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THE AMERICAN BIRD

THE eagle, for all its majesty, has some cruel qualities. As the poem has it:

Here's to the American Eagle
That wonderful bird of prey.
It takes its wing over Wisconsin
And sneers at lowly.

Here's to the American Turkey
With its flesh so tasty and fine.
Eagles can scream as much as they
please,
But the turkey's the bird for mine!

Yes, the eagle is a cruel creature, with its hooked and hungry talons; let us rather subscribe to the belief that the truly typical bird of America is the turkey.

The turkey is a lovable bird, God wot. Comfortable, beaming good nature, bonhomous and of truly grand proportions. Surely more typical of all good kind Americans than the rapacious eagle.

Next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated by all loyal sons of the U.S.A. Millions of turkeys, garnished with cranberry sauce, will smoke to high heaven, a glorious sacrifice to the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers. For know, ye ignorant English, that when the Pilgrim Fathers, smarting from the religious intolerance of the Stuart king, landed in what was afterwards known as New England, they encountered times hard enough to test the metal of the stoutest. There were savage Indians and wild beasts to contend with, as well as a bitter climate and inhospitable land. But by the first November after the foundation of the colony, and on the last Thursday therein, they had succeeded in garnering a crop sufficient for their wants during the winter, and God in his thoughtful care for his children, had sent many wild turkeys into the surrounding bush, which, having been shot, plucked and skewered, made a fitting dish for the solemn feast of Thanksgiving that they held. Wild cranberries too, glowed red in the undergrowth, and these made a sauce fit for a king — or rather for a Pilgrim Father. So ever since, on the last Thursday in November, Americans have made it a custom to eat roast turkey and cranberry sauce, in commemoration of their pioneering ancestors.

In those days, the solemn colonists, in their broad-brimmed quaker hats, had to carry their guns over their shoulders to church, in case of an attack by savage Indians; now in only a few parts of the

country are guns to be seen, and those in the larger cities, where they are employed from motor-cars by gunmen.

How many people, when Thanksgiving comes around each year, give a thought to the real meaning of the day and give thanks for their share of the good things of life? Not many think of what their forefathers went through in their first years on the American continent. A life of hard drudgery, of dragging a living from a virgin soil, beset with dangers on every hand. Rather now their thoughts turn to the day's golf and great is the woe if it happens to be a rainy day or their car happens to break down and they must take a cab to the golf course. A period of silence such as is observed on Armistice Day would not be a bad thing for such people.

It is related of Germanicus the Roman, that when, with his legions, he was about to cross the Rhine into a forest known to harbour many ambushed and hostile Germans, some eagles rose from the trees and flew majestically away. Germanicus seized upon the occurrence as a favourable omen. «Forward!» he cried to his men, «and follow the Roman birds!»

Perhaps some day, when an American general leads his soldiers into battle, a gaggle of turkeys will rise from the wastes of no man's land, and the general will cry: «All right, boys, let's go. Follow those Amurrican Toikey buzzards.»

In America, where formerly men had to hunt wild game for food, hunting has always been a big thing. And experts consider the wild turkey to be the finest wild game in the world — better than snipe or woodcock or wild duck. The hunters have to penetrate remote swamps, and attract the birds by imitating their peculiar gobble. Not many of the turkeys, though, that are eaten on Thursday will be wild ones. most of them will have once been the pride of the farmyard, ruffling it among their meek harems with proudly outstretched tail, red comb, and immense pendulous wattles.

So here's to the turkey, who can at least be eaten with due pomp and much delight. The eagle is all right for the Red Indian, who wants his feathers for his head dress. But what is a civilized man going to do with a roasted eagle, stuff him as he may with sage and onions and sausage meat and chestnuts? The American of to-day is not a wild and bloodthirsty man; peace coupled with prosperity is his watchword, and what bird can typify these more fittingly than the turkey?

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

Remarkable statements regarding Franco-German relations were made by Herr Hitler last week, in a two hour talk with French ex-service men. He said: «If France and Germany were to agree, many neighbouring nations would give a sigh of relief, and a nightmare would disappear. An immediate easing of the psychological tension would result, as well as an improvement in the economic relations of all the countries of Europe. The realization of this dream depends on our two countries.

The men who are hostile to peace, and are trying to prevent any rapprochement between France and Germany, would not be in the firing line in another war, but in the profiteering line

It is unthinkable that the ex-service men cannot impose peace on the world.»

If these are really Herr Hitler's sentiments, and he should speak with authority, for he fought throughout the war, it may be that Germany may yet lead the world in the great push for peace.

