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As Others See Us

THE most pregant phrase in Capt. Ferdinand Tuohy's article on Mallorca, which appears in the August number of *Britannia and Eve*, contains the following illuminating words: «Drink... I said to myself, So that's it—and had some. Lots; in fact, too much...»

So it may be the effect of his potations which caused the gallant captain to write his article; it would be charitable to believe so. We can remember seeing him, apparently a permanent fixture in a local bar, leaning his head on his hands and mumbling unintelligibly; so we hardly think that his criticism of Mallorca in general and its foreign colony in particular, need be taken very seriously.

It seems to be a growing and disturbing habit among those who earn their livelihood with the pen to go to places, to receive there considerable hospitality, to spend their time getting as drunk as possible, and then to write scathing accounts of the low habits of the inhabitants of the place they have just left.

Mr. Theodore Pratt did it about Mallorca. He stayed here quite a considerable time, so one imagines that he must have liked it, else why stay? Yet when he left, he described the climate as a «damp disappointment», led one to believe that practically all Mallorquines were knaves liars and thieves; and that the common method of killing animals practised on the island was putting their eyes out with the fingers.

Is It Fair?

We know of at least two authors who may never set foot in Italy again; if in Borneo you mention the name of another writer, and he a famous one, people use strong oaths and express murderous sentiments. And now Captain Tuohy has joined the distinguished (sic) band.

Let us examine his article a little. He begins by quoting a couple of scandals of over a year ago as if they were daily happenings here. Well, every place has its scandals; there are quite a few in London, Paris and New York, not to mention Atlantic City and Eastbourne. But that does not say that they are everyday occurrences.

«I was pretty certain I had come to the right spot for excess and eccentricity in exile. Extraordinary women and drug addicts were pointed out to me». It sounds rather as if one walked down the Calle 14 de Abril with an acquaintance who said: «See that one? Takes cocaine. See her? Very queer indeed. That old bird has opium parties every night in her villa...» etc. etc.

Capt. Tuohy then goes on to say that our esteemed contemporary the *Palma Post* and ourselves are «much the best efforts of their kind that I have ever come across.» He then proceeds to quote at length from the columns of the *Majorca Sun*. We blush with embarrassment, although not quite sure whether it is done in admiration or derision.

«Bribery seems to be the Mallorquin's middle name.» When we first came to this island we had been told that a *duro* slipped to a customs official would ensure an easy passage for our luggage. We tried it to have it very rightly and scornfully waved away. Our first and last experience of bribery here.

It goes on in the same strain, all rather scathing and superior. The Captain winds up by saying that he is glad he saw Majorca and its *extranjeros* when he did; we could wish that he had turned his critical eye on us when he had not, to use his own words, had lots, in fact too much to drink.

Manners Makith Man

This kind of article does far more harm to Mallorca than all the police regulations, none of which cause people any serious inconvenience. Written by a journalist of some reputation, people naturally believe it is true. But it should be remembered that the said journalist was only on the island for about a fortnight, and his viewpoint was mainly from the inside of a bar.

How would Englishmen like it if American journalists wrote articles saying that London was lousy, the English countryside a washout, and most of the foreigners resident in England eccentric and vicious?

There are, or should be, such things as manners. Everyone has a right to criticize, but not to be downright insulting to people who have extended their hospitality. If Mallorca were such a hopeless place, why do people bother to come here, and why do many who have left, long to return?

Every place has its faults. A few years ago, Mallorca slumbered in almost mediaeval calm. Even now, the lives of the inhabitants, outside Palma at least, have changed very little during hundreds of years. The petrol engine is almost the sole modern note in Mallorca's countryside. Yet in these few years the island has become one of the leading playgrounds of the Mediterranean, and the chosen home of many intelligent people. It is hardly to be expected that the absorption of all these new people, all these new ideas, can be accomplished with perfect smoothness.

One thing we whole-heartedly liked about Capt. Tuohy's article: the photographs were excellent.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

All eyes have been turned, during the last week, on a patch of ocean off Rhode Island, U.S.A. There the yacht *Endeavour*, with her amateur crew, and her sporting skipper Mr. T.M. Sopwith, has begun her fight to regain the America's Cup from the chosen defender of all America, *Rainbow*.

The first race was declared void, as the breeze was so light that neither vessel completed the course in the scheduled time. The next race was won by *Endeavour*, with quite a little to spare, and the next also, in record time. The third race was never sailed, there being not enough wind to make it possible. In the fourth race, *Endeavour* became becalmed, and had six minutes to make up when at last the breeze filled her sails. She caught up so fast on her rival that she was only beaten by a few seconds.

So far, the racing has been a triumph for the English yacht, who in addition to having to cross the Atlantic, is up against the best and fastest yacht in America, sailing in her home waters, and with a picked professional crew. The result of the next race will be at hand too late to be included in this issue, but all English hearts beat high at the best prospect for many years of lifting this elusive cup at last.

