FOREIGN DELUSIONS ABOUT AMERICANS

Odd Impressions Created by Yankee Tourists in Europe.

AND NOT ALL TO OUR CREDIT

Curious Duels Fought by United States Citizens, and the Reputation says. The German had never heard of They Have Made for the Average American on the Continent -- A qualities. Eventually the Yale man Base Ball Episode--The Pistol as said ordinary hardwood base balls, three inches in diameter, would do him. Pencemaker.

From the New York Sun. There are countless misunderstandings and false traditions on the European continent regarding the duelling practices of Americans. One common idea is that the one truly American duel is fought by lot. The principals are supposed to put a black ball and a white ball in a hat, shake them together, and then draw. The one getting the black ball drowns or shoots himself, and the other goes on his way rejoicing. That is the American duel, as it is known to the Swiss, German and Austrian, and no amount of argument or denial will convince a native of one of these countries that it is not. Whenever two morbid students or lovesick rivals decide their quarrel in this way the centinental newspapers always place over the report of the tragedy the stereotyped caption:

As to the addiction of Americans to the ordinary pistol or sword duels of the Old World, opinions vary a good deal among Continental people, Americans abroad do so many wild and fantastic things, show their pugnacity in such unconventional ways, resent so often the injuries they are not expected to resent, and leave unresented so frequently the insults that are supposed to mean unavoidable bloodshed, that they have produced a chaotic uncertainty in the European mind as to American views of honor and dismonor in the light of the code. In Vienna, for instance, the writer found the students firmly convinced that an American would not fight in any way or under any circumstances. That was because a fe v years ago three Americans allowed themselves to be hectored and bullied by several Austrians, whose animosity they had aroused. without once blacking an eye or sending a challange. When those three Americans sneaked out of Vienna to escape the necessity of defending themselves they did untold damage to the American reputation for courage: the students in the Austrian capital still cherish the conviction that an American man is about the meanest-spirited creature on the face of the earth.

THE LEIPSIC IDEA.

In Leipsic, on the other hand, local history has worked just the other way. There the average German regards an American as a kind of white Indian. who would rather go out and pick a row than eat or sleep. The Leinsiger is steeped in his belief that an American youth fights indifferently with his fists, head, brass knuckles, cane, shillelah, swords or pistols. Anything that comes handy is supposed to be the American weapon; he isn't particular about means, all he wants is trouble. That is not a nice regulation for a nationality, but for personal comfort it has its advantages for the United States citizens who live under its protecting shadow

There is a variety of concrete reasons for the Leipsic idea. One was given by a Southerner-a Kentuckian of a famous family-who hurrled off to the Rosenthal with an officer, who treated him discourteausly, went at It with salves, and disabled his antagonist in seventy seconds. The meeting took place twelve years ago, but the memory of it is still green.

Then a musical Bostonian, whose am bitions outstelpped his purse, resented an insult from a student in the galof the Old Theater about three years later. He was poorly dressed and was in the top gallery, and consequently was mistaken by the German for a person who might be loked with impunity. The musician slapped the student's face, kneeled him down the next moment, and the next day sent him a challenge to fight with pistols. The German objected to the American's naming the weapons, and, after the proper amount of squabbling to cleanse nor's stain, the duel was declared

A YALE MAN'S NERVE.

A little later there was born in Leip- infallible pistol shot, like all his comsic the duelling story of the American patriots from the western states. base ball pitcher. How it originated, Thus it is evident that even in Berwhether in an ingenious Yankee brain lin the fear that an American or in some semblance of fact, the most | may | select | pistols | for | weapons persistent inquiry has failed to de- has a deterrent The story itself, however, is bellicose Germans. Of course the worth telling. A Yale graduate of Doctor knew nothing in particular



two drawn revolvers, is not a pleas-ant person to meet at a lonely cross-road. Most men will go a long way out of their road to avoid such an encount-er. The same men will reckcourt death in the guise of consump-tion or some other equally fatal disease. One sixth of all the deaths each year are due

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massive proportions appeared in Leipsic as a law student under old Windscherdt. He had some squabble with a German student in the Cafe Francais. It was about a newspaper that both wished to read at once or something equally trivial. Cards were ex-

ons, seconds, and friendly advisers,

The rest of the story is brief and pain-

ful, though bloodles. At the first ex-

change the Yale man sent an in-curve

was taken to a private clinic to be re-

This may sound a trifle improbable.

let alone by civilized Europeans,

YANKEE DESTRUCTIVENESS

tables, until the long-suffering police lost patience, and the city became

too warm for thep. It is a curious il-

of rowdyism, in which the youngsters

the smaller night resorts of Leipsic.

