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HOLY Week in Sevilla has returned to its traditional glory this year, we are told, and if the difficulty of obtaining hotel reservations in the southern metropolis is any indication, it should be a most successful celebration from a practical as well as a religious point of view. Sevilla wisely sees no reason why the republic should be a stumbling-block in the path of her picturesque and ancient observances, and the Republic is responding to this reasonable belief. Thousands of Spaniards, as well as countless foreigners, have flocked to see the famous candle-lit «pasos» with their escort of masked penitents, as they stalk solemnly through the narrow streets to the huge cathedral.

Today the scene will be equally picturesque, but changed from grave to gay, for Sevilla will have *toros*, and tomorrow begins the *Feria*, when the prettiest señoritas dance all night in the little temporary «casetas» built by their families or by the fashionable men's clubs on the classic fair grounds. Probably no gathering of young women anywhere, (not even those necessarily humourless ones where there is solemn competition for the title of «Miss Universe»), can show such a high standard of feminine beauty as the *Feria* of Sevilla, and lucky is the aesthete whose tastes run to living loveliness rather than still life, if he finds himself among its holiday-making throngs.

Sevilla is not, however, the only Spanish city which makes much of *Semana Santa*, although it is the one undoubtedly best-known to the outside world. Cuenca, Murcia and Tarragona, with a host of smaller towns and villages, have this year drawn attention to their interesting processions and ceremonies, which are attracting crowds proportionately as large as those of Sevilla.

Cuenca, unfortunately, struggles under the serious handicap of a lack of hotel accommodation. But the simple fondas fill up to the bursting point, as they have this year, and every local housewife manages somehow to double up her family into smaller than their normal sleeping quarters, to have a room to let to a visitor.

There are, naturally, fewer «pasos» and fewer penitents in Cuenca than in Sevilla, but the processions are extraordinarily beautiful, for all that. The «pasos» are carried by the masked penitents themselves, not by paid workmen hidden under gorgeous curtains, as is the procedure in Sevilla. The streets are narrow and steep in the old town, and the Cathedral crowns the highest point, so

that as one stands below, one catches glimpses of candle flame from this point or that, while the moonlight bathes the little city, and the people watch or follow reverently behind the startlingly lifelike statues that portray the sacred drama. The Virgin of Anguish is the patroness of Cuenca, and one's last memory of the processions is of the sad loveliness of her tear-stained face.

Murcia's *Semana Santa* is of another type. Her «pasos» are for the most part great works of art from the hand of her greatest son, Francisco Zarcillo, and they are worthy to be classed beside the finest of the Sevillian images. The processions of Murcia have, however, a touch of the theatrical about them, perhaps from the very excess of religious fervour in that part of Europe which most closely resembles Africa in its climate and character. The costumes of its penitents are rich, colourful, and very magnificent, and the emotion of the watchers by the roadside as the processions pass rises to a pitch almost of hysteria. The pronouncedly oriental look of scene and people gives an atmosphere of reality to the reproduction of those scenes which had in their inception an eastern setting, and those tourists who choose Murcia as the place in which to see their first Spanish Holy Week will in no sense be disappointed.

Granada too, has her processions, her «pasos», her penitents shrouded and masked; but Granada's crowning glory belongs to the Moors, and no amount of devout Christian observance will ever serve to dislodge from the first place the Alhambra and the turbaned ghosts who people it. Nevertheless, the descendants of some of those very ghosts must be among the bearers of the Christian images, and anyone with a turn for the supernatural may well wonder what may come of it all, with the Cross so obviously triumphing over the Crescent.

Perhaps, after all, the most beautiful of them is the ceremony at Tarragona. The city where Augustus ruled, where Saint Paul preached, where legend even says that Pilate came to end his days, form a softly aged frame for the dramatic simplicity of its procession. Led by Roman soldiers correctly garbed, the small «pasos», each representing in due chronological order one of the scenes of the Week, are carried and followed by silent lines of figures in dead black. The crowning moment is supplied when the lone figure of the Crucified begins the last steep climb to the hilltop, and, suddenly, the soldiers give to the Victor the full-armed Roman Salute.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

While the main ships of the Royal Navy will be at or in the vicinity of their usual ports on Jubilee Day arrangements have been made for some of them to proceed to special ports in order to co-operate in local celebrations. The Home Fleet will be dispersed to its home ports as the summer cruise is not due to begin until next day.

