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THE second act of the drama, following the *entr'acte* of the years 1919-1933, has commenced. With clarion siren calls and stirring, stepped-up speeches to thousands of blackshirted radio-listeners (who later ran into the streets of closed shops and cafés shouting deliriously they knew not what) Mussolini, last Wednesday afternoon, mobilized his full forces.

Rumours are running rife. In 1914 the war flashed on a comparatively unsuspecting world, with only Downing Street, the Quai d'Orsay and Berlin in the know. This time all is changed. The papers have been full of it for weeks; there are daily meetings, hurried trips of statesmen to and fro, with every movement of troops or battleships duly reported in the press. Not content with what is read in the papers, much of which is out of the heads of minor war-correspondents, people continue to start rumours. For weeks we have heard daily that the Suez Canal has been closed, that England has definitely entered the fray, that submarines are actively operating in the Eastern Mediterranean—at any moment we expect to hear that the United States has landed its Marines. And so it goes. Italy is supposed to have crossed the Abyssinian frontier—never very clearly delineated, and for long the cause of border skirmishes—at three points, and Haile Selassie has wirelessed a protest to the League of Nations. When he managed to make Abyssinia a member of that body, he considered he had achieved the finest stroke of diplomacy in his career, cherishing the hope that his country's disagreements with Italy might be adjusted peacefully.

The rumours that another world war has really begun must, then, be taken for what they are worth. It is a known fact by now, even to non-experts, that for the white man certain parts around Abyssinia are rightly termed the «Hell-Hole of Creation.» The heat can be terrific. White troops crossing a patch of desert there have been unable to touch the metal of their guns and other equipment, have been forced to wind towels around their faces, and place

their hands beneath their armpits in order to keep them cool...

Mussolini

In his speech, Mussolini said: «To acts of war we shall answer with acts of war... but I shall do everything in my power to prevent a colonial conflict from becoming a European war.» His set determination to make war may also be a gigantic rumour.

The present political situation is not a conflict between nations that is brewing, it is simply a dispute between Italy and the League of Nations, which does not fully represent all the countries of the world.

It is not simply European, it is Asiatic and African, a question of competitive nationalistic expansion, of empire. It needs the wisdom of the direct ancestor of the Empress of Abyssinia, Solomon himself, to settle peaceably the fate of Europe; and it is just possible such a miracle may come to pass. Meanwhile, it is reasonable to suppose that some people, at least, have concluded from the application of trial and error, that the entire world cannot be made up of lunatics ready to repeat the folly of the last war. We are gradually learning, and, it is sincerely to be hoped, instructing our children that peace is infinitely more glorious than all the flag-waving and band-blaring imaginable.

Roosevelt

At the present moment England is undoubtedly holding back as long as possible, and in the great speech to the American people which he gave Wednesday afternoon at the California-Pacific Exposition at San Diego, President Roosevelt said: «As President of the United States, I say to you that I expect and intend that America shall remain at peace with the world... we must and shall remain unentangled and free... a good neighbour.»

We in Spain are living in one of the few countries in Europe that has definitely declared its intention to remain neutral. Spain believes in neutrality, and has sufficient backbone to stand by

its beliefs. It is not always as easy as it sounds to take the passive side, when everyone else is apparently going through unspeakable tortures and «doing all the work.» The complications attached when any one nation decides to stand apart from most others are such as the man in the street would find difficult to understand. Nor is it really necessary that he should understand. The main point is that he should cry for universal peace, and stick to that cry.

Rumours in Spain

It is strange that rumour-mongers always seem to specialize in stories that are dangerous and will tend to alarm those that hear them. Seldom do tales carry good news that would lead toward quieting unrest. It is an odd quirk in human nature that makes the rumours most easy to tell, and most readily believed, those which carry bad tidings. The thrill of being the first one to spread some malicious piece of news is a thrill which, to some, comes but once in a lifetime, and these people are now making hay while the sun shines. What news people here fail to spread is the fact that, even in wartime, there will be practically no change in our life in Spain. The war will be in the distance. The Mediterranean is large, and all we will get of the conflict will be the echoes. It will not affect the majority of us in the slightest. Mails to and from the East may be slower, travelling on the continent will possibly be difficult, but, in the main, the tenor of our lives will run on much as before.

When away from one's own country one instinctively feels, when war is threatened, a moment of panic. One thinks that his own country is the only one which is really safe, and that he must hurry home. If the country he is living in at the moment is threatened this is, without doubt, the best move. But to us in Spain this is not so. There is no need for any who enjoy the hospitality of this kindly land to think that they must rush away to protect their lives.

In Spain we are safe.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

One hundred and thirty British troops are reported to have been killed or wounded last Monday in fighting on the Mohmand front on the northwest frontier of India. Two white officers were killed and two others wounded. Trouble on the northwest frontier began a month ago when the government of India decided to subdue the hostile tribes in the Mohmand area. A force of 15,000 men is employed in the operation.

Supermen

The accumulation of human knowledge has become so vast that no single individual to-day can assimilate the whole of it sufficiently to make valid deductions. Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel Prize winner and member of the Rockefeller Institute, who recently returned to New York from a vacation in his native France, is of the opinion that the need will produce an élite of supermen who can meet it.

Egypt Wins

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from the Canaries. Mlle. Charlotte Wassef, the winner, is a stately brunette from Alexandria and, according to reports, is a «home girl» and says that in spite of winning intends to go right home to her mother. Another blow to France came with the decision of the judges, as the best her entry could get was third place. In government circles it is reported that no diplomatic action will be taken.

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Gretna Green «Danger»

Sir Godfrey Collins, Secretary of State for Scotland, announced Tuesday that he proposed to appoint a special committee to inquire into the marriage laws of Scotland with a view to ascertaining what changes, if any, were desirable. The Church has long felt concerned at the large number of irregular marriages in Scotland, and in particular at the scandal of clandestine marriages at Gretna Green.

