

Europe's Art Objects Really Second Rate?

The treasury of Europe, that vast litter of the work of their grandfathers, which the posters preach, is as miscellaneous and unequal as a jack-daw's swag in the hollow tree, and no one knows the good from the bad, declares William Bolitho in Vanity Fair. "All artistic criticism," declares this iconoclast, "is as dead in Europe as was scientific in the Middle ages. The same Frenchman who insists that you do the dusty journey to wind-swept Versailles to worship the monstrous palace, where even the impenetrable stolidity of an architect who could make over three hundred yards of bays in exact repetition cannot disguise the ill-judged megalomania of the monarch who insisted that his father's hunting box should be built into the center of the largest palace in the world, will rush you with a sickly smile past the magnificent and serene Eiffel tower.

"The grand staircase of the Chateau of Blois is stuck on and superfluous; the greatest German cathedral, Cologne, is nakedly, appallingly out of scale, too short for its height, and instead of that lovely Gothic sensation of soaring to the heavens, gives the spectator a dull pain between the eyes; detailed mention of all instances that clutter my memory would not exhaust the case." Whether good or bad, he concludes, anything built before 1840 is revered as being artistic.

Pastor Called On to Have Business Mind?

"The church is caught in the occidental, and more particularly American, habit of gauging success by the spectacular. A successful church, like a successful furniture shop, is the one which has the biggest establishment, offers the biggest assortment of wares, and affords the biggest income. . . . A considerable part of my work as a minister is not so different from that of the executive charged with the responsibility of getting new customers into a furniture shop," writes a minister in Harper's. "I must 'sell' my institution just as surely and skillfully as the man hired by the local chamber of commerce 'sells' his organization. The difference is that he was hired for that express purpose, and I, tradition says, was hired, or should have been, for something else."

Use of Hooks

Every home owner should invest in a good assortment of hooks. To hook back doors while open is a convenience, as nothing has to be hunted up to hold the door from banging shut when it is wanted open. Hook doors on the inside. Hook covers on feed boxes instead of having weights on them. Hook basement storm windows that have to be opened occasionally. Hook gates, tool boxes and children's playhouse doors. These doors should never be hooked tightly or the children will sometime lock themselves in. If a long staple is used and a good deal of it left on top the wood, the hook will hold the door and yet give it play so they can work it open from the inside.—Successful Farming Magazine.

Wide Awake

It was after dusk and yet the two young people sitting close together in the park made no attempt to depart. Presently a keeper came in sight, going his rounds before closing the gates.

"Sorry to disturb ye," he said to the idlers, "but it's too late for ye to be sitting here."

The youth was apologetic.

"I didn't realize it was so late," he murmured. "We are going to be married next year."

"Sure, now," returned the park keeper, "do you think I'm fool enough to suppose you was married last year?"—Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

The Cruellest Lies

The cruellest lies are often told in silence. A man may have sat in a room for hours and not opened his mouth, and yet come out of that room a disloyal friend or a vile calumniator. And how many loves have perished because, from pride or spite, or diffidence, or that unmanly shame which withholds a man from daring to betray emotion, or love, at the critical point of the relation, he has but hung his head and held his tongue?—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Start Is Not All

The winner of a long race is usually the one who does not start with a spurt. Some use up their stock of enthusiasm in compiling their New Year resolutions, and have nothing left for the harder task of living up to them. The right way to live the year is not to start off with flying colors and then peter out, but to make it progressive, each day better than its predecessor, each month an improvement on the last.—Exchange.

Brazil Roads

Overabundance of patience, plenty of pluck, and a large measure of stamina are the three essential qualities that motorists in South America must possess, particularly when traveling over Brazilian roads. In southern Brazil roads are not only almost impassable most of the time, but are generally hopelessly impossible from the standpoint of touring comfort. Traversing them constitutes one of the most severe tests to which motor cars and tires can be subjected.

Hope to Find Bones of Cardinal Wolsey

Leicester abbey, where Cardinal Wolsey told the abbot he had "come to lay his bones," is to undergo transformation. For many years the abbey grounds have been used as a farm, but now they are to be laid out as gardens and for recreation, Pierre Van Paassen, writing in the Atlantic Constitution, tells us. Wolsey's body was laid in an unknown grave, and it is thought that in the excavations necessary to adapt the grounds to their new use, some trace of it may be found, but as there is no record of any of the cardinal's possessions being buried with him the search seems likely to end in failure. One fact about Wolsey is probably not widely known. When he was at the height of his power he employed an Italian sculptor to make a magnificent sarcophagus beneath which he should lie. Leicester monks laid him to rest in plain earth and Henry VIII sequestered the sarcophagus with the rest of the cardinal's vast possessions. The sarcophagus remained government property and idle until 1806, when it was used to cover the body of Nelson after his remains were brought from Trafalgar. The man who said that England expected every man to do his duty, and led them in so doing, rests under the covering prepared for the man who was led away and ruined by overweening ambition.

