

## CAMORRA OF NAPLES.

A DREADED SCOURGE OF LIFE IN THE ITALIAN CITY.

Terrible and Tragical Experience of the Merchants of Naples in Their Desperate Efforts to Free Themselves from the Rule of These Organized Criminals.

The Camorra, that dreaded scourge of Neapolitan life, has come into renewed prominence through its activity at the last elections, and all Italy is shuddering in anticipation of new developments in the history of this band of criminals.

For years Italian statesmen have been trying to stamp out utterly the Camorra and the other murder societies which are so abominable a feature of Italian life. The society nearly won at the elections because the Italian authorities had allowed themselves to be lulled into the belief that they had altogether overthrown the power of the Camorra and that there was nothing more to be feared from it. Awakening to the danger at the last moment, strenuous efforts were made to gather together the people in favor of law and order and to induce them to combine against the Camorra and defeat it with their votes.

The attempt nearly failed because the people had become thoroughly terrorized by the Camorra and would rather pay blackmail than run the risk of assassination. The voters believed, too, that Camorra officials were in charge of the polling booths and that, despite the presence of the soldiers and police, they would take steps to inform themselves of the identity of every vote cast. They believed, in fact, that there would be nothing secret about the elections, and many preferred not to antagonize the Camorra by voting against an organization which had shown its ability to wreak so terrible a vengeance.

Feudal times, say these Italians, once returned to Naples and Rome, and bands of armed retainers roamed the streets, as in the olden times. Rich and prominent men frequently paid blackmail to the Camorra until they faced ruin from the extortion practised upon them. Complaints were met with threats of death, and at last one of these men, seeing that in any case death must be his lot if he remained in his bondage, determined to make a firm stand for his personal liberty. Gathering together the remains of his fortune, he expended a part in the rapid fortification of his house and in the hire of a number of daring men from a distant part of the country. These men, all of whom hated and feared the Camorra, he armed with the best weapons available, and then sent his defiance to the Camorra.

The main council of the Camorra met, considered the case of the recalcitrant merchant, and, without wasting much time on the matter, sentenced him to death for his disobedience and detailed six men to see that the sentence of death was carried out.

Meanwhile the threatened merchant had organized a little private Camorra of his own, and one of his spies was present at the meeting at which the death sentence was pronounced. He returned to his master with the names of the six men detailed for the execution, and the next morning four of the would-be assassins were found dead. The other two were killed the next night.

This was the first real blow of retaliation that had ever been dealt to the Camorra. Another meeting was held and more men were detailed to kill the rebellious merchant. This time the assassins were more cautious, but, nevertheless, three of them died before next dawn and the other chosen one, apparently unwilling to play at a game in which their adversary so manifestly adept, precipitately retired to the country. The merchant never went out without an escort, and was so carefully guarded that he was able to pursue his business unmolested. The result of this was that his affairs again began to prosper and his bank account to increase. With the money he added both to his fortifications and his private army until his defiance of the Camorra grew into an undoubted success.

Other merchants gained courage by his example, and themselves employed anti-Camorra guards until there were soon six powerful merchants, each with his own army of retainers to defend him from the Camorra.

On one occasion the six merchants joined forces and attacked the Camorra in its stronghold. The local newspapers and the police, being dominated by the Camorra, reported this affair as a mere street riot, but Neapolitans say that it was a riot in which the Camorra lost 10 of its ringleaders. After that the Camorra lost some of its prestige of fear. Little shopkeepers who had formerly trembled before the Camorra's collector now refused to pay. Several collectors were even killed.

Then it was that the murderous association changed its tactics. It dismantled its headquarters. Its collectors no longer visited the places which had paid toll. Its leaders disappeared and it was announced that the association was beaten and had dissolved. All Naples rejoiced, but at the same time doubted that the Camorra was really gone.

