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# CENTURIES OF CUSTOM

By N. Patterson

HE traveller who follows the winding road between the Mediterranean and the mountains from Barcelona to Málaga is all too often a man in a hurry. This is to be regretted for his sake, for with a little leisure, and a bit of staying over a day here and there, he might see some of the more interesting customs that have survived from earlier days, quite untouched by modern conditions. The carnation show

and festival of SITGES

is well known. The great fields of blossoms are almost intoxicating in their heavy sweetness that is so truly the perfume of Spain, and the colours of masses of cut blooms are legion, ranging through white and yellow, through pinks and variegated effects to a red so deep as to be all but black. Sitges grows these flowers the year round, but she makes a festival, with music and dancing and fireworks, when they are at their finest.

TARRAGONA's moving Holy Week procession is too well known to need description, but only a short distance further down the coast one finds one of Spain's most unusual commemorations of ancient days and glorious deeds. Tortosa, the old Roman city that guarded the Ebro's mouth, was once in its stormy history saved from the Moors by the heroism of its women, who manned the walls to fill the gaps in the thinning lines of their men. That was nearly eight hundred years ago, but the bride in a Tortosa wedding still precedes her man to the altar, and wears somewhere about her person the red sash of La Hacha, in memory of the two rewards given by Ramon Berenguer IV to her heroic ancestresses.

CASTELLON DE LA PLANA has no such long past as have these others, for its foundation dates only from the time of King James the Conqueror, but in that comparatively brief life, as such



things go in Spain, she has acquired several picturesque traditions. The Feast of Santa Margarita of Cortona is one of the best of these from the foreign point of view, for in addition to the usual gay and grave doings of such festivals, a strange and unaccountable touch is added by the liberal use of huge loaves of bread as an adornment of the persons of those who walk in the procession.

South again, VALENCIA, the third city of Spain, queen of orange groves, with marshes full of wild fowl, is also queenly in her festivals and observances. Of these, the most famous is undoubtedly the semi-carnival time when the comic or beautiful Fallas stand on every important street-corner, and later go up in flames and fireworks; but Valencia has two weekly events, one of the spirit and one of the practical world, which are calculated to fill even the casual observer with respect.

The first of these takes place every Friday morning, when in the church of Corpus Christi the choir chants the Miserere, as Ribalta's great painting of the Last Supper slowly slides away from its place on the high altar, leaving a black curtain which opens to show the life-size image of the Crucified. Ladies dress for this as sternly in black as for an audience at the Vatican, and men

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Valencia's local customs, the Tribunal of the Waters, yet it takes place under the shadow and blessing of the Church, and before the very door of the Cathedral. This is an extraordinary court, composed of seven members, known as sindicos. elderly peasants elected by the whole group whose holdings are affected by the irrigat-ion system fed by the Turia. They in turn elect their president, the Regidor de Justicia. No lawyers appear before this court, no fees are ever charged for any service it may render. Any man under its juris-

diction who feels himself wronged by another is privileged to come and lay his complaint before these dignified elders in person. He pleads his case. His opponent replies. The court gives its well-considered decision, and from this there is no appeal. Only by righting the wrong he has done, to the satisfaction of the court's *celadores*, or overseers, can the offending farmer win back his right to a share of those waters which give life to all Valencia's groves and gardens. The court traces its origin to Moorish days, and for nearly a thousand years its word has weekly been the law

ALICANTE, too, the sunny little city sheltered under its castles, has its traditional fiestas, and the night of Saint John, when Fire is king, is one of the most spectacular of these. The whole week, in fact, is dedicated to bonfires and dancing, bull-fights and sports, and excursions out to Tabarca, the island that fades and re-appears on Alicante's horizon with the progress of the sun.

Of course, the crown of all these ancient customs is the annual performance of the Mystery of ELCHE. This is the only legitimate (if one except the various Passion Plays now in most cases so sadly commercialized) descendant of the ancient religious plays once pre-sented by devout peasantry in every town and hamlet of medieval Europe.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Princess Victoria Alexandra Olga Mary, sister of King George V., died peacefully last Tuesday at her Buckinghamshire residence, Iver, at the age of 76, after several weeks of ill-health. The burial will take place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The Court will go into mourning for a period of six weeks.

#### Spanish Socialist Acquitted

The Supreme Court has acquitted Sr. Largo Caballero, the Socialist leader, of all responsibility for the revolt in October, 1914. At noon last Saturday he was discharged from prison and returned to his home on the outskirts of Madrid, where he had been arrested thirteen months ago.

