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FAITES VOS JEUX!

World's Fate to be Settled in Next Five Years

ABOUT three weeks ago a sweeping victory by the Social Credit League, in the Alberta provincial election, introduced a unique experiment in government.

The most attractive feature to many voters is the promise of a monthly dividend of \$5 for every citizen of Alberta. The founder of the League, Mr. William Aberhart, announced the League's objective as «an equal deal for all citizens.» He stated that his only interest in entering the political field was to banish poverty.

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Wealthy people, either through lack of complete understanding or faith in a new idea, or through fear of the results of the radical policy of Mr. Aberhart, are withdrawing cash and securities and depositing them in banks in Montreal and Toronto.

On his recent return from the trip he made to Canada in connection with his Social Credit Plan, Major C. H. Douglas sent to this paper a copy of the speech he made on February 1st., at Southampton, in which he said:

«It is one thing at the present time to know what is the matter with the world, but it is quite a different thing to get that thing done. The real problem now is changing rapidly from the discussion of the technique of the money system to the politics of forcing the money system and those who control it to do what is necessary to save the world from chaos.»

History is Crystallized Politics

Now those who take an interest in history may have heard it described as crystallized politics, and the idea con-

tained in this description is of primary importance at the present time, because it suggests that we have some say in our own destiny. We are not merely the puppets of the universe, to be dragged at the tail of a fate over which we have no control... You may say, of course, that you have only to control the money business, that certain things would improve the working of the world, and that statesmen would do these things. That I do not believe to be the case. I am sorry to put it so. Whether it is conscious or whether it is unconscious, there is no doubt that a great deal of resistance, not so much to technique as to objective, will be experienced by anybody who tries to get something done about matters which your Chairman has mentioned... We have never, in recorded history, had such unbounded possibilities of economic wealth, leisure and security as we have at the present time.»

The New Age of Slavery

«The technical question really turns on the fact that what we call production, those things which concern our standard of living, are really a question of power. We have in this country at the present time over 170 million horse-power available for economic production. A horse-power is usually taken to be the power of ten men, therefore you get 1,700 million man-power. Every man, woman and child in this country has ten slaves, ten willing, obedient slaves at his disposal for the production of goods and services... Consider, for instance, the interpretation which is put upon the state of affairs at the present time. In face of the fact that you have a tremendous glut of production we are told that the great problem is to get men back to work. Now that simply means, if it means anything at all, that work will produce a still greater glut than we have at the present time. I do not believe that the people who are in charge of the great stream of propaganda throughout the world are quite so stupid as to say that when you have a problem of what is wrongly called over-production, but which is really under-consumption, the solution is more production..... The problem which is exercising the great political forces of the world, is not to

free people, but to enslave them. The people of this country, in my humble opinion, have a perfect right to say, «We are tired of this game, we are no longer going to see piles of goods over there and empty mouths over here. We do not know how you are going to get those goods from there to here, but we are assured that it can be done. Now you are business and financial experts and you must do it.....»

Electoral Campaign

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«I am perfectly certain from a long experience that merely arguing with bankers about a theory of banking is never going to get anything done. They are quite prepared to argue from now till chaos about it as long as it will keep you negotiating and prevent you from doing something to force them to do something. There is, so far as I am aware, no other method by which sufficient pressure can be brought to bear upon the financial system except through the political system... Do not suppose for an instant that you are going to have equality. All you have at the present time is an artificial equality of the banker. You would always have the inequality which separates one type of man from another, but it would be a genuine one of worth and ability, of ideals and imagination, instead of the inequality which now exists. And that to my mind is one of the shortest cuts to releasing immense social forces which, as the Dean of Canterbury said, will produce a civilization such as perhaps even those who are most concerned in these matters hardly conceive.»

Now or Never

«The game is in your hands. As they say at Monte Carlo, «Make your play—*faites vos jeux*.» The game will not wait... The fate of the world for the next four or five hundred years will be settled probably within the next five years. The game is with you. I can do nothing but lay the issues before you. Gentlemen, play your game.»

(Should any of our readers care to have a complete copy of Major Douglas' stirring speech, which necessarily loses somewhat in the above abbreviated version, we will be glad to supply same on application to our offices. Ed.)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Huey P. Long, United States Senator, political dictator of the State of Louisiana and a man whose craving for power made him hated throughout the land, was shot to death in Baton Rouge, the state capital, by the son-in-law of a political enemy. Long continually went about with a large bodyguard who were not quick enough however, to prevent the killing, though they at once shot the Senator's assailant, whose body, it is reported, was riddled by a score of bullets. Telegrams of sympathy from all government heads have been sent out, and without doubt real grief is felt for his family. For politics, both in the state and in the country at large, his death should prove a blessing. More corrupt practices in political administration have seldom been seen.

It Wasn't Loaded

In Oviedo a husband who had stood it about as long as he could, grabbed a gun

and went out in search of his errant wife. The town of Oviedo is closely guarded and so he did not get far before he was picked up and charged with illegal possession of fire-arms. At the hearing, after two gunsmiths had examined the weapon, his

lawyer pled that his client could not have shot anyone with the gun as the experts had stated that it could not be fired. He then handed the pistol to the Prosecutor saying, «Shoot me with it if you can.» «Are you a married man?» asked the Prosecutor, at the same time pointing the weapon at the ceiling and pulling

the trigger. The following explosion cleared the court, sent the lawyer to bed and the prisoner back to jail.

Captain Jailed Pending Pardon

On Wednesday, about two-thirty in the afternoon, Captain Kane was removed from the Hotel Catalonia, Palma de Mallorca (where he has been kept several weeks under guard pending the result of his appeal) and taken back to the local jail.

Captain Kane was arrested in Mahon for supposedly assaulting the police.

Don Enrique Sureda, the lawyer who defended Captain Kane, stated on Tuesday that, under a new law, the Supreme Tribunal in Madrid has ordered that the induction must come from Palma, instead of from Madrid as was first supposed, and then be returned to Madrid for approval. At the termination of the

process here, Sr. Sureda said, he will go personally to Madrid to hurry matters as much as possible. The health of Captain Kane, after many weeks of nervous strain while confined to his room, is not good.

Ants and History

The historic house in which Napoleon I. was confined and died on the island of St. Helena is in peril of destruction from white ants. The French government, which desires to preserve this historic edifice, is preparing to send an expedition to the Island with the workmen and material necessary to destroy the ants and repair the damage already caused. It has been said that Napoleon had an aversion to white ants.

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BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Cretchley and family left Barcelona on Sunday last for England. They hoped to spend a day in the romantic town of Foix on the way.

Quite a number of Barcelona residents have been enjoying the comparative coolness of Ribas during these last few weeks. Amongst them are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Basil Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Park have also arrived at the Hotel Prats, Ribas, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dodd have slipped over to Vernet for a vacation.