Didn't Have Nerve to Cook the Little Pig

A Cleveland housewife who was entertaining some very special friends from out of the city, wanted to have a dinner that would linger in their memory for some time to come. What could be nicer, she thought, than a roast suckling pig?

Accordingly the little pig was sent home from the butcher's, unwrapped and laid on the kitchen table, where her small son caught sight of it and burst into tears.

"Don't cook that dear little piggie!" he wailed, disconsolately.

His mother sent him from the kitchen and picked the pig up to carry it across the room.

"In that moment," she reports, "my courage failed me. There was something so much like a little baby about that poor little pig that I set it down in a hurry. I realized then and there that I didn't have the nerve to cook it. Like my son, I wiped the tears out of my eyes and put the 'dear little piggie' out of my mind forever. We had roast beef for dinner."

Chinese Telegraphy

The transmission and receipt of telegrams in China is not so easy as in western countries, because the Chinese language lacks an alphabet and expresses itself by characters and signs that represent words. In consequence, for purposes of telegraphing an exact list has been made of signs in quantity sufficient for ordinary correspondence, and to each one of the signs a different number is given which is transmitted by the Morse telegraphic system. The code consists of 9,800 ciphers, the whole forming a pamphlet of 49 pages, each one of which contains 10 series of 20 characters with its corresponding number. On receipt of a telegram the operator looks up in his book the characters represented by the numbers transmitted by the apparatus and transcribes them into legible Chinese.

Modern Sweden Not Believer in "Souls"

The journalist hunting for the soul of modern Sweden returns with a yawningly empty bag. Nobody will give him the shadow of an encouragement to discover great things maturing in the bosom of this quiescent country, ready to burst forth and astonish the world.

"No," they say, "here we are poked away high up in a corner of Europe, right off all the spiritual and material highways. As if to enhance our isolation, all you great powers go and wage a war of extermination for five years, so that your new generations have grown up amid the clash of arms and the odor of blood, while we were doing business as usual, or rather, far better than usual—though we managed to drop most of the proceeds a few years later with the German mark."

"And now you come and ask us to be exciting and interesting. We are not. We are upright, worthy, well fed, humane, intellectually adequate northerners. The soul of Sweden? Fiddlesticks! We don't believe in souls!"—Manchester Guardian (Living Age).

Enjoy Rat Slaughter

London bloods of the early part of the Nineteenth century had no bull fights, as did Madrid, so they substituted the rat for the bull and the dog for the matador. An old scrapbook tells of Billy, a celebrated ratcatcher, performing the charming and marvelous feat of killing 100 rats in five and one-half minutes. This was his ninth match, so if his quota was the same each match he had a total score of 900.

Sports audiences of that time were not much different from those of today when the rats failed to show enough aggressiveness the audiences would become bored. The squeals of the tortured rats were enjoyed much in the same manner as the "thud" of a stiff blow is enjoyed by boxing spectators of today.—Kansas City Star.

Wrong Beliefs About Exercise and Heart

The old belief that the heart increased in size according to the increased amount of work it is called upon to perform is a myth, Dr. Matthias J. Seifert, Chicago, says in a study of the effect of exercise upon the heart, prepared for the Gorgas Memorial institute at Kansas City.

If an athlete's heart increases in size it is not because of the exercise he has performed, but because there was something fundamentally wrong with it to begin with Doctor Seifert declares.

"It is now found," he says, "that the predisposition of the heart to enlargement is the result of infectious diseases, such as scarlet fever, pneumonia, rheumatism and too strenuous exercise in youth, as well as to phsyic traumas.

"Exercise for pleasure causes no enlargement of the heart, but on the contrary produces a strengthening of the whole body and, normally, even a smaller heart."

Cubans Cling to Old Instrument of Death

The one machine that the Spaniards are credited with having imported into Cuba 134 years ago is still in use.

It is the "garrote," instrument of death, which greatly resembles an old picture of an inquisition machine of torture. For many years the garrote served the Spaniards, dealing death to Cuban rebels. Since the expulsion of the Old world rulers it has been used in the Havana penitentiary as the official instrument of execution.

No place but in Cuba is the garrote used officially in executions. A prisoner operates the heaving device and gets money and a time decrease in compensation for his services.

The Havana garrote is said to have taken 184 lives since it has been in Cuban use. Before that it was used in executing Spaniards accused of high treason.—Kansas City Star.

