

FLORENCE STILL HOLDS ITS MEDIEVAL CHARM

Venerable City Not Spoiled by "Face Lifting."

Washington.—"Florence, officially Firenze, venerable Italian treasure chest of art, is making new strides toward modernity," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society. "City planners of Florence first shocked antiquarians when they raised the city's old wall in the 'sixties.' The wall sits now hums with modern traffic. Subsequently ancient and medieval palaces, churches and residences partially or completely disappeared to enlarge public squares and widen main streets.

"Now it is proposed to build a new bridge across the Arno river within eyeshot of the Ponte Vecchio, the medieval shop-flanked span that has long been one of the most striking 'sights' of Florence. More water mains and electric lights for dark streets also are contemplated.

"These improvements will not obliterate old landmarks. The city, at least 2,000 years old, has outgrown three walls and has spread to both banks of the Arno.

"Amid alternating periods of peace and turbulence the city has never lost its spirit. It felt the wrath of Caesar; frequent plagues left thousands of dead in their wake; Pisa and other near-by city states harassed its inhabitants when the Florentines themselves were not at their neighbors' doors with strong, well-equipped armies; European princes, with greedy eyes set upon its growing wealth and industrial position, stormed its walls; and perhaps, worst of all its troubles, were medieval riots and outbreaks against the nobility. Dante, one of its most famous sons, was burned in effigy in a Florentine square. In the same square the monk, Savonarola, Martin Luther of Italy, was executed and his limp form reduced to ashes.

"Florence rose to the pinnacle of art and culture in the fourteenth century. It ranked among the great financial, industrial, and commercial centers of the known world. Its native-born artists, augmented by adopted welders of the brush and sculpture's mallet, formed one of the most illustrious gatherings of all ages in the field of art.

"Michaelangelo, Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael either were born or lived in Florence. Their studios produced sculptures for the public squares and the niches of the numerous palaces and famous paintings for palace walls. Meanwhile their brushes also applied frescoes to walls and ceilings

of Florentine buildings and wealthy merchants of the city accumulated art collections from the studios of foreign artists.

"Florentine commerce expanded until the city had a representative in nearly all the important known ports. The ruling Medici family expanded its financial influence. At one time it owned 16 banks and made loans to powerful European rulers. The florin, once Europe's most widely circulated coin, was named for the city and first circulated there. The three-ball sign of the pawnbroker was adopted from the Medici coat of arms.

"Florence now has nearly 300,000 in-

habitants and remains one of the most charming cities in Europe. Its valuable collections of paintings, sculptures and frescoes have weathered war and riot and near its modernized thoroughfares the traveler may stray into an atmosphere of centuries ago.

"There are byways flanked with medieval architectural gems whose doorways bear the coats of arms of famous families. Many of the street corners are adorned with finely executed shrines—the works of old masters. There remain a few of the open-front shops of other days where cabinetmakers, wool combers and metal workers ply their trade apparently oblivious of the motley crowd looking on. In a few blocks a pedestrian rubs elbows with visitors from a dozen different countries, for tourist entertainment is the city's leading 'industry.'"

Mother of 27 Seeks \$500,000 Award



Mrs. Florence Brown, forty-two, of Toronto, Canada, with some of the twenty-seven children she has borne, fourteen of whom are still living. Under the terms of the will of Charles Vance Millar, Mrs. Brown would receive the award of \$500,000 he bequeathed to the Toronto woman who ten years after his death had given birth to the most children. The provincial government, however, is undertaking to annul the alleged "capricious" will of the bachelor millionaire lawyer and convert the money to the University of Toronto. Mrs. Brown has brought suit to win the award.

For Mother and Child



The frock on the right uses drapery technique to gain width above the waist, combining flatteringly with a surplice twist and a raglan shoulder. The design is smart in soft silk crepe colored in one of the new spring blues, such as colonial or cornflower. The child's dress is simple in line, achieving individuality through the use of linen in contrasting colors. It was recently shown in delft blue border on pink, and in mustard yellow on alice blue.—Woman's Home Companion.

AROUND THE HOME

Hot brown bread is cut much more easily if a string is used instead of a knife.

Raisin sauce served on steamed or baked cottage puddings makes a good winter dessert.

Dip the stopper of a mullage bottle

Exam "Boners" Make Professors Laugh

Hartford, Conn.—"Boners" relieve the dullness of reading examination papers, says Prof. Henry A. Perkins of Trinity college.

Here are a few he listed as encountered in Trinity examinations:

"Work is the ability to do something.

"Aristotle says that grass attains form when it is eaten by a cow.

"Cicero must have been a very careful critic and a very careful writer. His writings are forever emphasizing the point he wishes to emphasize.