#### Royal Ring

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Finding things not so easy, the gangsters oponed fire, wounding the employees, and a workman who later died.

Above: Gangster car, showing bullet holes. Below: Truck from which the money was taken.



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### Egyptian Curse?

Professor James Henry Breasted, Egyptologist who defied the threat, «Death shall come on swift wings to him that toucheth the tomb of a Pharaoh, » and whose researches in the Nile valley in connection with the tomb of Tut-ankhamen brought great fame to him and to the University of Chicago, died Monday of a streptoccochus infection. He was 70 years old. Many Egyptologists are recalling the theory maintained by Doctor Margus that for 7,000 years the Egyptians possessd the secret of surrounding their mummies with «some dynamic force of which we have only the faintest idea.»

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# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

The Thanksgiving Dinner Dance at the Ritz last Saturday night was a most enjoyable affair. Some 200 guests partook of an excellent dinner, complete with cranberry sauce and sweet corn, after which old songs were sung and then the company adjoined to another room to see some amusing films. After the film show, dancing began and it was well after 3 a.m. before the last tune was played. The gathering, on the whole, was quite a League of Nations as many non-Americans had come to show their appreciation of the people of America. At one table no fewer than twelve nationalities joined in the singing of «Dixie» and «Swanee River.» The American Club of Barcelona is to be congratulated on the perfect organization of the evening, and Fox, Metro-Goldwyn, United Artists and Western Electric deserve special thanks for supplying half-an-hour of good fun. Amongst those present were the Hon. Claude I.Dawson and Mrs. Dawson, together with the American Consular Corps; the British Consul-General and Mrs. King, and the majority of the members of the American colony in Barcelona and their friends.

There will be a tea-dance on the afternoon of Saturday, December 14th. at the British Club, and it is hoped that another full house will be registered. Members of the Over-seas League in Barcelona will be specially welcome.

Mr. John Parsons, Barcelona's Grand Old Man, whose reminiscences appeared in a former issue of this paper, has left for New Zealand where he will visit relatives and indulge in his favourite sport of fishing. Mr. Parsons celebrated his ninetieth birthday in June this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Krippendorf were hosts at a cocktail-party last week at their home. Amongst the guests was Colonel Harmon, who afterwards left for London.

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Mr. and Mrs. Akerbladh and their daughter, Maya, former Cala Ratjada residents, are spending the winter in Granada where Mr. Akerbladh is finding many subjects to put on canvas in his own delightful way. Mr. and Mrs. Bone, another painting couple, have left Altea ior Málaga where they intend to stay for some months.

Mrs. Alex Cardner was hostess at a bridge-tea on Friday last.

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Mrs. Norman Cinnamond entertained at tea on Thursday. Other hostesses this week have been Mrs. Pastor and Mrs. Cecil Jones, also Mrs. Philip Whitmore, who received her friends on Friday afternoon.

Miss Violet Leask will be hotess at a dance tonight, at the British Club.

Mr. George Lawrence, Jr. gave a farewell party on Tuesday night, at his home, for Miss Georgia Welsh and Mr. Ormonde Lambourne.

Mrs. Hooper has left for a month's stay at the Casa Johnson, Tossa de Mar.

Mrs. Welsh and her daughter, Georgia, are leaving shortly from Barcelona for Yokohama and Shanghai. They will be greatly missed from Barcelona's social «coteries.» We wish them bon voy-

Mrs. Chase Andrews is leaving shortly for New York, where she will spend the winter.

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Mrs. Parnall, sister of Mrs. John Liddell, is leaving for London on Tues-day, after spending several months in Mallorca and Barcelona. Her daughter is expected to arrive in this city shortly for a holiday, and will also be houseguest of Mrs, Liddell.

Mrs. Lynn Franklin returned from Ibiza on Wednesday, feeling very much better for her holiday.

We are glad to report that Master Ian Roberts left the Enfermería Evangélica last week, completely cured.

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# SPORT

#### FOOTBALL

Followers of both codes have a feast before them on this, the first Saturday of December. The Rugger lovers will turn their eyes towards Dublin where the All Blacks are playing their second International. The Draw between the Tourists and Ulster, while reflecting the high standard of play in the North of Ireland, cannot be taken as an index which would favour the Home side. Conditions at Belfast, the wet and greasy ball and the sombre ground (which has been the cemetery of so many hopes) must be taken into account. If it is raining in Dublin... well, we must wait and see. There are also the trial games in the other Countries, and Wales is striving hard to create a young side and to put Welsh Rugby where it once was in those glorious days when the Principality was unbeatable. The visit of the German eleven has given a welcome tonic to Soccer supporters. Glancing at the results in the League Division 1. there is little to choose between the first four teams. Arsenal must do better if they are to retain their place at the head of the Championship as at present they have sunk to «four» and may fall lower.