Sr. Carreras and family are staying at Puigcerdá, where a great number of well-known Madrid and Barcelona families have gathered this year. The procession of cars with number plates from the more distant parts of Spain has been remarkable this year. The Costa Brava and Catalan Pyrenees seem to be increasing in favour, especially with people escaping from the heat of Castille.

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Mr. William Park has returned from Ribas, determined never to forget his passport in future, after a slight adventure at the Andorran frontier.

Friends of Lady Mercer will be glad to learn that, after a short stay at the American Women's Club in London, she will leave for Palma.

M. Charles Mahuzies left Barcelona on Monday for Toulouse where he will stay a few days before proceeding to his mother's home near Albi.

Mrs. Claude I. Dawson entertained at luncheon on Tuesday last in honour of Mrs. B. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Lynn Franklin, who leaves to-morrow for the United States. Amongst those present were Mrs. Carl Long, Mrs. Homer Eddy, Mrs. W. Riley Deeble, Mrs. J. Jordain.

Visitors to Menorca recently include the Duke of Almenara Alta, who is visiting his estate at La Vall, San Cristobal, and Mr. and Mrs. Solinger who are staying in their house at Tirant. Mrs. Solinger was formerly Srta. Cecilia Moysi, and is a relative of Don Carlos Moysi, British Vice-Consul in Mahón.

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An old wanderer who has returned to Barcelona after a long absence is Mr. W. Blakey. He is staying with Mrs. Blakey at the Hotel Palace.

Mme. Beistegui, a prominent member of the foreign Colony in Ibiza, is visiting Barcelona for a few days, and is at the Hotel Nouvel.

Miss Laura Jackson, of Mobile, Ala. who has been spending some weeks in Barcelona and Palma, left on Thursday for Paris by air.

Miss A. Sanders, one of the many English people staying at Tossa de Mar this summer, is spending a few days in the Catalán capital.

Mr. Thomas Amooore has returned from a holiday in England, and is literally bulging with health.

Mrs. G. Allan, of Terreno, Palma, is spending a few days in Barcelona, at the Hotel Lloret.

Miss Ruth Belmont, of Cincinnati, left town on Wednesday for Zaragoza, where she intends to make a study of the Aljafería mosque.

News has reached Barcelona of the recent wedding in England of Miss Neille Lambert, sister of Mrs. Rex Barrington, and well known from her long visit to Barcelona some time ago, to Mr. Douglas Rider, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Henderson Rider, of Barcelona.

We learn that Mrs. Robinson is sailing for the U. S. A. on Sunday. Her departure will leave a void, for she has made many friends in Barcelona.

Mrs. Federico Fernandez, formerly Pepita Palazzi, included a visit to her family in Barcelona in her recent motor tour of Cataluna. Her sister, Miss Josefina Palazzi, has returned from a lengthy stay in Venezuela.

Mrs. Quinlan has returned from her stay in Switzerland, bringing her baby daughter, recently born there.

Mr. Norman Cinnamond was only slightly injured, we are glad to learn, in the recent accident near Zaragoza, when his car left the road and turned over.

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Cricket in England.

Given as out under the N. B. G. (N) Law, one may pass over the Festival Games with a sole regretful comment, Hard lines, Wade! and the pious hope that the South African Skipper will soon be on his feet again after his accident.

Football

The visit of the All Blacks, and the consequent galvanic action on the game, makes seasonable a little comment on the different forms of football.

Rugby, named after its birthplace and the dramatic action of the almost-forgotten hero who «caught and ran.» Then we have the Harrow game, the Eton Wall game—the latter mainly confined to the annual battle—also the Gaelic form so popular in Ireland, where the cassocks and (perhaps) the offside rule made the standard form irksome. The Northern Union variety—chiefly professional—and the American Gridiron game finish the picture. This latter form seems to be turning professional, for it is a hard game and the padding is useful as well as ornamental. What would be the result of a meeting between Yale and Harvard versus Oxford and Cambridge, providing a kind of football suitable to all could be decided upon??

Motoring.

Sir Malcolm has dunlopped it again. This great sportsman is the friend of every one of us who chugs along at a decent 40MPH, and, when nobody is looking, at a thrilling 85. At the high speeds at which he travels, Campbell submits machinery, tyres, and chassis to a severe test, which must be of incalculable value to motor engineers. To gain some idea of the relative speed, let us remember that a man can run 100 yards in 10 seconds, and that an express train at 60 MPH covers 88 feet in 1 second. Campbell, at 300 MPH, or say 5 times as fast as the train... well, work it out for yourselves, Mr. and Mrs. Einstein!

Athletics.

The recent contests have shown that Great Britain has a long, long way to go before the flags fly at Berlin. Form has been upset everywhere, but the fact remains that all records ought to go by the board at the next Games. Indeed, the negro athletes may set them at a new high level. They are the Campbell of the track.

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Swimming.

The Championships of Spain took place at Valencia during the last weekend, and have enabled us all to take good stock of the enormous progress which has been made during this last year. No fewer than ten Spanish records were broken and many regional marks went by the board. Amongst the former was the 400 metros which Andrés Lepage lowered from 5 minutes 20 seconds to 5 minutes 9½ seconds a fine time which was only beaten by two swimmers at the European meeting at Magdeburg a year ago. We congratulate him and the other new champions on their excellent showing. ¡¡Vamos a Berlín!!

Morris Short, of Palma de Mallorca, who went over as reserve with the Club de Regattas team (which gained third place) was unfortunately not called upon; he reports an enjoyable aeroplane trip over, and says the machines are excellent. We hear that the Swimming Championships of Spain are to be held in Palma next year.

St. Leger Result.

The St. Leger, run last Wednesday, resulted as follows:

1. Bahram.
2. Solar Ray.
3. Buckleigh.

LAWN TENNIS

In the semi-final round of the International Lawn Tennis Tournament for the Championship of the U. S. which was held at Forest Hill, (New York) last week Miss Fabian beat Miss Kay Stammers (G. B.) by 9/7, 7/5. The other semi-final was won by Miss Helen Jacobs, the holder of the event, who beat Mrs. King 6/4, 6/4.

In the Men's Singles England has done better, P. J. Perry being well to the fore, having reached the final round after beating that great Lawn Tennis player Frank X. Shields.

LOCAL TENNIS

S'Agaró

The IV International Lawn Tennis Tournament was started at S'Agaró last week. This tournament held at that popular Catalan seaside resort has evidently attracted a larger entry than in previous years, among them being the Belgian Lady Champion, and Josefa Chavarri Spain's No. 1.

We hear that there is also a large contingent of French players.

Among the local players, are Ramón Rubio, who did so well at Camprodón last week winning the Men's Singles from a large field, José M. Blanc, who has been doing wonders at San Sebastián beating Tejada in the final, J. Garriga Nogues, from the Turo Lawn Tennis Club, Ricardo Saprissa, Boter, and Rosa Torres and Dolores Rife from the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club and many others.