"As the moon approaches full and is nearer the earth, it has stronger attraction and effects (sic) the apple.

"Mass in a body is solid, it is the force attracted to the earth. A football player needs mass.

"Since women can vote, voting has ceased to be a privilege.

"Mass is an object that contains weight. Weight is what the object weighs.

"When some one applies an epitaph to you it is sometimes very hard to reply.

"The average man is rather below normal.

"When it says here 'Compare with civilized communities' it would be all right to take the United States."

In paraffin before putting it into the bottle and it will not stick.

When making waffles, to insure their crispness allow the iron to heat five or six minutes before pouring on the batter.

Wrap silver and gold cloth slippers in black tissue paper before putting them away. If treated in this way they will not quickly tarnish.

Yellow cream cheese spread on buttered wafers and browned in a moderate oven makes a very good accompaniment to serve with appetizers, soups or salads.

The "Radio Priest"



Rev. Charles Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Detroit, Mich., noted for his fiery nationwide radio sermons, busy in his office preparing one of his sermons to be delivered over the air.

FOLLOWING ON

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK Emeritus Dean of Men, University of Illinois.



There was suffering ahead for Him, and danger and death of a most cruel character, and Jesus knew it. He was going up to Jerusalem, and He was well aware of what awaited Him there. Nor were His friends ignorant of what fate was very likely in store for Him there, and they warned Him to take some other road, to save Himself by not going to Jerusalem. He could pass by the danger.

"Get Thee out, and depart hence," they said, "for Herod will kill Thee." There was safety by another road.

But He shook His head; duty was before Him, the appointed task had to be performed. He was not ignorant of what His fate would be but—

"Nevertheless," He said, "I must walk today and tomorrow and the day following," and He went on until the end, and faced death courageously.

Life does not for many of us have the tragic nor the glorious end that His life had, but there is for every human being if he would accomplish the best that is in him, today and tomorrow and the day following, a routine which, commonplace or difficult or unpleasant as the individual case may be, must be faced and followed.

I watched a fell race in England years ago. The men start from a certain point in the valley and, by whatever route they choose, they reach a high point of the cliff a mile and a half or so away. It was a rocky uneven road which they traveled without path to follow in many cases. They dash through streams, they climb over fences, they leap from one bench of rock to another, they take all sorts of chances, only they go on, stumbling, climbing, pushing toward the goal in spite of danger and exhaustion. No matter if the flesh is torn by thorns or the feet bruised by sharp rocks, or strength seems all but gone, the goal must be reached by some means, or other. It is an inspiring sight, and one I shall not soon forget. I've thought of the race often when I have been discouraged.

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Next to Diamonds

Corundum is the hardest mineral next to the diamond and when transparent is known as amethyst, sapphire, and ruby. Although it is a compound of oxygen and aluminum it is four times heavier than water. It is named after the Hindu word "kurand" and it is therefore thought to have first been discovered in India.

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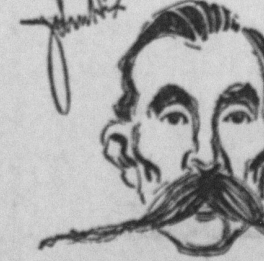
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CLARICE KENNEDY BROKE THE AUSTRALIAN 90-YARD HURDLE RECORD RUNNING WITH A BOKEN LEG

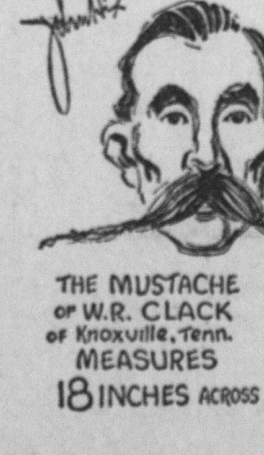
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Speed Merchant



Ben Eastman, of the Stanford university track team, who shattered the long existing 440-yard record when he covered the distance in 43 4-10 seconds, slashing a full second off the record.

Edison's Birthplace to Be Sold to His Heirs

Sandusky, Ohio.—Probate Judge Tanney has authorized the sale of the "little brick house" in Milan, Ohio, in which Thomas A. Edison was born, to the Edison estate. It is believed the house is being purchased for the purpose of beautifying the surroundings.

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SUCH IS LIFE—A Laugh for Blackhawk



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HE ONCE ROAMED THESE HILLS—WHAT MUST HE THINK TO SEE US ON HIS OLD HUNTING GROUNDS?!



WELL, POP, IF HE KIN GIT A GOOD VIEW OF YOU IN YOUR SHORT PANTS AND GOOFY GOLF TOGS, HE'S HAVING A GOOD LAUGH