Stresa Results

The British, French and Italian Press hails the Stresa results in various ways, although all are more or less in accord in the idea that a definite step forward in the cause of peace has been made. The London Times says, «Collective diplomacy has justified itself at Stresa. The Press of Germany has little to say regarding the conference but as a whole Germany is without doubt deeply disappointed.»

A Cheaper Peseta

We quote in full the following article which appeared in the London Financial Times of April 15th, under the heading, «Peseta Devaluation Believed Near».

«Señor Alfred Zabala, the Spanish Finance Minister, is about to proceed to devaluation of the peseta, according to a telephone message from the Barcelona correspondent of the «Information».

The correspondent says that he sends the report with the utmost reserve as to its veracity, but he finds that in well-informed quarters it is looked upon as being fully worthy of credit.

The Government's decision to devalue the peseta is due, it is said, to the position of the Central Office of Fo-

reign Currencies, which is finding it increasingly difficult to meet the heavy demands for foreign currencies, the volume of which—without any compensating incoming demand for pesetas—now exceeds 400,000,000 pesetas. This is due to the excess of imports over Spanish exports.

The proposal is stated to be first to sell the Spanish gold held abroad so as to produce sufficient foreign currencies, which are indispensable to meet unfulfilled demands in Spain. Then there will follow a gradual devaluation of the currency.»

America and War:

The discussion of American neutrality will be advanced during the present month. The Foreign Relations Committee will consider the resolutions introduced by Senators Nye and Bennett Clark forbidding the making of loans or the extension of credits to belligerent nations, and authorizing the President to refuse passports for travel in war zones—and in due course will receive from the same source others dealing with restraint on the shipment of munitions and on contraband to belligerents whose exact nature is not yet known.

Sport

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Ecole Internationale, April 15th 1935

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- Agamemnon* LOUIS HERRON
- Cassandra* EMELITA NELL
- Watchman* BILLY JONES
- Leader of Chorus* JOHN MENNIG
- Chorus* PETER CURRAN, DAVID GRAMKOW, ROBERT CAHN, EILER COOK, JOHNNY HERON, JACK THOMPSON.
- Waiting-Women* MARION EHLERS, CARMEN FRESNEDA, HILDA BARTCHKIES.

Anyone who went to the *Agamemnon* at the International School on Monday was rewarded by seeing a most interesting production.

It would be hard to imagine a more attractive setting for the play—the darkening sky, the glare of the three beacons, the dimly seen stairs and terraces of the Palace.

No ancient author presents more difficulties than Aeschylus, yet the Producer's child-actors really seemed to catch some of the spirit of him. And could any lines be more awkward to speak intelligibly than Professor Murray's rhymed couplets! Yet these boys and girls, especially the boy who played the part of the Watchman, with a particularly complicated speech, managed to subordinate the rhythm to the sense to just the right extent. I thought the girls who played Clytemnestra and Cassandra spoke their parts with considerable feeling. Is it possible, as someone told me, that Clytemnestra has been learning English for only a few months? *Agamemnon* and the Leader of the Chorus triumphed nobly over the difficulty of speaking through masks—what admirable masks they were, by the way! The Chorus seemed thoroughly to enjoy itself.

Altogether a performance one will not soon forget. The Producer must be something of a magician to compress the essence of one of the longer Greek tragedies into a few hundred lines. Congratulations to her and to all the members of her cast!

(*The «Majorca Sun» is indebted to Mr. Southby, mentioned on page 9, for the above review.*)

After the Bull-Fight is Over:

Last Sunday's bull-fight drew quite a large crowd, including the usual goodly sprinkling of *extranjeros*. To those of us who have lived any length of time in Spain the remarks of the newly initiated after witnessing their first fight assume the rhythm of a saga.

For example, shortly after the show the other

evening, two quite charming ladies were partaking of tea in a café. their hands shaking just slightly as they raised their cups.

«Well, my dear,» said one, rather breathlessly, «we've seen it!»

«Yes, dear, we have,» replied her friend. «And I'm glad I've seen one. But I don't think I'll go to another, will you?»

