

FAMED IN LEGEND AND STORY

Rhine Has for Generations Inspired Patriotism Among the Sons of the Fatherland.

For generations past the Rhine has served to inspire the spirit of patriotism among his German children, who love to call him "Father Rhine." "Wacht am Rhein" was the great national song which was sung with an extraordinary fervor by the German soldiers alike in the hour of defeat and victory in the Franco-German war, being sung before the walls of Paris in that great campaign which ended in victory for the Prussian forces. And now that their country is faced with a greater peril than any she has hitherto experienced, the words of that great war song, bringing back memories of 1870, will be sung by millions of the Kaiser's forces on land and sea. Truly the Rhine is a fit subject for a national song. Its banks were the scene of many of the fierce battles for supremacy which took place between the Teutonic hosts and the Romans, whose strongest bulwark it was; it was there that Gaul and Teuton struggled for supremacy in the generations that followed.

Flowing through a land clothed with vineyards, that yield a wine which is famed the world over for its exquisite bouquet and dry, piquant flavor, "Father Rhine" breathes a spirit of song and legend and romance. Ruined castles crown the rugged and fantastic crags that hem in its channel; its waters, of a deep green hue, flow over the treasure of the Nibelungs, surge round the rock of the siren Lorelei, and are overlooked by the commanding statue of Germania—the trophy of German victory in 1870.

Except during the 18th and the greater part of the 19th centuries, it has always been a purely German river. It became part of the dividing line between France and Germany in 1697, when Alsace-Lorraine was appropriated by France; in 1870 it was won back by its children at the point of the sword. It is to the German race what the Thames is to the English people. It is a means of livelihood, too, for it carries more than two million tons of freightage each year, and is a symbol of national prosperity.

HE PANHANDLED THE COPS

Pennsylvania Man Found Brooklyn Policemen Easy to Work, and Worked Them.

Grant Flemming, who says he's thirty-five years old and hails from Harrisburg, Pa., of good appearance and with an ingratiating manner, hit on a new way of making a living without work, and introduced it to Brooklyn. Most of his tribe shun policemen, but Grant Flemming took the police force into his confidence. At night, when policemen are lonely and willing to talk to anyone for company's sake, the Pennsylvania poured his tale of woe into the ear of some sympathetic "cop." He told how he was a member of a prominent family, and was stranded in a strange city. He wanted just a couple of dollars, or maybe three dollars, to take him home. He would return it with interest just as soon as he reached Harrisburg. Could the policeman let him have it? And it is said Flemming was successful; just how successful the records don't show.

Occasionally the stranger dropped in at a police station and told the desk lieutenant his "hard luck" story. Usually he asked for a "five," and it is said that he always got something.

But when Flemming tackled Patrolman Macdonald of the Bedford avenue precinct he made a mistake, and the nice, pleasant-looking person was arrested on the charge of vagrancy. In the Manhattan avenue court he was sent to the workhouse for three months.—Brooklyn Eagle.

From Pure Joy of Living.

Miss Maria Thompson Davess, the author, having lived all her life in the South, has a fund of humorous stories about the negroes. The New York Sun says that the following one is her favorite:

One day she walked down a street in Nashville with a guest from the North. The street was crowded with negroes, who were forming in line for a parade. Miss Davess' guest was curious to know what it was about; and seeing a boy whom she knew, Miss Davess called him to her.

"What's the occasion for the parade, Tom?" she asked.

"The boy looked at her with a grin. 'La, Miss Davess,' he replied, 'don't you know colored folks well 'nough to know dat dey don' need no 'casion for a parade?'"

Mineral Products of Texas.

Texas does not hold first place as the producer of any mineral substance, but ranks second in the production of asphalt and third in the production of quicksilver. Since the sensational strike at Beaumont in 1901 petroleum has had first place in the mineral products of the state, and Texas now ranks fourth among all the states in the quantity of petroleum produced, and seventh with respect to the value of the product.

Spain's Quicksilver Output.

During 1904 and 1905 the United States led the world in the production of quicksilver, but from 1906 to date the leading producer has been Spain, whose great cinnabar deposits of Almaden, the output of which has been controlled by the Rothschilds and marketed chiefly in London, have proved very rich.

Pilgrims Entering Bethlehem on Christmas Day



Oh, Tender Tale Of Old!

Oh, tender tale of old,
Live in thy dear renown!
God's smile was in the dark—behold
That way his host came down.
Light up, great God, thy word,
Make the blest meaning strong,
As if our ears, indeed, had heard
The glory of their song.

It was so far away,
But thou couldst make it near,
And all its living might display
And cry to it, "Be here!"
Here, in the unresting town,
As once remote to them
Who heard it when the heavens
came down
On pastoral Bethlehem.