The Watch on the Saar

Tension continues in the Saar region in view of the coming plebiscite, and a small force of carefully selected storm-troopers will form a cordon round an area with a radius of twenty five miles from the Saar frontier, with a view to preventing any foolish venture that misguided fanatics might be tempted to embark on in spite of all admonitions.

France holds firm to her decision to move troops into the area as a precautionary measure. All Europe waits and watches with much natural misgiving.

The Royal Wedding

Princess Marina arrived in England on Wednesday, and was met at Dover by the Duke of Kent, who escorted her to London, At Victoria station the princess was welcomed by the King and Queen and the Prince of Wales.

London is rapidly filling up for the wedding, which will take place on Thursday, and as much as fifty pounds has been paid for a window seat on the route of the procession to and from the abbey.

South Sea Saga

During the week two corpses were found on one of the small islands of the Galapagos Group in the South

Pacific. At once it was presumed that the remains were those of Mr. and Mrs. Wittmer who were landed there some years ago in accordance with their own wishes to live a simple life. They were put ashore with no more in the line of clothes than a pair of rubber boots each, intending to be entirely self sustaining, raising their own food and making their own clothes. They had with them their two small children.

Now comes the report that one of the bodies is that of a German by the name of Lorenz, at least a passport bearing that name was found in a pocket. Nearby was found a packet of letters signed by Mrs. Wittmer. Before the Wittmers, a Baroness arrived, claiming sovereignty over the island, and had four people who were washed up on the island in a storm, bound, and put to sea in an open boat. One of her companions was Lorenz.

Sport

After the England—Italy football game, with its ruffled tempers and broken bones, it is a pleasure to be able to report that although the Arsenal club defeated the Racing Club de Paris by three goals to none, the game was contested with due regard to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.

In the Lawn Tennis world, the chief item of interest has been the professional tournament that has just been held at Wembley. The professional question is bound to come to the fore in Lawn Tennis, as so many leading players find they are unable to devote their whole time to tennis, and still retain their amateur status. If the big names become professionals, interest in such tournaments as Wimbledon and Forest Hills is bound to wane.

Yale beat Princeton in the annual football match between the two universities by 7 — 0.

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Home of Famous Pianist Burgled. Swift Action of Guardia Civil

On Thursday night, Mr. George Copeland, the distinguished American pianist, who is leaving shortly for an extended concert engagement in Vienna, entertained a few friends to dinner at his Genova home, Son Batle. One of the guests stayed rather longer than the others. When he left, he noticed a young man near the house, who wished him good night.

Next morning, Mr. Copeland's servants found the remains of a meal in the kitchen, a silver candlestick on a chair, and the empty room in which Mr. Copeland had been packing his many treasures in extreme disorder. The thief had taken all the very valuable silver, including a priceless Louis XIV teapot, some beautiful champagne cups, and old Italian sacred vessels. He had also taken Mr. Copeland's tobacco pouch and razor, and an old Moorish knife. It was this last theft that was to prove his undoing.

Mr. Copeland at once got into touch with the Guardia Civil, and wishes to place on record his profound admiration for and gratitude to the men of this famous corps, and particularly to those who came to his help, Corporal Moises Ruiz and his companion, who did everything they had to do with swift efficiency and perfect courtesy. They accompanied Mr. Copeland to his house, questioned the frightened servants with admirable tact, and within two hours of leaving the house had captured the thief and recovered the stolen property.

The thief is a boy of eighteen, who has been in trouble before. On breaking into a house he invariably provides himself with a weapon. It was this clue which apprised the Guardias of the identity of the thief. All suspected persons are kept under constant surveillance by the Guardia Civil. The boy, who at first denied his guilt, broke down and confessed, and handed over the silver, which he had buried in the Armadams district.

Notorious Crook Sentenced

The People, a London Sunday paper, devotes considerable space to an ex-visitor to Palma, one Hamilton John Dudley. Those who were here about this time last year, may remember Mr. Dudley, who stayed at the Hotel Victoria and into whose baggage the police took a peep. They found there a strange instrument for discharging asphyxiating gas, and also a small pointed tool, about whose use they were doubtful. Dudley claimed that the former had been given him, and that the latter was for punching holes in leather. He was put in the local jail, where he languished for some time, before being let out on bail.

He has recently been up for trial at the Old Bailey, and has been sentenced to a long stretch.

His life, as portrayed in «The People», is very interesting. If he had been content with an income of two thousand pounds a year, he could have lived an honest life, as often in his career he had legitimate businesses going. But the lust for more and more money was too much for him, and as a result he was always in jail, or on the verge of going there.