«No, I think one's enough. But I did want to see just one while I was in Spain. I didn't like it, though. When those nasty *piccolos*, or whatever you call the men on horses, stuck those dangerous looking sticks into the poor bull I thought I'd faint.»

«Oh! so did I, my dear. And I *didn't* like the horses.»

«Neither did I! I thought it was perfectly revolting—that part—you know, where they. . .»

«Oh, don't let's *talk* about it, dear! Not until after tea.»


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Miller arrived a few days ago and is in the «pink». The city fathers welcomed him with open arms. A frantic search was made for the keys of the city with which to present him but no such hardware was found to exist. However he can do almost anything he pleases except lose. As a light workout he danced yesterday with Miss «Comercio» at the Trocadero and came through scarcely mused.

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Make a solution of ordinary dye and water in a saucer, and roll the egg in it. Dip each end in another saucer containing a contrasting colour, and there you are. Another scheme is to make polka dots all over the shell with candle wax, then boil the egg in the dye. The spots will come out white. But perhaps the gayest results are obtained by wrapping the egg tightly in a piece of coloured cotton, of some bold design, fastening the ends with string or cotton, and boiling several minutes in plain water. On removing the cloth the pattern will be seen printed on the egg.

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- FANTASIO—*Turandot*, in German, with Kate de Nagy, Willy Fritsch, and Paul Kemp.
- MARYLAND—*William Tell*.
- CAPITOL—The nudist film, *Elysia*.
- CATALUÑA—*Vidas Rotas*, Spanish film.
- COLISEUM—*Lives of a Bengal Lancer*.
- KURSAAL—*The Lady of the Tales of Hoffman*, and *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.
- METROPOL—*El Rey Negro*, said to be very funny.
- PUBLI—Shorts, news, etc., as usual. Special sessions of *Man of Arran* on 13th, 20th and 27th at night.
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Jubilee Celebrations in Barcelona

May 6th, 1935 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George V, and the occasion will be marked throughout the Empire and in the British Colonies in foreign countries with Thanksgiving services and public celebrations which will continue in London throughout the month of May. In Barcelona it has already been announced that there will be a special church service at 10 a.m. on May 6th, and in the afternoon the children's sports will take place at San Cugat. But it was felt that something more should be done to mark such an auspicious occasion and a committee has therefore been formed to organize a dance.

The dance will take place at the Casa Llibre at 10 p.m. on May 6th. The Committee of the Anglo-American Dance Club is very kindly co-operating with the Jubilee Dance Committee and it is expected that the function will be attended, not only by the British colony in force, but also by a large number of their friends, particularly the Americans. It seems possible that there will be more people at the Casa Llibre to drink His Majesty's health on May 6th than there have been at a British function in Barcelona for many years.

Necessary Addresses

- American Consulate General**—Plaza Cataluña, 22 Telephone 14507. Hours, 9 to 1 and 2:30 to 5.
- British Consulate General**—Diputación, 250, Telephone 10588. Hours, 9:30 to 1 and 4 to 5.
- St. George's Church**—Calle Rosellón, corner of Claris.
- American Chamber of Commerce**—Rambla de los Estudios 8, 2º, Telephone 18252.
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Miss Everitt Mattison and Miss Katherine Mattison, of New York, paid a brief visit to Barcelona en route to Ibiza, where they plan to make a stay of several weeks.

Mr. Lamar has left for England, one of the earliest of the many who will be going from Barcelona for the approaching Jubilee of his Majesty King George V.

Mrs. John W. Bigham and Miss Eleanor Bigham are to sail on Wednesday for New Orleans, from which port they will proceed to Houston to visit Mrs. James Lykes, Jr., formerly Miss Jean Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Menhenick, parents of Mrs. George St. Noble, Jr., have left to return to their home in London. They were extensively entertained during their visit to their daughter.

Mr. Obregon and Mr. Williams have gone to Mallorca for the Easter holidays.

The results of the annual examination held by the British Chamber of Commerce in Barcelona have been announced. Eleven students passed satisfactorily in the advanced grade, and thirty-five in the elementary examination.