Research in the Antarctic

The Royal research ship *Discovery II*. has left London for her fourth commission in the Antarctic. She sailed from St. Katherine Dock on Thursday, and is to be absent from home about twenty months. The investigations are designed to acquire knowledge of the stocks of whales which form the basis of the southern whaling industry—their abundance, distribution, life history, and migrations.

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Columbus Relic in Russia

What is believed to be a diary of Christopher Columbus has been discovered in the archives of the Kargotol Museum in North Russia. The book has a parchment binding with a design of sea shells and weeds on a long scroll suspended from a string. It describes Columbus' journey and is profusely illustrated. The following German inscription was found on the title page: «The day book of Christopher Columbus from myself for my son, Diego, August 3, 1492.»

«Spanish Prisoner» Fraud

The police of Bordeaux report the arrest of Inez Norijo, 40-year-old Spanish woman, whose family is alleged to have worked the «Spanish Prisoner» fraud for more than a century. She was on her way to bring a valise containing the famous «treasure» to an Englishman living in Paris, who had been induced to send a money order to Barcelona for the sum demanded by the imaginary prisoner. The valise, instead of containing thousands of pounds in English bank notes and valuable jewels, was filled with forgeries and paste gems worth only a few pennies. The Englishman got his money back, for payment of his telegraphed money was stopped before the «prisoner» had time to cash it.

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BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

Another Dutch visitor to Barcelona has been Mr. Van den Bruck, whose father was for some years Minister in London. After a few days in Cataluña he left for Nice.

Mr. Henry Slade arrived back in town on Friday, having come from London via Palma aboard *S.S. Orion*.

Sr. Xavier Giralt, an international figure in the world of *coiffures*, has arrived in Barcelona from New York where he has been acting as consultant to several of the beauticians. He is studying some of the Spanish silhouettes with a view to popularizing them in London, where he has an establishment. Sr. Giralt is a native of Palafrugell, that village on the Costa Brava whence have emerged several world-renowned figures and quite a number of millionaires.

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Miss Rantz and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Clark, of New York, have returned to the Catalan capital after a tour of Castille and Andalusia. The former leaves for England within a few days and Mr. and Mrs. Clark will embark for the States next week.

Miss Kay Winter is leaving for Palma shortly, and after a few days on the Island of Peace and Quiet, will proceed to New York and Florida.

We hear that the marriage will shortly take place between Mr. Harry Stait-Gardner and Miss B. Rowe. Both are well-known in the British Colony.

Staying at Tossa de Mar, at the Casa Johnstone, is Mr. Caradog Pritchard, who with Mrs. Pritchard are on a well-earned vacation. Besides being crowned Bard of Wales and a distinguished poet, Mr. Pritchard is also well-known as a speaker on the B.B.C. network. Other visitors at the same house include Frau Lotte Leonard, the famous *lieder* and oratorio singer.

Major Raven-Hart, author of several excellent books on the sport of canoeing, intends to make Barcelona his headquarters during the coming winter. At present he is living in his beautiful home at La Ciotat, but as he will attempt to conquer some of the more difficult Spanish streams shortly in his fragile craft, this city will be more central for him.

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Mrs. Manelski (*née* «Billy» Maltby) wife of Dr. Erich Manelski, gave birth on September 25th. to a son, Robin Erich, at Algemesí, Valencia. *Enhora-buena!*

Two boosters of the joys of a Spanish holiday are Miss Frances Howard, of London, and Miss Edith Wallace, of Derby, who are in Barcelona prior to a trip round Spain. Both of them are in

the business world, and have not regretted disbelieving the warnings of their friends regarding the «dangers» of travel in this country. They are already planning to come back next year.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred last week, of Miss Winifred Holtby, the brilliant writer and essayist. At the early age of 37 Miss Holtby had achieved considerable prominence in the world of international letters, and her latest novel «*Mandoa, Mandoa*» (reviewed in these columns some weeks ago) was destined to bring her even greater praise. Basing her work on a story of Abyssinia, as told by a friend, Miss Holtby produced a book which is a pungent, yet delightful, comment on the present conflict. Miss Holtby's name deserves to go down to posterity with that of Rupert Brooke, whose talent was also cut off before its time.

Amongst the latest arrivals from holidays are Mrs. Hill and her little daughter, Shirley, from Belgium; and Mr. and Mrs. Elcock and small son, from England.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dodd have returned from Vernet, full of praise for that lovely spot.

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The wedding has been announced, and will take place shortly in London, of Mrs. Rosamond Noble to Colonel Norton-Griffith. The honeymoon will probably be spent in England.

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The most recent additions to the San Cugat community are Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, who are giving a house warming to-morrow to many members of the Anglo-American Colony.

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We are pleased to announce the birth, which took place last week-end, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Breyfogle. Mother and infant are doing excellently.

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With the renewed activity in Barcelona corresponding to the start of the autumn season, a great many people have returned during these last few days from their vacations. Amongst them are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Braddock, plus son and heir, from Germany and Switzerland; Mrs. Currell, Miss Bunty Noble and a friend from England. Mr. Charles Dewis from Scotland, and Mr. and Mrs. Wightwick who are back in their house at San Cugat.

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Mrs. Hall also returned from England to open her school for small children during this past week.

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Mr. Philip Whitmore, who has been ill recently, is now practically his old self again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raiberto Comini, and their small child, who arrived from America on Saturday last, have taken an apartment in the Calle Provenza.

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Staying at the Ritz this week has been Mr. K. Lychenheim, who is connected with the important Crystal Confectionery Company, London. He has come from Amsterdam to study the language.

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Dog Racing

The growing popularity of the electric hare has given birth to track after track in Barcelona. The friendly rivalry which exists between the different Canodromes has afforded excellent sport all the summer and, it is to be hoped, will continue during the colder weather. The dogs are definitely better in quality and the organization becoming more perfect; the respective Clubs leave no stone unturned to attract or satisfy their patrons, and the most scrupulously fair running and betting conditions are observed. An evening at the Kennel, Sol de Baix, or Guinardó can be very good fun indeed and, if one is lucky, very profitable.