Some years ago, he and five others obtained more than one hundred and twenty five thousand pounds in less than a year through working what is known in racing slang as a «lay-off».

But the money soon vanished, and as a result of proceedings taken against them, Dudley and other members of his gang did a long term of penal servitude.

Occasionally he would work honestly for a living, but he was never satisfied with the money he made, and would return to the race tracks or the «Con» game.

His last move was when he defrauded an Indian gentleman, Sir Albion Banerji, of four thousand seven hundred pounds. Armed with this spoil, he went to America, hoping to make a living as a song writer. But he got into trouble again, and was imprisoned for three months.

He was escorted to the docks by detectives, for America had had enough of him. So too had fate, for on landing in England he was arrested for the fraud on Sir Albion Banerji, and sentenced at the Old Bailey.

For Radio Fans

Mrs. Vidal Quadras is arranging for a series of radio concerts this winter at her home. She has secured a radio of the most modern design thus assuring a good reception. These will be arranged as subscription concerts at a nominal figure, only sufficiently high to cover the cost of the machine. She has secured already a considerable number of patrons.



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Critic Caught

To express my gargantuan amusement, I have had to employ thirty-six hired laughers to guffaw in relays. That carping quarter-wit, Eustace Ripplewaddle — or is it Rippletwaddle? — fell into my trap. As soon as I put Cora Steinsong into my mystery story, the imbecile imagined that she was (poetically) dead, and rushed into print with an example of Mary Naturals' ultra-herbalism, entitled «Fur in my Garden». Cora and I nearly laughed ourselves sick at this quaint old-fashioned attempt to re-popularize the use of words in poetry. In order to silence completely Eustace Hot-Air Rippletwaddle and his baloonistic girl-friend, I quote below a superb example of Cora Steinsong's later manner. It is called «Abstract in E Violet».

Clang
Clonk
Porkable garp.
Bubbage;
Cork?
Quick carrible guile
Ghark ubble or illable.

Cora Steinsong is twenty-five years old. She drinks like a fish, swears like a trooper, and looks like an angel. She is, of course, a genius, but she calls hers genesis, after Epstein.

The Only Way

In the hinterland of Gorgonzola Minor the natives have a short way with critics. They catch the nasty little creatures and scrape them all over with flint critic-scrapers. Then they fry them in snakes' blood, flavoured with mushrooms, mangoes, mangel-wurzels and toads' teeth. Finally they take the whole beastly mess and throw it into the great big roaring Gumbogorropu river.

Heraldry Department

It is not generally known that the Brewers and Draymen's Union have a coat of arms. It consists of argent, an heterodox horse rampant, on a field sable. In reverse three tankards couchant on a bar sinister.

The horse is heterodox, as they are considered the most heraldic kind of horses known — always with one exception. This is a rare and subtle horse which only appears amid golden gorse. Although utterly heraldic, this horse is very difficult to depict, and is extremely touchy in some ways. Its name is Oscar, and it once savaged, in an indescribable manner, a noted Blue Mantle Pursuivant — a certain Mr. Sidebottom.

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My very dear Sir,

Really Sir Eustace is a very naughty man and I should be ever so angry with him for making you publish my funny little poems without telling me anything about it beforehand.

All the same I feel that it is my duty as an Englishwoman to bring my works to light especially now that everybody is doing their best and pulling together to improve our imports and things and Mr. Hore-Belisha is making the streets so bright and attractive for the upper classes (don't you think he has a funny name? I always giggle when I think of him).

This morning whilst having my curds in the Library I found the dearest little poem of mine called «The Chimes of Tomsk» but I decided not to send it you as it reminds me of... well, I won't tell you, so there. Still, as you have mentioned it in your columns I am forwarding my poem about Rosita Forbes dear Rosita I wonder why she is so fond of Lyons and things I mean mother says she must have a compact or a complex or something.

Please give my love to all the kind friends in Parma, I often think of them when I pass the «Cow and Blackamoor».

Very utterly yours,

MARY NATURALS.

And Rosita Forbes went wild

Rosita, on a tram at Tooting,
Thought «What a glorious place for shooting».
Took out her Colt, shot at the «Limes»,
Not once, but several hundred times.
Crash of glass and broken vases,
Tom, Liz, Elsie all carcasses.
Took a pot at Mrs. Huggins.
And blew the hair off Maisie Buggins.
Then she took good aim again
And riddled Southern Railway train.
When she'd finished all her rounds
She rifle-butted Willie Pounds,
And said —
«Why, amongst suburban traffic
There's better sport than in all Afric».

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A Case in Point

By Sinbad

It was a lovely day, and that was perhaps, the reason why I lay on deck in a comfortable chair (not alone as I found out later) and thought what gorgeous weather, what a perfect climate, what a wonderful sun, etc.