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LADY LEISURE

By Jane Schuyler

Paris Forecasts

The sports tailor-mades are shorter, skirts cut on the bias, with jackets shap- ed in at the waist and sleeves salient at the shoulder. Many models have pleats with yoke effect, wide pockets and jack- ets buttoned hermetically. These *en- sembles* are accompanied by blouses in contrasting colours, the *corsages* very worked, in satin, lamé and velvet. Sleeves are very important this season. They are often voluminous with plenty of embroidery round the armholes. Some have pleats on the front of the arm whilst others turn back like boleros. Belts must be worn slightly higher than the waist, preferably in metal braid, precious stones or golden and silver embroideries. The materials most em- ployed are: thick tweeds, a great deal of velvet, mixtures of wool and fur, albène crêpes and fabrics with Cellophane. The colours which dominate seem to be black, rust, very light green, sand and bright reds.

For the afternoons, coats are heavily trimmed with fur, often dyed. They also have very worked sleeves and enormous collars. Marcel Rochas favours sleeves with a cape movement and applications of lace. Few belts are used. Bands of fur replace them. Lelong has the waist- line fitted by cross cuts. Large buttons everywhere, often on one side at the back of the skirt. Pockets of unusual dimensions frequently adorn the three- quarter sports coat. The latter, rather loose, retains an impression of youth- fulness and great simplicity.

The dresses, also, are most of the time in contrasting colours with num- erous cross cuts. Necklines draped and uncommonly high, skirts, fitted close to the hips, wide in the front and flat in the back. Velvets of all kinds in bright col- ours still head the list of successful materials. Narrow dresses are trimmed with braid and lace. Some of the models have white or coloured ornaments to brighten the relative simplicity of cut. Sleeves of raglan or kimono style are three-quarter or very short in length. Among the afternoon frocks one notices very many flowers in velvet and silk, also a large number of volants and gath- ers. Schiaparelli accompanies her crea- tions by embroidered boleros in warm attenuated tones or small capes covering each sleeve. The two pieces are often a mixture of two materials, such as light lamé and dark velvet. These combinations and oppositions of colours all are new.

Recipes

Try these delicious French dishes:

Scallops of Sole a la Reine

I large sole, 1/2 gill water, salt and pepper to taste, 1/4 lb. peeled, sliced mush- rooms, breadcrumbs, butter, 1/2 gill cid- er, 1/2 teaspoon chopped parsley, 3/4 pint white sauce, 3 tablespoons grated Parm- esan cheese.

Fillet sole and place fillets in sauce- pan. Mix the cider and water and pour over fish. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and simmer for 5 min- utes, or till tender, then remove fillets. Butter 8 large scallop shells. Flake the fish into the sauce. Add grated Parmesan and mushrooms lightly fried. Stir in the parsley and divide mixture equally be- tween the scallop shells. Cover with a layer of breadcrumbs. Dab with butter and bake till brown in the top of the oven. (Enough for 6 or 8 persons.)

Fillets de Bœuf a l' Ananas

6 fillets of beef, 6 slices fresh pineap- ple, 2 oz. butter, pepper and salt, 6 *croutons* of bread.

Trim and shape the fillets either into rounds or ovals. Season with a little pepper and salt. Melt half the butter in a frying-pan and fry the fillets quickly until evenly brown on both sides. Put them on a dish to keep warm until ready to serve. Put the remainder of the butter into the frying-pan, cut 6 slices of pine- apple rather less than half an inch thick and of equal size, fry them in the butter until tender. To serve, place the fillets of beef on the *croutons* of fried bread, arrange in a circle in the middle of the dish with the slices of pineapple round the outside.

Petits Pois au Jambon a la Française

2 pints green peas, small bunch of mint and parsley, 1 pint water, 2 tea- spoonfuls flour, 1 oz. castor sugar, small piece of the green of a spring onion, 4 oz. lean ham.

Shell the peas. Put the water on to boil with the sugar, parsley, mint and spring onion. When boiling, add the peas and allow them to simmer until they

are almost, but not quite cooked. Strain off, return the liquor to the saucepan and boil hard for about 5 or 6 minutes, till it is well reduced. Put the butter in a frying-pan, add the chopped ham and cook it for a few minutes until it is lightly browned. Then stir in the flour and brown slightly. Add the ham and flour to the reduced liquid, add the peas and re-cook for a few minutes. Place in a hot dish.

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The correct solution of the following problem will be given in our next issue.

Problem No. 8

S-----	N O R T H	
H-7, 4, 2.	W	E S-8, 5.
D-----	E	A H-J, 9.
C-6.	S	S D-----
	T	T C-----
	S O U T H	
	S-----	
	H-Q, 5.	
	D-Q, 9.	
	C-----	

Hearts are trumps. South leads. Can you (South) win two of the four tricks against any defense?

Solution to Problem No. 7

South leads the heart ace, North discards the spade jack. South leads the diamond 6 and West wins with the 10. West must lead a spade or club, which North wins, and South discards the diamond ace. North then leads the spade or club, whichever is left, South discard- ing the diamond king, and North's three remaining diamonds are good.

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The Week in Spain

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On the 15th. 16th. and 17th. of this month, Barcelona's most típico suburb, San Gervasio, celebrates its fiestas. There are to be the usual parades and dances, with *sardanas* at night-time in the Plaza Molina.

According to latest reports it is expected that Las Cortes, the Spanish Parliament, will reopen on September 24th, after the summer vacation. The new political session about to commence promises to be a lively one, and the Prime Minister, D. Alejandro Lerroux, is taking a well-earned rest before returning to his arduous duties.

A new Spanish boxing star, Pancho Villar, has appeared on the heavyweight horizon and seems likely to cause a stir in international circles. Our colleague, Sparrow Robertson, is one of those who look forward to big things from brother Pancho. Paulino Uzcudun, we are sure, will hand over the laurels gracefully.

Zaragoza, capital of Aragon, is to celebrate the Fiesta of the Pilar with more than usual pomp during the month of October. The famous Procession of the Rosary will take place, after a lapse of five years. The work of repairing the enormous cracks in the Church structure is going apace, but it is not likely that it will be finished in time for the Fiesta of the Patron. Steel scaffolding is being used to support part of the side nave that threatened to collapse.

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The announcement of the granting of an annulment of marriage to Don Alfonso de Borbon and Victoria of Mountbatten (Ena), has been officially denied. Vatican officials state that no request for annulment has been received by His Holiness from either party. Don Alfonso at present is in Brussels, visiting the Exhibition, and his wife is spending a few weeks on the French Riviera.

From Rio de Janeiro comes the news of the robbery of several valuable pictures from the School of Fine Arts. Among the stolen canvasses is Murillo's famous «*Mater Dolorosa*,» of very great value.

The Captain of the Spanish fishing vessel *Dorita*, caught fishing in Portuguese waters, has been tried at Lisbon and sentenced to a fine of 27.000 escudos — about 8.000 pesetas. It is not known whether he has sent a letter of fraternal greeting to Captain Kane.