The next Anglo-American dance will be held at Casa Llibre on Saturday, April 29th, at 10:30 P.M., and bids fair to be as good an entertainment as the preceding ones have been. Music will be furnished by the 8 Ramblers de Jazz. Tickets, at the price of 7.50 pesetas for members and 10.00 pesetas for non-members, may be had from any one of the Committee, or from the Steward of the British Club.

Mrs. Alexander Gardner has been a recent hostess at tea in compliment and farewell to Mr. Gardner's mother who has been her guest for several weeks and is about to leave for Canada.

Mrs. Welch and her daughter, Miss Georgia Welch, have taken a house in Tres Torres, where they expect shortly to be at home to their many friends.

One of the most original of the many farewell parties at which Consul General and Mrs. Dawson were the honoured guests was the clambake, New England style, which Mr. Ray E. Palmer, of the

International Banking Corporation, gave at Vilasar de Mar. Mr. Palmer makes these clambakes an annual institution with the American colony in Barcelona, and one to which the fortunate guests look forward with the true gourmet's enthusiasm, as the host is a master cook and this is his greatest work of art. This year's guests report the clams, lobsters and chicken as being the most succulent yet produced.

Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V.

British Consulate General
Barcelona

On May 6th, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne, a dance will be held at Casa Llibre at which it is hoped that most members of the British Colony and their friends will be present. The whole of Casa Llibre has been reserved.

By courtesy of the Fox Movietone Film Co., and the Western Electric Co., it is hoped to show an English film reviewing His Majesty's reign and commemorating the Jubilee. Tickets may be obtained from the British Consulate General, the British Banks, the British Club, Deeble Service or any member of the Anglo-American Dance Club Committee, at the inclusive price of Ptas. 12.50 each. The Casa Llibre also offers a dinner before the dance at Ptas. 10.- per head. Barcelona, 17th April, 1935. N. King, H.B.M. Consul General, G. Currell, H. Dennes, F. Everson, H. Gagnon, R. Noble, F. Witty.

What Next?

Europe's latest craze is soon to reach Barcelona. Plans are well under way for the opening of a track dedicated to the novel sport of ostrich racing. There will be pari-mutuels for betting, and the birds will also be available for advertising purposes. Bulls and dogs will have to look to their laurels.

Actress

Film lovers in Spain are interested to learn that Ruth Chatterton has just sailed from New York for this country, where she will spend five or six weeks studying costumes and customs, with a view to having the Spanish film she is soon to make correct in every possible detail.

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But now there is great news: not that a dog has bitten a man, nor even that a man has bitten a dog, but even greater. Louisa, one of the few remaining members of the royal family of Island Boxers, has just presented her proud owner, Mr. N. L. C. Mather, with thirteen pups!

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Friday, May 5th. Mail closes Palma Post Office 8 pm., for the ILE DE FRANCE, Havre, due in New York May 14th

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A charming addition to the Island's visitors arrived on Monday in the person of Mrs. May Höst. Mrs. Höst hails from Norway and is a journalist on the staff of the *Tidens Tegn*, Oslo's largest paper. She is staying at the Sporting Hotel and expects to send back from here, to her paper, some material on Mallorca. So far as we know she is Norway's only ambassador on the Island. They couldn't have done better.

The foreign colony was well represented on

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Monday at the performance of *Agememnon* at the Ecole Internationale. There were many others than proud parents who came to see the production, which was so beautifully staged in the gardens of the school. Among those we saw there were Mrs. Nell and her mother Mrs. Muñoz, Mr. Harry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Pflaum, Mr. Hooker, Mrs. Pamela de Prizer, Miss Nadine Lang, Miss Pamela Mathews, and Mr. and Mrs. Fran-

cisco Rosselló. Among others there were Mr. J. Lindo-Webb, Mr. Townsend, and Mr. Southby. Mr. Southby was particularly interested as he is a former headmaster of a large school in Ireland and a Greek scholar.

During the past week Palma played host to a distinguished visitor when the Marques de Targiani arrived on his annual trip to Mallorca. The Marques is an Italian and is European representative of the Electric Securities Company with his headquarters in Paris. He is a director of the local *Gas y Electricidad* and comes here at least once a year to attend the director's meeting of this company. While here he played a round of golf at Alcudia with Mr. Clay and Mr. Wilkens. No scores were turned in.