Danger in South Wales

The Coal Industry in South Wales is heading towards a disastrous strike just at the beginning of winter when coal supplies are more than ever important in England. It ten days from now the South Wales miners will be on strike unless wiser counsels prevail.

So far, nothing in the way of conciliation has been attempted. Surely the mine owners should set aside prejudice, and allow the Minister for Labour—than whom no-one is better qualified—to nominate a tribunal whose impartiality shall be beyond challenge, and who may be able to bring about an amicable settlement.

Big U.S.A Strike

500,000 men are out in the great textile strike in the U.S.A. and it is feared that unless wiser counsel prevails the number will shortly be raised to 650,000, Martial Law has been declared in Georgia and there has been rioting and bloodshed, as well as the arrest of some hundreds of persons.

The National Guard is protecting men still at work, but the situation remains serious. The average wage of the strikers is no more than ten dollars and twenty-five cents a week, although of course this includes girls and children, doing unskilled labour.

The silk workers are the latest to join the widespread walkout of cotton worsted and woollen operatives.

This will affect great numbers of workmen in the silk mills of New Jersey who for years have been periodically striking and but recently solved their difficulties. A strike to them will be no novelty but will bring accustomed hardship.

Prince George and his Bride

Prince George and Princess Marina, as well as the father and mother of the Princess, are all staying at Balmoral, where a Royal welcome has been extended to the Greek Princess. Prince George has been out stalking deer with his brother the Duke of York, while the Princess has been driving about the estate with the King and Queen and visiting places of interest in the neighbourhood. A ball took place at the castle on Wednesday night, during which Princess Marina took part in the Highland dances.

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Harmony?

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The Musical Courier is the property of Mr. Leonard Liebling.

As She is Spoke

A local restaurant has blossomed out with a menu card written in English. The result is almost too good to be true. Under fried dishes are listed «Fried Different Things» and «Cow Scaloppes». We also have a dish called «Cow with Bulb» There is one dish of which modesty forbids mention.

Foreigners or Savages?

«Majorcans! In contrast with the extreme correctness and proverbial courtesy of so many foreigners who now and at all times have honored us with their visit, is the behavior of a strange horde of savages that, naked of apparel and dignity and scorning our generosity and friendly hospitality, invade the streets and roads of our towns and villages, our hotels, our beaches, and the terraces of our houses, as though they wished to convert our Golden Isle, bathed in pure sunshine, into a brothel for their vices and scandalous exhibitions.

God expelled from paradise our first parents because they were considered unworthy to tread that virgin soil. Majorca has a sky too pure for such lewd people and a land too virgin for such corrupted and corruptive — immigrant Eves.

Africa has propitious shores to tan the skin of those who in order to cultivate the hygiene of the body have forgotten the health of the soul.

Let us all join in making known to the unscrupulous that Majorca is not a theater in which to stage their clownish carnival nor is there here a suitable place for their voracity and orgies.

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Glad to See you Back

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Relics of the Moors

The Moors were in Spain for seven hundred years, and for five hundred were the leading power in the peninsula. So it is only to be expected that all over the country there should be considerable traces of the long occupation.

The power of the Moors was concentrated in the South. Seville, Cordoba and Valencia were their great cities; in the Christian North, Madrid did not exist. Burgos, was once capital of Castile, followed by Valladolid, while Barcelona was half French.

The Moors were the first people to apply irrigation to the barren lands of Spain, and wherever there is a system of irrigation, as at Valencia and Murcia, it is of Moorish origin. Their architecture has left a definite stamp on Spanish building. The Alhambra at Granada, the Alcazar at Seville and the great Mosque at Cordoba are perhaps the greatest Moorish buildings in Spain.

The enormous amount of house to house street peddling, dates from the days when women were confined. One notices the same thing in Greece, so long under Turkish rule. The absence of women from cafés, the unwillingness of men to walk about in public with women, are all relics of Mohammedan ideas of how women should be treated. Even the Mantilla bears a resemblance to the yashmak, and in Andalusia women instinctively draw it across the lips, and sometimes leave only one eye showing.

The word for serpent must never be used in polite society. The Moors feared and detested snakes. A Spaniard dislikes blowing a match out, the Mohammedans say that the breath is too holy to be used for such a purpose.

Bullfights are believed to have come originally from Africa, and in Spanish trains you can see even to-day, the travelling lottery. A jolly fellow joins the train carrying a basket, and soon has everyone in a good humour with his jokes and free caramels. Then he shows some boxes of sweets and cigars, which are to be won. A ticket costs a penny. When fifty tickets have been taken, a child draws the winning number out of a hat. Nobody minds losing, the fellow has such a way with him. Exactly the same system is used among the Arabs.

Moslem Spain was far more civilized than her neighbours during the middle ages, and Spain has never recovered the prosperity she lost when she expelled the Moors.