Boxing

Exit Baer — his conqueror, Joe Louis, administered a thorough thrashing to the Hero of Hollywood. Maxie took his beating like a man and freely admitted that he had failed to train. How good Louis really is remains to be seen; he is spoken of as the best heavyweight since Jack Johnson, and a second Dempsey. We can judge him better when he has fought Schmelling, who will at least be fit in the ring. It is a little early to speak of *white* hopes, but the definite fact emerges that a coloured boxer strong on his legs and with unbreakable hands can be a world beater. Their capacity for taking punishment and their ringcraft are unequalled, and if they can be kept in training their managers can afford the fattest of cigars.

Rugby Football

The All Blacks continue on their way and seem to be settling down, in spite of last Saturday's set-back in Wales. They will have a severe test in Ireland early in December, where a team of old Internationals and fast heavy forwards are eagerly awaiting them. The touring side have to play a match in Ulster before descending on Dublin—where the former All Blacks snatched a narrow victory in the mud and rain. It is perhaps a little early to speak of International prospects, but Ireland would appear to have a very promising side

indeed. Their record last year, and the fact that the comparative parochialism of football in Ireland assures everyone knowing everyone else's play, avoids such apocalyptic stories as that of the English trial centre who did not pass to his wing because the Captain had not introduced them...

Golf

Walking round my parish with the Vicar, I encountered a perspiring personage with a large load of golf clubs. He was not trying to «Compra Venta» them, as the Vicar basely imagined, but was seeking a game and someone to play with. I add some notes on «When and How» should there be others in like plight. There are two good golf courses in, or near, Barcelona. The San Cugat Club, of 18 holes, is some half-an-hour's train ride from the Plaza Cataluña. The Pedralbes Club is nearer to the centre of town, but has only 9 holes. It can be reached by motor-bus from the Plaza Cataluña.

Spanish Football

The first 5 rounds for the Championship of Cataluña finished last Sunday with Barcelona, as was expected, holding a lead of 5 points over their nearest rivals.

The chief match of the afternoon was between those two old rivals, Barcelona and Español, which ended with the victory of Barcelona, by the odd goal in three.

The match was played at Casa Rabia (Español's ground) and, as is always the case when those two Clubs meet, there was a «full house.»

In the first half the Español attacked so vigorously that they looked as if they would get the two points for a win: so much so, that they scored the first goal after 5 minutes play, through Green, and the Español's hopes soared high: but in the second half Barcelona settled down and took command of the game and equalized after 7 minutes play through Fernández, a recruit from Uruguay.

Ten minutes afterwards Escola scored the winning goal for Barcelona with a hard shot. At this stage of the game, the Español had to reorganize their ranks owing to injury of some of the players. Nevertheless, they made some daring raids into the enemy's camp and almost succeeded in equalizing, but they made a bad blunder at the goal mouth. After this, Barcelona were all over their opponents, Fernández again picking the ball and sending it to Munloch, who almost scored. These two proved a powerful combination, and but for Martorell, who was in very good form, making some brilliant saves, the score would have been different.

The following are the matches scheduled for to-morrow.

Badalona — Español
Barcelona — Sabadell
Jupiter — Gerona

It is too early yet to predict as to who will be the Champion of Cataluña, as there are still 5 more matches to be played, but the odds are in favour of Barcelona.

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LADY LEISURE

By Jane Schuyler

Beauty

Colour Harmony in Make-Up. The modern girl has taste in clothes as a rule, but on make-up she does not achieve the perfect job. Colour tones are her most general errors. It is amazing the way some women think they are looking particularly attractive when resembling over-ripe china dolls, with cheeks like twin red flags and eyes fringed with brittle-looking brushes. Others find beauty in that «dipped in the flour barrel look» and a brilliant red slash for a mouth. These effects are as out of date as knee-length skirts. The fashionable woman should always avoid extremes, as the whole idea in modern make-up is to keep *every line soft*.

And now we come to cosmetics. How much a year do you spend on them? In nine cases out of ten a woman can cut her cosmetic bill in half by buying exactly what's suited to her complexion, and not that of her friend's. This problem is easily solved if you carefully study the component parts in your skin tones. If you find this difficult, there is a cosmetic chart prepared for your special type which will help you a great deal and avoid your buying a true-red rouge for your cheeks, a plum-coloured lipstick and yellow-tinted powder!

The first thing you must remember is the importance of make-up foundation. It gives the smooth, even tone to the face, and is a joy to use, for it is easily blended in and only a small amount is necessary. A beautiful skin is something for every woman to guard. A good foundation cream does that special trick which preserves the illusion. Follow this application by a *skin-toned* powder; the choice should not be hard for you to decide. Use it liberally, and for beauty's sake, pat it on and dust off the surplus with a powder brush, instead of rubbing it in with any old kind of powder-puff. (Pounding powder into the pores without whisking away any excess often leads to annoying blackheads.) Also remove surplus from eyebrows and eyelashes. If you favour eye-shadow and mascara, you should use it blue or green if you are a red-head, and amethyst for the brunette. Apply the eye-shadow from the middle of the lids out toward the temples, as near as you can get it to the eyebrows, but *never* near the nose.

The hardest job in the gentle art of make-up is the selection of rouge, because of the many tone gradations. However, skins may be divided roughly into

two colour classes: the cool skin, which contains a slightly bluish cast, and the warm skin with a yellowish cast. If your skin falls in the cool class, you will find rouge on the rose shade your right colour. If your skin is warm, then the vivid bright tones with a tiny bit of yellow add the right touch.

Rouge must be used very sparingly and applied lightly over the cheekbones (not lower than the tips of the nostrils, as this gives a heavy appearance) and blended outward and upward with the fingers.