It is with sincere regret that we print here the fact that next Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Murray Black and their family leave the Island, presumably for good. We have always thought of this departure of theirs as somewhere in the distant future and now it is here right at hand. If, among our foreign colony here we could have more people like the Blacks, Mallorca would indeed be a place to be proud of. They are a couple with wide interests, delightful hosts, or guests, and ever willing to help and work unselfishly for any cause or person who might need them. Their interlude here is over and they are returning to the United States, to be more than missed by their host of friends here in Mallorca. *Auf wiedersehen.*

Here and There: Mrs. Cleo Cottrell is leaving for England in a month's time... Michael Cumberlege, skipping the *Jolie Brise*, made the run to Marseilles in 48 hours and is shortly going on to Genoa... Lena opened champagne Monday night for a few honoured guests celebrating the second anniversary of her opening... The Dorr Newtons are having a gala out at their new home in Selva tomorrow. Like all their fiestas it promises to be a grand party.

There has been a flurry of cocktail parties during the past week. On Monday Mr. Chiesa entertained in his chateau in the far reaches of Genova, on Wednesday Mrs. John Lowry had a crowd in to imbibe a few and on Friday the Hugh Roses poured at their new house in La Portassa. There were many toasts drunk to bid the Lees farewell on their long trip to England.

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The re-opening of Victor's old bar, opposite the Lonja, under the management of the Restaurant Parisien was a huge success the other night. The new management was lavish in its hospitality, free lobster and drinks abounding. There is plenty of room to dance in the back room, pleasantly decorated, with many of Arthur Middlehurst's paintings adorning the walls, while the psychology of a bar of such *intime* proportions is always good. Amongst the first patrons were Major and Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Josephsen, Mrs. Bowman-Burns, Mrs. Doris Cameron, Mr. Norman Jacobsen and many others.

Mrs. Y.P. Hewett and Mrs. J.A. Schoylenburch have leased the Villa Soliel in Porto Pi. This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pearse who have gone to London for a visit.

Mrs. Doran Webb, who was one of the first English people to come to Mallorca over 20 years ago arrived again last week on the German liner and has gone to Ibiza to stay with her daughter in San Jorge. Twenty years ago when Mrs. Webb first came here there was no hotel except the Hotel Balear, the trams were drawn by mules and Santa Catalina had a gate which was locked at ten o'clock at night; if you stayed out after ten you were out of luck. And cocktail parties- there weren't very many.

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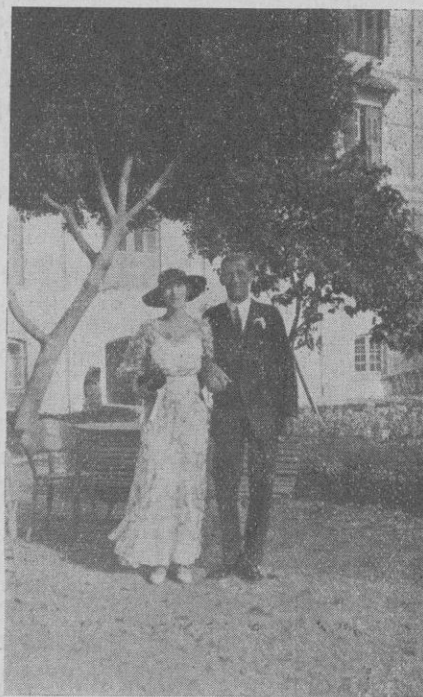
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This photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Owen is one taken shortly after the wedding ceremony in Malaga. The couple are still on the Continent but are expected to return to Mallorca shortly.

A certain amount of mystery is hanging around Anne's Terréno branch these days. Always full of clothes and gadgets to delight the feminine mind this added allure to her salon is causing considerable gossip. Can it be that she has decided to branch out into entirely revolutionary ideas for her disciples in the world of fashion? This would take courage, which has not been lacking in her ideas, and if rumour has it right the new scheme will go far towards making better and brighter beaches this summer.