Americans Please Note

Mr. Claude I. Dawson, American Consul General in Barcelona, asks us to announce the following:

Consul Thomas S. Horn, of the American Consulate General, Barcelona, will be at the Hotel Royal, Palma de Mallorca, for three days beginning October 2nd, prepared to meet the needs of American Citizens for official services customarily required of Consuls.

Death in the Frigidaire

A butcher's wife in Barcelona had a lover. Her husband returned unexpectedly, so she pushed the boy-friend into the ice-box. The butcher suggested going to the cinema; the wife demurred, but he insisted, and they started out. The butcher noticed that the door of the ice-box was ajar, and returned and slammed it to.

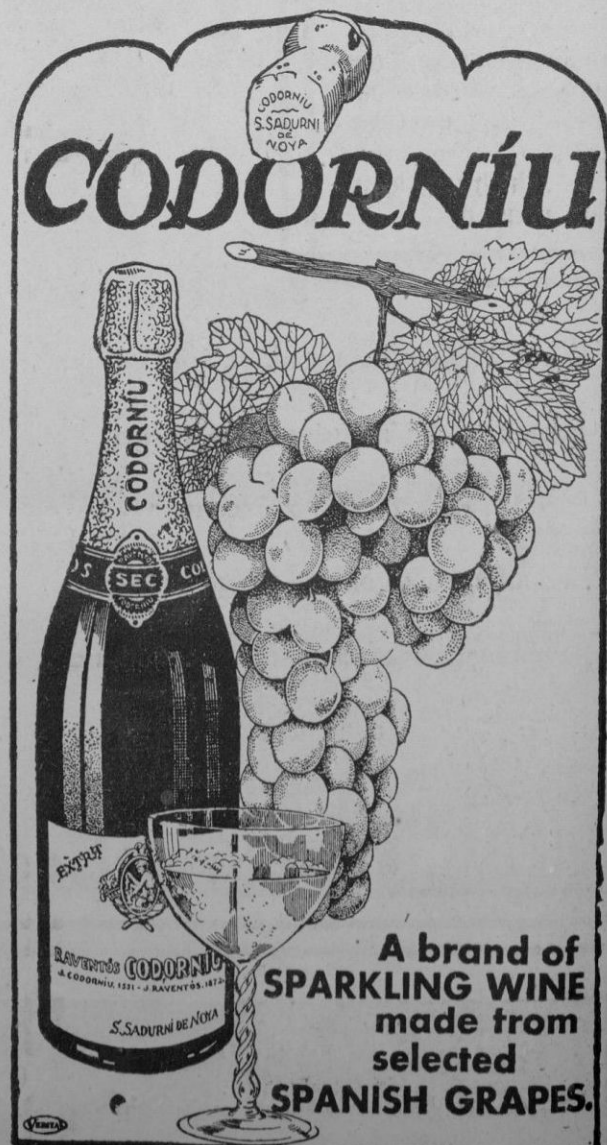
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Walking Through Spain

By Rob the Rover

«Going to walk through Spain? Be sure you do, my boy. Nothing like it, wonderful experience. The country is marvellous, with the quaintest of little old hotels...» etc. etc.

We heard it all, so nothing for it but we must walk through Spain before leaving the country. Armed with a few pesetas, a toothbrush, a spare shirt and our other pair of socks, we set out on the great adventure. «Go on the deck,» everyone advised, «don't waste money on a cabin, those are for sissies.» A nice night we spent in the lee of an automobile (the doors to it were locked) on the top of the after hatch. Full of pep after a short nap between four and five, we arrived in Valencia just before dawn.

We chose a splendid hotel with water on every floor. Here we spent most of the day catching up on the sleep lost the night before. That night a show, where the entrance was two pesetas, and this included a drink. Even with the drink, the drooping dollar and no costumes to buy, the house won.

Undaunted, we left next morning for Teruel where our official walk was to begin. Teruel to Madrid or bust was the slogan adopted. Our state-room on the train for the all day trip was a trifle crowded, sharing it as we did with a Spanish family of six, two priests and a couple of professional sleepers, But heigh-ho and lack-a-day, to us who were going to walk through Spain, what was a bit of garlic more or less?

In the bustling town of Teruel, they told us that about ten kilometers along the road was a small town called Torrebaja, with a hotel and all, and we could stay the night there. After a brisk ten minutes walk, a bus overtook us and stopped. The driver leaned out and wanted to know if we were going to ride Yes, sure, and in we piled, excusing it by making ourselves believe that walking should be approached gradually.

With the aid of the local Guardia, once Torrebaja had been reached we found the hotel up over a stable. Its two rooms were a trifle untidy, but the hostess smoothed down the sheets on the beds that had been left open all day from last night's guests, to air them, and we descended to the main dining-room deciding not to be high hat, for

after all, why should we, we were walking through Spain.