Now two of them are professors in

rest are as sober and dignified men as

the world produces. All that is left

reputation for pugnacity which they

In a big cosmopolitan city like Ber

lin the American, like everybody else,

seems to lose his distinctive identity.

and he has to take things pretty much

American reputation for recklessness

this means was shown by the experi-

ence of a San Francisco man of the

gone abroad with his wife for a six

months' vacation. A baby girl was

born into his family under the super-

vision of a Berlin physician who prac-

tices much in the American colony of

the German capital. The San Fran-

cisco man's wife was not convalescent

until he had overrun his vacation time

four months, and was receiving daily

cablegrams from his partner to "come

home or the business would go to the

By the time his wife was fairly on

to go. He wrote for the doctor's bill,

and got one for 1,000 marks-an amount

that, all things considered, corresponds with about \$650 in America.

The doctor apparently thought he had

caught a rich Westerner to whom

money was of little account, and he

PAYING THE DOCTOR.

twice before writing across the bill a bitter denunciation of the doctor, and

a challenge to a pistol duel, sealing the

communication and addressing it to the doctor. The proceedings were not

in harmony with the German code-es-

pecially as regards the challenger naming the weapons-but the effect

was not the less on this account. The

next morning the doctor called on the

San Francisco man, apologized unin-

tentionally, and reduced the amount of

the bill to 450 marks, which was about the proper figure. He explained that

he was the head of a family and did

not feel that he could risk his life in a

duel with the American, especially as

he "understood the gentleman was an

about the San Francisco man's abil-

ities at using the pistol; he judged merely that as an American the challenger was unerring in his use of fire-

In Heidelberg, too, the American usu-

ally enjoys immunity from challenges

to serious duels-students' duels are not counted as serious, as they almost

never result in severe injury-owing to

the general belief that with a pistel

he can plug a silver quarter as easily

as he can swallow a whiskey. Recent-

roulette wheel in operation in the

rooms of two American brothers Au der

Anlage near the Heidelberg park. They

all were students, and they whirled the wheel only for the fun of the game.

The corps to which one of the brothers

belonged got wind of the game and came in a body to the rooms one af-

ternoon to see the fun. The members

had the German itching for gaming.

though not the American fortitude in

bearing losses, and soon one of them

was looking glum over the loss of ten or fifteen marks. Every hour the bank

was sold at auction. It usually brought

from sixty to seventy marks, and then

paid the purchaser from ten to forty

marks profit. Meissner, the German

who had lost, decided apparently to

get even by plunging. He borrowed all the money in the German crowd

and bought the bank for sixty-seven

Curious to relate, for the first time in a week the perverse wheel upset all

the banker's hopes and whirled money out of his pockets instead of in. At the

end of the hour Meissner was not only out of his original ten or fifteen marks.

but also the 67 he paid for the bank and

ner-wetter!" he thundered as the chips

were piled before him for redemption.
"Zun. Teufel mit dem verdaumten
Rad! Schwindel! Cheat! Mate in
Amerika, bei Gott!" came in almost
incoherent gasps as he ripped the lay-

out from the table, threw the chips on

the floor, and, hurling the wheel after them, stamped on it in wrath. Most of the Americans stinned. Two

Himmel-Kreuz-zehn-million- Don-

mayks.

100 besides.

influence

The San Francisco man did not think

had made out his bill accordingly.

sic's American colony.

shake, exclaimed: "If there's anything crooked here you're the only man in it. Now pay The Yale man was challenged. He knew nothing about weapons of the ordinary kind, but he had pitched in the game get out of it."

the Yale base ball nine. So, to get his Meissner didn't underst up those chips, and if you don't'like

Meissner didn't understand the words fun out of the affair, he named base probably, but he understood the shake balls as the weapons—base balls at ten and scowl that accompanied them, and paces were the conditions, so tradition at once drew out a card. The American, who meant business, took it and gave back one of his own. He then a base ball, and none could be got in Leipsic to illustrate to him their deadly remarked that he didn't know about fighting with a "welcher," but this fling was lost upon even the most erudite of the linguists among the Germans, for sist in the operation. as these, too, were in common use west 'welch" is not in the American-Gerof the Rockies for duelling purposes. man dictionary. Both principals accordingly were sup with hardwood balls, and at 5 o'clock in the morning the procession moved out to the Rosenthal with sur-