A protest against the false impressions regarding travel in Spain which appear from time to time in the British Press has been formulated by a large number of students staying in the Summer School, San Sebastián. No reports, they state, could be farther from the truth and they claim that, as a country for travellers, Spain is unique in interest, beauty and the courtesy of its inhabitants, official and civil.

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Notes from a Spanish Journey

By John Van Sein

II

The famous story of two fishermen from Rosas, on the Costa Brava, who had been to Buenos Aires several times but had never thought of visiting Barcelona, is probably quite true. The reason in their case was that in order to catch the train to Barcelona they had to walk some forty miles, whereas the cargo boat for the Argentine used to put into Rosas Bay. Wherever one goes in Spain, especially on the coast, the most surprising people turn out to have been to the ends of the earth. America, North and South, is the usual goal of these strange wanderers. In a small baker's shop on the island of Formentera the proprietor will honk at you in chronic wop New Yorkese. Formentera on the whole has a very large percentage of travelled people. Many of the women display a plain gold wedding ring brought with care from the purlieus of 14th. Street. The prize of the whole collection, though, must be the gentleman who owns a small wine shop in Zaragoza, in the tumbling shadow of the Pilar Church. He has been to Archangel. All his customers know that and they have heard so many times those increasingly thrilling stories that they feel they have been there themselves. Olive oil was the commodity that took D. Vicente to the Arctic Circle. The small and picturesque village of La Almunia de Doña Godina, which stands like an oasis in the middle of very barren country, boasts a Citizen of Honour in the shape of a barber who has made a fortune. His goal was none other than Glasgow, but now you can find him in the region of Mayfair, patting platinum curls into

expensive coiffures. Some of his handiwork was to be seen on the bridesmaids at a recent Royal wedding. There is something about these Spanish wanderers, however, which makes them tone in with the general surroundings. They don't try to keep up the fashions of Milwaukee and Rio when they return to their little orchards or fishing boats. They don the velveteens and blue shirt of the countryside and return to nature. Possibly they have tried modern civilization, as one would visit an Exhibition, have found it good but not necessary, and have come back with a shrug of the shoulders to the life that at least provides peace.

The Barnstormers

At least once every year, and in some cases several times, travelling theatrical companies visit the small towns and larger villages of Spain. I advise everyone who has sufficient knowledge of the language to go to one of these shows. To those of us who are accustomed to the slick sophistication of the Anglo-Saxon theatre, or the so-called artistry of the French revue, these rollicking Spanish shows will be a revelation. The presentation usually is crude and very obviously temporary. One feels that the Company could finish the act and be in the next village within ten minutes if called upon to do so. All the artists, of course, are of international fame, and, as usually happens in these cases, are just sacrificing some colossal salary in order to play to their beloved national public. The variations upon a dinner jacket theme that present themselves are many and delightful. The music blares and the songs are often not quite as nice as they should be, but on the whole everybody has a good time. The peasant boy who sees a woman in apparent evening clothes for the first time leans pop-eyed from the upper balcony. The fat and prosperous town merchants leave their wives at home and take a box, whence they ogle the ladies of the chorus and the fat woman who does the splits. With a crash from the cymbals and a piercing note on the trumpet, the curtain goes up (the advertisements on it are an education) and we perceive Miss Roxea ready to give us her performance of «juegos malabares»—sleight of hand. Her tricks are time-worn but always well accepted and when she twirls ten sticks in the air at the same time the chivalrous males in the audience give her a hand. One attraction that has appeared upon many Spanish

provincial stages, and that I came across in the most unexpected places, is entitled «Las 8 Rolling 8.» The first time I saw it advertised I spent a pleasant few moments in speculation. The show eventually turned out to be a skating act performed by buxom dames—the 8 Rolling Ladies. They were quite proficient in their way and displayed the firmest thigh that could be imagined, but I never could have foreseen that they would trail through the village street, after the show, chattering in broad Lancashire!!! «Eee, lass, I laike Spañe.»

Language and Voice

Of the two principal Latin languages Spanish seems to me to be the more harmonious. One could say that Italian is best spoken by a woman. In Spain the opposite is indicated. There is something about the deep virility of Castilian that does not suit the usually penetrating voice of the Spanish woman. There are, of course, many exceptions, but it would be difficult to find a man whose voice does not lend sonority and depth to this already dignified tongue. The «j» especially struck me as having a very fine linguistic quality and I missed it in the South where people are apt to swallow it. To hear a Civil Guard pronounce the word *Justicia*, calls up all the functions originally connected with that term. «Justice», in comparison, sound niggling and not too sure of its scales. But then Civil Guards have a voice all their own.

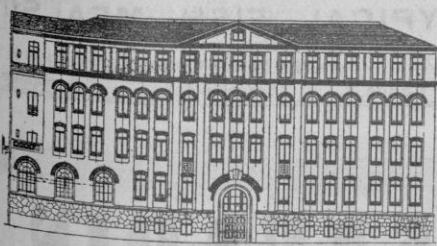
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Every child has studied in his school-days about the War of the Spanish Succession, that complicated turmoil that filled the early years of the XVIIIth century with alliances and breaking of treaties, elaborate calculations of exact degrees of blood royal in Bourbon and Hapsburg, and fighting that drew armies from all Europe to dispute foot by foot the troubled soil of Spain. What perhaps is often forgotten in the more sensational question of whether French Philip or German Charles should rule Spain, is the fact that Philip, progressing gradually towards victory, made it his incidental business to destroy, sometimes with great, at other times with little or no pretext, the Fueros of province after province in the country which he meant to rule as absolute monarch.

Cataluña, with Barcelona as its head and front, had been among the most loyal supporters of Charles, and Philip's best efforts had not availed to crush this determined opposition. Then came the unexpected. The Emperor Joseph, elder brother of Charles, died, and the Imperial crown, easily to be had, appealed far more strongly to Leopold's son than did the insecure one for which he struggled in Spain. The Catalans had no longer a king for whom to fight, and the question of their Fueros had been pointedly omitted from the treaty of peace between Philip and Charles. The situation was desperate, and Philip was bent upon punishment.

The Council of One Hundred, the ancient ruling body of Barcelona, led by its chief, Rafael de Casanova, prepared for a siege. Only too clearly had Philip stated that the abolition of the Fueros was his major aim so soon as the city should be subdued. Casanova had on his side only his townspeople, but there were fine and brave men among them, and their race's freedom was at stake. The siege was long and bitter, lasting

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through two midsummer months. Casanova in person led the defence, and soldiers and civilians fought side by side on walls and at gates. Women and children filled the churches, taking refuge there from the rain of cannonballs which fell upon the city.

The enemy was entrenched around the town by land, and the port was blockaded by a powerful fleet.

