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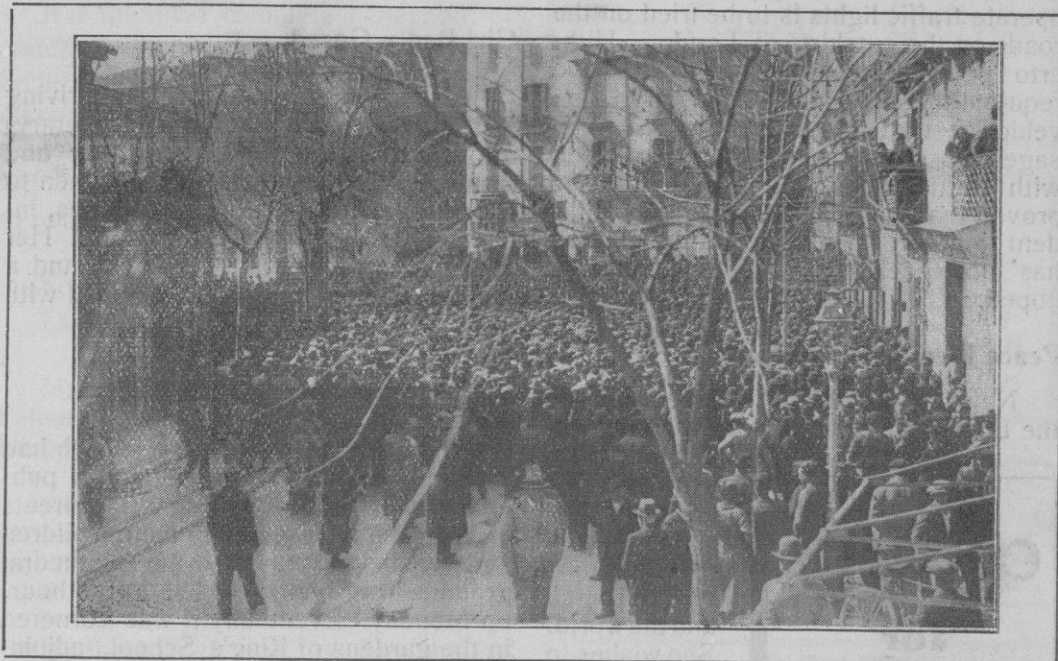
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## G R E A T E R T H A N W A R

**W**AR scares and their accompanying gloomy thoughts of pain and death are in the air at the present moment. There is another gruesome subject to which, perhaps, too little thought is given.

At the beginning of this month New York's Police Commissioner issued a new safety campaign poster. Across the top were the words: A PRICE GREATER THAN WAR. On the left was a battle scene with the legend: «WAR—A.E.F., 18 months. Killed, 50,310. Wounded, 182,674.» On the right was an accident scene with the legend: «PEACE—Motor Vehicle Accidents, 18 months ended June 20, 1935. Killed, 51,000. Injured, 1,304,000.» According to *Time*, Aug. 12th., a few days after this poster was drawn up the Commissioner's daughter and two grandchildren were cut and bruised when their car collided with a parked truck in Mineola, L.I.



«Stand Back, Please!»

A considerable number of the streets in Spain and the Balearic Islands are exceedingly narrow and tortuous, and there is not always that basic rock of social organization, the traffic policeman, on the spot. The whole world was shocked the other day by the terrible accident on Spanish soil which killed Alexis Mdivani and horribly injured the Baroness von Thyssen.... A few months ago, a reckless young man was driving the schoolboy son of a friend by way of the hairpin bends from Valldemosa to Palma. A careless second, and the good-looking kid's face was cut to pieces by the shattered windscreen..... A taxi-driver belonging to a Palma company recently pulled up his car with a light flourish facing down a steep hill. Shutting off his engine he, with great courtesy, leapt from his seat to run around the car and, cap in hand, open the door for the occupants to alight. Before he could get around, the car started to roll down the hill...

Only lately have the details become known, let alone printed, of one of the world's three greatest rail disasters. In December, 1917, about 1,200 soldiers were waiting at the Franco-Italian frontier station of Modane to be taken home on Christmas leave. Military autocrats forced the protesting engineer to open the throttle of his terribly overloaded train and start the perilous journey down the twisting Alpine grades. Brakes ran

hot—screamed—sparks flew—the brakes became looser than old shoes—friction set the cars on fire, gusts of black smoke poured from under cars—soldiers smashed bleeding fists against doors locked fast by wind pressure—the furious comet of a train rushed flaming to its doom. At a curve to a bridge over a vast abyss the locomotive hurtled on its side and cars piled up into one crashing heap. Burned to cinders, 400. Dead, 543. Injured, 243.