#### CORINTHIANS

The exit of this famous side from the Cup is to be lamented, but they were well beaten by Reading, whose brilliant team work was too much for the dashing individualism of the Amateurs. The Corinthians seem to have fallen on evil days and their annual outing in the Cup competition has once more proved a wash-out. It is hoped that they will send a team to the Continent and perhaps to America during the year. No side could be more welcome than this famous sporting combination which has done so much for Soccer.

#### U.S. FOOTBALL

The culminating game of the year was that between the Army and the Navy at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. After the usual colourful preliminaries and fancy drilling, the two teams settled down to serious business, and the audience to competitive cheering. The Black-Gold-and-Grey triumphed to the tune of

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28 to 7, and the special train that went back up the Hudson carried a lot of happy cadets. The train-load of middles that whizzed south to Annapolis might not have been on the crest of the wave, but it takes a lot to sink the navy! Football fans are still excited about Princeton's win over Yale. Side-line life has been exciting this season.

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In the men's competition there was a tie between F. Witty and A. Batllo, with a score of 74 net. This will be played off on an arranged date. J. Woodburn came in next with a score of 75.

The replay of the final of the «Totten Cup» will take place tomorrow, December 8th.

The ladies' championship of Cataluña over 36 holes (medal play) will be played off today and tomorrow. Play will commence at 11 a.m.

#### SPANISH FOOTBALL

Barcelona had a good day last Sunday, for they had the Seville Football Club as visitors and beat them 4-1. Unfortunately they were without three of the best players. The other Catalan Club went to San Mamés where they played the Athletic de Bilbao who beat them 5-2. The biggest suprise of the day was caused by Osasuna, who, playing in their own ground at Pamplona, trounced the Athletic de Madrid by 4 - 0.

In the first division the race for leadership is very keen, only two points separating Madrid from their nearest rivals, Barcelona, whilst in the Second Division there is a tie between the first three clubs with 5 points each, Sporting Gijón having a better goal average over its nearest rivals.

The following are the matches scheduled for tomorrow:

First Division

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### Bridge

Solution of last week's hand:

West's opening lead is unimportant, although when the hand was originally played it was the spade 8. South's only chance to make his contract lies in dropping his jack of diamonds on North's ace the first time the suit is led, whether by himself or West. He then leads diamonds low from North's hand, and East is naturally unwilling to give up his king, so that South takes the trick with his ten, and the rest is easy.

## Competition -

The SPANISH NEWS and MAJORCA SUN wish to remind their readers that the story competition is OPEN ONLY 5 DAYS MORE. Stories are not to exceed 1,000 words and must be in the Paper's office either in Barcelona or Palma, by the 11th. of Dec. The subject of the stories should be suitable to Christmas time. There will be a prize of 25 pesetas awarded for the best story. which will be published in the Christmas number. No member of the staff of this Paper may compete.

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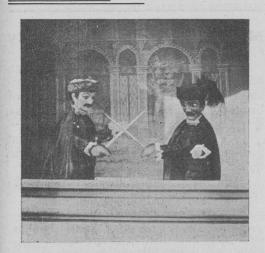
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# Putxinel'lis



A Duel in a Costume Play

Who would, at first sight, connect this queer-looking word with that cynical but engaging old reprobate, Mr. Punch? Yet connection there is, for Putxinel-li is no more than the Catalan rendering of his ancient family name *Pulcinello*, of which the name Punch itself is but an English abbreviated

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Everybody has heard of Mr. Punch, and even a few may, despite this age of sophisticated amusements, have witnessed a performance of «the comical tragedy or tragical comedy.» But it is probably safe to say that very few have ever heard of or seen his Catalan nephew «Titella.» And yet «Titella» is just as funny and far more versatile, for «in his time he plays many parts,» which parts are restricted in number only by the extent of his showman's repertory. Mr. Punch, on the other hand, has, with true British conservatism, stuck to his original role—if we ignore such episodes as his gratuitous intrusion in the puppet play The Deluge with his famous remark, «Hazy weather, Mr. Noah.»