On Molding Character

Now, it is better than nothing for a bad man to have one virtuous impulse; it is better than nothing for a man in a rocky field to find one place where there is soil and where a handful of corn will grow and wave like the trees of Lebanon; it is a glorious thing for a man to know that there is something in the world besides himself, and that he is not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent; it is a good thing for a man once in his life to feel little, and to know himself as he is; but how much better it would be if he could fix the vision and turn it into character!—Henry Ward Beecher.

Too Rough

She didn't understand football.

"Why did they knock that man down as soon as he touched the ball?" she asked.

"Because he was trying to get a goal," her brother explained.

"But isn't the object of the game to get goals?"

"Yes; but he was—you see, he's on the other side. He was going the wrong way—that is, toward the wrong goal."

"Well, I don't see why they should knock him down to tell him that. Everybody makes mistakes."—Montreal Star.

Rejecting a Compliment

A well-known member of the stock exchange, who is now giving up the close of a strenuous life to philanthropic efforts, was in his hey-day a tremendous gambler in stocks, and, incidentally, he and his partner were rather expert in the gentle art of making enemies. One of these accosted him with the pleasant remark: "Look here, you are the biggest thief on the stock exchange." "Ah," was the answer, "it is evident you do not know my partner."—London Tit-Bits.

Jail Bird

It was one of those little parties at which an out-of-town girl was a guest of honor. In the course of the evening she was introduced to a young man from the prep school. After the introduction, she avoided him with the most deliberate intent. When her hostess asked for an explanation, the young visitor replied that he was from the prep school. The hostess looked perplexed.

"But isn't it a sort of a penitentiary?" the girl ventured.

English Tongue in France

English in eleven lessons so equipped twenty Paris policemen that they answered 350 questions in the new language. This encouraging result caused the prefect, Jean Chiappe, to order 250 more of the force to go to the school. Frenchmen who have adventured abroad suggest that a notebook and pencil will help out the officers, for they have found it simpler in England and America to write their questions rather than wrestle with the foreign accent.

Snow Storm Formation

Potentially snow storms form in general region of warmth, strange as it may seem. The area of low barometric pressure, or storm sea, comes whirling eastward across the Gulf states and then generally takes a twist northward along the Atlantic seaboard. When sufficiently far north these warm air currents are chilled and the moisture becomes snow, very often being borne to the earth by the back draft of east wind.

Modern Rendering of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock"

"Keeping time, time, time, in a rhythmic sort of rhyme. . . . Thus the bells, bells, bells. And the clock, tick, tock of the electric-driven clock keeps time, time, time with its chyme, chyme, chyme. You may listen to its tick when the night is extra thick, and know its little hand is the same throughout the land, for its motor-made precision only has one wakeful mission. . . . to keep the second, minute, hour, in a universal sameness without a spell of lameness, on mantel piece and tower. So the tick and tock of the motor-driven clock is the universal same as it's read from block to block.

And here is the sure, irrevocable morale, with which all other timers refuse to make quarrel: "Spin on, spin on, oh time in thy flight, and set me bright once again for tonight."—Exchange.

New Breed

Dorothy had always wanted a dog, and at last a kind and sympathetic uncle gave her one.

There was a certain amount of discussion among the family with regard to the animal's breed. The uncle declared the dog was an airdale.

"Meeting a friend of her father one evening while taking her pet for a walk, Dorothy had an anxious moment.

"Whatever is it?" the other had asked. "A pup, Dorothy? What kind may dear?"

The little girl tried hard to remember what her uncle had said.

"He's a ne'er-do-well," she replied, after a long pause.

Noise and Power

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Notice by Publication on Petition for SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.
4T-5-4-28
VERMONT CAVER.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PETER JOHN CHRISTENSEN, DECEASED.

All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 7th day of June, 1928, C. F. Connolly filed a petition in said County Court, praying that his final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that he be discharged from his trust as administrator and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 29th day of June, 1928, and that if you fail to appear before said Court on the said 29th day of June, 1928, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and contest said petition, the Court may grant the prayer of said petition, enter a decree of heirship, and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this Court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.
BRYCE CRAWFORD,
2t-6-15-28 County Judge.

GRAND OFFICERS VISIT IN DES MOINES, IOWA

Mrs. Maude H. Johnson of Lincoln, Neb., grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska and its jurisdiction, came over to Omaha, June 18, and joined Mrs. Estelle Craig, A. G. M.; Mrs. Florence Johnson, P. G. M. conductress, and Mrs. Hazel Terry Lewis, grand lecturer, together they attended Electa grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Iowa and its jurisdiction in Des Moines. They report a wonderful session and state the hospitality of Electa grand chapter cannot be improved upon.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen J. Williams, 46, 2102 North Twenty-ninth street, was held June 18, at 8:30 a. m., from St. Benedict Moore. She is survived by her husband, Dock Williams, a daughter and a son. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.



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