

FIRST BYGLISH EXERCISE

T WAS noon, and the big whistle at the plant of a large manufacturing concern in Schenectady, N. Y., had just summoned the shop-workers back to machine and bench, when Luigi's foreman touched him on the shoulder. "Five o'clock tonight, Luigi, at the Works Restaurant," he said briefly. "Good supper, good music, good time, learn English."

Luigi, only dimly comprehended, but a fellow-workman passed the message along in Italian. "Good supper, good music, good time" -those three phrases danced through his mind all the afternoon. At the close of the day's work he made his way to the restaurant, designed by engineers to serve a million meals a year. Crowds of men were surging through the doors and he pushed his way in and to a seat, his black eyes shining with expectation.

Yes; there was music to set Luigi's blood tingling, and his feet tapping the floor, for the band was sending out its most spirited strains. And as for the supper-not once since he had been on American soil had Luigi so enjoyed a repast. He glanced over at Casimir, his Polish neighbor, whose face was lighted with smiles.

Then a keen-eyed, pleasant-faced man mounted a platform, and a whisper, followed by a hush. ran about the assembly, for the speaker was Mr. Emmons, vice president and general manager of the company. He spoke with such goodwill that Luigi caught the spirit of his message, if not the actual meaning. To his delight, Father Neyroz, of Luigi's own nationality, stepped forward with an interpretation of Mr. Emmons' words in Italian, and a Polish priest also interpreted likewise. Luigi and Casimir listened eagerly and Joined in the applause and cheers.

"We have invited you here tonight," explained Mr. Emmons, "to tell you about a new Americanization plan. We represent many nationalities and races. Tonight I welcome you as Americans, and hope that all of you who have not made this country the land of your adoption, are thinking of doing so. The company is glad to have you as its guests at this Americanization supper, and hopes that many of you will be interested in the work to be undertaken, which will not only teach you something of our language, but also teach you our American standards of thought and life. We have much to learn from the nations you represent. You are well able to teach us many things.

"We wish, however, to teach you the language in which all our shop work is done. Several reasons make it important that you should talk English. You will be safer in your work and less liable to accident if you understand all safety instructions. You will progress faster in your development if you understand better all that is said from day to day. You will enjoy more of the shop life if you can share what other men are talking about.

"If this country is now your home and the home of your children, you should know its language, should possess its citizenship, should obey its laws, and follow the spirit of its institutions.

"I want you to feel that the company for which you work and the executive officers are interested in helping you become Americans of the best kind, not forgetting the lands in which you were born and their languages, but remembering that America is now your home and the home of your children. Your sons fought in the American armies. Many of them died for their country. / We honor them for the sacrifice. You may honor them also by sharing the citizenship they fought and died

"I greet you as Americans of the future, if not of the present, and appreciate your interest in the meeting."

The interpreters then told how an Americanization secretary had been engaged by the company. to devote all his time to the foreign-born workers. First, there was to be instruction in English. The shop was to be the classroom. Regular classes were to be organized with sessions each week. The classes were to be graded so that the leginners might study together, and those more



FIRST CLASS IN ENGLISH-

advanced be grouped according to their knowledge of the language.

It was emphasized that these opportunities were to be purely voluntary. No one was compelled to learn against his will.

Then, when sufficient progress had been made in mastering English, it would be possible to take out citizenship papers and to become a real part

of the country of their adoption. At 5 o'clock, if any one had told Luigi and Casimir that before they reached home at night they would not only understand but speak, five sentences of English, they wouldn't have believed it.

But that is precisely what occurred-and all in

the short space of twenty minutes. Fred Rindge, Jr., an industrial service worker, brought to pass this seeming miracle. Grouping fifty of the men before him, Mr. Rindge named five simple words-see, find, awake, look, arise. Pronouncing each word distinctly a number of times, he asked his hearers to repeat them after him. When this had been done to his satisfaction, all was in readiness for the first lesson.

"Getting up in the morning," said he, yawning and stretching his arms. "Now altogether repeat after me. 'I' (pointing to himself) 'I,' 'I.' Nov. 'awake,' 'awake,' 'awake,' 'awake.' Now, 'from sleep,'" and so on, until within twenty minutes the entire class said fluently and with perfect understanding:

"I awake from sleep. I open my eyes. I look for my watch. I see what time it is. It is six o'clock.'

Deep down in the heart of Lulgi, a new respect for the company which employed him, a new sense of responsibility, and a new ambition took root before long. He felt that he had been given an opportunity. He was not going to spend his best years as a stranger in a strange land, struggling with an unfamiliar tongue, unrecognized, a mere cog in the wheel of industry. Soon he would speak English readily. He would understand all that was going on in the shop. He would work hard, would buy a little house, would give up the idea of hoarding his money and some day taking steerage passage to Italy. He would give Maria all sorts of comforts, would teach her, English too. A new day had dawned in the

life of Luigi. As for Casimir, it had seemed to him that he was no farthe: along than when he had first came, years ago, from Poland. He had made no effort to learn English, for the simple reason that nobody cared whether he did or not. Now he had changed his mind. His employers were making an effort to understand him; very well, he would make an effort to understand his employers. There was no question but that if he understood and could talk English, he would get along bet-

Luigi and Casimir are typical of the men in whose behalf the company has launched this Americanization campaign, which is being watched by industrial managers the country over. A canvass of the allen workers was made in the Schenectady plant, disclosing the fact that there are 1,000 Italians, 600 Poles, and five hundred of other nationalities, all aliens. Of the Italians 357 do not read or write their own language, and cannot speak English, 362 read and write Italian, but have no similar knowledge of English. The remainder can speak, write and read both Italian and English.