Though «Titella's» parts are many, his character remains the same throughout, and shows him to be even more closely related to Guignol of Lyons and Germany's Kasperle than to his disreputable uncle, Mr. Punch. He is a Catalan country youth with that mixture of ingenuousness and native wit common to the puppet heroes of every country, but purged of the callousness so characteristic of Punch and Petroushka. His happy-go-lucky naïveté gets him into all sorts of hot water, out of which his astuteness promptly rescues him, circumventing the machinations of his enemies or turning the tables on them to their chagrined discomfiture. His costume consists of the Catalan peasant's white shirt, black trousers, and, most important of all, red barretina, or Phrygian cap—as characteristic of him as is the hump of Mr. Punch.

The other traditional characters are «Cristofol,» «Cristeta,» «la Cascarria,» and, almost if not quite as important as «Titella» himseli, «el dimoni.» «Crist-ofel» is the fatuous, muddle-headed gallant whose gullibility makes him the butt of every joke and the victim of every misfortune. If «el dimoni» dodges a skull-cracking blow aimed at him by Titella,» «Cristofol» is sure to be bewilderedly standing in just the right place to receive the resounding whack on his own long-suffering astrakhan pate. You will know him by his small black moustache and rather blank expression. His costume is varied and his taste in hats loud and catholic.

«Cristeta» is the heroine, and unacand moth-eaten coiffure of one who has seen better days—as, no doubt, she has, for the tip of her otherwise aquiline nose is quite worn away by the buffet-

ings of a hard life.

«La Cascarria» is middle-aged and grey-haired, and is at home in any rôle from mother-in-law to nurse-maid.

There are other incidental characters, peculiar to each show-man, of which some are merely spare replicas of the four already mentioned, suitably disguised. But we had nearly forgotten «el urbá,» the red-coated, bucolic policeman. He is the only character who speaks Castillian, which he does in gruif and measured tones. He would have afforded Sherlock Holmes a gloomy satisfaction and confirmed him in his poor opinion of the regular police, for he always gets hold of the wrong end of the stick.

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The plays themselves are usually based on simple domestic themes, and are essentially Catalan in ideology, the whole plot, in some cases, turning on a pun, with which the dialogue is gener-ously sprinkled. They would, therefore, lose most of their point in translation, even if the text were obtainable. But, apart from a short collection of new plays written and published by Lluis Millá, there is no puppet literature in Catalonia, or, indeed, in Spain. Each showman has his own repertory, learnt during his apprenticeship under his predecessor. At best a few plays are recorded in jealously-guarded and dog-

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#### Social Notes

Since the arrival of Mr. George M. Graves a new period of activities has been marked in the American Colony in Málaga. Mr. Graves is the new U.S. Consul, and one of the youngest officials that has held the position in this Con-

sular District.

Born at Bennington, Vermont on September 2nd., 1903, he attended Pawling School, later entering Williams College, where he remained in a 1921 to 1923. In order to come in contact with the Old World, he attended the University of Cambridge during the course of 1922-24, and the University of Grenoble from 1924 to 1925, passing 1925-26 in the *Ecole Libre des Sciences* Politiques in Paris.

Always interested in the international field, he entered the Foreign Service of the United States on the 13th. of January, 1928, having served as Vice-Consul at Mukden, Manchuria, and Hankow, China, and as Secretary in the Diplomatic Service at San Salvador and Managua.

His first appointment as Consul is his post in Málaga, and the Anglo-American colony in this Mediterranean port has cordially welcomed Mr. George M. Graves and his wife, Mrs. Catherine

Graves—*née* Calloway.

Málaga and its Anglo - American colony must congratulate themselves upon the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Graves, who are worthy successors to Consul and the late Mrs. S. Brady, and Mr. A. W. Ferrin, who recently left Málaga for his post at Montivideo, Uruguay.

Don Serafin Romeu, Conde de Barbate, is spending the winter in Málaga, and has become one of the most faithful habitués of the golf course.

Major and Mrs. Henryson-Caird, well known in Palma, have recently arrived here and have taken Colonel Thoroton's charming villa «Stella

Another visitor known in Palma was Mr. «Bill» Sykes, who spent a few days there last winter. He passed most of the summer on the Jolie Brise with the owner, Mr. S. Mortimer, the Captain, Michael Cumberlege and Miss Nan Wooler. He reports that they ran from Barcelona to Bilbao in twenty days.

