

Historic Island Now Gambling Resort

Paris.—On a Mediterranean island where Caesar and Cicero lived two thousand years ago, frantic gamblers from all over the world foregather nightly in ultramart new palaces of chance which have been built under Signor Mussolini's orders to give Italy a new gaming field in opposition to the French Riviera.

The island is Rhodes, in the Dodecanese group, off the coast of Asia Minor and on the direct route from Italy to Egypt and the far east. The idea of the vast new playground created there on the ruins of part of the ancient Grecian empire is to afford a stopping off place for rich American and British travelers to India, or around the world.

Rhodes is of age old antiquity and Homer makes frequent mention of the island and of Caesar and Cicero's lives there. Sultan Mohammed II also lived there, but if any of these great men of the past could come back they would hardly recognize it with its spick and span promenades on the

sea front lined with glittering white casinos and other pleasure palaces.

Many of the ancient buildings still remain, affording a strange contrast between the cultured past and feverish present of the gaming paradises. The palace of the Knights of Jerusalem still exists, the ramparts, the cathedral, Mohammedan mosques which recall the period of Turkish domination exist alongside the shimmering modern concrete gambling halls.

Italy has owned the island since the end of the Libyan war and it was the scene of much bloodshed in the Middle Ages when the Turks first seized the spot at the cost of 100,000 Turkish lives. In pre-Christian times the city of Rhodes itself suffered severely from earthquakes and most of its 3,000 gigantic statues built under the Greek state were thrown down.

Among these statues was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the monument to Helios, the Colossus, which was the Greek name

given to the sun. Beside the spot where this marvel once stood, elegant international society folk now nightly throw their chips on the green gaming tables inviting the god of chance to favor them.

Talking to Yourself at Twenty

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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"What would you give," a friend asks me, "if you could talk to yourself at twenty?"

It is an intriguing thought, to be able after twenty-five or thirty or forty years of experience with the practical things of the world, after having been knocked about here and there, having failed and having succeeded, to be able to sit down quietly and

give yourself advice at twenty, to point out shoals to be avoided, rocks to steer clear of, opportunities to seize, chances for improvement and advance-



ment which might have been taken. I have been sitting here thinking it all over since the question came to me, and there is a strong appeal in the thought; I'd surely like very much to do it. I should prefer, however, to sit down and talk things over with myself at fifteen rather than at twenty. At fifteen the imagination is awake, emotions are keener than at any other time of life. What would I say to myself at fifteen if I had the chance?

I thought very little of the care of my body when I was fifteen. I should give myself a straightforward sensible talk on taking care of the teeth and the hair because twenty or forty years later they are so necessary to good health or to good looks, and it would be so easy to keep them if we began early enough. I should say a good deal about eating.

I never had so much leisure as between fifteen and twenty, nor so much pleasure perhaps. I should not advise myself to cut down on the pleasure, I think, for pleasure is the rightful heritage of youth, but I should point out how to so much better advantage the leisure might be used. I might have been much wiser than I was.

Beauty, health, knowledge—these are what I should talk to myself about.

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Father Sage Says:

All men are born equal, which makes it all the harder for us to forgive the success of our friends.

GIVES DEMURE TOUCH



Roberta Gale, young Radio Pictures featured player, looks very demure in this gown of silk crepe with lace cap sleeves and inset at neck.

Community Building

Fire Prevention Must Have Beginning in Home

Much light is shed upon the character and extent of loss of life through fire in a bulletin—"Fire—Its Menace to Human Life"—issued by the insurance department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Available information concerning property losses through fire is fairly comprehensive, but the fire casualties of the nation have been left largely to conjecture. The national fire waste council conducted a series of six surveys to ascertain the extent and causes of the loss of human life in fires.

Some of the conclusions reached are striking. These surveys showed:

During the months of November, December and January the death rate per million of population ranged from 56.9 to 65.1, compared with a range of 25.3 to 37.1 for April, May and June, showing that heating apparatus, defective chimneys and flues and the practice of starting fires with inflammable liquids constitute a grave hazard to life.