Casanova decided to risk everything on a sortie. Carrying in his hands the banner of Saint George for Cataluña and Saint Eulalia for Barcelona, on September 11th. 1714, he led the flower of his garrison to the attack. They captured a part of the outer defences, the Monastery of Saint Peter and the battery at the Portal Nou (New Gate), but a bullet struck the brave magistrate and he fell to the ground with the banners. The day was lost, and the Fueros were doomed. Philip, victorious, lost no time in abolishing them, and Casanova died in exile from his loved country, but if the Fueros are gone forever, his memory has not faded, and all Barcelona comes on September 11th. to lay flowers on the statue of the desperately wounded man who still clings to his banners.

E. O. D.

«All Catholic Cruise» in the Mediterranean

Barcelona was visited recently by a party of 700 British Catholics, who were cruising aboard the «Tuscania.» Amongst the party were Bishop Moriarty, of Shrewsbury, Canon McNally and many other Church dignitaries, including one hundred priests. Bishop Moriarty and a small party left the ship during the morning for a visit to the city, after which they joined the main group at the Palacio Episcopal where they were received by the Vicar General in the absence of the Very Rev. Dr. Irurita. After lunch on board the ship the party left for Montserrat in cars. They were enthusiastic in their praise of the remarkable scenery in the districts through which they passed, and, fortunately, a very fine day enabled them to view the strange rocks of Montserrat (like praying hands) at their very best. A large crowd had gathered in the square before the Monastery, and when the car containing Bishop Moriarty and his party arrived they were greeted with cheers and applause. After a very pleasant tea in the monastery, a Benediction Service was held in the Church, the wonderful Montserrat Choir joining in the singing. Before leaving for Barcelona, His Lordship Bishop Moriarty gave his blessing, the crowd singing the response, and as the cars wound down the beautiful mountain road in the evening light, the travellers could still hear the cheers of the groups outside the Monastery. Everybody expressed extreme pleasure and satisfaction with their visit and declared that their day in Barcelona, the beauty and interest of which all had noticed, would become memorable. Amongst those Spanish people who helped to make the visit such a success were Sr. and Sra. Reventós, owners of the Codorniu Champagne cellars.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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Scarcely had Mrs. George McClintock given us the pleasure of seeing her back in Palma before she climbed into her trusty car again and started off with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Salisbury, for Pollensa. However, we are glad to hear now that it will not be long before she returns to set up her household in Terreno.

Mr. Roland Hayes reports that his new home in Calle Salud is very successful, and is an excellent haven in which to finish up his new book, which is to be published in London in October.

Mrs. Craven returned to Chalfont House last Wednesday from England, which will enable her son, Mr. Kenneth Craven, to take a well-earned rest.

Mrs. Fritz Lyons, of Puerto de Pollensa, was in Palma last Monday, to put her sister, Miss Ulla Pers, on the boat for Barcelona. Miss Pers is the Scandinavian dancer who had such a success recently in Madrid. She is on her way to San Sebastián to make a movie, after which she will go on London to continue studying dancing under Kurt Joos.

Miss Peggy Lipp has decided to prolong her stay in Mallorca for at least two more months. She is working daily on her paintings which are to be exhibited at the Bloomsbury Galleries, London, early next year.

Mrs. de Prizer and Miss Emily Camp broke the endurance record for gambling last Sunday. They were hard at it from two in the afternoon until two the following morning, for they started with the races, then bolted a sandwich or two, with one or two side bets on various matters meanwhile, then rushed off to the Fronton. They report a very successful twelve hours.

Miss Eileen Wall gave a most successful bridge-party last Thursday. Among the experts present were Mrs. Anley and her niece, Mrs. Harvey. We are sorry to say that Miss Wall leaves for England a week from to-day. However, she says it will not be long be-

fore she returns to take up residence in her newly-built house in Genova.

Captain Rashleigh, who has been spending some time in Sóller, left that delightful spot this week on his way to Barcelona.

Mrs. T. P. Leaman was hostess at a gay cocktail-party at Joe's on Monday, to celebrate her birthday. Her guests included Mrs. Lola Josephson, the Doctors Peñaranda, Miss Eugenia Lewis, Captain Crystal, Mrs. Pamela de Prizer, Major Gilson, Miss Emily Camp and Miss Smith.

News comes from Ibiza that Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Paul are thinking of paying a visit shortly to friends in Palma. The Paul's have taken a charming old house in Santa Eulalia for a year, pending the completion of the building of their house on the seashore there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindo-Webb have returned from a short visit to the sister Island (we are still talking of Ibiza). They report having spent a delightful time there, in spite of the difficulty they encountered, when they were ready to catch the boat back to Palma, in tracing the right authorities who were holding their passports for inspection, according to general custom.

Miss Lane and her sister arrived Wednesday on the *Llangibby Castle* from London. They will be staying for one week at the Hotel Victoria.

Wise shoppers are daily heading towards «The Treasure Chest», in Terreno near the Hotel Mediterráneo, where the end of season sale is putting the most varied selection of antiques, souvenirs, sandals and raffia work within reach of the slimmest purse. «The Treasure Chest» has always been famous for the good taste and quality of its stock, and you cannot go far wrong in paying it a visit of inspection, even if you do not

buy any of the tempting things which you will find displayed there. But we feel sure you will not go out again empty-handed.

Rumour hath it that Don Juan March has recently bought a gun in England for which he paid nearly two hundred pounds. Although we understand it is the most marvellously up-to-date affair, kick-proof and all sorts of proof, and that the price also includes the handsome leather case, it seems to us a lot to pay for shooting pigeons.

To-morrow, Sunday, is a great day for birthdays among members of the foreign colony. Congratulations to all the birthday boys and girls, particularly Mr. «Bill» Bealey, of Sóller, who is such a grand person that all his friends sincerely wish he would live for ever.

We understand that Mr. H. C. Steddy is leaving Bad Nauheim, in the near future, and will return to Mallorca.

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The famous boat which Mr. T. B. Jones built in his dining-room and could not get through door or window has, miraculously perhaps, not only been removed from the house but launched, with suitable celebrations. Last Sunday Mrs. Jones went ahead to Palma Nova to order a lunch in honour of what we understand was the first trip of the gallant Newfoundland sharpie. (A friend—a good one, we believe—let us in on the deadly secret of the kind of boat it is, and that's what it is, apparently, a sharpie). Lunch was all set, and the land party waited and waited and waited for the trim little vessel to heave to, or whatever vessels do. We don't know exactly what happened, for they waited in vain. All we do know is that the brave Skipper is hale and hearty, for we saw him piloting his car around the wood piles of Palma's shipyards the other day. He was on an inspection tour with Mr. T. P. Leaman of the plans for the latter's yacht.

Lily Tobias, the author of «Tube» and «My Mother's House,» is staying at the Hotel Formentor. She is perfectly delighted with the Island, she says, and wishes she could stay a long time.

Their many friends, including several keen bridge players, will sadly miss Mr. and Mrs. Dew, of San Augustin, when they leave Mallorca shortly. They may make the return trip to England on a freighter, or they may think better of it and go to St. Jean de Luz.

