"Man and woman, be ve one," Wasn't there a spice of fun In this naming of us two? I was scarce a man, and you-You were just a slender slip When we took our bridal trip, But we felt no lack of years As we mingled happy tears.

"Man and woman, be ye one," One we are while moments run Onward toward that open sea Where new argosies may be. One in heart and life and all-Each a ruler, each a thrall, As we were one happy day When I bore my bride away.

-Chicago Graphic.

STRANGERS, AND TAKEN IN.



HE Open Air Hotel has a fine antique flavor about We liked the name, so Bopper and I lounged wearily in at the dilapidated coach entrance.

"Do the gentlemen wish to sleep here?" asked a female antique, who evidently went with the building. "Yes, the gentlemen have thought of

such a thing.

She regretted that the hotel no longer put up travelers. One could drink there, but not sleep. "Doubtless the gentlemen can read?"

Her tone was not so hopeful as her words, so Bopper hastened to assure her that we were not so bad as all that. He was a little touchy on the point. He knew that our appearance did not improve as we went on. But this was only our fifth night on the tramp, and it was really too soon to begin remarks

"Then, if the gentlemen will have the goodness to leave by this door, and lighted. It was his first arrest. I had graces of the family. take the first turning to the left, they will see before them a very suitable hotel, and not too dear.'

The Open Air Hotel was evidently one of those delightfully confusing places that you enter by one street and leave by another-doubtless a most convenient arrangement in the good old days when the hotel was in its

The first turning to the left brought us to the Three Travelers, a good thirdrate hotel. We know from the size of Gien that there was bound to be a Hotel de France somewhere, but too tired to move a step further, we dropped our knapsack-it was Bopper's turn to

Dinner-our tramp supplied the sauce-put new life * into us. strolled out to see the town.

Sure enough, there was the usual comfortable Hotel de France. Passing by it without comment-our hearts too full for words-we came to the Mairie, in front of which was a warlike

Being new to that part of the counder of the Vercingetorix country. For weeks after we never had to ask the name of a statue. Whenever we saw combination of mace and battle-axe we asked : knew it was Vercingetorix. In that district they parse Vercingetorix as a names?" common noun.

At any rate, Bopper told a schoolmaster so with a point of interrogation, and the schoolmaster did not deny it. After admiring our first Vercinget-

orix we wandered on to the bridge. The setting sun was turning the Loire into blood. Even Bopper, the Philistine, said it was fine.

We sat down in one of the embrasures of the bridge to admire the town. Up on the hill behind the houses was a very fine old chateau-a sort of com- dier. pound of the Norman castle and the old

Scotch baronial. Stopping a passer-by I asked whose the castle was. The man seemed as-

tonished ot our ignorance. "But, to Mr. the Commandant," was the reply.

hunting for information. He stopped our railway return tickets from Paris a gendarme, and asked if we could get to London. Dupont admitted this as in to see the chateau.

"But yes, perfectly, if the Com-startled us. mandant orders." From his grim "Can you smile we inferred that the order was not likely to be given. But gendarmes' would give no explanation. On the jokes are hard to comprehend.

When we got to our hotel we tried to find out more about the chateau, keeper, whom we saw grimly keeping answers.

The crowning insult came. Never withdrew. before in France, and never since, advance. Bopper stormed; my milder the highway. The brigadier admitted counsels prevailed. We paid. Then that papers were no longer necessary, Cornhill. we saw our bedroom. It contained butfifty square feet and two beds. There was a fourteen-inch lane between the specific charge." two beds. I thought of the last scene in the "Sentimental Journey;" Bopper gether. thought of going to the Hotel de

France. Bopper was right. our night with the Three Travelers was he would give us was that it would be have come from settlements of some bad enough to encourage early rising. twenty years at the hulks if proved size. Several of the California lakes We shook the dust of Gien from our against us. We felt secretly pleased show the same peculiarity, and in view feet at 3:50 a. m. Oh, the delight of at the obvious enormity of our offense. of these facts there is no reason to to Briare! The ten kilometres soon Bopper.

'English pickpockets more proba'English pickpockets more probathat fresh morning walk along the Loire "English spies, of course," sneered doubt that ages ago there were tribes morning coffee! But I have promised bly," retorted the brigadier, who cer- waters of our lakes. -St. Louis Globe-

he had coffee.