Dinner was delicious, the tomato was as pretty as a picture, the most beautiful shade of green we were to see on the whole trip. The «steak» had been on the hoof half an hour before, and the genial host spread himself and put on the table a jug that he had found in his wine cellar. (Use Waterman's Ink, Branches all over the World. Advt.) After a slightly restless night (we had thought we were paying for unoccupied rooms) we arose betimes, took a glance at the breakfast laid out (we realized too late that we should have saved some of the meat from the night before) and struck out gaily along the high road. What fun; we were really walking through Spain.

If there is more barren country in the world than that in which we presently found ourselves, we will try it on our next trip. Bare rock and barren sunburnt country as far as one could see. Barring a ride on a donkey cart or two, we walked all day, and what good clean sport it was. Around each bend in the road there was something new to see; and at times we could walk backwards and get additional thrills.

Dusk found us approaching a tiny hamlet nestling down among the rocks. Here we found a little inn, full of atmosphere and reeking with the best traditions of old Spain. We had dinner and breakfast, but we've told all that, and set off again before breakfast. By this time we were getting a bit hungry. so that when we heard a bus coming behind us we stood directly in its path. A slip at this point would have been well-nigh fatal. Without a word, into the bus we stepped nor did we walk again, further than from one conveyance to another.



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 FANTASIO—*Rakowzy Marsch (La Marcha de Rakowzy)* in German. With Gustav Froehlich.
 FEMINA—*Change of Hearth (El primer amor)* in English. Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.
 CAPITOL — *Black Cat (Satanás)* with Boris Karloff and *Horse Play (Caballeros Rústicos)* with Slim Summerville. Both in English.
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 AVENIDA—*Broadway to Hollywood (Broadway y Hollywood)* in English.
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Ball Game (Pelota Vasca)—Fronton Novedades (Calle Caspe) and Principal Palace (Rambla Sta. Monica.) Games at 10.15. night and at 4 in the afternoon. This is an interesting game similar to our Fives played with a bat or a curved basket, which originated in the Basque Country. Betting is allowed on the games and is most exciting. A visit should be paid to one of these frontons while in Barcelona.

Horse Racing—Every Sunday afternoon at Casa Antunez. First race at 4.15. Trotting and horseback racing. Betting allowed.

Music Halls—These are mainly situated in the Parello and are generally of a daring nature. The better class cabarets are the Stambul, Ba-ta-clan, Bombay, Hollywood. Some Spanish dancing can often be seen there at these places and also at the Excelsior in the Ramblas. It is wiser not to tell your mummy you're going.

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About Barcelona

For those who love the excitement of the Fronton it will be good news that the season has started at the Principal on Friday when the gigantic Guillermo made a triumphant reappearance. The theatres are also brightening up, the summer shows disappear and even the Olympia has opened the new Circus season. So, if you are out to enjoy yourself, you have again plenty of amusements to chose from. And bullfights are still going on!

Consul General Claude I Dawson and Consul Cross made a tour of the wine producing districts of the region around Barcelona at the beginning of this week, in relation with the negotiations for the trade treaty between Spain and the United States. They were greatly impressed by the high quality of the local produce. A Consul's life is not altogether an unhappy one, it appears.

Consul Horn will leave for Palma de Mallorca next week and will remain for several days on Consular business. Mr. Lynn W. Franklyn, his wife, three children, and his mother in law, Mrs. Robinson, have arrived in Barcelona. Mr. Franklyn, who was delayed by an accident, will take up his post as Consul immediately. Vice Consul Brad-dock is not expected back from his vacation in Michigan till the end of next month.

It is pleasant to record a further stage in the progress of Susie Bingham's recovery with her arrival home from the hospital, where she has been for several months. Her condition still requires considerable attention, but we hope to see her about again shortly.

The Boltens and the Gullettes have already left us for the United States. Many people will miss these couples who were very popular.

Rev. C.H.D. Grimes arrived at the end of last week from his vacation in Bad Nauheim, and left to tour the south of Spain after staying barely a week in town. He hopes to get back by the end of the month.

A new resident in town has made his debut in the person of baby Robert Gwynn, son of Mr. R. Gwynn of the International Banking Corporation. Mother and son are doing well.

Friends of Mr. Dubois, who formerly resided in Barcelona, will be interested to learn that he will be married during the coming year to a young lady

of Bilbao. The wedding will take place in Spain.

Miss Maria Soler, Bonanova's Titian beauty, has left for a fortnight's stay at Blanes, after which she will return to play havoc with youthful foreign colony hearts

Mr. R.A. Armstrong has already returned from his holiday in England. Mrs. Armstrong will be back in Barcelona at the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Swidersky of Palma will take up residence in Barcelona at the end of this week. They will stay for some time at the Villa Isabel.

Mr. Golding, who is so popular with the younger foreign set, will leave Barcelona for Vigo, where he has been transferred, at the beginning of next month.

Mr. Ernest Witty and family accompanied by Mr. Golding arrived home from their walking holiday in the French Pyrenees on Sunday. The only member of the party not to lose weight on the trip was the dumpling puppy.