A mere touch of rouge and plenty of matching lipstick are the accent styles. Naturally lovely, full-tinted lips appeal to everyone, and when men object to lipstick it is not the lipstick, but the manner in which we apply it. Choice of colour is very important, but you are safe if the light glow of rouge is in the same shade. The tip of your little finger is the best tool you've got for making your lip rouge smooth, lasting and non-transferable. If you want a dull, natural looking finish, press a cleansing tissue against your lips when through.

Recipes

Mushroom and Bacon Canapés (For 4)

1/2 lb. mushrooms—pinch salt—I tbsp. butter—2 rashers bacon—white bread—pepper to taste.

Wipe and peel caps and stems of mushrooms. Melt butter. Chop mushrooms roughly and add. Cover and cook for ten minutes, very slowly, tossing occasionally, then season to taste and finish cooking. Fry four rounds of white bread in butter or bacon fat, and fry the rashers of bacon after removing rind. Chop bacon. Spread mushrooms on rounds. Place a ring of fried bread on the top of each. Fill centre with bacon.

BRIDGE

Double Dummy Problems are played with all the cards exposed, and it is not necessary to infer the position of cards. Hence, the result must be obtained against perfect defense. By perfect defense is meant any and all defenses that the adversaries may offer. A Bridge problem can have but one correct solution.

Questions should be addressed to Mr. Harris, of THE SPANISH NEWS AND MAJORCA SUN, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope.

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

Problem No. 11

S-K.		
H-K, Q, J, 7.		
D-----		
C-J, 3.		
NORTH		
S-A, J, 5, 4.	W	E S-----
H-----	E	A H-10, 8.
D-7, 5.	S	S D-A, Q.
C-10.	T	T C-K, 9, 7.
SOUTH		
S-Q, 3.		
H-----		
D-K, 6.		
C-Q, 8, 2.		

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

Solution to Problem No. 10

South leads the spade 10, West plays the queen, North trumps with the 2. (If West plays a small spade instead of the queen, North would discard a club, and North-South would make three diamonds, one heart and two clubs.) North leads heart king, and South trumps with jack. South leads diamond 4 and North overtakes whatever card West plays, and leads trumps again. South discards the spade 3. North leads the club 4, South wins with the king. South then makes his spade 8 and leads club 8 to North's 10.

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“LA PILARICA”



Pen and ink sketch especially made for this paper by Hermann Kirbis

One of the most popular and prettiest names given to Spanish girls is that of Pilar, and on October twelfth a great many of the most popular and prettiest of its bearers, with their friends and families and the devout in general, crowd into the old-young city of Zaragoza to do honour to a tiny statue to whom they owe the name. Our Lady, say the old legends, appeared to Saint James, during his missionary journey through Spain, standing on a jasper column, and telling him that here exactly was the spot where she wished a great church to be raised to her glory, promised also that the pillar should remain, to be crowned with a suitable image, in testimony of the veracity of his vision.

The chapel built by the obedient saint in the old city of Salduba (a name said by loyal Zaragozans to mean «city of Tubal,» with all which that name implies), was destroyed in the year 312, and the vast modern structure is of the XVIIIth century, and perhaps not so beautiful as may have been intended by its devout builders and supporters. Recently, too, it has shown such dangerous signs of imminent collapse that a complicated scaffolding has been built without and within to support it while repairs and strengthening go on. But no carts driven across the floor in *surréaliste* fashion, no sawing and hammering and planing, can break the spell which the dark little figure on the ancient pillar holds for her worshippers. They come daily in their hundreds, and to her feast in October in their tens of thousands, until the city is hard put to it to house the devout, the gay, and the curious who pour in by every road and from every train.

It is not only devotion that draws them, though. Our Aragonese «Pilarica,» as she is affectionately termed, is one of the most cheery of the hosts of heaven. She enjoys, it seems, the devotion of happy people, so the ordinarily rather stolid streets of her city, where so little remains to remind the casual visitor of the heroic past, blossom into gaiety for her feast. Stern façades of gray granite decorate themselves, apparently spontaneously, with garlands of paper flowers. Balconies display rich brocades or humble bedspreads, in a medley of the brightest colours. Paper ribbons, or strings of little fluttering varicoloured pendants, flutter from housetops like frivolous awnings that break into glittering drops the steady downpour of the sun, and make kaleidoscopic patterns on the heads of the equally kaleidoscopic crowd.

There is a set schedule of things to do and to see. At certain hours everyone must find his way somehow into the vast cathedral with its enchanted domes that look sometimes so tawdry and sometimes so glamorous. Prayer and song and incense arise around the pillar of the Virgin, and the tightly packed crowd is swayed almost to tears by sheer religious emotion. The service ends, and the spell is broken. The pretty girls named Pilar, with their attendant satel-

lites, swarm out into the streets again to try their luck at games of chance with fat celluloid dolls for prizes, or to stop their ears with their fingers while their «novios,» actual or potential, break little clay ducks in a shooting gallery. Feminine squeals and giggles resound everywhere. Pink blouses, magenta skirts, yellow or dark green headkerchiefs, on the girls whose strict mamas insist on adherence to tradition, mingle cheerily with the rolled socks, bobbed hair, and almost-Paris frocks of the more daring damsels, and life is carefree and rosy.

Another event on the day's schedule is about to occur, and the swirling crowd separates into two respectful masses on the sides of the street, while a long and colourful procession passes, and many kneel as the symbols of religion move among them. They do not, however, forget to note the magnificent ornaments taken for this one day from the Pilarica's world-famous treasury, and her collection of emeralds is a topic of many discussions.

This year, 1935, one of the most famous of the processions, that of the Rosary, is to reappear after some years of absence, and the interest and curiosity it awakens are tremendous.