Staying at the Hacienda de Giro:-The Rev. McNeill Shelford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Couston, Mrs. Harbutt, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Moir, Mr. and Mrs. Von Koss, Mr. G. Adrien Philips and Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Grundler, Mr.

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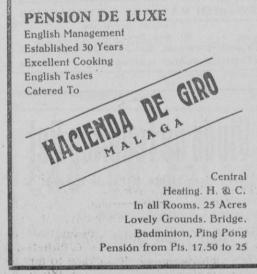
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### PUTXINEL LIS

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eared manuscripts. Some of the older plays are quite pretentious, one even involving the sinking of a ship; but one that should not be missed is the bullfight. It is a priceless performance, and the placing of the «Banderillas» and the capeplay are incredibly life-like, and the precision with which «Titella» - faultlessly attired in his «traje de luces»—finally despatches the bull must have turned many a real «torero» green with

This life-likeness is due, in great part, to the unique construction of the puppet itself, which is quite peculiar to Catalonia and a great improvement on the usual type of hand-puppet. Without going into technicalities, this consists in the provision of solid shoulders and breast, which are carved in one piece with the head. The head and hands are carved by the sculptors of religious effigies, and this no doubt accounts for the absence of that broad caricature bordering on the grotesque so characteristic of the puppets of other lands. Realism is so sought after, indeed, that the eyes are of glass. To insert these, the face is sliced off and the eyes placed in hollows gouged out behind the eyelids. Hot wax is then poured in to cement them

into place, and the face glued back on to the head. The joint is then hidden by the subsequent painting. The only heads not so treated are those of «Cristofel» and «el dimoni,» who bear the brunt of the hard knocks given. Hair, in the case of the female figures. is often real and elaborately arranged in the fashion of a by-gone age, while that of the males is of astrakhan or sheep-skin. The hands, which are replaceable by others gripping swords, baskets, etc., betray their origin even more clearly than the heads, for those of the female figures especially are long, langourous, and delicately carved, and quite out of place on a knock-about puppet stage. The hands are fastened into the ends of zinc tubes which form the forearms of the puppet and into which are thrust the thumb and little finger of the manipulator. The head and arms are held together by an underdress of canvas, called «l'ánima,» or soul. This forms a firm foundation for the outer costume, which can quickly be changed between scenes.

The number of showmen has sadly dwindled since the palmy days of pup-petry before the advent of the cinema, when the «cafés de barrio» contracted a showman for a whole season to amuse their clientele. One or two of these old showmen still carry on, however, and those in search of local colour can do no better than pay a visit to the annual «fiesta mayor» in Barceloneta or San Gervasio. Here, seated on a wooden bench in a canvas auditorium and surrounded by a real puppet audience made up of all ages and drawn from all classes, from the eager urchin and the fisherman and his «novia» to the sedate matron and the well-dressed casual reveller, one can see a show given by a puppetman in his element.

Regular shows are also given in the diminutive theatre of the «Centre de las Comarques Catalanas» (Paseo de Gracia), whose modernistic colour scheme is in amusing contrast to the garish embellishments of the traditional puppet

The «Cercle Artistic de Sant Lluc» have revived an old tradition by giving shows on Sunday afternoons. This society occupies the building, then known as the «Hostal dels Quatre Gats,» where, during the first years of the present century, the renowned Julio Pí, perhaps the most famous of all Catalan showmen, performed with such extraordinary success. Julio Pí popularized «Titella» with the name of «el Tranquil» (All-Serene). This name died with him, for his son and successor, respecting his father's memory, did not wish to continue it. The head of «el Tranquil» was placed in the coffin of his creator, and so accompanied in death the man who had given him life and popularity.







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The Main problem of most po during the Festive Season is that of ca and ing, which invariably works out far # expensively than one imagines, with lose consequent aggravation of what stelica bright person has called «the agony V p January.» Providing you spend the holdble a at home, you will need to make your dat th ing plans well beforehand, so as to aerved last-minute rushes for necessities. Chi and mas puddings, unless you still chea by great-aunt Ellen's complicated recipe, ht. be obtained nowadays at most large sed proin the imported variety. VICENTE flory RER, in the Pza. Cataluña, can be id styl upon for this and other staple necess alm MUNTANER TEA ROOMS, LA MARISIM RITA and the CONFITERIA BERNA Bende the prime providers of the home thou variety, and can also be relied upon colar everything in the pastry line, whether in prochildren's party or for your own bland tea. MONCLUS, in the Rbla. Catalive e wim RA specialize in cocktail «what-nots,» MR RAESTEVE RIERA, FORN DE SAEVER JAUME. FORN DEL CISNE and LUBAking I SERRA, provide del gratifica de la companya de la and items for dulled appetites.

