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In an interview Dr. Schrag of the German department gave a graphic account of his European tour this summer, and reported having spent a most profitable and enjoyable vacation.

From New York, Dr. Schrag sailed directly to Italy, and the first impression he records is that the Italians are not a race of under-sized men, as one might suppose, judging by their representatives in America. And furthermore, they are about the handsomest race in existence. Dr. Schrag, continuing, says:

Rome Up-to-Date.

"Rome is a marvellous city. It is modern and up-to-date in every respect. The ruins occupy a comparatively small space and are entirely kept apart from the new city. From Rome I traveled to Naples, and visited the Paestum, not far from Naples. Here are the remains of an old Greek settlement of about 400 B. C. The massive ruins are in a remarkable state of preservation. Particularly impressive were the ruins of two temples of Neptune and Apollo. These ancient remainders of the greatness of Greece are, next to those at Athens, the finest in the world. I spent a short time at Pompey and crossed over to the Island of Capri to visit the world-famous 'Blue Grotto.'

Great Builders.

"As I traveled through Italy what impressed me most was that the Romans were the greatest builders the world has ever known. In the two weeks spent at Rome this was forced home upon me. For instance, there is no more wonderful, and scarcely a more beautiful road in existence than the great Applan Way; and this, coupled with the marvelous ruins, and nearly incredible feats of engineering, attest to the ancient greatness of the Roman empire, and lend an air of dignity and ancient triumph to modern Italy.

"At Florence I saw the great art treasures. At Pisa, of course, the famous leaning tower is the attraction. In my opinion, this remarkable edifice will not stand long. The next important city I visited was Venice knowing Venice from former trips,

the first charm was lost. It is, however, a beautiful place. The most beautiful square in all the world, in my opinion, is here. This is St. Mark's square. It is unique, as it is enclosed on three sides by elegant shops, and on the fourth by the church of St. Mark and the Doges' palace.

In the Alps.

"Leaving Italy, I traveled north into the Alps. It rained the whole time I was in the renowned Oetz valley in the Tyrol. Oberammergau was next on the program, and here I saw the Passion Play. I enjoyed this very much. There is a great difference of opinion regarding the play. Some designate it as crude, others as a perfect piece of dramatic art. Personally it gave me a good idea of what the old church 'mystery' plays were like, and showed what development and evolution the drama had undergone.

"While in Munich I took a delightful trip on the Starnberger 'See.' The next city, Nuernberg, is in some respects the most interesting of all German cities. It is mediaeval in character, and gives a clear idea of what the old 'free cities' were like. At present it is one of the great manufacturing cities of Germany.

Berlin Beautiful.

"Berlin I found even more beautiful and delightful than two years ago. Taken all in all, it has the reputation, world-wide, that it is 'the most modern of modern cities,' and without any doubt it is the most beautiful city in the world today. In growth, of all the world's great cities, Chicago alone has equaled it. It has outstripped all others. As a place to live in, it is without an equal. One of the wonders of Berlin is the 'Ice Palace,' built entirely of ice blocks. Here in the middle of summer the young people come to skate. One peculiarity of the city administration is that the streets of the city are ordered to be washed every night.

"Berlin is laying great plans for a community of ten million inhabitants. It is actually planning forty years ahead. There is a uniformity in the style of architecture throughout the whole city that gives it a regularity of structure and a massiveness of beauty that is very striking. The most beautiful street in all the world, coming to rank with the Applan Way in fame, is the avenue 'Unter Den Linden.' It extends from the imperial palace through the Tiergarten and the Charlottenburger Chaussee to Potsdam, lined the entire way with the most beautiful trees and flowers. It is six miles long.

"In Hamburg I remained only one day, sailing from there the day after I arrived. The trip home was very pleasant, except that the boat was very crowded."

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