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Abyssinia Speaks

To have been born at Addis Ababa nowadays puts one into the same social limelight as the proverbial inhabitant of the Virgin Islands, and, as the only Abyssinian in Spain, Mr. Levi Wine has been much in demand recently. Interviewers, used as they are to difficult «subjects» whose sparse and slightly annoyed pronouncements have to be padded into a long, agreeable column, have been encouraged and their lost illusions regained on talking to this tall, dark man. Mr. Wine, whose wanderings have led him to many places, including a stay of some years in Montreal, is at present in Spain leading his own dance band, and promoting a revue on a really American scale. His conversation, however, does not follow the usual lines adopted by the average rhythm-maker. He takes the whole situation into his hands and interviews himself and you as well. A very cultured man, this unique personage (whose chin and hair denote Jewish ancestry), can talk very convincingly on almost every subject in French, Spanish, English. From Mr. Wine's enthusiastic conversation, which he accompanies with very eloquent gestures, we think the following excerpts will be of interest to those whose knowledge of Abyssinia is necessarily culled from a certain angle.

The population of Abyssinia is composed of Jews, Moslems, Christians, Protestants and aborigines. Of these latter, a small nucleus possess cannibalistic tendencies, and are frequently albinos.

Slavery exists and is practiced only by Mohammedans, and is to be found everywhere outside Abyssinia where Moslems are congregated.

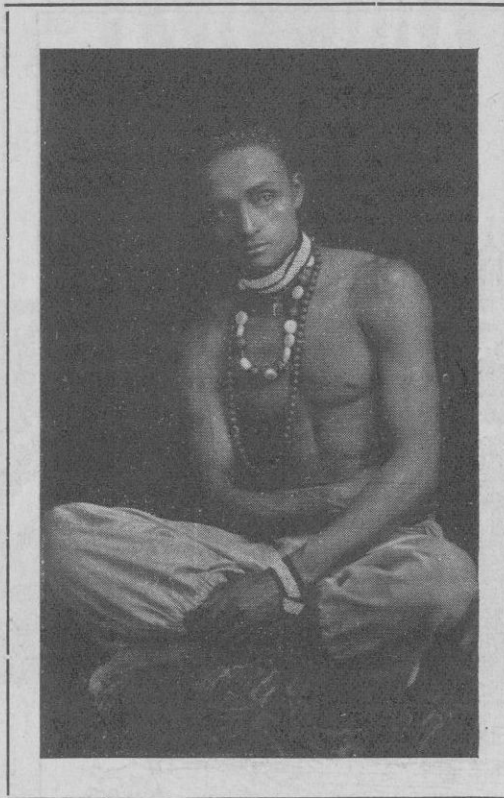
Abyssinian women, especially those of the upper classes, have complete liberty and access to culture, which contrasts strongly with the *pardah* system of India.

Amongst the cultured people of Abyssinia, crime is not considered punishable by man, but as an error. Grave offenders are despatched under escort across the desert. On reaching the jungle beyond, they are abandoned and their camels taken away. Thus they have to start a new life under most difficult circumstances, the sins of the fathers being visited upon the children in this way.

There is a remarkable similarity between the arts and crafts of Abyssinia and those of the Bolivian and Peruvian Indians, a curious fact that up to now has not been explained.

The Negus and public opinion in general is in favour of granting European concessions, but not to Italy. This state of affairs, apparently, is not the outcome of recent events.

Abyssinia does not want civilization of the kind usually accepted in Europe as desirable and proper. Intelligent improvement of the standard of living, without the accompanying evils found in Europe, is being sought. The disadvantages of education are weighed against the advantages.



Levi Wine

The more savage tribes inhabiting the wilder districts are prone to kill wanderers. They warn, however, beforehand—a sign of civilization.

The impossibility of the climate in many parts of the country so far as Europeans are concerned cannot be too strongly stressed. It is infernal in many places. The Abyssinian regular army is composed mainly of Mohammedans used to these conditions. Mohammedans of Sudan will certainly join Italian forces, hence a clash between Moslem and Moslem is to be expected.

The Christian religion of the country dates back to the separation of the Tribe of Judah from the other peoples of Israel. They accepted the Messias, hence the preponderance of Christian-Jewish peoples to be found in Abyssinia amongst the upper classes, forming thus a species of religious aristocracy.

The correct pronunciation of «Addis Ababa» is «Attis Abebn.» So now we know, and thank you, Mr. Wine, for a very pleasant interlude.

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No procession, however, can vie in sheer drawing power with the bullfights which follow, as in the case of Easter in Sevilla, the purely religious events of the day. Elderly and conservative Aragonese peasants, their traditional costume showing spotless white or blue shirt and drawers below the tight short coat and pantaloons of black velvet, fling their wide-brimmed hats into the ring before the great *espada* who has just cut both ears and the tail. Their big-eyed daughters with work-hardened hands forget to listen to the words of the youths who are trying to make the most of the one free opportunity for courtship in the whole laborious year. In honour of her Pilarica, Aragon forgets to be stubborn, forgets to be dour, and the mere visitor carries away with him in the packed train an unforgettable impression of one of the most truly great festivals of Spain.

E. O. D.

(We have pleasure in presenting, on the previous page, the first of a series of original pen sketches especially executed for this paper by Hermann Kirbis. Born in Magdeburg in 1907, Kirbis studied in his teens under Professor Gerlach, in Munich, and later worked for several years at the Academie Montparnasse, Paris. Whilst having a distinct flair for portrait work in ink, Kirbis has devoted most of his time to painting in oils, and has exhibited successfully with this «genre» in many places, including such surprising spots as Dakar. Much of his recent work has been on North and Central African subjects, and he is now living temporarily in Spain, rapidly adding to his excellent reputation as a first-class craftsman of the modern school, with the added blessings of firmness and discretion).

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There will be lots of people glad to learn that Lady Mercer arrives back on the Island on October 9th. aboard the Union-Castle liner *Llandovery Castle*.