Miss Elizabeth Deeble has returned from her stay in Paris. Mr. Donald Darling is still away in Ibiza where he expects to stay for several days more.

We noticed Mr. Richards of the Anglo-South dining the other evening with Lady Carnac, Miss Carnac, and Mrs. Shields. The younger members of the party later presided at a performance of Spanish dancing.

Barcelona is graced at presence of Miss Anna Yamolinsky, the well known and gifted writer on ladies fashions and styles. Miss Yamolinsky is resting from a very strenuous Paris season.

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Day of Atonement

By H. M. H.

So much has been heard of late about purity of race and the persecution of the Jews that has followed in its wake, that it seems this period must be one of considerable tribulation for all members of the people which has known and borne suffering throughout the ages. Has Hitler in Germany initiated a movement towards a world inquisition? Will the Jew be forced into the mediaeval degradation of second class citizens? are the questions which today face the eternal wanderers wherever they may be found.

This week in particular has been one of considerable emotion for the chosen people. Monday last ushered in the Jewish New Year, and Thursday marked the day set apart for «Yom Kippur», a day of fasting and prayer, when world Jewry turns its thoughts from captivity to the land which was once theirs and from which they were expelled by Titus in A.D. 70.

Since the magnificent defence of Jerusalem with its terrible carnage, as narrated by Josephus, the people have wandered, scattered over the face of the world to be received at times humanely and at other times to be treated ignominiously. One country after another has banished them from its shores and several are the powers, Christian and others, that have adopted most cruel methods in order to convert them to some other faith. Massacres were common in Germany, France, Russia, Spain and even England in the Middle Ages. The heroism with which the faithful resisted all efforts to obliterate them finds few equals in the history of nations.

The «Gentle» Christians

In the madness of agony, loving mothers murdered their children with their own hands in Portugal, to avoid them falling into the hands of the fanatical converting King Emanuel in the late fifteenth century. The Spanish Inquisition under the guidance of Torquemada is the classical example of what absolutely inhuman atrocities can be invoked in the name of religion. It is surprising to notice that the Moors during their dominion of Spain afforded complete freedom to the Jews, who flourished as in no other place under their rule. In fact, after Babylonia Spain had become a second Judea to the wanderers. During the whole brilliant period of the Moorish domination in the Peninsula, they enjoyed, what must have seemed to them, in comparison with their common fate, an Elysian existence. Nor was this state of affairs confined to those parts of Spain conquered by the Moor; the Christian rulers of the North came also to appreciate and protect them.

It was nothing to do with the Jew himself but really the envy of the extravagant nobles and the increasing power of the priesthood, that ultimately brought about the disastrous change. Labour and natural gifts had given the Jews an enviable position in the land, where many of the estates of the nobles and, it is recorded, of the Church, had fallen into mortgages with Jewish financiers and business men. Hence it was not very difficult for «conscience» to set up a persecution when encouraged by want and, in many cases, greed. The expulsion of

some 750,000 souls (some historians give greater figures) is perhaps the grandest and most melancholy moment in their modern history and equalled only in the minds of Jews by the calamity of Jerusalem's destruction.

Forcible Conversion

The Inquisition itself beggars description, the incidents that marked the abandonment of the country in which they had lived as industrious citizens for centuries, are heartrending. It is calculated that over 200,000 were forcibly converted to Christianity, while thousands were tortured and put to death; in Seville alone 300 burnt in a single year.

It was to Majorca that the faithful fled from the mainland. There they were allowed to exist almost as slaves, shut off in special sections of the town, and only permitted out during certain hours. The great «pogrom» of 1492 put an end to the lives of many of the unfortunates and added quite a crop of «new believers.» They are still pointed out as «Jueus» by the Mallorquins to this very day although they are intensely Catholic.

The late 18th century brought a certain amount of comfort to the sufferers who began to be considered, in the light of the new learning which spread over Europe, as worthy of better treatment than had up till then been given them. Gradually difficulties have been removed from their path; England in the early 18th century legalizing the election of Jews to Parliament.

The Sephardim, or Spanish Jews, after their expulsion found some form of home along the Mediterranean coast and extend to this day as far as Turkey. The old Spanish language is still used in the homes of these exiles abroad, and several influential Spaniards have agitated, especially in recent times for inviting them to return and establish themselves here. The Sephardim differ from other Jews in several very marked ways. They have separate congregational prayers in the same synagogue in Barcelona, and pronounce their Hebrew prayers in rather a softer form with a definitely Moorish accent.

The Republic has granted greater freedom to the Israelites in Spain than they formerly enjoyed. They may now openly hold religious services and have even been visited by cabinet ministers in their places of worship. Let us hope that anti-semitism will not again spread to Spain, for the Jew, his industry and his culture, much as it may be despised by the self satisfied Nazis, may be a source of great spiritual and material wealth to the land in which we are living to day.