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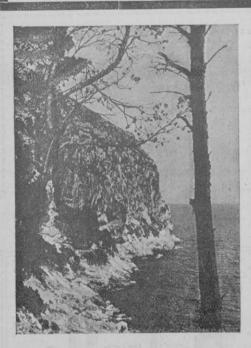
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Mr. George Copeland, the pianist, returned from Paris with his secretary, Sr. Francisco Zepper, during the week. Mr. Copeland gave several successful recitals while in Paris. He brought back with him a monkey almost small enough to be worn as a boutonnière.

The model of a Mallorquin village, which one may see in the windows of Bordados Nell's shop on the Borne, was made by Mr. Cornelius, the artist, of Genova and is a lovely piece of work, correct in the smallest details. A trip to Bordados Nell is well worth while, as much to see the village as the other beautiful things she has on sale for Christmas.

News comes from Barcelona that Mrs. Lola Josephson, Mrs. de Prizer and Miss Joy Petersen are off to Madrid to give the capital a whirl.

Mrs. Noble Clay, Mrs. Florence Atkins and Mrs. L.H. Clay left for Barcelona on Thursday night, from where they plan to motor to Madrid with some friends. They expect to be gone about ten days.

A member of our staff was the first to be attended to in the new premises of that king among coiffeurs, «Emmanuel,» who moved last Monday to Plaza Gomila 14, right where the trams stop. The large salons were in a turmoil of electricians, painters, furniture-removers and plumbers, but through it all Emmanuel himself remained calm, and found time between giving orders in French, English and Spanish to «set» his cutomer with his usual artistry. He is now aided by Carlos, who used to be so much in demand when he worked with Guardia.

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Mrs. Martha Fell was hostess at a gala dinner at Joe's last Friday night. Joe was so busy all day that he scarcely had time to attend his regular customers, but his efforts were rewarded, for the dinner was a *chef d'œuvre*. Mrs. Fell had as her guests Count and Countess Moltke, Mrs. Phyllis Harvey, Major Goetz and Mr. Chiesa.

Mrs. Doris Cameron celebrated her complete recovery from her recent illness on Tuesday by a gay descent upon Lena's. Mrs. Cameron is expecting her daughter on the 20th. to spend the Christmas holidays with her. To Colonel Riccard went the pleasure of her company at luncheon, for which he had especially ordered woodcock.

Mrs. Harry Clark is taking her small son, Edgar, back to Paris with her for Christmas. Mr. Clark will remain here in Mallorca.

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Mr. Charles Poiney, of London, who is working on the development of Paguera, gave a successful week-end party at the Camp de Mar Hotel before leaving for London. The guests were Mrs. Liebling, Senor and Senora Vidal Quadras, Colonel Riccard, Mon. H. Langlade, Mr. S. Bridger and Mrs. Doris Cameron. Mr. Poiney will return to Palma for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Croissant have returned to the Island.

Miss Erica Beric, who spent some time this summer in Ibiza, has left for London.



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LIRICO—Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy in La Estropeada Vida de Oliverio VIII (in Spanish), and El Billete Premiado, Metro Goldwyn-Mayer Productions.

MODERNO—Two good Fox films, George O'Brien in Valor y Lealtad, and Gilbert Roland with Mona Barrie in Alias Tu (in Spanish). MONDAY: The spectacular film, presented by Joseph M. Schenek, Clive of India, featuring Ronald Colman and Loretta Young (in Spanish).

PRINCIPAL—Grace Moore, singing divinely in an excellent production, One Night of Love, (in English), preceded by a good comedy. TUESDAY: El Secreto de Ana Maria, an «Oro Nacional» Production.

PROTECTORA—(Reopening) WEDNESDAY 11th., Irene Dunn, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire in La Alegre Divorciada.

RIALTO—Ann Stern & Frederick March in a strong story, Vivamos de Nuevo (in Spanish), Fox Newsreel and El Reino de las Mujeres. THURSDAY: U Films present Jean Kiepura & Lien Deyers in Las Quiero a Todas, a Carl Lamac Production.