Arriving on the *Orion* on Thursday last were several former residents of Mallorca. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw came back, and on the same ship were Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Lewis and Mr. and Miss Harmer. Also arriving last Thursday, though by way of the Marseilles boat, were Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Armbruster, of Andraitx.

When the *Lancastria*, Cunard-White Star cruise liner, calls at Mallorca on the fifteenth she will disembark her tourists at Pollensa, later picking them up in Palma. This should give the Puerto a flutter.

Another event which happens seldom in Palma's shipping life is the call of the Jugo-Slovakian steamer *Kraljica Marija* on the tenth of this month. There is a little doubt about its arrival, however, as the local agents have heard that the cruise may be cancelled, «due to the warlike conditions in the Mediterranean.» They should see us here just to see how warlike we are. Never has Mallorca lived up to its reputation as the Isle of Peace so much as now.

Mr. George Copeland left Wednesday for Paris, where he is giving three piano recitals. Between the first and the

last two, however, he is returning to the delightful house he has occupied in Genova, to make preparations for removing to his new home close by, Miss Wheelwright, the owner of Mr. Copeland's present house, being on her way back from the States.

Mr. O'Neil has returned from his short visit to Ibiza. He says the pleasant things said about the *Isla Blanca* are all true, but the return trip on the boat was terribly hot.

With the departure of Mr. Rolf Memison for a tour of Spain, the household at La Portassa has broken up for the winter. Mr. Harry Galland has taken up his quarters at Chalfont House. Last Sunday night there was a sad house-breaking party amid the trunks and boxes, only livened by a dirge or ditty now and then from that incomparable singer, Mr. Eric Hiller. Mr. Hiller returned from the mainland a few days ago, and has taken a house in Terreno.

Word has been received from Mrs. Helen Kakayonnis that people living over here in Mallorca should know when they are well off, for life in New York is still on the up and up.

Johannes Skancke Martens, Norwegian writer, has deserted our shores and is once again to be seen on the Left Bank in Paris, having taken an apartment at the corner of the ancient Rue de la Chaise.

Baron and Baroness von Behr have left the Puerto of Pollensa and taken a house in Terreno, opposite the Hotel Victoria, for the winter.

Colonel E.H. Bernard, of Porto Pi, left yesterday from England to return to Mallorca. Last spring Colonel Bernard was very active representing the foreign creditors of the Credito Balear.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weguelin, their friends will be pleased to hear, are over again from London. Mr. Weguelin is well-known as an excellent actor to West End theatre-goers and movie-fans. He and his wife are staying with Colonel Bernard Weguelin at his beautiful home in Paguera.

Yesterday, Mrs. Bowman-Burns gave up the house she has occupied for several months in Calle Garita, and moved into that recently occupied by Mrs. Pamela de Prizer. Mrs. de Prizer is, we understand, staying at the Hotel Royal for a week or two before going to Barcelona and Madrid. She is thinking of going back to England, but all her friends sincerely hope she will decide to return here.

Miss Eugenia Lewis left yesterday for New York. She plans to return to her many friends here in about six weeks, although she is not sure yet whether her family will let her go again so soon or not.

Mrs. Joan Malcolm has moved into the apartment recently occupied by Miss Eda Urbani, near the Fronton.

Captain Leslie Melville is spending a week or so in Pollensa.

The ice has been broken and the scaling-ladder scaled (we'd rather mix metaphors than drinks, anyway) up to Lena's new balcony, and the reports from that distant outpost are all favourable. On the occasion of a wedding anniversary last Friday a party of about ten mounted the little stairway and, judging from the faint sounds which drifted to points north, etc., found it comfortable and a good spot to have a gay time. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Seltz, who were also celebrating the capture of a new apartment near the Grand Hotel.

Mrs. Morse has decided to leave the attractions of Puerto de Pollensa for those of Paris for the winter. She left yesterday, after several farewell parties from her numerous friends both in Palma and the Puerto.

Arriving last Friday on the *Exeter* were Mr. and Mrs. James McMunn from California who have come to spend some months here. They went first to the Terreno Hotel, and now have taken the house near the corner there formerly occupied by Major and Mrs. Erwin.

Captain Leinau is planning to set sail for Ibiza in the *Nimbus* next Wednesday, wind and weather permitting. This will be his last trip of the season as, once there, he is taking down his motor and making some alterations below. He is already studying the charts for next summer, looking for ports along the coast of Portugal as he hopes to cruise by the «outside» to England.

Mrs. Margaret Heard paid a visit to Palma from the *huerta* of Pollensa, last Thursday. Mrs. Heard is thinking of returning to the States for the winter.

A year is a long wait—to return to the Island. So Countess Aimee Spens Cook counted five months and called it a year. She, and her two delightful children, son Eiler and daughter Aimee, are back again. The children returned to the Ecole Internationale in Porto-Pi, where they were popular residents last year. Countess Spens was on hand to welcome her daughter and grandchildren.

Colonel Riccard, one of the original settlers in the foreign colony of Palma, received quite an ovation on his return from England this week. He seemed to

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When the *S.S. Yoma* arrived late Thursday there was quite a sea running, making the navigating of the small boats exceedingly difficult. As one launch almost reached the ship it came into collision with the baggage tender. Some excitement resulted and the small launch put into Porto-Pi with its passengers. Throughout it all the passengers kept their heads and the whole thing turned out to be no more than one more experience.