«What on earth are you thinking about?», demanded the owner. «You have been sitting there for goodness knows how long, like a wheel-barrow without a squeak in it.»

«I have been thinking,» I answered (I had to answer something) «I have been thinking how bound up are women and money.»

«Do you mean», demanded the owner in menacing tones, «that women are mercenary?»

«Very,» I murmured.

Righteous indignation welled up in the owner—woman to the core, a true daughter of Eve. She retorted, «Perhaps you think so, perhaps you have met gold diggers in your time, but let me tell you that women really care little for money. The rich man does not appeal to us as such. What we want is love, loyalty and fidelity in men, and the comfort they can give when we are out of sorts or in trouble. And that he shall do as we like and not as he pleases. And you can leave out the money side of it.»

«And as a result of all that I can sing. For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, For—»

«Don't be silly», interrupted the owner who was getting a trifle hot under the collar, «I mean it. Women really don't care a rap, well—I mean that they are not influenced at all by money, not one little bit.»

My eyes strayed to a nearby fishing boat. In it were a man and a little girl of five or six years. The child was distinctly cross about something and he, poor man, was doing all he could to comfort her. She however, refused all his caresses and would not be comforted.

«You will agree,» I said, «that as the boy is the father of the man, so the girl is the mother of the woman.»

«Well, yes» said the owner suspiciously, «I suppose you are referring to that little girl in the boat over there. Can't you see that she is anxious to get on shore to that man over there,» and she indicated a man standing on the quay.

The owner was right in that, for though the man lavished on the child a love which was a sheer waste of raw material, she still demanded to be put on shore. The man in the boat tenderly transported her and the man on the quay equally tenderly received her on shore.

«There» snorted the owner, «all the child wanted was to get on shore, I told you so.»

But the change was not enough to restore the child to good humour. She continued to be vastly displeased about something. The man on the quay now tried his hand at comforting and loving her and did everything he could to make her happy but it was no good. He was about to give up when as if inspired he put his hand in his pocket and drew out a ten cent piece.

The effect was magical. Clutching it in her hand, she smiled at him through her tears. He drew her to him to kiss away her tears but he had no chance. She did not let him kiss her. No she simply rained kisses on him without giving him a chance to retaliate. He survived the barrage successfully although once I thought—

I turned to the owner who silently had been watching the scene «What was that you said about women not being influenced by money?» I asked blandly.

The owner jumped up, and made a dive down the companion ladder. «I think the kettle is on the boil», was what she said.

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- APOLO—*L'Assassinat del Carrer 42*. A detective play interesting for students of criminology with a good knowledge of the local vernacular.
- POLIORAMA — *Les Ales del Temps*. A Catalan comedy in three acts.
- VICTORIA—*Sirenas de Nueva York*. A very fine show with good music and excellent dancing. Some of the scenes are ambitious and should please art lovers. In spite of its name this show is quite moral.
- NOVEDADES — *Curro Galardo*. Good music is the chief part of the entertainment.

Amusements

- Horse Racing—Every Sunday afternoon at Casa Antunez. First race at 4.15. Trotting and horseback racing. Betting allowed.
- Greyhound Racing—At the following tracks. Canodrom Park, (Las Corts) Trams 7 and 15 and E bus. Kennel Club de Barcelona (end of Diagonal). Racing on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 10.15 and Sunday afternoon at 5. Special buses run from Plaza Cataluña to both courses for all night meetings. Betting allowed.
- Music Halls—These are mainly situated in the Paralelo 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.
- Restaurants—A good meal can be had in town at the Flora, facing the British Consulate. English is spoken. A more expensive and luxurious one can be had at the Restaurant Suizo in the Ramblas or at the typically decorated Hostal del Sol off the Paseo de de Gracia. The Taberna Vasca, next door the Ritz, is a typical restaurant where the food is wholesome. Bohemians will find the Siete Puertas, in front of the old Gobierno Civil, more to their liking.
- 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.