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#### Successful Recital

The long and ambitious programme offered by the well-known mezzo-soprano, Dinah Sinety, at the Almudaina last Tuesday attracted a large audience—people were standing around the sides and at the back. Everybody thoroughly appreciated the clear, crystal-like tones of the artist's remarkable voice. In a curious and pleasing manner, she put her own personality into every one of the varied numbers she sang, which ranged from the comparatively simple Air d'Euridice of Peri to Gounod's Stances de Sapho.

This recital was Dinah Sinety's first after a long illness, and the day before the recital she was again in bed attended by two doctors, one of whom said she might be able to get up in four days and the other, eight. It was astonishing to those in the know how splendidly she got through the fifteen songs and numerous encores. There is no doubt about Dinah Sinety's sincerity, and her technique reveals her preference for pure art rather than the theatricality often connected with opera singers. She was exquisitely accompanied by Sr. J. Roig, at the piano.

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#### SHALL SUE-?

Being a reprint and commentary on an article appearing in the Dec. 6th. issue of «Daily Doings,» a weekly, distributed in New York hotels.

Land of Contenment . . By GEORGE SMALLWOOD

> It takes little to get you there, and it's like pulling teeth to get you away!

A BRONZED traveller strode off a gangplank to an East River pier one day not long ago. Obviously no one had come to meet him, but, by one of those coincidences which make New York the smallest town in the world, he managed to encounter a friend.



The Beach at Pyranna

«Where the deuce have you been?» asked the friend, thumping the bronzed man on the

back.

«To Majorca,» muttered the other. «It's a dream spot in the south Atlantic. I'm back to sell my house, and when I do, I'm heading for Majorca again.»

The incidental addendum is that he did sell his house, for a song, and embarked the next day for Majorca, never to return. At least he

It's a lovely little spot in the semi-tropics, this Majorca people are just beginning to talk about. It has the physical fascination of Jacieda,

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the leisurely pace of Bali. Rimmed by coral, it is roughly twenty miles square, maintains its own government under a Spanish protectorate, and lets the rest of the world go by. A stone house there can be rented for 800 piastres a year, or about \$35, and you can stock the place with servants at nine cents a day.

It lies about 300 miles southwest of Spain, on the Europe-South America ship lane. Americans

It lies about 300 miles southwest of Spain, on the Europe-South America ship lane. Americans get there by going to Europe first and then sailing from Lisbon. Half way out of Lisbon, you strike the continental equivalent of the Gulf stream, which gives Majorca the grandest climate, so they say, in the world. In the Spring they have about a week and a half of steady rain, which gives the crops a good start, and that's the end of it. When it rains at other times during the year, it's always at night. The days are warm and lazy and pleasant; the nights are are warm and lazy and pleasant; the nights are agreeably cool.

It's a sugar-raising community chiefly. The natives are industrious fellows, a breed of Indian and Spanish. They live in hut-, many of them on plantations owned by wealthy Spanish and Cuban colonists, and seem to be a satisfied race. Class distinctions are sharp, but the Majorca government (it has a Spanish governor who was born in the island) keeps a watchful eye on the living conditions of the natives, and they're well cared for.

#### Life of Leisure

The ships dock at Pyranna, which is the only big town on the island. It has about three thousand people, nearly all Spanish, English and American; the streets are modern and well paved, and the buildings are all built from native stone, which looks something like soapstone but isn't. A gang of natives can throw your house together in about twenty days, and build it just the way you want it. One American who settled there last year took along a magazine and showed a picture of a house around, and three weeks later the American moved into a house which in it to the native foreman (sic). He house which in it to the native foreman (sic). He grunted a few times, passed (sic) it cost him less than four hundred dollars. It even had running

water and inside plumbing.

You don't have a whole lot to show for your day when twilight comes. It's a pleasantly sedentary life, for the most part, but some of the Americans who have gone there have developed little businesses out of hobbies. One trades in coral; another has a small fishing fleet.

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Our guess is that the bronzed man got his tan from a sun lamp while sitting at home reading a book of fairy stories. So we're ringed by coral, are we? The next thing we know we will be wrapping leis around people's necks and strumming on Hawaiian guitars. But if this chap really rented his house here for thirty-five dollars a year or about twenty pesetas a month he caught a lot more than sunburn. Though maybe he wouldn't need a roof on the house except during that week and a half when it rains during the spring.

The picture, Mr. Smallwood, was a flash of real genius. It took up half a column and could be anywhere. Next week you can use it for the beach at Spitzbergen. Don't worry about the palms, we don't have tropical palms here either. We've hunted and hunted for Pyranna, but guess it must be something like the advertisements we read-Even your best friend or Cook's won't tell you.