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Madrid Report

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The «silence squad» is busy in Madrid. From one a.m. until six a.m. it is forbidden to sound the horn of one's car; that is if one is well enough off to have a car. The cops are on tip-toe from 1.1 a.m. until 5.59 a.m. and, poor souls, are suffering from lack of sleep. Of course, cynical people say that they do it because they get a rake-off in the form of a percentage of all the fines they impose. But we prefer to think that they do it because they love their work.

What a hurry people are in now-a-days to get funerals over and done with. We noticed a funeral scooting down the Calle Goya to-day and the taxi drivers carrying the mourners were having a fine old race. Jockeying for positions, swerving here and there, they raced four deep down the street at what was, considering the traffic at the time, a dangerous speed.

Foreigners are often amazed at the few accidents in Madrid despite the hair-raising speed which all motorists indulge in. Possibly the strict driving examination and the high percentage of professional drivers is responsible for this peculiar situation. High speeds are not so dangerous when the men at the wheel are experts and not of the week-end motorist type.

One thing that must be put against the otherwise very good record of Madrid motorists, is their lack of respect for those getting on and off street cars. We noticed one elegant young gentleman in a magnificent saloon the other day who dashed helter-skelter through a group boarding a tram and only escaped knocking down several by lots of luck. The tram-drivers are far more courteous and careful in their driving than the average private motorist, who may be a charming person in private life but who becomes unpleasantly egoistic at the wheel of an eight-cylinder.

Still sometimes it is the poor motorist and not the pedestrian who gets it in the neck. Near Leon last Saturday cops went out blithely to look for some men who were supposed to be running contraband arms. They saw a car racing along and fired on it, only to find out to their annoyance that they had made a mistake and had injured a motorist driving with his wife and mother. They hoped for better luck next time and blazed away when a motor-truck came racing along. Again, they found out that they had made a mistake, and also that they had killed the driver and wounded his mate. Of course, the cops said they asked them to stop and that they didn't. All wise motorists in Spain should step on all the brakes if they see a cop crooking his little finger at them.

We heard a chauffeur explaining the other day

that he did not like to race in crowded streets but that as his master was always late for appointments he just had to do it or lose his job. We all know the type of person who will lounge about doing nothing and then suddenly starts into enormous activity.

It's a funny thing that Spain's roads aren't used more for motor coach traffic. What's the point in spending untold millions on the best and safest roads in Europe and then clamping on regulations which prevent their being used? Valencia, the garden of Spain, is only five hours from Madrid by motor-coach but the tourist must sit for ten hours in a dirty uncomfortable train to get there. Without wishing to be in the least indiscreet we feel that if Spain worried less about advertising abroad and more about making things easy for the tourist many more foreigners would come. We remember standing one cold morning at about six o'clock in the waiting hall of Valencia station in order to buy a ticket for Barcelona. As the train was late in starting the booking office didn't open and about 200 persons had to stand in a queue for nearly one hour until the clerk finally decided to do business. Yet the kindly authorities had placarded up a welcome to Valencia in a dozen languages, including Chinese. We wanted to go along the famous coast road to Barcelona by motor-coach but were informed that the only service was a «clandestine» one which went once a week.

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Lv. Palma	7.15	8.00	8.25	1.45	2.35	2.45	6.30	7.00
Inca	8.08	8.45	9.39	3.00	3.20	3.51	7.27	7.52
Manacor		9.38		4.15				8.49
Artá		10.28		5.05				

On Sundays the last two trains do not run, but a train leaves Palma at 8.00 arriving in Inca 8.50.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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Manacor			7.42				5.15
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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

We hear from San Sebastian that Madame Gisa Bergmann had a great success with her concert at the Hotel Maria Cristina. To borrow from the bullfight reports in the Spanish papers - «Grande ovación, Dos Orejas, el Rabo y un Pato, y el delirio.»

The concert was arranged by the Condesa Maria Esteban Collartes. Her eighty-six year old father, who also assisted at the concert, used to be a famous politician.

Madame Bergmann sang in five languages, songs from Operas, Operettas, as well as purely concert songs. She wore a beautiful sky-blue tulle evening dress from the famous house of Patou. The concert was one of the most successful affairs of the San Sebastian season. Madame Bergmann accompanied her songs herself.

Among the guests at present at Mr. Street's English Pension in Son Serra are: Miss Ida Durand of Guernsey, Mrs. A.E. Kershaw of Tangier and Miss G. Petersen of Paris. From London have come Mrs. Morton-Mair, Miss P. Wheaton, Mr. C. J. Fookes and Mr. R. H. King. The Rev. F. G. Redgrave from Clacton-on-Sea is there at present as is Mrs. G. I. Palliser of Ibiza. From across the ocean is Mr. Walker Bowman of Galveston Texas.

Mrs. Frederick Chamberlin, long a resident of Mallorca, who has been summering in England plans to leave for Palma again on November 19th.

Dr. Brailey and his niece Miss Potter have returned on their yacht *Strever* and expect to spend the winter months here.