After a delightful morning's walk of gram. 10 o'clock. If you happen to be passing that way, don't forget to have hardly conceal. breakfast at the Green Oak. If you "But yes, per hurry, you may even have the good fortune to be served by the same dainty maiden that Bopper himself had to praise. He exercises very freely his married man's right to run down all was seriously damaged by the interim womankind but his own. This morn- reply: ing he was graciously pleased to ap-

"Well, Kuppord, we've had a glorious tuck-in," said Bopper as filled his

never get another.' ing, with a little, double-storied poris particularly clean. At the time we saw it the whitewash was quite fresh. A tricolor, which was warranted always plicit with the word "Gendarmerie."

courtyard gate was thrown open and a shelf; but self respect forbade. little man sprang out. He had a pair sleeves and a bald head.

"Halt there!"

tle man looked insignificant enough, he of l'eat de vigne. spoke authoritatively, and we noticed at the same time that two burly gendarmes in full uniform (except that they had the peaked cap instead of the genuine full-dress cocked hat) stepped out of the postern after him.

"You'are English, aren't you?"

"As you say, sir." "You come from Gien?"

"Perfectly." "Will you have the goodness to en-

We had the goodness to enter.

We passed through the court to a off to mount guard over us.

out his hand.

gone through it twice before, and I dare I ought to over his inexperience. He detained. It was no less than "Aiding thought we were getting equal at last, a Spanish prisoner to escape from the but he did not like to be bullied by a State prison at Gien.' man in an apron. Besides, the gendarmes were outside now.

Bopper, with much dignity.

'Your papers," repeated the little man sternly

"May I ask whom I have the honor light for the authorities. of addressing?" Bopper was severely

carry it that day—and clamored for The genuine astonishment of the good was the State prison. Little wonder brigadier was enough to make us laugh. Bopper only added sarcastically.

"You haven't much the air of it." Stung by the sneer, the officer vanished through an inner door, to reappear a moment after in full uniform. Taking his seat at the desk, he began. "Without papers. I presume?"

Bopper was busy looking for a seat. He did not relish standing while the examiner sat. We had to pocket the try, we had actually to ask the name of affront, however, through lack of even the figure. We were just on the bor- a form. Bopper angrily retorted that "papers" were no longer required, that we hadn't papers, and that he would like to know what this detention a figure with a weapon in its hand of meant. Dupont merely took up a any kind from a horsewhip to a patent huge yellow paper form and solemnly

"Your surnames and Christian

We gave these, and a great many more items as he asked them, and gravely wrote them down. Suddenly he turned upon us with a "Now I've got you" air and asked:

"Your resources, if you please?" At this veritable "stand and deliver," Bopper, with some pride, produced his purse, containing some 700

"You didn't look like it, you know," murmured the thunderstruck briga-

When I flourished over 1000 francs before him, he could only add:

"Nor you, either." Pleased at the favorable impression our resources had made upon the poor brigadier, who had probably never seen so much money at one time in his Bopper never liked to be outdone in life before, Bopper deigned to produce

> "Can you speak Spanish?" This finished our examination. He sounding of a little bell a gendarme entered and saluted. He was not our

only to be met by gruff and evasive guard at the door. The brigadier handed his big report to the man, who Bopper returned to the charge that have we been asked to pay our bill in the police had no right to stop us on

"I am instructed to arrest you on a

"What charge?" we demanded tothat an old hand like him was not so erected over the lakes, and on the shores Once we passed a worse night. But easily caught as all that. The only hint near by are piles of refuse such as would

Bopper to use no exclamation points in tainly scored there; "but, no, gentle- Democrat.

anything that he is concerned in, and men, it is neither. I may be able to tell you when I get a reply to my tale-

nearly fourteen miles, we came to the "Do you mean to say you tele-dainty little village of Bonny, at about graphed all that sheet about us?" asked Bopper, with a pride he could

"But yes, perfectly; it's the rule."
"Where did you telegraph to?"