Count Robert Thublier d'Argenson appreciated the charms of San Vicente so much during a recent visit that he spent last week-end there again. He says he did nothing but swim, row and walk, and feels all the better for it.

Lieut.-Commander and the Hon. Mrs. Alan Hillgarth entertained at their beautiful old place near Santa Maria on Wednesday. Their guests included Miss Buchanan, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson and Sr. Villalonga and his sister-in-law, Srta. Montades.

Several officials of the Union-Castle Line arrived with their families on Wednesday and have gone to the Hotel Alfonso. They include Mr., Mrs. and Miss Grandison, Mr. and Mrs. Melville and Miss Johnson, who is a niece of the Chairman of the Line.

Have You Tried "Tchi-tcha?"

I was reminded the other day of a story I was told a few years ago by a French missionary, while travelling in South America.

Before starting, however, I must give a word of warning to those with delicate stomachs: they should *not* read this story, as it will almost certainly quench their thirst in a disagreeable fashion and probably give them a queer feeling at the back of the throat and in the stomach, which will reflect on the face by giving it a sort of greenish hue. But those with a strong heart (or rather stomach) who know what suffering from thirst means, will appreciate to its full extent the, shall we say, amusing situation in which my missionary found himself. As near as I can remember, here is the story in his own words:

«Nearly 12 years ago, arriving freshly from my province of Normandy into this land of 100.° F. in the shade, I soon fell a victim to a terrible spasm of thirst, and I will tell you my first experience with this enemy of hot countries. Everything was still new to me, when a veteran with an imposing white beard asked me if I would care to accompany him on a long excursion in the surrounding hills. Needless to say, I jumped at the offer, and we soon were off on horseback. It was the only way to travel in this part of the world with only goat-tracks cut in the mountain sides, full of cactus and slippery stones. At the time I was far from being an accomplished horseman, so to the roughness of our way add the scorching sun and you'll soon understand that I became a silent and suffering rider.

My companion, seeing my predicament, cheered me up by saying, «I would tell you to go down to the torrent to quench your thirst, but with your capacities in horsemanship I am afraid you would reach the torrent before your horse; so have patience for another hour and we will by then have reached a lone native hut.»

It might have been only one hour, but to me it seemed more like ten by the time we reached a dark hut, out of which came an old Indian woman whose language, needless to say, was utter Dutch to me. But I was in good hands, and after a few words exchanged with my old friend the woman brought us half a coconut full to the brim with a sparkling, orange-coloured liquid, beautiful to see, so that even her dirty appearance did not put me off what the dryness of my throat craved for. My

companion would not partake of it, saying that he was an old man and left greediness to youth. At his age the water of the torrent was better for him than even a beverage for the gods.

I must say it was good, more, it was excellent. The aromatic flavour, the taste of fruits well pronounced, the sparkling freshness of a lemonade made it a real delight to my parched throat and made me dream of the cider of old Normandy. She poured me a second half-bowl, and I noticed it was not as liquid as water but rather like syrup or oil; but I was thirsty, and if it had not been for the arrival of the old Father I certainly would have drunk more. He stopped me, however, telling me off about setting a bad example to the natives and that, moreover, the beverage was alcoholic; which it certainly was, as I soon found out. He told me it was called *tchi-tcha*, but, try as I could, he would not give me more details about it nor how it was made, and when I asked him why he did not take any he gave several reasons—one, so that I could have more; another, that it was alcoholic, and a third, that I would soon find out for myself. And I did.

The sun was already going down when we arrived in a small Indian village. All the kids came running to us asking for medals, men were slowly busy at their work; but what struck me most was to see, sitting in front of nearly every hut, an old, old woman, seemingly a hundred years old, chewing. Next to each was a jar some two feet high, covered with a filthy rag. Wondering what they were doing, I watched one. Her hair was greasy, her face wrinkled like a dried apple, eyes half shut and hands crossed on her bony knees, and her skeleton-like body was barely covered with a dirty, discoloured cloth. Chewing for a fairly long period without, I noticed, swallowing, she then lifted the filthy rag covering the jar and spat the contents of her mouth inside it. Next she picked several herbs off various trays around her and started the chewing process again.

«Well, Father,» said my companion, «are you no longer thirsty?»

«Why?» I asked.

«Because *tchi-tcha* is not lacking in this village,» was his reply.

He grinned hugely as he looked at the old women.

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To:—The Editors.

Dear Sir,

The useful information in your paper makes me write to ask whether you could help me to secure (within a few days) a copy of «The Dead Command» (in English) by Ibáñez. I have been unable to get it from any bookshop during my brief stay in Palma, and would very much like to read it while on the Island. Most regrettably, I cannot remain more than about ten days longer in this enchanting place.

Yours sincerely,

Lily Tobias

Formentor, Sept. 7th.

(If any of our readers can assist the writer of the above letter to obtain the book in question, would they kindly communicate with the offices of THE MAJORCA SUN, Montenegro, 8. Palma. Telephone, 2464, as soon as possible.)

To:—The Editor.

Sir,

My illustrious ancestors were notorious for their narrow observance of the rule that members of the clan should not cross swords with an opponent of lesser rank, or one without the capacity for defending himself; and that characteristic comes to light in me in connection with many people who take me for a text, and use my name to garnish their utterances.

Ordinarily your correspondent, who rejoices in the name of Faustmann, would not call for any comment from me, but the fact of him having signified his own condition by the letters V.W.M., which I take to mean very weak mentally, causes me to consider him in the light of Herr Faustmann's super-soul. I would point out to him that if he has a strong desire to pay homage to the Spanish nation, the way is quite clear; and likewise if the urge to chastise the editor of the «Sunday Express» becomes irresistible, there is nothing to prevent him doing so; but in neither of these cases is the necessity for dragging my name into his arguments apparent; and these presents are to request that he will have the goodness to refrain from doing so in future.

I am almost certain that Majorca will not lose any of its charms, or its capacity

for bringing consolation to the troubled soul by reason of its having harboured me for a season; and the possibility that my case will put the slightest strain on Anglo-Spanish relations is so remote as to make writing about it look like the very essence of foolishness.

Might I take this opportunity to thank you for continued consideration, and remain.

Yours faithfully,

A.W.Kane. Master-Mariner.

To:—The Editor.

Dear Sir,

Before bidding *adios* to your lovely city of Barcelona I would like to express my appreciation of it and your kindly mention of the «strangers within your gates» in your valuable paper. One wonders whatever could fill the place of that clever little periodical were it to discontinue its cheerful, pleasant accounts of our happenings, though its increasing advertisements and news items preclude such a calamity.

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Yours sincerely,

B.F.T.R.

(We are pleased to publish the following, sent in by Maurice V. Miller, in answer to the request of «A Foreigner», in our issue of August 24th., as to whether anybody knew the poem issued by a Dutch professor of languages on English contradictions.)