Admiral and Mrs. Cumberlandge's young son Mistral is quite a boy. He is eleven months old and already has his sea legs. Manages the gang plank all alone if not watched, though so far he has not gone aloft. He was born on the Riviera when one of those mean winds that are known as Mistrals was blowing, hence the name.

Hints to housewives: A strange quirk in Spanish law says that if while in your service an unmarried servant should become a mother, those for whom she is working are liable for the child's bringing up, and must do so until the child is twenty one. Just another quaint Spanish custom of which we hear so much.

Gaspard, complete with smile, apron and tweed suit is taking over the kitchen of Tito's. He has many friends and a very deft touch in a kitchen. Some of his friends may follow him.

The thirst emporium at the foot of Calle Bellver long known as the International Bar has changed its name and will be known henceforth as the Piccadilly. «Charlie» who started his drink mixing career on the Island in the same spot will be in charge.

It seems that each week we are either reporting that Major Goetz is better or that «Ronnie» his son has just arrived or is leaving. This time it is the latter; Ronnie leaves for England in two weeks. We are now going to leave the type set up so that in a week or two we can change a word here and there and be all set.

We hear that Mr. Eyre Pinckard, affectionately known as «Pink» to almost everybody who was here on the Island a year ago, is now with the Shell Oil Co., in Los Angeles, California. Note: If this is wrong «Pink» please deny it, or don't you read your MAJORCA SUN.

Do you know where Finland is? Well it's at the North East end of the Baltic Sea, if that makes you any the wiser. Capital, Helsingfors, chief export timber. But two of its most charming exports are here in Palma. We didn't catch their names, but if you hear anybody talking Finnish—you'll know by the fact that it is the only language in the world that slightly resembles Hungarian—well, don't say we didn't warn you if it makes you leave home.

Mrs. Doris Cameron's party on Thursday was a Wow. Or, if you prefer it, it was swell, bonzer, formidable, wunderbahr—have it your own way. Prominent among the staff was Mohammed, from the *Foam*, all snowy raiment and get-you-the-drink-you-want-at-the-right-moment. Among the many guests we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Noble Clay, Admiral and Mrs. Cumberlandge, the admiral in what we can only describe as evening plus fours, Major and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Dina Harris, Miss Joy Petersen, Miss Betty Rogers, Mrs. Rabl, Mr. Kenneth Craven, Sr. D. Lorenzo Roses, Signorina Urbani. Fortunately the rain that had been hanging about all day held off, and dancing continued till the early hours of the next morning. Kiki the small dog, was much in evidence, evidently proud of his resemblance to a miniature lion. As usual, the one and only Doris was a perfect hostess, and looks younger, slimmer, and, if possible even more attractive after her «cure» up in Genova.

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Mr. Adlam, Mr, Bromfield and Miss Chessher who have been spending several weeks with Mrs. Malcolm at her finca in the mountains above Soller, left for England aboard the Orama on Tuesday.

The sick list gained during the week: To it has been added the names of Mrs. Ad-dington, M. Lourie, Mrs. Lourie and Mrs. H. Davis.

Mrs. W. Clode, sister of Mr. Peter Owen arrived during the week for what was literally a flying visit. She arrived by plane on Thursday spent two days here and left by air on Saturday.

Miss E. A. Wheeler who was a guest for some time last year at the Hotel Alfonso has returned and is again to be found at this hostelry.

The British Association is opening a bridge room, in connection with their reading room, early in October. The bridge room will be open to both members and non-members. Further information may be had at the Association's headquarters at

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When one speaks of an artist, one usually means a painter; but Don J. Tallero, who is staying at the Hotel Victoria, is an artist in the construction of jewels. He has made jewelry for the Queen of Spain, Conchita Supervia, the famous soprano, Mrs. D.T. Mackenzie, and many women notable in the world of rank and fashion. His work is well known all over Europe and America. At present Tallero is working on plans for the decoration of the home of Don Ramon Coll, the well-know Barcelona industrialist, and he recently decorated the establishment of Rigaud, the smart Paris tailor. For Don Tallero is an architect and an interior decorator as well as an artist in precious stones.

Also at the Victoria is Mrs. D. T. Mackenzie and her two sons. Mrs. Mackenzie comes of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in Canada, and has spent most of her life abroad.

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IBIZAN INTERLUDES

Among the latest arrivals at the Grand are: Mrs. J.P. Mir, Mr. Robert Butler Dr. Miser, Dr. Fisher and Mr. Roth.

Frau Schneider-Kainer is very enthusiastic over her recent trip to Spanish Morocco. In the party were Miss Frances Cowles, Miss Erica Berde and Miss Erica Siegrist. The trip took them from here to Alicante, Almeria, Malaga, Algeciras, Ceuta, and Tetuan. From there to Xauen one of Morocco's most beautiful spots. Here they were the guests of Prince Hadchi, a prominent government official. They partook while there of a typical Moroccan dish. A great stew of chicken, meat and whatnot which was eaten without the aid of anything but the fingers.