At the corps meeting that night Meissner selected his second and prepared to challenge the American who had insulted him. One of the two American brothers, who belonged to he same corps, happened in and tried to dissuade him. It was of no avail; he must have blood. The challenge into the native's jaw, just to the left was sent and accepted. Pistols were of the mouth, and broke it. The nanamed as the weapins. The American brothers were in despair. A pistol duel tive's seconds declared that honor had been satisfied and the procession moved would raise a big scandal: omebody might get shot, as the Amerback to the town for breakfast-all except the victim of the in-curve, who ican insisted on the condition that shooting must continue until one of the principals should be too badly woundd to continue the duel. What could they do? After hours of anxious rebut not mere so than the American flection they formed a plan of action. They went to Meissner together and duel stories that are put forth monthly. Improbable or not, it is part of the told him that his antagonist had one local history in which Americans figure as quarrelsome, bad men who are best been a cowboy; had been one of the best pistel shots in the west for his age, and had already killed three men in duels. The point of their interces-Finally the reputation of Americans sion lay in the warning to Melssner for general destructiveness was made that he must beware of wearing a coat complete by some ten or twelve young with buttons. All three of his victims barbarians from New York, Baltimore and Chicago, who went through the concert halls on the Bruhl and the he American had hit between the first and second buttons of their coat. confuse him and prevent sure death. Koenigsplatz weekly for almost a whole winter picking fights right and Meissner must go without buttons on his coat; he must pin it. left, smashing glassware and upsetting

did not understand nonsense when play

A RECIPE FOR PEACE. That was something to think about, To stand up against a dead shot from the Wild West merely on account of lustration of the effect foreign air has a miserable squabble over roulette; it on the young American-this carnival was a difficult proposition for Meissspread terror and confusion through ner after receiving this new light. He consulted his second. His second conferred with the American's second. The large Eastern colleges, several are practicing doctors in this city, and the American, who was not anxious to fight, told his second to make any decent arrangement be could. Finally it was agreed that if Meissner would withdraw his bad language the Amerof their crazy winter in Leipsic is the can would withdraw the shakes, chips bequeathed to their successors in Leipto be left uncashed, and roulette wheel o be left in fragments in the corner nto which it had been kicked after the fray. So Meissner called on the American to say he took back his bad anguage about the bonesty of the as would anybody else, except for the game, and the American replied that, help that he gets from the general n that case, he regretted having shakand good pistol practice. Just what

Au der Aulage in Heidelberg. In many respects this is a typical Heidelberg case. The town is so small writer's acquaintance. The man had that everybody knows everybody else of consequence, and public opinion or duelling or anything else is a compelling force for most foreigners. A few resist it, but the majority yield to it, and the average American, if forced into a corner, will accept a challenge. In accepting it, however, he always stands out for pistols as the only weaoons with whose use he is familiar His choice at once raises an obstacle to the duel, for pistols are used by Germans to avenge only deadly insults, such, for instance, as fall to the her teet he was desperate in his haste lot of the injured husband or betrayed For the ordinary offences pic tols are incongruously dangerous, and most Germans are disinclined to use them. Hence frequently such a settlement as ended the roulette squabble.

The advocate of peace, for nations as well as for individuals, may find a little lesson in the circumstances of the Americans in Heldelberg. Known as a man who is ready for trouble, ready to fight in one way or another and likely to choose the deadliest weapons if forced into a corner, he enjoys fuller mmunity from injury than the stranger of any other nationality. Moreover when trouble does come, he does not find his antagonist quite so pressing for bloodshed as that antagonist would be with a Frenchman or Austrian. It is a plain case of peace furthered by preparedness for war.

HE WHISTLED ANNIE LAURIE. And When He Felt the Surgeon's Knife He Proceeded to Clean Out

the Clinic. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Dr. Edward Ricketts, of Cincinnati, is one of the largest men physically and centally in the Southern Surgical and Synecological Association. He is known as a daring and skillful operator, and as achieved reputation by his contributions to medical journals on abdominal surgery. Those who know the doctor say he is as brave ordinarily as Julius Caesar. Yet, like the Styx-dipped Achilles, he has a vulnerable

The story told on the general surgeon comes from his home, Cincinnati. He was invited by a fellow physician to be present at a peculiarly difficult demonstration. Dr. Rickeets was late n arriving, and was forced to take a position on the outer edge of the circle of doctors and students. Nothing had been said about the condition of the subject, and he supposed it was a ly a crowd of Americans had a small adaver. The figure was that of a giant Teuton, and to all appearances was perfectly rigid. Not a muscle stirred

and no breathing was perceptible. The location of the operation was exposed, and the operator, grasping his knife, advanced to the patient. As the cold steel touched the flesh, a startling thing happened. From beneath the flaxen moustache of the form on the table the familiar notes of "Annie whistled clearly distinctly. Laurie." The effect on the company was electrical. The operating surgeon's knife fell with a rattle to the floor, the students rushed for the door, and the older physicians 'stood transfixed with amazement. Clear and sweet came the notes of the old song, even to the last bar. Then the tune was switched to "Die Wacht am Rhein." By the time this was completed the room was empty of students, but the veteran

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who had been in Germany long enough physicians remained at their posts. to scent insult, looked grave. One, who Buddenly the subject sat up. As he gazed over the row of white-aproned for even small sums of money was in figures a wild light sprang into his progress, went up to Meissner, seized eyes. With a yell he leaped from the him by the arm, and giving him a table, and dealt the nearest physician a stunning blow in the face; then he attacked the others. Chairs, tables, bookсанев cases were overturned, glasses smashed and furniture demolished.