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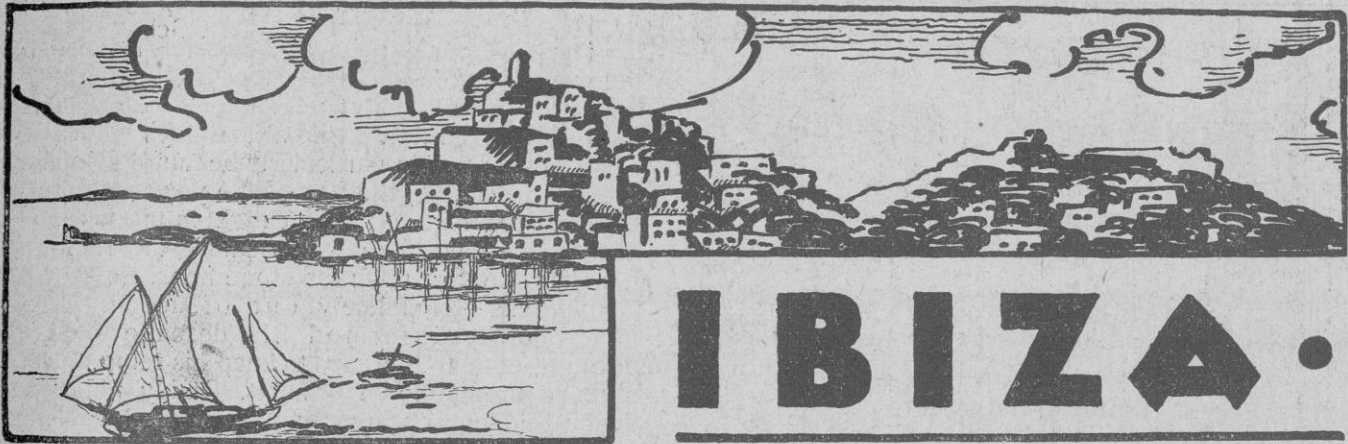
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To the Grand Hotel have gone: M. and Mde. Pierre Labussure, Mrs. Monsenerque and Mrs. Irene F. Anley.

Mr. William Bell and Mrs. Bell have left for England. Mr. Bell is a well known writer, and while here has been kind enough to contribute to the MAJORCA SUN two excellent articles on the present economic situation and particularly dealing with the Douglas Social Credit Proposals. The Bells hope to return next September.

The Isla Blanca is practically full. On its roster are: Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Dew and daughter, Mrs. Janet Spencer, Mrs. Gertrudis Kaebisch, Mr. Eustace Cardwell.

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The first few chapters of the long awaited English version of the above well-known book are strong in recommendation of abandoning all work and worry, swearing that on arrival in Majorca you will be seized by a laziness «so rhythmic and melodious... that you will say, 'This is the country that I needed to remedy my ill: a country where, without sleeping, one can rest and dream'».

One can also read. *The Tranquil Isle* is an ideal book for a peaceful hour—a book which does not call for any particular mental gymnastics and which will take one joyously all over the island without any physical effort either. To my mind, however, the nineteenth century painter and the writer in Santiago Rusiñol are inclined to merge a little too much. In his last chapter he talks about «this gilded and flowery shelter», and one cannot help wondering whether the gilt and flowers have not been scattered too lavishly amongst his prose. The blue pencil is, apparently, something unnecessary in the artist's outfit.

Yet the unquestioned humour of Rusiñol causes him to slip in perfect touches like the Cathedral cat, described as pure «Gothic», and that chapter without price entitled «The Careful Tram». If he makes the island appear like the little clay houses and figures one buys here he does so purposely and with a pleasant whimsy.

There is a strange similarity between the text and the illustrations. The smaller decorations, quite charming, appear life-size, whereas most of the full-page cuts are dwarfed and so overworked that they go black, which may or may not be the fault of the printer. It is curious that an artist who can make such a perfectly conceived symbol as the ship and cloud on page 40 can put opposite it a realistic picture of a too obscure Cathedral. My poor imagination was not capable of grasping the full meaning of the cut showing the ten commandments facing the chapter entitled «The Official Element». The numerals are reversed - but, as you will see if you hold them up to the light, only half are reversed, the outer edges of the tablets should meet in the centre and there is something queer about number 9. Perhaps all this tends to a subtle purpose. The fact remains that I, possibly, am too full of that delicious island coma which Rusiñol lauds so ably to worry much.

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