"Ah! gentlemen make questions. Pardon ma" Our conceit in our own importance

"Commandant at breakfast. Keep prisoners till further notice." Dupont was annoyed. Bopper was

furious. I am a philosopher. The pipe, while passing out of the main bell rang again. We were conducted street of Bonny, "though we should to a sort of a cell, where we had a form to sit on. We were locked in. We The last house in the village toward both felt secretly aggrieved at not the south is a long, one-storied build- being put into irons. Even the cell was a fraud. The window was very tion at the end nearest the village. It high up, it is true; but there was only one iron bar across it-a vertical one. We had no pallet of straw, or any of the regulation cell furniture. Instead, to wave in the breeze by the simple ex- there was quite a collection of riding pedient of being made of iron, gave a boots and spurs and belts hanging hint, which a long signboard made exseveral brown paper bundles. Stand-As we approached, the postern of the ing upon our bench we could reach the

The pleasant feeling soon wore off. of dark blue trousers, with a darker It was intolerably hot. We were not stripe of blue down the side, a pair of in the least hungry, but we were very spurs, a huge white apron, his shirt thirsty. I ventured to kick at the door. A man at once asked what was the matter. Our petition was immedi-We halted there. For though the lit- ately granted in the form of a pitcher

> Two hours afterwards Dupont came himself to take us out. Our examination seemed perfectly satisfactory. Besides, the police at Gien had a clue. Only we were to be kept till 5 o'clock in case of accidents. If no word to the contrary came before then, we were to be set free. Meanwhile, we were kept in a very mild state of bondage. fact, our cell was the kitchen. Mme. Dupont wanted to converse with the terrible Englishmen.

Dupont had again put on his apron, and was busy dadling a little girl of stone-floored sort of office. As we en- four. Madame was preparing the tered, the door was shut behind us, and beans for dinner. Bopper soon made the thud of a musket butt hinted that his way into the parental hearts by unone of the two outside had been told doing a bandage round the ears of the eldest-a boy of about nine-and after "Your papers." The little man held examination prescribed some specific. His home experience gave him an im-Up till now Bopper had been de- mense advantage over me in the good

Soon he began to worm out of the say I had crowed just a little more than father the charge upon which we were

The reasoning was conclusive. He had escaped during the very night we "Permit me to ask by what right you had been at Gien. We were foreign-stop travelers on the high road?" Thus ers. He was a foreigner. Therefore, The thing we aided him to escape. was as plain as a pikestaff. Dupont, however, put it in a somewhat better

We had been making careful inquiries about the prison. (So that "But, the Brigadier Dupont, sir." miserable chatcau we so much admired the gendarmes smiled at our desire to that finds its way into New York get into it). We had sat for an hour through this eastern approach surget into it). on the bridge carefully examining it. In our hotel we continued our investigations so as to arouse the suspicions of our landlady. We had started at an unearthly hour in the morning. What would you have?

Put that way we had to admit that our case did not look quite so well. After judiciously submitting to a

little instruction from madame in the art of preserving beans, Bopper ventured to pump Dupont again. "What was the Spanish prisoner's

My opinion now is that Dupont did not know. He asserted that duty forbade him to tell.

"Only I may let you know that he had only been in prison for a fortnight (his term was fourteen years), and that he escaped during the night in his shirt.

We were getting along splendily. Bopper and I were quite sure we were going to be asked to share the dinner we were helping to prepare, when hey, presto! another telegram from the Commandant spoiled everything.

That wire must have conveyed a snub of some kind to Dupont, for he at once stiffened up in the most disagreeable style, and snapped out to us he did not even put in the "Messieurs-"

"You may put yourself en route." We took him at his word, and were soon swinging along the highway. As we passed the big stone marking the boundary between the Loiret and the Nievre, we heaved a united sigh at

being out of the Commandant's beat. We began quite to understand the easy descent into the criminal classes. evidence. But his next question For days after our arrest we made little detours to miss the iron flag and the signboard "Gendarmerie."

I know this sketch is incomplete. As soon as we got home Bopper and I tried to get the details filled in. We wrote to the brigadier, inclosing a stamped and directed envelope, asking what was the Spanird's crime, and whether he was caught again.

No answer ever came. Either the brigadier never got over that final wire or police regulations made it dangerous to answer such letters as ours .-

Lake Dwellers in America.

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