Reaumur and centigrade thermometers into terms of our own Fahrenheit.

How and When to Fee. Closely allied with this is the necessity of starting out with a clear understanding of the English private-house feeing system. Herein, you soon discover, your friend with a fondness for the big pond must have encountered no end of embarrassment.

By the time you have got this far, you wonder whatever your untutored friend did when he had crossed the big pond and found himself smack up against the door of an English private house with maid-servants and manservants and butlers and boys and parlor-maids itching to see how well prepared he was.

The last two of the ten or twelve weeks now required for preparation may be spent in reading books of history about the countries you plan to visit, and in having your shoes repaired and one or two extra pair of eyeglasses made. (Note: If you do not happen to wear glasses, extra pairs may be dispensed with, although you will need a new pair of rubbers, anyway.)

The new pair of rubbers is advised because of the possibility of rain, and the danger of damp feet. Old rubbers or slightly worn rubbers will not do. If you should take rubbers because over them they are sometimes hard to buy and usually expensive.

It is much the same with shoes. Have them in first-class condition before you start. Tourists' shoes do not command the respect of all European bootmakers, and you run the risk of getting them back with paper soles if you take them to be repaired.

Pass the Hero Medal. Joy riding, as pleasure riding in an automobile or on a bicycle, did not prove to be an ordinary luxury, but a necessity on Sunday afternoon for Hill Telephone manager for the Coles County Telephone company, Mr. Joseph Hill.

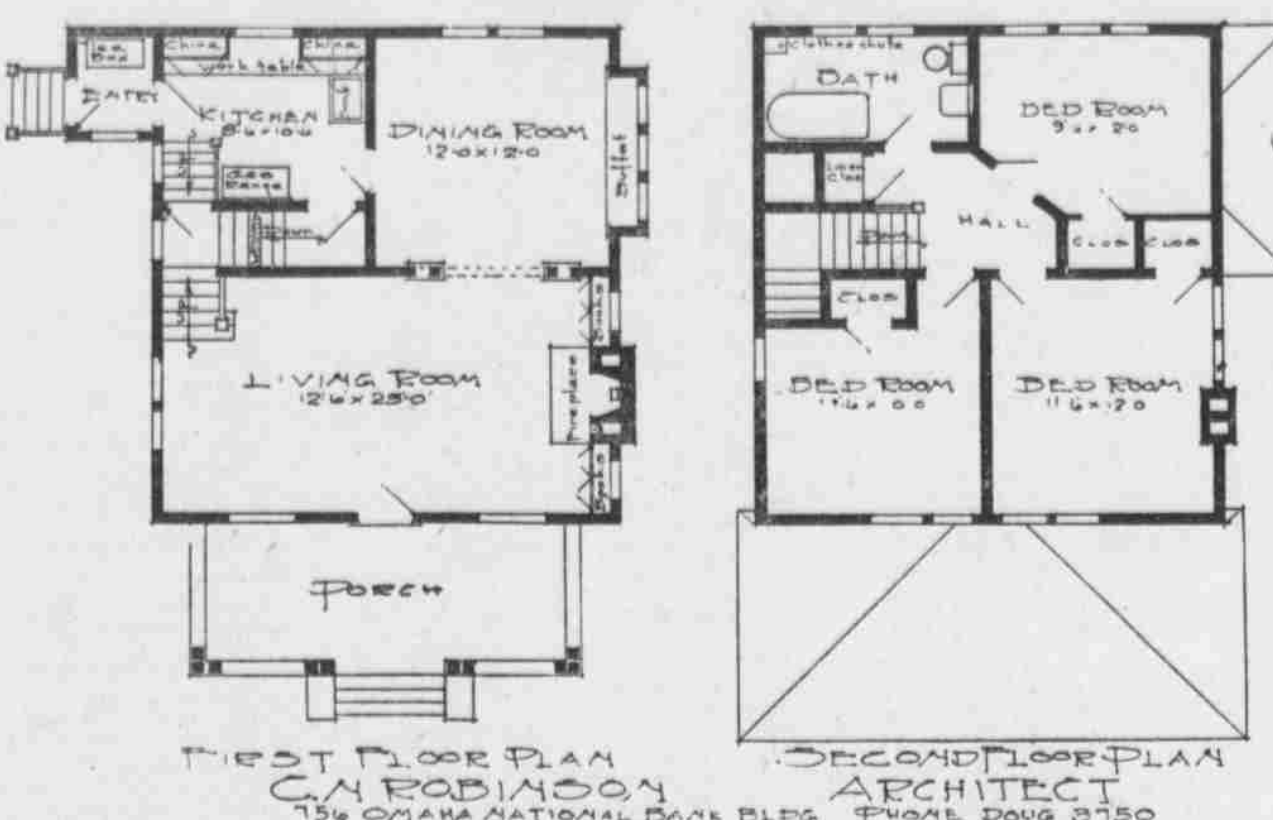
Before Marriage: He carried flowers and diamond rings to please that dashing belle, and caramels and other things that damsel love so well. He'd sit for hours upon a chair and hold her on his knees; he blew his money here and there, as though it grew on trees.

After Marriage: "And so you want another hat?" he thundered to his frau. "Just tell me what is wrong with that—the one you're wearing now! No wonder that you have the blues, the way the money goes; last week you blew yourself for shoes; next week you'll want new clothes!"

My one great aim will be to make your life a thing of joy, so haste and to the altar take your little Clarence boy. And so she thought she drew a peach when they were wed in June. Alas! how oft for plums we reach, and only get a prune!

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