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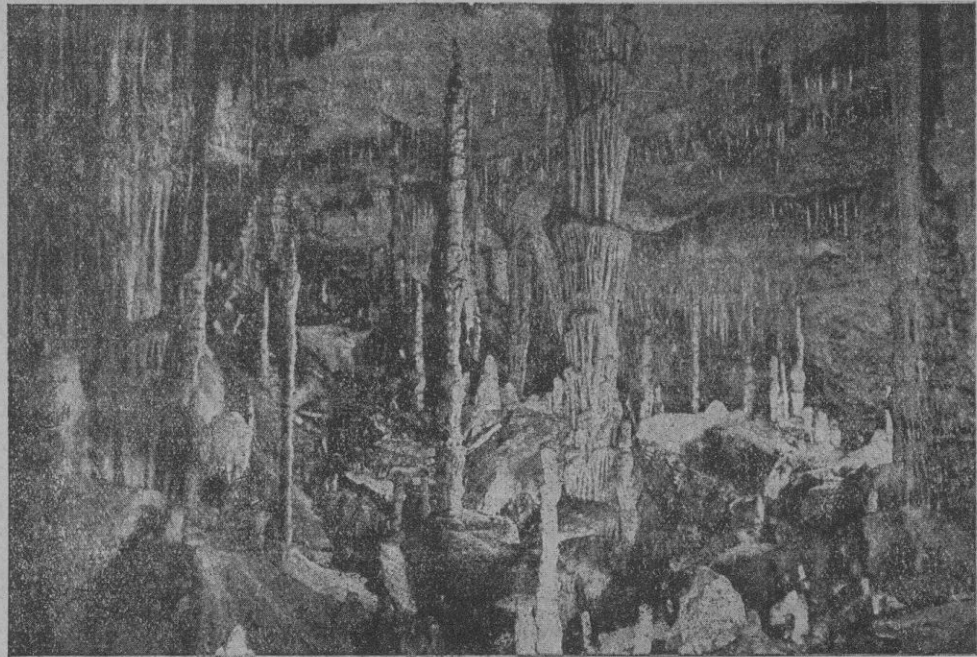
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Chinese Mantle.



The Caves of Drach

Not far from the city of Manacor and even nearer to the little town of Porto Cristo here on the island of Mallorca are found the Caves of Drach. These are some of the most famous in the world.

The presence of the caves themselves have been known since Roman times but were never explored until the year 1878. At this time the two explorers became completely lost and were near the point of starvation when found. While wandering about in the caves they came across two old Roman vase handles, showing definitely that the caves had been in use long years ago.

Probably the thing which brings the greatest gasp from the tourists that visit these caves daily is the first glimpse of Lake Martel. This lake, one of the largest of known subterranean bodies of water is nearly six hundred feet long and has a depth in some places of 27 feet. The roof of the vault in which the lake lies is comparatively low and is composed of millions of tiny stalactites giving an indescribable effect. The water in the lake is brackish although clear as crystal; apparently showing that the sea has access to the lake and probably feeds it.

As a matter of fact, all the Balearic Isles are honeycombed with caves. They are always to be found in limestone formations, where the action of water eats away the soft rock. And the process has been going on for thousands, perhaps millions of years. From an early period, the caverns have been used as dwelling places by man. It is probable that Palaeolithic man inhabited them, in the days when the Mediterranean was dry land. The Balearics would then have been mountains rising from a great plain. But the flooding of the Mediterranean Basin, which must have occurred at least twelve thousand years ago, brought hardship to the primitive cave dwellers, and when the men of the New Stone Age arrived, with their improved weapons, the older people were wiped out. At all events, like the bison and reindeer that once roamed the great steppe which is now the bed of the Mediterranean, they disappeared from recorded knowledge.

The newer people built themselves stone houses, and used the caves as store houses. The Phoenicians, Romans and Moors, all made use of these subterranean chambers.

American Club of Barcelona

Thanksgiving Celebration

A Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner and Dance has been arranged by the American Club of Barcelona to take place Saturday, December 1, 1934, at 9 p.m., at the Hotel Ritz. The American Ambassador in Madrid has been invited, and all Americans and their friends are warmly urged to join in making this occasion a happy and memorable one. Suggestions and offers of cooperation will be gladly received by the Thanksgiving Celebration Committee of which Mr. Lynn W. Franklin is President.

Tickets are now available and may be had from any of the following persons at thirty pesetas a cover:

Mr. Palmer, International Banking Corporation, Tel. 11497.

Mr. Horn, American Consulate General, Tel. 14507.

Mr. Bigham, Plaza Catalnña, 6, Tel. 12623.

Mr. Whitmore, Riegos y Fuerza del Ebro, S. A. Tel. 16545.

Mr. Iddings, General Motors Peninsular, Tel. 53142.

Mr. Font, American Chamber of Commerce, Tel. 18252.

No tickets will be sold after 6 p.m. Friday, November 30, in order that the Committee may have time to arrange the seating.

Seating in the dining-room will be at individual tables accommodating from 8 to 16 persons, and guests desiring to reserve tables may make applications to Mr. Horn at least two days before the party. The Committee reserves the right to fill any incomplete tables as the occasion may require, for the enjoyment of all.