When the English tongue we speak, Why is
break not rhymed with freak?
Can you tell me why it is, namely is written VIZ?
Will you tell me why it's true we say «sew,»
but likewise «few»?
And the maker of a verse cannot match his
«horse» with «worse,»
Beard sounds not the same as heard, cord is
different from word.
Cow is cow, but low is low, shoe is never
rhymed with foe.
Think of hose and dose and lose and of goose
and yet of choose.
Think of comb and tomb and bomb, doll and roll
and home and some
And since pay is rhymed with say why not paid
with said, I pray?
We have blood and food and good. Mould is not
pronounced like could.
Wherefore done, but gone and lone, is there
any reason known?
Is there any sensible ground to say wound for
hurt, while string is wound?
Do you call it equity to say mutton and yet
mutiny,
Do you think it really wise to speak of
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So in short it seems to me sounds and letters
disagree!

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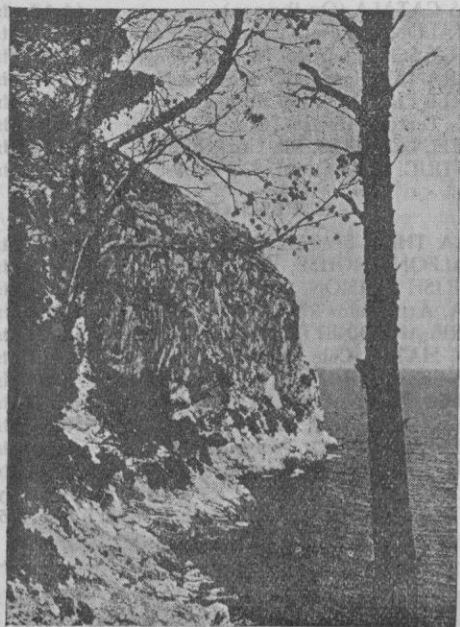
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By Harry Firbank

(Member, Institute Highway Engineers, Certified Honours in Water Supply and Sanitation.)

Synopsis of Part 1

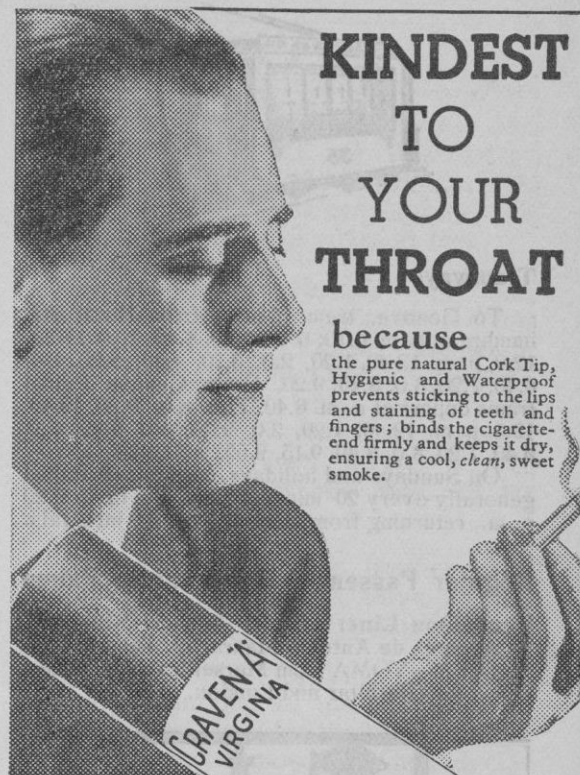
One of the most important questions asked by visitors to Palma is, What of the water supply? The source is an artesian spring with an unending supply, situated on the road to Valldemosa about 200 yards above sea level. In Mr. Firbank's opinion the water comes from the mainland, which at one time may have been all one with this island, for water never yet ran uphill without a force to push it. It is taken from its present source in cement pipes to regulating tanks. A few years ago it ran in open ditches, thus the frequent cases of typhoid, which is now practically stamped out. It is distributed over the town in Uralite pipe, the most sanitary tube yet constructed, and this, together with the city doctor's daily tests both at the tanks and at the city laboratories, makes two of the many precautions which guarantee a water second to none in the world.

PART II

Mr. House-holder, are you on the water supply yet? Take my tip if you are not and change over. Your landlord will tell you of the wonders of his underground water-tank with pumps, of his beautiful, cool, soft rainwater. Yes, it may be so in theory but that was in the days of no baths, no water-closets, no overrunning septic tanks when each house was of one or two stories at the most, when he himself saw that his little water shed was always clean and dusted, when the dog was not allowed out on the roof or verandah for his daily and nightly walk, etc., when motor-cars didn't throw up clouds of dust to settle over everything, when the water was only collected in the months of January and February. Now he has learnt to let the house to the ever-increasing foreigners, who buy water in many places at 5 to 10 pesetas a ton, rather than have the tank filled with water from the dusty summer rains. Can you wonder you have mosquitos, etc. every time you open the well-door? Possibly the previous client dropped bacon and eggs down the well shaft. Oh, yes, I have known it done. I have cleaned wells out because a broken sewer found entrance to them and what I found in a well bottom often smelled worse than the London filter beds over Hammersmith Bridge when I helped to clean those out. Mr. Tenant, insist that you are on the direct supply—no need to boil your water then. Drink that extra two pints a day the doctor tells you to with confidence. If it comes out of the tap something like weak milk—boy, that's almost pure oxygen. Many towns spend thousands to get just a semblance of it—that's invigorating the

water, it will never taste dead or stagnant if you get it like that. Oh, yes, I know the water is very hard, but drinking hard water never killed anybody yet. I know it has more than its share of lime in it, but your children's bones and teeth will benefit. Of course, your soap bill will be more, your hot-water system will soon need attention, your motor-car radiator will soon want cleaning and after a year or two the steamheating system will most likely want renewing; but these latter are luxuries which can most easily be kept going with an efficient water softener. Not a filter; they are not needed, and are always a snag water softener, I said. Several good ones are on the market which I should advise all hotels and consumers of large amounts of water to install. Of course, that all adds to your cost of living. Yes, you pay 60 centimos a cubic metre for your water that passes the meter, 12 centimos more than you pay for a cubic metre of gas. You know how you shout for the plumber if you have a gas leak. Apart from the smell and danger, you grumble at the gas bill. Remember, water is 12 centimos a cubic metre more, so have your meter tested and see that your taps don't leak. By the way, don't you think it says something for private enterprise when the Gas Co., for instance, have to pay and transport their source of supply over a thousand miles and employ over fifty men and a million pesetas,—worth of material for the transforming of it? Then comes the distribution which is about equal to that of water, and still it is, as I said, 12 centimos the cubic metre cheaper.

Despite the economy in no water-sheds to buy and no pumping stations to upkeep, I am afraid that the cost of the water will remain the same for some time, because, in my opinion, a big reserve of capital will have to be raised; for the day is not far distant (unless the authorities take over all the private water-tanks that each house possesses and make them clean, sanitary and waterproof in every way) when they will have to build a huge storage reservoir of enormous capacity, like most modern cities have. Once the source of water failed in Palma for several days,



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May I finish with the moder version of the old nursery rhyme:—

A lad and a lass were climbing a hill
Between them an elegant pail,
Jack was the lad and his comrade
was Jill,

So we are told in the tale.