For nearly six months there was peace and men had begun almost to forget the Camorra. The little armies of retainers had nearly vanished. Only one man, the originator of the system, kept up his guard, and all Naples laughed at him for his fears. He, however, had carried on his breast for two weeks the deep black print of his own left-hand suspender buckle,

which had unexpectedly caught and stopped the point of a stiletto wielded by a trusted business visitor who had passed the guards. The merchant remembered this experience, as well as the Camorra. He did not like to be laughed at, but he did not like to be stabbed in the back either, and so he not only retained his guards, but even added to his fortifications.

Suddenly the Camorra struck. In one night two of the men who had dispensed with their armed retainers were killed. Four small shopkeepers who had resisted the Camorra disappeared utterly. Another died miserably of poison. Several men who had counselled the non-payment of the Camorra's toll were warned to leave Naples in six hours or pay the penalty of refusal. They went.

The outrages struck terror into the very heart of Naples. Men deserted the city rather than stay to face the vengeance which they felt sure would fall on them for rashly given opinions. The men who had once maintained guards feared to take the step again because they had been warned that they were watched and that such an attempt would bring death. At one stroke the Camorra regained its prestige of terror.—New York World.

### QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A Turk holds that the day begins exactly at sunset. At that time he sets his clocks and watches at the hour of 12. A watch which could run for weeks without gaining or losing a minute would be of no special value to the Turk.

A stream with peculiar properties flows near Tucson, Arizona. Wood and vegetables and other soft substances thrown into it become petrified. It is customary for visitors to leave potatoes in it for a few weeks enclosed in wire receptacles and find them turned to stone.

One of the latest acquisitions of the botanical gardens at Kew, England, is a specimen of the original flower from which all cultivated chrysanthemums have been developed. This flower is known as the Chrysanthemum indicum, and the only surviving plants of it exist in remote parts of China.

A French explorer has discovered on the west coast of Africa what he regards as the vainest people on earth. They are the Pahonins, a warlike tribe, whose main employment is the adornment of their persons, chiefly by means of tattooing. Great ingenuity is also exhibited in dressing their hair, which in many cases is arranged in astonishingly elaborate fashion.

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand Canon of the Colorado where one man shouting the name of "Bob" at one end, his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is 18 miles away. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard a distance of 10 miles.

We all know that the earth revolves on its axis once in 24 hours. Millions of years ago the day was 22 hours; millions of years before that it was 20 hours. As we look back into time we find the earth revolving faster and faster. There was a time, ages ago, when the earth was rotating in a day of five or six hours in length. In the remotest past the earth revolved in a day of about five hours. It could revolve no faster than this and remain a single, unbroken mass.

There is a large number of professional "bee hunters" in the west and southwest of Texas. Small caves and dark recesses formed by shelving rock abound along the waterways of the Texan rivers. They are the natural hives of the wild bees, and take the place of the hollow tree trunks of the forest regions of the northern country. These caves are used year after year by the bees, and in many instances they have been found to be literally filled with honey.

Near Falkirk, Scotland, workmen have found interesting traces of the Roman occupation of the Stirling district. The latest "find" is a stone about 19 inches broad, 10 inches thick, over four feet high, and weighing probably about half a ton. It is sculptured in high relief, the ornamentation being divided into two panels, the larger one at the top. The upper panel is completely filled by a horse and rider, the latter arrayed in full armor, with sword and shield. The lower panel represents a naked man—a wild Celt presumably—in a fallen condition his shield and weapon lying beside him. The stone is in a perfect state of preservation. It was found buried about five feet below the surface of the ground.

**Chicago Bans Sunday Funerals.**  
"No more Sunday funerals, if we can help it," said President John H. Hartwick of the Cook County Undertakers' association, speaking for that organization. "There is no necessity for funerals. There is no necessity for Sunday funerals except in very urgent cases of contagious diseases, and we are going to try to effect an agreement with the clergymen of the city and the superintendents of the different cemeteries to put a ban on funerals on that day."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Doing Him Justice.

The Heirless—You seem to have no objection to him, papa, except that he has no money.

Papa—No; and I'll even admit that he's trying hard to get some.—Brooklyn Life.



### FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

**A Novel Work Basket.**  
The familiar work basket now appears under the name of work jug and the possession of a work jug is necessary if one would be up to date. Slender scrap baskets are employed for this purpose. The latest note with regard to the genuine scrap basket is to provide an inside lining that may be lifted out without disturbing the interior of the highly decorated straw catch-all.

**Uncovered Dining Table.**  
The fashion for an uncovered dining table at breakfast and luncheon grows apace. According to the newest and smartest usage a scarf is thrown across the end of the table, on which is placed the tray that holds the coffee service. Nothing else is upon the table but the centerpiece and the plate and tumbler doilies and necessities of each individual place. Everything else is served from a side table.

**The Electric Clock Now.**  
The electric clock is a convenience that the traveler and the stay-at-home individual alike appreciates. By touching a button at the side of the clock the face of the time recorder is brilliantly illuminated so that the hour may be easily seen at any time of the night. A dry battery is concealed in the base of the clock case and a small glass bulb appears in front of the face. The battery with care will last for some months and renewal costs but little.

**Novel Use for Old Magazines.**  
A new way of saving the special magazine articles in which she is interested has been found by a woman who considers it a waste of money to have such periodicals bound. When the other members of the family have finished reading the magazine she removes the leaves together and takes out the articles she wishes to preserve. These are then sorted into envelopes marked "history," "verse," "fiction," etc. When she has collected enough articles to form a thousand page book on any subject she numbers the pages over, writes out an index and sends the books to be bound. In this way she has collected several volumes on subjects of special interest.

**Novelties in Bronze.**  
Bronze, the favorite modern metal, has undergone several changes. By acid oxidation lovely colors are produced in the metal, as dead brown, a patina like green and several violet shades, among them heliotrope. The material is then gilded, but the colors still faintly shimmer through. Wonderful female heads, which rest upon a broad basis of chest and shoulder, display in the shimmering hair iris in its natural colors, while the finely modelled neck rises from drapery in green or violet tones. Newest in all these genres, however, are the ornaments of gold, silver or bronze mounted in glazed earthenware. By chemical process the stoneware receives a rough, shaded surface, giving it the character of some highly interesting unknown stone, the colored tones of which cause it to appear a rarity. The fans this year are adorned with costly paintings or are enriched with gold and silver paillettes. The old fashioned fan cases to hang at the girdle have also reappeared. The glass cases and tables clasped with bronze are in empire style, while maid tables with three graduated shelves for paintings or photographs have often exquisite inlaid work.



### HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

**Sago Souffle with Cranberries**—Place in a double boiler four ounces of cleaned sago, a pound of sugar and a pound of cranberries in alternate layers and cook without stirring for half an hour, then let it cool; stir in the stiffly beaten whites of six eggs. Serve in a glass compotiere with cranberry sauce around it.

**Nut Salad**—Stone and slice a pound of white grapes, pick apart one nice grape fruit or two sour oranges, in small pieces; cut into pieces a cup of English walnut meats; mix all lightly together, place a portion on plates for each person, have a bed of crisp lettuce leaves on each plate, then add a spoonful of mayonnaise dressing to each portion.

**Waldorf Potatoes**—Pare, wash and dry eight potatoes of medium size. Cut them round and round in curls in the same manner in which apples are pared, having the piece as long as possible. Lay in cold water an hour; drain dry. Fry in deep fat in a basket until brown and tender. Drain on soft paper, sprinkle lightly with salt and serve as a garnish for the roast. Have the platter hot.

**Grape Pudding**—Soak one-half a box of gelatin in one-half a cup of cold water, until soft; add one cup of boiling water, juice of one lemon, one cup of sugar and one pint of grape juice. Set aside to cool until it begins to stiffen, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs. Run into a mold. When ready to serve unmold and garnish with whipped cream. A bunch of grapes may be placed on the top of the mold. This will serve eight persons. Recipe may be doubled, as it will keep if not used.

### BEFORE HE TOOK VOGELER'S

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