Bridge tables will be placed in the balconies overlooking the ballroom and in the Bridge room.

Cocktails are included in the cost of the tickets, and will be served in the Main Hall at 9 o'clock.

THE COMMITTEE

Boris, Border Bound

On Monday night last, Boris I, Conde de Orania, Baron de Skossyreff, Pretender to the throne of Andorra, or in other words «Skossy» as he was locally known left, on what will probably be his last trip in sunny Spain. In company with several police he left his cozy cell in the Carcel Modelo and departed for the border. The report failed to state which border but it was very likely the Portuguese frontier, as that of France is closed to him.

To brighten up his last days, arrived a letter from another royal aspirant who signed herself as his cousin, Maria de los Dolores, claiming that she was of royal blood and in line as the Princess of Andorra. She, in a spirit of complete magnanimity agreed to cede to Boris all her rights, if her claims so disposed of, would help him escape from durance vile.

Reports from Andorra state that all is quiet and no disturbance is expected. Boris running a little off form, gave out no statement to the Press as to his future plans.

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Cocktail Party

Cocktails have not been in existence so very long, at any rate in Europe, but the cocktail party has become by far the most popular way of entertaining one's friends.

The advantage of the cocktail is that its effect is immediate. One drink, maybe two sets tongues wagging, and the party is under way. Nowadays hosts and hostesses vie with each other in the number and attractiveness of little side dishes they provide to go with the drinks. Every kind of savoury sandwich is used, olives and potato chips of course, and many other novelties. At a party we attended the other day, delicious little hot salmon balls were served, as well as onions wrapped in fried bacon. So delicious, that dinner afterwards was quite impossible.

The talk rises higher and higher, and soon someone turns on the gramophone, and everyone dances. Quite often, cocktail parties begin at six and go on without a break till after midnight; sometimes, the original party breaks up into several smaller ones for later in the evening.

As for the leading character in the party—the cocktail—there are so many now, of such diverse colour, taste and strength, that you must make your own selection. Personally, we prefer the simple ones. To our mind, nothing is so good as a dry Martini with just a dash of Pernod in it. But if you are going to drink wine afterwards, take a sidecar—it has no malt liquor in it.

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The Smell Of The Sea

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One sees little of steam here, there is ship after ship of wood with hulls of pitch pine and stubby masts built for the Mediterranean trade. On board of each there is intense activity, new rigging being rove, scraping and painting going on apace. Not the least interesting are the shops in which the great logs are dragged and sawn into lengths of planking or into ribs for new boats just building. In another part of the shop will be the ships joiners at work. This is a trade that is highly specialized, and where a cabinet maker does good work, a ships joiner would consider his product as that of an amateur. To utilize every available inch of space aboard a boat, fittings must be made to fit each curve and bulge and yet be strong enough to withstand the give of the ship.

On the walls of the shops hang the old name plates of ships long gone. The *Matia Cristobal*, the *Tres Hermanos* and the *Santa Maria* hang

alongside of more prosaic ones such as *Don Antonio* and *Hermano Mio*. On one wall was nailed an old figure head. The sculptor's idea of an angel was not ours but then, maybe angels were different in those days. A ship's bell which hangs outside the door and calls the workmen to lunch at twelve sharp bears the date 1882. The old man in charge let us go up a ladder and into the loft where we wallowed around in the dust of years and what treasures we found. Old ship's lanterns of brass, fitted for oil with handmade glass globes half an inch thick, and old brass pots and pans that surely held *arroces* long before we were born.

We came out into the daylight again just as the old ship's bell was tolling the noon hour, the bell cord being pulled vigorously by a small boy of ten years. On every side little fires sprang up. The workmen are quite like business men in a big city, they have their luncheon away from home. On each fire was a big iron pot with rice, fish, meat, vegetables and what not. Around it sat all the men that happened to be working on that particular boat, and if they were not gossiping they might as well have been. Such a buzz of conversation, and then the *sopa* was ready and all dived in.

The English Church

The work of equipping the English Church goes on apace. A meeting of the general committee was held on Wednesday morning, November 21st. to welcome the return of the chaplain for the season, the Rev. J. De. B. Forbes. Those present included the Hon. Mrs. Hillgarth, Lady Brentford, Lt. Col J.C. More, Col. E.A. Root and Mr. E. G. Harmer.

It was reported that the subscriptions toward the Church Fund to date have amounted to 6,993.75 pts. and the expenditure to 4,854.90 leaving for the time being a balance in the bank of 2,063.35. This will only suffice to cover certain outstanding accounts for electrical work and fittings, a number of pew fronts, hassocks and cushions.