It was so long ago,
But God can make it now
And, as with that sweet overthrow
Our empty hearts endow.
Take, Lord, those words outworn;
Oh, make them new for aye;
Speak—"Unto you a child is born,"
Today, today, today.
—Jean Ingelow

Christmas, Christmas Everywhere.
"We have received our first Christmas gift," said a city man the other day, "in the shape of two little square, cube shaped paper packages of tea with Chinese characters painted all over them. They came from our Chinese laundryman."

"When we go for the washing and produce the ticket the Chinaman reaches for the bundle."
"Ninety cent," he says, and as we are reaching for the coin he reaches under the counter and produces from there those two little square packages, which he lays down beside our bundle. We don't know what's in them or why he put them there, and as we put down the coin we take up one of the packets and say:

"What's this? And then says the laundryman, smiling:
"Kismus."

"And as we smile in return and pick up the odd little packets we think the Chinaman is really more or less adaptable to the customs of the country."

The Cradle and the Cross.
Calvary's cross out of mind, the full significance of Bethlehem's cradle is missed. The great lesson of Christmas is not half learned except our thoughts project themselves beyond the scenes of the Redeemer's birth to the scenes of his death and the relation of his humiliation and suffering to our redemption to be borne in mind.—Christian Intelligencer.

When Hope Was Born.
Rise, happy morn; rise, holy morn,
Draw forth the cheerful day from night
O Father, touch the east and light
The light that shone when hope was born
—Tennyson "In Memoriam"

Christmas Seal Of 1914

THE executive committee of the American Red Cross approved the design for the 1914 Red Cross Christmas seal, to be sold throughout the United States during this year's holiday season to help in the war on tuberculosis.

A different design for this stamp is adopted every year. The 1914 stamp is brightly colored, with red and green predominating. It is taken up almost entirely by the ruddy face of Santa Claus. The background, in vivid green, represents part of a Christmas tree. At the upper corners are red crosses. At the bottom of an unrolled scroll are the greetings "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." The legends "American Red Cross" and "1914" appear.

Instead of an oblong design, as used during the 1913 Christmas season, the 1914 stamp is square. The Red Cross anti-tuberculosis Christmas seal first was used by the American Red Cross as a national body in 1908. Since then over \$1,800,000 has been raised through the sale of these stamps at Christmas time in the crusade against tuberculosis. Last Christmas over 40,000,000 of the stamps were sold in the United States. The Red Cross Christmas seal was first used by the Delaware chapter of the Red Cross in 1907 at the instance of the secretary of that chapter, Miss Emily P. Bissell, and the national organization took it up the following year.

The Star of Bethlehem.
This old sobbing world of ours is one year older than it was when the last Christmas carol was chanted. It has had another twelvemonth of experience, of advancement and of experience, of advancement and acquisition. But it has not our grown Jesus Christ. For him it has discovered no substitute. The star of Bethlehem is the only star that never sets. Jesus Christ alone can satisfy all human necessities and the loftiest of human inspirations. Christianity is the only universal religion, the only one adapted to all ages of life, to all human conditions, to all races and nationalities. Other lights have arisen, waned and vanished forever. The Greek mythology is as utterly shaken to ruin as its own splendid Parthenon. The chief religions of Asia—Brahmanical, Buddhist and Moslem—all are limited and local; they are all moribund. While they make no inroads on Christianity, the religion of Bethlehem and Calvary makes constant inroads upon them. The systems of error which Paul and Peter fought have vanished out of sight, and the whole east is catching glimpses of the star that first dawned over Judea's sky. In spiritual dynamics blood tells, and God has trusted his gospel of salvation to the most powerful races on the globe.—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

The Message of the Bells.
The Christmas bells are ringing. In every neutral note they say to the door: "Jesus was one with you. He chose to share your lot because it was that of the majority. In all that you have to bear you are a brother to Jesus Christ." Christ never took on his blessed lips the philosopher's cant. He never said that misery, poverty, disease and death were natural results of a divine law. They were as natural as hatefulness. But for them all he has a remedy. "That ye love one another as I have loved you"—Bishop Cheney

Wonderful Sewers.

The sewers of Paris are the most wonderful in the world and constitute one of the sights of the city. Visitors are allowed to inspect them on certain days each week, and it is certainly an experience to make a "personally conducted" tour of the two main sewers. The journey is made on electric cars and launches, which draw up occasionally at brightly illuminated stations.

Telegraph Wires.
A telegraph wire in the open country lasts four times as long as one in a city.

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Long Street Names.

A French contemporary has been amusing himself by making a list of long street names. The Parisian record is the Rue de Pretres-Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois, which is something of a mouthful, but is equaled by a thoroughfare in Brussels rejoicing in the name of the Rue de la Montagne aux Herbes-Potageres. In the environs of the Belgian capital there is even more of a tongue twister, the Ongeschild-zilverenockerboomstraat, which may be rendered as the street of the little unpicked silver nut.

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