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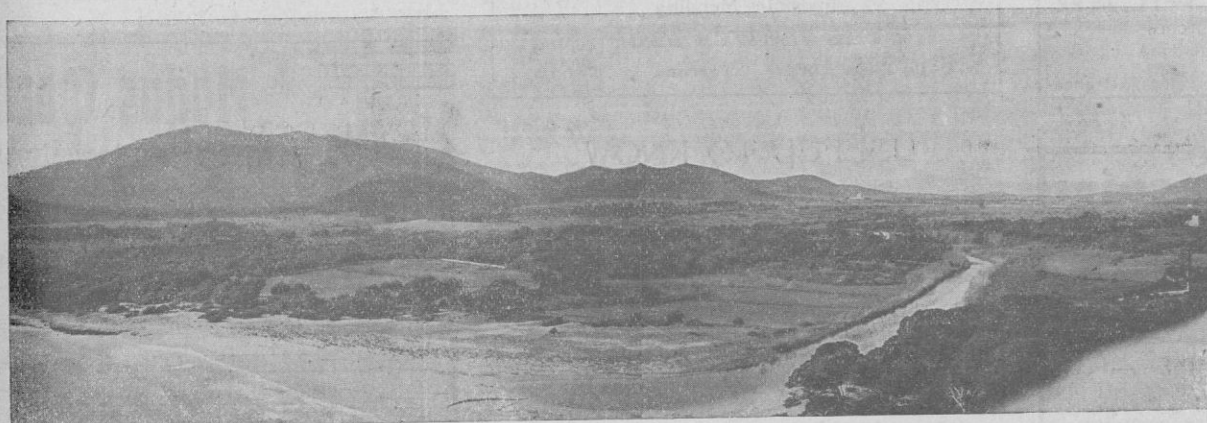
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The land overlooking this lovely bay has been planned out in Building sites to suit the taste of the most fastidious. The plots are on ground mostly covered with pine-trees, sloping gradually down to the sea. There is a gorgeous view from the whole property. To the East the open sea, to the South pine-clad mountains sweep down to the water's edge, to the West the lovely Valley of Artá extending as far as eye can see. The whole Bay is securely sheltered from the North winds by the rugged mountain side under which it nestles.

Besides being one of the prettiest on the Island, Canyamel Bay is perhaps one of the most perfect for bathing, as the golden sands are clean and slope outwards for some hundreds of yards. For those who prefer deep water bathing from the rocks, there is one of the most perfect bathing pools imaginable.

The best way to visit the Caves of Artá and to spend a happy day on the beach of Canyamel, is, of course, to take one's own car, or hire a vehicle for this purpose; but for those who do not care for this expense, the trip can be done quite economically by taking the train to Artá which leaves Palma at 8 a.m.; a taxi takes you from Artá to the Caves—a matter of about 8 kilometres. For the return journey to Palma, there is a train leaves Artá at about 5 p.m. Another even cheaper way is to make the excursion by motor-coach which does the Artá Caves trip every Saturday at a cost of 13 pesetas.



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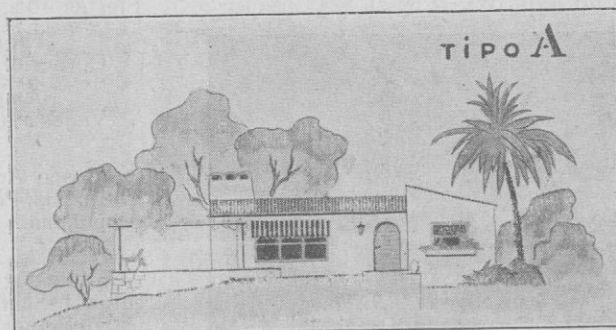
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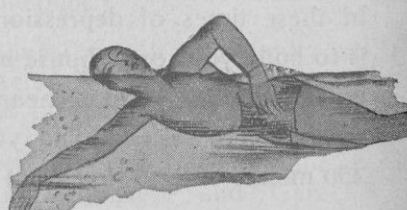
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To:-The Editor.
Sir,

This year Connecticut is celebrating its Tercentenary and many celebrations are being held all over the State. A special Committee was appointed to publish books and pamphlets on the History of Connecticut, its cities and its towns. One of the principal books is the «Connecticut Guide,» which is full of interest. Reading in it that the author of «Uncle Tom's Cabin» lived in the State, I wrote to the Editor, Mr. Edgar L. Heermance, of New Haven, asking if he thought she, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, as sister of the great preacher, Dr. Beecher Stowe, would have written the words as found in a popular Spanish Edition. The Biblioteca Selecta, published in Barcelona, includes in its lists «Uncle Tom's Cabin,» in a necessarily abridged edition, owing to the low price. This Select Library was published under the direction of an ecclesiastical commission, and, strange to say, the author's name was omitted from the title page. On page 67 of «La Cabaña del Tío Tom,» one reads the following (and very likely his last) words: «Entonces Tom con palabras que parecían inspiradas y con acento de profunda convicción, explicó a todos los principales misterios de la Religión Católica, refirió sucintamente la vida del Salvador y le instó a hacerse cristianos.» In his reply, Mr. Heermance said that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe appears to have ended her days as a member of the Episcopal Church, hence the reference to the Catholic Religion must be due to an error of translation. Old Tom, on his death-bed, quoted from the Scriptures—*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ...*

Sincerely yours,
D. K. P. Brussels.

To:-The Editor.
Dear Sir,

I read with amusement the paragraph in your last week's number in which you refer to Mrs. Dina Harris as «the foreign colony's most smartly dressed member.» It is not with any desire to dispute the judgement of one so eminently well

fitted for the role as yourself that I write this letter. It is merely to point out that possibly you may be a trifle biased in your opinion and that in my mind and, I am sure, in a number of others, there are other members of the foreign colony who are as smartly dressed if not more so than your candidate for this dubious honour.

Yours very faithfully,
M. V. O.

To:-The Editor.
Dear Sir,

In reply to A. K.'s question as to the veracity of the Nelsonian legends in Minorca, I understand that the house called «Golden Farm» was actually prepared for him and still contains much of his china and other household articles. It appears, however, that he had to change his plans on arriving at Port Mahon, and was able to stay only four days, not four hours. As to Lady Hamilton's presence in the house, there is truth in the rumour apparently. As the Admiral obviously intended to stay in Minorca, she would naturally wish to be with him there. I don't think, at the same time, that the brief stay of this famous couple on the island would warrant much of the rubbish that is written about them.