Of the 600 Poles, 179 neither read or write the Polish language and have no knowledge of English; and 234 are wholly unfamiliar with Eng-

The campaign undertaken by the company has given an impetus to Americanization work in the city proper and all industries and organizations have expressed hearty interest and support. E. E. Fink, superintendent of night schools, is perfecting an arrangement whereby classes in English may be held in the homes of the foreignborn. The foreigner is naturally inclined to be sociable and hospitable and it is thought that if he may invite his friends and neighbors to study English and citizenship at his own fireside there will be more pleasure and less effort in the new

A. L. Hahn, the Americanization secretary of the company, has had years of successful experience. Mr. Hahn's office is in building 44, and his duties are not only to make 100 per cent Americans of the foreign-born employees, but to assist them in the problems that they may bring to his attention, from matters of personal hygiene to the sending of money to relatives in Europe.

The company hopes that this campaign, which is so unique in many respects, will soon grow from an experimental stage into a permanent and successful work. Incidentally it is supplementing its shop work in the plant by an intensive advertising campaign in the foreign-language newspapers, showing the foreigners of the city the many opportunities they have to learn English and become real American citizens.

THE WISE YOUNG LADY.

"The successful man," said Viscount Grey at a farewell dinner, "goes straight to the heart of every question. He envisages all its features. He is like the young lady. "A chap, after proposing to this young lady,

wound up with the words: "'If you refuse me I shall never love another

woman.' "'But,' said she, 'does that promise hold good if I accept you?"

IN BAD SHAPE.

"What seems to be the matter with your fa-

ther?" "I don't know, but I guesa it must be some thing awful, because I heard the doctor say it would take a trip south to cure him."

WANTED TO KNOW.

"I always measure my words," said the garru-

lous man. "What do you use?" asked the bored listener, "a barrel or a tub?"-Boston Transcript.

HUSBAND FIGHTS FOR HIS BRIDE

Now Faces Murder Charge for Killing Bandit Who Abducted Woman.

Chicago.-The strange story of how a pretty bride of a few months was kidnaped by a band of thieves, held prisoner until her husband rescued her and how later the husband was forced to kill one of the gang while protecting a small boy, will form an interesting chapter in the records of criminal court hearings when the case comes to trial.

Oscar Engstrom is charged with murder, Engstrom and his young bride were living on a two-acre tract near



Engstrom Killed the Leader.

Posen, Ill. The husband was making a good living, selling automobiles, and the wife worked the little truck farm.

Their nearest neighbors, with one exception, were several miles distant. There were two sons at the nearest neighbors, and men of rough character began to visit this place. One day, when the husband was absent, these men abducted his bride. Several days later he found her at the other house and, after a hard fight, rescued her and took her home.

A few evenings later a six-year-old boy came to Engstrom's house and begged to be taken in, as the men had threatened to kill him for telling Engstrom where they had hidden his wife. Two members of the gang came after the boy and in the ensuing fight, Engstrom killed the leader. Police say all the gang are murderers and fugitives from justice and that the house was a resort and hiding place for a notorious gang of professional murderers, many of whom are now in custody and awaiting trial.

RELICS OF ANCIENT TRAGEDY

Camper in California Makes Interesting Discovery in Pinon Mining District.

Whitewater, Cal.-While on a camping trip in the Painted Hills in the Pinon mining district, northeast of here, O. I. Kennedy of San Bernardino discovered what may prove to be the

relics of a 100-year-old tragedy. In an inaccessible spot, but one distinctly visible from the foot trail, in the face of the mountain, he discovered a musket and a row of Indian water vessels. On examining the weapon through a high-power glass, it proved to be a flintlock of ancient design, and Kennedy believes from the peculiar formation of the stock it is of Spanish origin.

Kennedy expects to return in a short time with a supply of ropes by which he will have himself lowered into the dry sea cavern where the relics were discovered. He brought with him samples of large sea shells, which he gathered on the edge of a great deposit of shells located at an altitude of 2,050

Used Body to Stop Leak; Saved Lives of the Crew

When the trawler Clara ran on the rocks at the harbor entrance at Plymouth, England, in a fog and stove a hole in her side, one of the seamen stopped the great rent with his body and enabled the boat to keep afloat until help came, thereby saving the lives of his comrades.

The sailor remained, waistdeep in water, for four hours until the boat was towed into harbor.

Woman "Buys" Husband.

Hagerstown, Md.-Peter Guy, the gypsy, who, at Des Moines, Ia., was "bought" from his wife by another woman several days ago, is well known in Hagerstown.

The bill of sale was drawn up by an attorney of Des Moines and placed on record. By the terms of the "sale" the new wife gave the former Mrs. Guy \$5,000 in gold for Guy. Apparently Guy had been transferred in a similar manner before, for Mrs. Guy No. 1 told the attorney who drew up the papers that she paid \$5,000 for

SALTS IF BACKACHY AND KIDNEYS HURT

Stop Eating Meat for a While If Your Bladder Is Troubling

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells: your stomach sours, tongue is cented, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physis cian at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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