Stopping at the Ca Vostra at present are Miss Anita Inze, Sr. Jaime Vich Ripoll, Miss Ella Spitz, Miss Asta Schiellers and Miss Jane Lives also Mr. and Mrs. Andres Aguilera. Mr. Aguilera is the son of the former Spanish Consul in Constantinople.

The departure of Elliot Paul, from Santa Eulalia has caused great consternation among the bridge players here. Mr. Paul is, so we hear, associated with the bridge club at Tito's in Terreno.

Mr. and Mrs. Mostin entertained at dinner Tuesday night at the Hotel Royalty. Among their guests were: Mrs. Jack Iams, Miss Marie Hoover, Mrs. Erica Siegrist and Mrs. Warfield Gramkow.

Sr. Mariano Tur de Monti, the portrait painter, plans to leave on October third for three months in Barcelona.

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Amazonia - The Big Forest

By Algot Lange (Continued)

Allow me to continue a little with my description of the everyday insect pests which form a part of your daily ration here in the big forest. How well I know them. It is these innocent little animals, not the big-game fellows with great big teeth and jaws that hurt you, it is these almost invisible pests that contribute to give these forests the title, chosen by a well known Brazilian author, «O Inferno Verde,» The Green Hell. Indeed, it is a green Hell. There exist about 38 kinds of ants of which the fireants are the least dangerous, the worst being the tucandeira which reaches a length of two inches, with a poisonous sting. The minute, bloodred «moquin» lives in the grass and attaches itself by the thousands to the passing man or animal soon installs itself and commences its work. On the human body the moquins attack the hidden and tender places causing an indescribable irritating pain which soon results, in long lasting inflammations. These parasites, called in the Guyanas, «bête rouge» are only visible in lots of a hundred and more. A recognized remedy is to rub the skin with whiskey, though there are many who claim it to be wasteful thus applied.

Horrid Bedfellows

Then there is our old friend from the riverjourn- eys, the omnipresent «meruhim,» working from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. without night watches, fortunately. It is an almost invisible fly, placing itself quickly on the hand or the neck. In two or three seconds the damage is done, you never know a thing about it; It leaves a small black spot on the skin, in which the decomposed blood is present. That keeps on irritating for about a week, We river travellers can often show hand surfaces covered with several hundreds of these spots.

Altogether, the wealth of all these insect pests, their constant attacks on the human body, justifies any man here, even a teetotaller, taking to strong, yes, stronger drinks. And they have them.

In the course of the ordinary Amazonian day one must try to forget, partly anyhow, this universal and eternal persecution of insects, hence the

«cachassa» uncured, green sugar-cane rum. When trying to spend a quiet night in the hammock in some Amazonian «hotel» or bedroom you will hear the smacks and slappings of nervous, irritated hands, on necks, sides and other parts of the human anatomy, accompanied by more or less powerful Portuguese oaths, and they are of high potency, interspersed by interminable scratchings by desparate nails. The true Amazonian Nocturna.

Forgive us White men on the Amazona, if we are often observed sitting in or in front of the cafés of one of the above mentioned larger cities, Para or Manaos, discreetly scratching some place or another, and at certain intervals in hoarse and expectant voices uttering such words as «whiskey» or «cerveza». Forgive us, — there is a reason.

Big Game

Big, sensational jungle animals, those that look good on films, we have hardly any of, and those there are do not want to pose. Crocodiles, snakes and odd jaguars are the only ones we can boast of. These can be disagreeable enough at times, but after a couple of years on the river, occupied with your daily routine work about the forests, these, beasts—sort of belong, they fit into the landscape like squirrels in Central Park. Marajo Island, the island that forms the delta of the Amazon and 150 miles across, contains surely the greatest amount of crocs anyplace. In the middle of this island there is a lake about three miles long. At one edge of this there is a small island about the size of Plaza Cort where some years ago I made a large find of prehistoric pottery (now at Museum of Nat. Hist. N.Y) The waters around this little island are practically so full of good sized crocodiles that during my work of digging up pottery objects in the shallow waters, I had to have three men with sticks thrashing the water. Now and then a 44 Winchester softnose bullet for the more inquisitive ones. Marajo Island is very low, with but few trees. Cattle-raising is the main industry. In the summer when the waters go down you will find in the depression of the ground, regular heaps of crocs that have been «caught short» during the receding waters and now spend the dry season, piled up eight or ten high in a sort of mudbaked heap of loveliness.

Sundays, the big cattleowners arrange «matanbas» inviting friends and assisted by their native cowboys. They lasso a croc, put the spurs on the horse and watch the desparate evolutions of the saurian, then despatch him with the old .44. Fun!

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Deep Sea Tentacles

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Two Christians were down on the sand. «See that empress, Bill, up in the box, purple robe and all? She came to my cell last night, wearing the same robe, and without saying a word, she ripped it off... Oh Lord, there's one of those damned lions coming. I'll tell you the rest later.»

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