K. P.

12, Velayos Madrid.

To:-The Editor.
Dear Sir,

I wonder if any of the readers of your very interesting paper (which is one of the best things of its kind I have ever seen) could give me an idea of the extent of Protestantism in Spain? I have been told that several sects beside the Anglican are represented in the larger towns, and I would welcome this information, as both myself and many of my friends would like to attend such chapels during our travels.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Anne Belle Sackville.
Pension Cora, Barcelona.

Palma Goes Up One

As soon as men were so far advanced in civilization as to commit their thoughts to writing in any portable form, whether on papyrus, bricks, parchment, or paper, there were books and consequently libraries. The first of such libraries would probably be the collection of sacred books belonging to the temples of the gods, and under the care of priests. The archives of the state would also be gathered together in the palaces of princes accessible only to a privileged few. But public libraries, in the modern sense of the term—instituted for the purposes of research in all branches of knowledge—have existed in the most remote antiquity. As early as 3800 years B.C., according to Professor Sayce, Sargon I., the Semitic ruler of Accad, founded such a library in that city.

In Spain the national library at Madrid is of the largest class, containing thousands of MSS. and printed volumes. The Escorial, though much smaller, is valuable, and the same may be said of the university library of Salamanca. Many strangers to Spain are under the illusion that it is a country very backward in the way of literature and art, whereas just the opposite is really the case. Really, in Spain, more is known about modern art than in many other countries, and Spain certainly appreciates it better than most; and the Government is doing all it can to help.

Just recently Palma has stepped into line, with the opening on the ground floor of the Municipal Building in the Plaza Cort of a thoroughly well-stocked Public Library. The hours at present are from eleven to one in the mornings, and it is hoped that soon it will also be open from five-thirty to eight-thirty. The library is run on modern lines, with a competent librarian at your service, backed by an excellent filing system. The chairs are comfortable, there is plenty of room and excellent lighting. Some months ago we were wondering why such an important city as Palma boasted no Public Library. Those responsible are to be congratulated upon a splendid institution.

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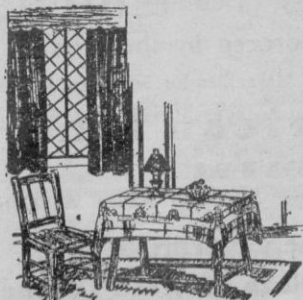
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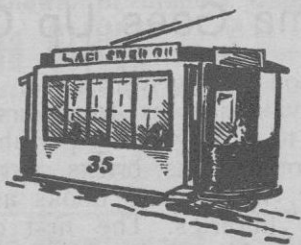
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Miss Ruth Anderson, of London and Madrid, paid the *puerto* a flying visit last week. She wanted to take another look at the beautiful Torrente de Pareys before leaving for Lluch and Palma. She sailed Thursday on the *Yoma* for England. Her mother, Mrs. Caroline Anderson, will spend the winter in Soller, which is good news for her many friends here.

Monday, Baron Ompteda gave a dinner at Frontera to bid *au revoir* to Mon. Vallas, who was meeting the *Normandie* at Havre in order to attend to her last alterations. His job is to supervize the

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It seemed to me that the whole of the 290 pages were embodied, so far as aim is concerned, in the last page. There are several excellent word-paintings of railway-platforms and streets in London and Glasgow and so on that vividly recall the sounds and smells of those places to anyone who has ever been there, but when it comes to descriptions of interiors I cannot help feeling that Mr. Blake is more at home with the kippers and pinewood of the workers' homes than in the old-gold carpeted and chromium-plated «artistic» mansion kept up for him by his English wife.

It is a pity that, with such powers of observation as Mr. Blake has hidden under his heavy mannerisms, he cannot extricate himself from these dour thoughts and let himself go a trifle. As one wades on through the book, it strikes one as being possible that Mr. Blake is a very likeable person, and could be an excellent writer. But there is so much wading to be done before one comes to this conclusion that one is left rather as at the end of a tough run with the beagles—healthy, and with a certain sense of achievement, however futile, but also completely exhausted and on the lookout for rest and refreshment.

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The Times. London. Sept. 23, 1935.

For years we have known that there was some little thing lacking in our life at home, though try as we might we could never put our finger on it. We are happy, the kids are well, we have loads of friends and we usually know where our next meal is coming from but always this slight shadow has hung over us.

In a flash it came to us the other day as we read the agony column of the austere, London *Times*. There it was, just as plain as could be. We haven't any tank of tropical fish in the home. Sardines we've always had, but a couple of tins of these leave us practically cold, though maybe this is because they are not tropical. We've always had a rather sneaking ambition to have a seal in the house, but we can see, if we face it squarely, that a tank of fish is what we need. It would be lots more fun both for us and the kids. It's true that it might be quite a worry to have a seal roaming around, they are habitually early risers and you can imagine coming in late at night and tripping over a seal. And then, too, unless you could get one already housebroken what a bother it would be. Anybody who has ever tried to housebreak a seal will agree to that. We'll never forget the big fellow some friends of ours had. They had raised him from the time he was a puppy and tried and tried to get him used to a house but finally had to give up, turn the keys over to the seal and move out into the garden themselves.

Well, anyhow, now that we have discovered what it was all about we are going in for tropical fish in a big way, but carefully all the same. According to Mr. Salomonsen's announcement you can either have private or business fish and we are torn between the desire to have a tank full of big executives or just some nice every-day plain fish. It might give the house a certain air to have the former but they would probably be difficult to live with and there would be all that trouble about working papers. No, we think we're going to get together some of the ordinary run, some that won't high-hat us and we can get to be real pals with.

Maria, when you are in the market to-morrow buy a couple of nice *calamares*, and, don't forget, they must be alive.

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