Sixty-six per cent of all deaths reported occurred in dwellings, apartment houses, hotel and rooming houses, showing the lack of adequate precaution against fire in dwelling places.

The outstanding conclusion of the survey is that fire prevention should begin at home.

Wild Flowers of Value Only Where They Grow

There is something wrong with the person who wantonly mars or destroys natural beauty, such as wild flowers. Yet there are enough such persons to arouse the indignation and solicitude of those who respect the beauties of nature. It is common to see people pulling up wild flowers from the roadside, carrying them to their cars.

Public co-operation is needed to maintain beauty of the whole countryside. It is ironic that with the increasing number of motor cars and fine roads, making outdoor beauty accessible to the multitude, the beauty thus accessible should be marred and in some instances destroyed. Wild flowers are of little value for home decoration. Usually they are faded before they can be placed in water. When they are uprooted they are virtually destroyed, for they do not respond favorably to transplanting. They are much more valuable where they grow.

All they ask is to be let alone. Unmolested, they go on and multiply and bloom and refresh us and edify us. They brighten our way. Why darken theirs?—Kansas City Star.

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fixed things," it said. "I'd like to add him to my agency."

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A small girl was talking to her mother concerning an uncle, whose wife had died and who had married again. She couldn't quite understand how she came to have a new aunt. Her mother tried to explain matters.

"If you died," said the little girl, "would father marry again?"

A bit upset, the mother said that was a question she couldn't answer; that the child would have to ask her father.

"Well," said the little girl decidedly, "I certainly hope he would. I wouldn't care to be without a mother."

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Pioneer Oil Well

The "Fountain," the first flowing oil well in the world, was struck in the Pennsylvania oil region in June, 1861. It averaged 300 barrels daily.

To Be Community Highway

Believed to be the first organization in northern Virginia to take such action, the Neighborhood Garden Club of Ballston, Va., voted to take over a mile of state highway for planting and general beautification in preparation for the bicentennial celebration next year.

This action was taken as a result of a suggestion by J. P. Neal, landscape engineer of the Virginia state highway commission, made at a mass meeting that was sponsored by the garden club.

Working under the direction of the landscape engineer, the club will undertake to transplant native shrubbery from nearby sources to the right-of-way of the highway, filling in cuts and other places that are without vegetation. The club will also attempt to rid the right-of-way of signboards and unsightly structures.

Oil Companies Quit Signs

More than six years ago the British Petroleum company realized that advertisements and hoardings were spoiling the beauty of the countryside. They decided to remove all their roadside signs in rural districts. Their work was carried out at once, but this involved considerable cost, since many sites for advertisements had been taken on long leases. The same company also resolved to make the gasoline pump less of an eyesore. All their pumps were painted green and every encouragement has been given to filling stations to make their premises attractive instead of hideous.—London Tit-Bits.

Rear Spaces Charming

The day of the front porch and the front garden has passed because of unendurable street confusion, and other recreational features must replace them, asserts Earl H. Reed, Jr., of Chicago.

"If our homes are to be truly restful," says Mr. Reed, "we must definitely retire in the outdoor seasons to the more secluded shelter of open terrace, covered porch, garden house or lawn bench located in the long-neglected but charming side or rear spaces in our grounds."

Italy Sets Good Example

Every railroad station in Italy soon is to be a beauty spot. To this end a competition has begun for submission of plans for improvement of railroad property. Medals are to be awarded for the most ingenious proposals.

"Clean-Up" Week

Special "weeks" and "days" for this and that have multiplied to a rather ludicrous extent, but "clean-up" is one week that has an important place in the scheme of things, and it should not be ignored.

Seeking Prized Helium Gas



The first well in America in search of helium gas is being sunk in the San Fernando valley near Los Angeles by A. F. Mercet, who is seen above examining matter brought up by the test drill.