It was pointed out that substantial further expenditures will have to be made to complete the equipment. It is hoped before long to provide a specially designed pulpit in Santany stone, and a wrought iron lectern in keeping with the altar standards. Contributions are also urgently needed for a new organ.

There were exhibited an engraved brass alms dish two centuries old, derived from an old Egyptian church, the gift of Mrs. Marion-Muir, and a handsome silver chalice and paten of Georgian design, the gift of the Hon. Miss Joynson-Hicks.

Poppies

We had hoped to have for publication this week the final figures of the poppy sale. These however are not quite complete as yet. Lt. Comm. Hillgarth has promised us these for next week.

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Lv. Sóller	5.45	8.15	10.45	1.25	5.15
Arr. Palma	6.45	9.15	11.45	2.25	6.15

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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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.
Lv. Artá			6.50				4.00
Manacor			7.42				5.15
Inca	6.14	7.48	8.43	11.30	12.57	5.00	6.19
Palma	7.00	8.58	9.25	12.20	1.53	5.52	7.12

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The picture has the fairly usual plot of true love, misunderstanding, despair and final happy reunion, but it is notable for the settings and the delightful music. In the film version, Ramon Novarro and Jeanette MacDonald take the leading parts. Both of them have personality and voices well above the average. One is charmed to hear again the haunting strains of, She Didn't Say Yes, She Didn't Say No, and Try To Forget.

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As amusing story came our way during the week. It concerns a Scottie dog and his master — or rather his mistress. It seems that this Scottie had just missed the blue ribbon in several shows, owing to a kink in his tail. He was sent from Buffalo, N.Y. to a veterinary in the South, who, as a sideline, removes kinks from tails, and does it so well that the judges cannot tell that it has been done.

The dog started off on his journey, and on his crate was a card which said: «I am a very nice dog and I am a long way from home, and my mummy. My name is Teddy and I do get thirsty. If you would like to stand me a drink I would like it very much. In the leather bundle strapped to the side of my house is some food. If you would put half of it on a plate, I could eat it, and my mummy would be very happy. And if you want to be awfully nice, we could go for a little walk.»

Some time went by, and one day in the mail there was a letter for his mistress. It said: «Dear Mummy, I had a fine trip and met the nicest man. He gave me a drink of water and gave me all the food in the package. I was awful sick, but it was worth it because I was so hungry. And then we went for the nicest walk in the park where there were lots and lots of trees, and we stopped at each one. Your loving Teddy.»

While on the subject of animals, a lady, an ardent cat-lover, was walking along the Calle Villalonga the other day, when she saw a cat at the top of a telegraph pole. She asked at the *tienda* opposite what it was doing, and was told it had been there for some time, and refused to come down. Next day it was still there. The lady could not bear this, she feared the poor beast would die of hunger and thirst. She got two friends to hold a blanket under the pole, while she clambered onto a neighbouring roof with a pole, and endeavoured to poke the cat off. A large crowd had by now assembled. At length, with the aid of a man in the crowd, they poked the cat down. It fell into the blanket, leapt out and fled, pursued by a dog.

Mrs. Fernie and her daughter Miss Marion Fernie who have been staying at the Hotel Royal left on Friday for Italy. They expect to visit Mrs. Fernie's sister-in-law in Florence for a couple of months and possibly will return here later. Mrs. Fernie is one of the best bridge players that has come to the Island in a long time.

Mrs. Mary Richardson, late of Soller, is now in Hollywood. She has submitted several scenarios to the mandarins of filmdom. From there she crosses the Pacific to China, where she is going to live.

At the present moment Street's attractive and comfortable English Pension, which is situated among the pine groves of Son Serra, is fairly full up. Those staying there are:

Miss Durand, Mrs. Palliser, Mrs. and Miss Pemberton-Wooler, Mr. Kettle, Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, Mr. and Mrs. Kimberley, Mrs. Worsley, Mrs. Wood, Miss Caroline Audley, Miss Houchen, Mrs. Stewart-Anderson, Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Neville, Mr. and Mrs. Garsia.

Mr. Garsia, the London Chiropractor, spends a considerable part of the year practising in Tangier where he has a large following among the English Colony there. He was to have left on the 23rd. inst., but owing to the great demand for his services he has made arrangements to stay on an extra four days, and leaves for Tangier with his charming wife on the S.S. Chindwin, Henderson Line.

Mme. Jacques Desaulnier arrived from Paris by aeroplane. She says that travel by air is far preferable to a train journey, and no dearer. Mrs. Doris Cameron has been her house guest in Genova since her arrival.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

On Tuesday Gordon Pyle left for Barcelona, from where he will wend his way to Cherbourg to meet Mrs. Pyle, who is returning from the States. They plan to return here directly.