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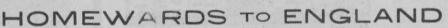
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Herr Anton Meyer, the pianist, gave great pleasure to many inhabitants of San Antonio the other day with his recital at the Hotel Portmony, ably supervised by Sr. Roselló and Fraulein Muller. His exquisitely rendered programme included works of Beethoven, Grieg, Chopin and some typical Norwegian melodies which delighted the enthusiastic audience.

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To:-The Editor.

Dear Sir,

I fear that evil communications (especially through a wide circulation) do indeed corrupt good spelling, and a recent letter from a correspondent in Your paper seems to have set a seal upon the prevailing error that the plural of «octupus» is «octopi.»

Actually, it is «octupuses,» if you write in English, or «octopdes» if you wish to show the remnants of a classic education. I hope that your correspondent will not think me an idle pedant trying to score a point, but for some 30 odd years my many secretaries have Impressed on me how perfectly awful

my own spelling is and made most unjustifiable comments on my handwriting (which I can nearly always read myself) and this little and probably last chance of counter attack would be very sweet if it appeared in print.

Perhaps it is only fair to add that when I wrote my first article for the Spanish News many months ago, I sent it to a most charming Aunt, who is an not unknown «savante,» for advice and her advice was charming and accompanied by a copy of Chambers «Twentieth Century Dictionary,» and hence my erudition.

Purists may say I have no right to use the French word, but here my dear friend fails me, as the word «savant» in English is defined as a «learned man» and I cannot admit that today learning is confined to the male sex, and hope this amend honourable will be accepted by my secretaries.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gurney

### SOLLER

It has been very gay here over the week-end, and threatens to continue being so, for on Saturday El Cairo, the new «bar-club,» opened its doors to the public. Nearly the entire Anglo-American colony was there on invitation-day, and several prominent Mallorquins. Among the former we saw Colonel and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. R. W. Gordon, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Hellyer, Mr. L. Cubitt-Bevis, Mr. and Miss Dean Paul and Mr. W.J. Beauley, who was entertaining Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Leaman and some other friends from Palma. The place is a great success, with its atmosphere of welcome from the bar near the entrance, and the big open fireplace for quieter groups to sit around. Altogether, Prince Fuad is to be congratulated.

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Pearl S. Buck

(Tauchnitz)

As it is impossible to cross-write, in the manner of early Victorian ladies, it is very difficult to discuss in this space the possible reasons which drove Pearl Buck to write «A House Divided.» One reason may be the genuine love and interest in the China she undoubtedly knows so well, which has caused her to show us in the War Lord, Wang the Tiger, a symbol of the old régime, and in his son, Wang Yuan, modern China, in an endeavour to point the way out of the Chinese puzzle. This is so colossal an undertaking as to appal the greatest mind, for it is all very well to set a bunch of superior students to building wider streets out of the stones of old walls and digging earth to see for themselves what happens to the seeds, crying the while, «Down with Confucius!» but that is not all that is necessary to reconstruct an empire. Particularly as these students, in spite of their colleges and trips abroad, do not seem to know what to suggest to rich and idle young Chinese women who appeal to them for something to do, neither have they the sense to wait until the heavy flood period is over before planting their imported grain.

The most likely reason for the book, to my mind, is that the tremendous impression Pearl Buck made with her classic, «The Good Earth,» with its intimate knowledge of China and great beauty of language, has led avid publishers to rush her other books on the press before she is ready. According to the volume numbers in the Tauchnitz edition, out of about 150 books published by them recently 6 have

been by Pearl Buck.

Let us hope that this splendid writer will be able to retire for a while in peace to that countryside she appreciates so well, and at her leisure produce more of the real stuff that is in her.

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Research has found that for every boina owned by a Basque or Navarrese there are two not only owned but worn by each foreigner. This is a pretty serious state of affairs and something should be done about it before it gets entirely out of hand. At present there is no law prohibiting the wearing of these affairs by foreigners nor apparently has any effort been made to instruct them as to how they should be worn. We understand that there is a movement afoot to have a card of instructions issued with each beret at the time of purchase. This to be translated into all languages, including the English.

This card will advise the customer that the beret when being worn is not to come down to, nor be entirely supported by, the ears. That it is not to be placed on the head with the careful precision of a derby, nor is it to be pulled down over the eyes like a cap. A year's stay in the Basque country to acquire that certain *cachet* which is so necessary will be suggested. And finally the card will point out that these are only suggestions but the real solution to the problem would be not to wear one at all.

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