LIGHTS OF NEW YORK

By WALTER TRUMBULL

There is a manicurist who will never get far in the diplomatic service. She was at work the other afternoon on a customer who was not born yesterday, but who still regards himself as a leading juvenile and fancies himself with the ladies. An idle barber at a near-by chair was teasing the manicurist until finally the customer came gallantly to her defense.

"You had better," he said, "attend to your own business and let this little girl alone."

"There!" exclaimed the little girl in question in a sprightly tone. "You heard what my nice grandpa told you. Go roll your hoop."

She hasn't seen that customer since. A New York couple were very anxious to be married without publicity because of the prominence of one of them who had been divorced. They consulted a lawyer, who said that by expending a certain sum of money he could fix it so that the marriage would not become known until they were ready to announce it. He arranged for them to go to a little town in a

neighboring state, told them just how to get the license, and had a Justice of the peace waiting to perform the ceremony. Everything apparently went according to schedule. The only slip-up was that the next morning the New York papers carried the news of the marriage on their front pages. A bit later they got a telegram from a close friend in the advertising business.

"Send the name of that lawyer who

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Languages of the World

It is estimated that there are more than 5,000 languages and dialects in the world, although many of the latter differ but slightly. There are at least 300 different articulations, or ways in which the vocal organs must be used to produce sounds. The Chinese language is used by the most people, English is next, followed by Hindustani, Russian and German.

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Scientists to Study Dinosaur Eggs

Red Lodge, Mont.—A great congress of savants will gather here in the summer of 1932 to inspect the scene where

"EGG" MAYOR OUSTED



This is Mat Wagner, whose recent election as mayor of Winona, Minn., was annulled when he was convicted of violating the state corrupt practice act by distributing eggs for one cent a dozen when the retail price was 18 cents.

ages ago a dinosaur laid its eggs. The eggs, or fragments of them, discovered last year by the Princeton university paleontologic expedition, have been heralded as one of the most important finds on the North American continent.

The first and only dinosaur eggs found previously were uncovered by the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition into the Gobi desert of northwestern China.

World scientists will be invited to attend the international congress of geologists, paleontologists and mineralogists.

Already plans are being made and an extensive guide to the richly laden Beartooth region near here is being prepared. Dr. Frances A. Thomson, president of the Montana School of Mines, has placed the facilities of his institution in co-operation with Princeton university in gathering data for the guide book.

Additional data on the region will be gathered this summer during the Princeton university summer school under the direction of Dr. W. T. Thom. Aside from geological studies the expedition expects to contribute to the knowledge of the dim beginnings of primitive man.

To Dr. J. C. G. Siegfried, whose hobby is the study of fossilized bones of prehistoric animals, goes the credit for attracting attention to the Beartooth district.

Doctor Siegfried's discoveries startled the scientific world some years ago and subsequent development of the region has led scientists to the

conclusion that it is a veritable paleontologic playground.

Aside from its strata richly laden with fossil bones, its geologic peculiarities are thought to be unique in their similarity to classic Transvaal.

SEEKS TENNIS HONORS



Mrs. Lawrence A. Harper of Oakland, Calif., runner-up to Miss Betty Nuthall of England in the national championship last August and the top-ranking woman tennis player of the country, has sailed for England to compete at Wimbledon. Mrs. Harper was accompanied by her husband.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By John Hix



MRS. WINNIE JANE CROOKS LIVED UNDER FOUR FLAGS IN ONE STATE—LIVING IN TEXAS, SHE WAS UNDER THE LONE STAR STATE, UNITED STATES AND CONFEDERATE FLAGS AND AGAIN UNDER THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

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A CANADIAN GAS BUOY WAS FOUND ON THE SCOTTISH COAST, HAVING TRAVELED 2,000 MILES

TWO BLIND MEN WALKED 750 MILES FROM ROUEN TO LOURDES

(WNU Service.)

SUCH IS LIFE—Poor Pop!



By Charles Sughroe

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