Happy and gay were the lad and the
lass
And gaily they swung the pail round;
Swinging it quickly, too quickly, alas,
It snapped and they fell to the ground.

I thought to myself, when I saw this
mishap,
It would never have come to pass
If they only had had in the kitchen
a tap
And the water laid on like the gas.

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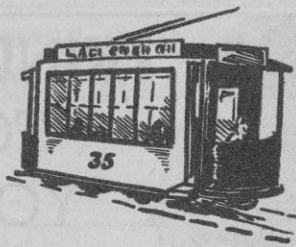
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Mrs. Morse gave a delightful cocktail party last Saturday on the terrace of her most charming and greatly admired little villa, Casa Delaney. We regret to say that Mrs. Morse is leaving to spend the winter in Paris. She has made a great number of friends in the Port, who are sorry to see her go and will look forward to her promised return next summer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell and their daughter arrived last week on the *Otranto* and went to the Principe Alfonso in Palma. They gave the Puerto a pleasant surprise on Sunday, when they arrived to re-visit the scenes they knew so well six years ago. They are *en route* to the mainland, where they will stay not far from Barcelona.

Mrs. Miller and her brother, Mr. McCulloch, of Glasgow, have chosen the Hotel Denis for their resting-place.

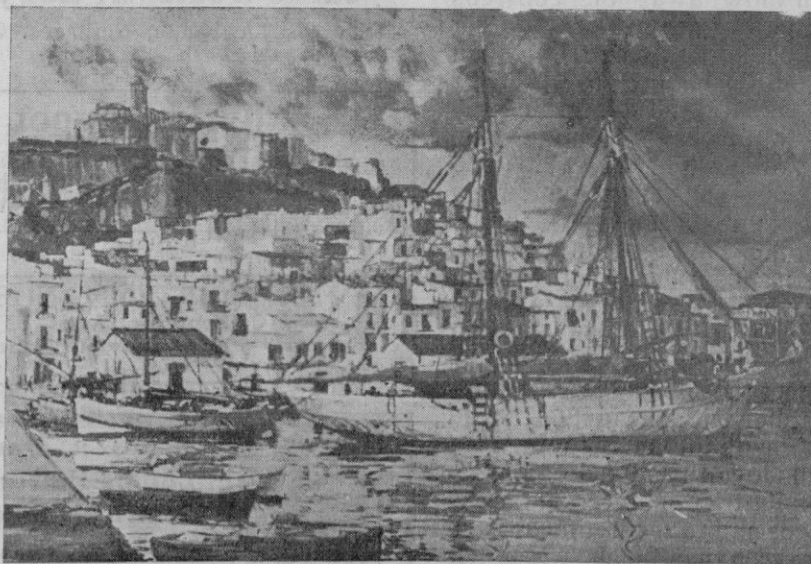
Miss Iris Elliott, of Villa Margarita, has been confined to the verandah of that charming place for the last ten days due to a tiresome mosquito which decided to make its lunch off her leg. We are glad to say she is about again now, however.

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Victoria Regina

Laurence Housman

Illustrated by E. H. Shepard

(Albatross)

The fact that the British censor is still slightly bound by Victorian conventions which made it impossible for these thirty plays from the witty pen of Mr. Housman to be produced does not, fortunately, exclude them from becoming known through the reading public. The only difference is that the dialogue is now along slightly more literary lines than theatrical.

It is a debatable point as to whether or not Queen Victoria moulded history, but there is no doubt that she had a certain manner of getting her own way which has left its mark in the annals of English Royalty. The rising religion of Nationalism, as Mr. Housman points out, required a tutelary deity to crown its edifice; and the Queen, from the commanding position she occupied and with the extraordinary good luck which, for one thing, caused her Diamond Jubilee to come at a time of such prosperity that she became sacred, passed upward by easy stages. Victoria was always willing to publicly admit when she was in the wrong, although not without bitter battles with her own stubborn pride, and she was the possessor of a good deal of sound commonsense which helped her through many situations where an amazing lack of education might otherwise have let her down. Mr. Housman brings her out of the stuffy glass case into which habit has made us place her. She becomes a human, lovable character, without for one instant lowering her dignity. He flatters us by letting us into the most private conversations, all based on facts, between Victoria and her mother (the self-centred Duchess of Kent), her Ministers, her Consort and herself which blow away the cobwebs from the memory of her reign, and bring us nigh to shedding an early Victorian tear over the difficulties which beset the diminutive Queen, God bless her! He places a light but clear stress upon some of the details of her mentality which are now astonishing—such as the time when she sent Benjamin Constant a piece of the ribbon of the Order of the Garter, saying that in his portrait of her (for which she never sat) the ribbon was not sufficiently blue; or her opinion that Lord Kitchener was such a nice man, in spite of the fact that he had just attempted to present her with the actual head of the Mahdi made into an inkpot.

The heroic loyalty and self-immolation of her sorely-tried ministers is cleverly portrayed, and to them it must have seemed more true than funny when her son and heir spoke of the annual day of



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mourning for Prince Albert, saying that this accustomed him to an everlasting Father, but an everlasting Mother was too much of a good thing.....

These plays may make the few remaining Victorians of the more severe type slightly indignant, but, after all, we have got beyond that, and I fail to see how it would be possible to read the book through and then say, «We are not amused.»

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Why is it that after people have been here in Mallorca for a little while they invariably begin to think that they should write a book? We've had no end of friends here who were perfectly normal in every way, and then suddenly one day, out of the clear sky, they say «I think I am going to write a book.» From that day on they are themselves no longer. They go about with an entirely different air, with their pockets stuffed with bits of paper which they pull out at the slightest provocation and jot down meaningless phrases or bits of conversation that they happen to hear.

The matter of play writing is pretty serious, too, although we don't feel that it has reached such proportions as the local literary urge. Possibly because it usually follows after a modicum of success at the first and the publishing houses are still not complaining of over production.

The small matter of having these classics accepted by a publisher is their least worry. It's only a question of having the manuscript typed and sent off before starting to spend their royalties. Several of Palma's bars could be papered with advance royalties. It might make quite an attractive design—royalty I.O. U-s alternating with rejection slips.

The question is no longer, *if you were going to an island, what ten books would you take with you? but, what ten books would you write?*

It's in the air, we guess, this strange leaning toward writing, or in the funny clothes these embryonic Shakespeares wear. Surely at home, where people dress normally and go to business every day, this malady doesn't make itself known or else if present it is kept a dark secret like the old family skeleton. But on the whole we think it's a good thing. It keeps people out of trouble and gives them something to think about. In fact we're all for it, and maybe we'll start next week and bring out a tome called «Down the Ladder of Literary Success, Wrong by Wrong.»

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