A card from Mrs. Lee of the *Foam* says that she is enjoying her stay in Munich very much, in the midst of clear cold weather. Baron Grainger is holding down the *Foam* in solitary state, while Major and Mrs. Lee are away.

Major and Mrs. Montagu report a rough trip in the *Pegu* as far as Gibraltar. They left in the middle of one of the worst storms we have had here for some time.

Mohammed of the *Foam* has buttoned himself in for a long cold winter. With some cloth purchased in Ibiza a series of strange garments have been run up that envelope him from head to foot. They might have come Lane-Bryant. Any day now we expect to see him appear with ear tabs on his fez.



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Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Dicks have taken an apartment at Villa Bonet.

Mrs. Dina Harris has recovered her great borzoi, Serge, after he had been missing for a week. How a dog as big as Serge can get lost we wouldn't know; maybe he hid behind the cathedral.

Mrs. Spencer Lidyard, who has been staying at the Hotel Victoria, has moved over to the Mediterraneo.

Capt. E.R. Skeels, one of the Daily Mail's special correspondents, who has been staying for a considerable time at the Hotel Miramar, Alcudia, is leaving for London on December 1st.

Mrs. G. Wilkins returned to Raxa on Friday. She appeared to be in greatly improved health. Raxa is one of the most famous show places of the island, with wonderful gardens and a great pool flanked by marble steps. It was originally laid out and built by the Moors.

Mrs. Ratner who for the past two weeks has been under the able care of Dr. Peñaranda at his clinic, is much improved in health. Each day now she finds herself stronger and this week for the first time in almost four months she was able to get up for a moment or two.

Mrs. Pamela de Prizer comes to Palma on November 28th to her new house in Bonanova.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Leaman Jun. are going for a six weeks holiday to Paris.

The Newtons since coming in from the country have become tennis fans and are to be seen each day on the courts at the Tennis Club... But few foreigners are playing at present whereas in other years there were often twenty or more of the foreign colony on hand each day. Mr. Noble Clay has probably more tennis hours to his credit than any foreigner, a day when he is not playing is rare.

Fresh oysters at Joe's. This is news however you look at it. The silent, shy oyster is hard to come by on this Island and only rarely are they to be had fresh. Joe very seldom has to make suggestions to his guests but this time he has gone so far as to say that, oysters with sherry and brown bread is a dish to write home about.

Mrs. Lewis Atwood has moved in from the Solarium where she has been staying and taken up her residence at the Terreno Hotel... The Hotel Alfonso is at present full, having more than forty guests.

Fresh Oysters
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Mrs. Frances Cowles who for some time has been living at the Chalfont Guest House left on Friday evening for Paris. After a whirl in Montmartre she is leaving for the States, possibly to return here in the Spring. The Chalfont now by the way is boasting of a swimming pool. While it is no pool for Jonny Weismuller or Gertrude Ederle it is plenty big enough to get plenty wet in and should be quite an attraction when summer comes by again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Newton are now living at the Hotel Royal.

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Mrs. Dina Bowden took a big party of children yesterday to visit the prehistoric village near Lluchmayor. News is not yet to hand as to whether they found any flint arrow heads or mammoth bones.

Mr. George Copeland, the Island's premier pianist left last night for Vienna. He is to play in the Viennese capital.

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IBIZAN INTERLUDES

The innovation of the The Dansants at the Hotel Isla Blanca has been well received as evidenced by the large attendance that filled the place for the occasion on Sunday. Ibiza's Jazz Orchestra outdid itself and whether one went with the idea of dancing or not he soon found himself on the floor.

Staying at Ca Vostra at present is Miss Behm of the Paramount films. Also a guest is Mr. Teichner who is ski master at a famous winter resort in the Pyrenees. Mr. and Mrs. R. Vignauet have recently arrived at the Grand.

Mr. Beran the painter and Mrs. Beran who is a Viennese opera singer have left their Ibizan home for Vienna where they expect to stay for a short while. Before leaving they entertained their friends at tea.

Her many friends have welcomed the return of Mrs. E.E. Fordham who underwent an operation in Barcelona. Her praise of the care received in the Enfermeria Evangelica is of the highest.

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And while we are on the subject of Palma's improvements the great scar which you see on your right just before you get to Santa Catalina is to be a combined park and playground. Palma's first municipal effort for its children. The small mountain that existed there, before the work began has been worn away gradually by picks and carried away in baskets and slowly the affair is taking shape.

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