The physicians got outside and waited the cooling of the German's passion. Gradually he became calmer until at last he sank exhausted in a chair. The medical men advanced in a body and demanded an explanation. The patient could give none. For a time he was crazy. Dr. Ricketts was informed that the man had been under the influence of an anaesthetic and was asked to as-

The patient insisted that the work go on, and chloroform was substituted for ether. The knives were brought out and an incision was about to be made, when, for the second time, the strains "Annie Laurie" fell upon the ears of the company. This time there was no delay. Everybody except Dr. Ricketts fled to the street. A few moments later he, too, had to seek refuge from the huge fist of the German, who was again on the rampage. After this second outbreak the demonstration was abandoned. The strange consequences of the anaesthetic were never satisfac torily explained by the medical fraternity, but to this day Dr. Ricketts cannot hear the strains of the old Scotch song without quaking in his shoes and dodging imaginary blows.

AMERICAN TOOLS IN THE LEAD Lesson to English Manufacturers at a Cycle'Show in London.

It has been evident to observing Englishmen for some time that American manufacturers of the finer classes of machine tools are fast displacing all others with their wares in the markets of the world, and this was particularly noticeable recently at the Stanley Cycle show in London, A writer in Engineering of London says that this fact contains a lesson which the great English firms should take to heart. In other directions, he declares, there are not wanting indications that English manufacturers will be hard pressed in the near future. He con-

tinues: "English manufacturers are scarcely represented. American firms, the names of which have now become to us familiar as household words, monopolize practically all the space allotted to machinery. Of this machinery at the Stanley show a fair proportion was in operation, and that was American only; not a single English machine, excepting some special lathe milling machine, situated in a badly lighted part of the ground floor. There was no single screw-making machine or capstan lathe of English manufacture at work, and no large English firm was even represented.

"The well-known English firms were all conspicuous by their absence, and

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ture, in truth, has become so commo But it is not creditable to British man

"The American, too, have been s successful in the manufacture of ma-chiaery for making English cycles that they are encouraged now to send over the cycles themselves to the English market. The American shops are splendidly equipped with the most modern machines, and once they learn the requirements of English taste, they will cater for it, and send over machines for English agents, just as they send over the machinery, the twist drills, micrometer calipers, gauges, and tools for our workshops.

gone into the English market to stay and he declares that it is much handler for use than the standard English makes.

"What, do you intend to insult me?" insult, ye or you insult, they insult," came from the lips of the stranger, "I will have satisfaction," shouted the perplexed and irritated Englishman, "If you have any spirit with your rudeness come with me;" to which the impene trable stranger replied: "I come, thou comest, he comes; we come, ye or you come, they come," and followed the oth-

r you are satisfied, they are satisfied. he Englishman, "but pray leave off quizme in this unmerciful manner and me what is the matter." For the first time the stranger spoke

tionally. "I am a Dutchman," said he and am learning your language. By the quest of my teacher I conjugate every verb which I hear, and as I do not like to have my actions interrupted I could not explain before.

A hearty laugh followed, and an invitation to dinner from the Englishman Before accepting the Dutchman cor with but three or four exceptions, the timed of dine, thou dinest, he dines, stands occupied were not those of manwe dine, ye or you dine, they dine-we ufacturers, but those of the English will all dine together."

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working cap? The woman

who studies to save herself

labor and expense-who

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look best at all times finds

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chine tools!

The Conjugating Dutchman.

While two Englishmen were convers ing in a coffee-house in Paris one rein the city, at which a quaint-looking personage sitting near them opened his mouth and said, with a look of earnestness "I arrive, thou arrivest, he arrives; we arrive, ye or you arrive, they arrive." One of the Englishmen in asonishment asked: "Did you speak to

"Now, sir, you must fight me," said the first speaker. "I fight, thou fightest, he fights; we fight there he made a thrust), re or you fight, they fight," and here ne disarmed his adversary.

Her Boy was

The American lathe, he says, has also

"I speak, thou speakest, he speaks; we speak, ye or you speak, they speak," was the sole reply.

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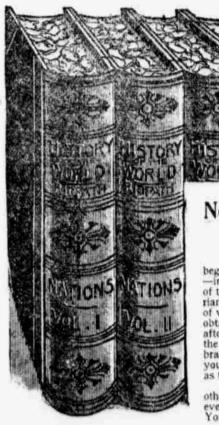
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