In an article, written with the intent to curb reckless driving, by an American journalist named Joseph C. Furnas, and published in this month's *Readers Digest*, the preface starts off with: «*Like the gruesome spectacle of a bad automobile accident itself, the realistic details of this article will nauseate some readers. Those who find themselves thus affected at the outset are cautioned against reading this article in its entirety...*» The article says: «Publicizing the total of motoring injuries..... never gets to first base in jarring the motorist into a realization of the appalling risks of motoring. He does not translate dry statistics into reality of blood and agony..... Even a mangled body on a (morgue) slab, waxily portraying the consequence of bad motoring judgement, isn't a patch on the scene of the accident itself. No artist working on a safety poster would dare depict that in full detail. That picture

would have to include motion-picture and sound effects, too—the flopping, pointless efforts of the injured to stand up; the queer, grunting noises; the steady, panting groaning of a human being with pain creeping up on him as the shock wears off. It should portray the slack expression on the face of a man, drugged with shock, staring at the Z-twist in his broken leg, the insane, crumpled effect of a child's body after its bones are crushed inward, a realistic portrait of an hysterical woman, her screaming mouth opening a hole in the bloody drip that runs into her eyes.... a mother, still inside (a car), a splinter of wood from the top driven four inches into her brain as a result of her son taking a greasy curve a little too fast. No blood—no horribly twisted bones—just a grey-haired corpse still clutching her pocket-book in her lap as she clutched it when she felt the car leave the road.... The driver is death's favourite target.....»

Industrial accidents, fires, and war put together have not exceeded the total toll of road accidents. The hospitals of the world with their super-modern efficiency, many of them running day and night in spite of being almost constantly in the red, make one realize that science has achieved a great deal to curtail loss of human life.

But science is not always infallible. Commonsense care usually is.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

On Thursday the King and Queen of the Belgians were in a severe motor accident which resulted in the death of the Queen and slight injuries to the King. The accident took place in Switzerland near Lucerne while King Leopold was driving the car himself. The King returned to Belgium yesterday bringing with him the body of his wife.

### Invisible Rays for London

An experiment with an invisible ray which, when broken by pedestrians, will operate traffic lights is to be tried on the roads on the outskirts of London. Hitherto pedestrian-operated signals have required the pressing of a button to stop vehicular traffic and secure a safe passage across roads at junctions equipped with traffic lights, but experience has proved that many people are too diffident to assert their right and the method has not been so successful as was hoped.

### Peace Plea of an Empress

News from Addis Ababa states that the Empress of Abyssinia says she has been fasting and praying fervently for sixteen days for the peace of Ethiopia and the world. She wishes to appeal to the women of the whole world to join her in her prayers. «If,» she continues, «despite all our efforts, peace should be disturbed, I shall be the first to exhort my people against the invader. I shall do as the august Empress Taitou did in her time.»

The Empress Taitou died in 1918. She was by the side of Menelik when he defeated the Italians under General Baratieri at Adowa in 1896.

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### Hauptmann Appeal

The Court of Errors and Appeals, New Jersey's highest court of justice, will meet September 12 to consider Bruno Hauptmann's appeal for a new trial on charges of murdering the Lindbergh baby. Should this effort prove unsuccessful, Hauptmann's last chance of escaping the electric chair would be a mercy appeal to the Court of Pardons for commutation of his sentence to imprisonment.

### Girl Badly Gored

When Margaret Maher was driving some cows near Cashel (Co. Tipperary) a bull rushed at her, gored her and threw her into the air. She was taken to hospital suffering extensive injuries, including damage to the right lung. Her screams attracted her employer and a workman, who drove off the animal with hay forks.

### Lack of «Toreros» in England

Another bull, a runaway, which had previously entered a garage and a public house in its rush through the streets of Worcester, frightening many children and women, ran into the Cathedral grounds after being chased for an hour, on Monday. Eventually it was cornered in the gardens of King's School, adjoining the Cathedral, and shot dead.

### Madrid Tramway Official Shot

Señor de Pablo, chief inspector of the Madrid Tramway Company, was shot dead and Señor Gutierrez, chief of the Traffic Department, was seriously injured on Aug. 26th. The two men were on their way to take up their duties when the attack was made by armed men,

who escaped in a motor-car. The attack is presumed to be connected with the discharge of some four hundred tramway employees after the strike last October.

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Another party to be given in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gullette is that arranged by Mrs. Claude Dawson for Tuesday afternoon. Cool drinks will be the order of the day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lewis and their children have left Barcelona for a vacation up the coast.

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore have returned to town after an absence of several weeks.

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Mr. Charles Dewis has left Barcelona for a holiday in Scotland.

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Mr. Michael Mobsby is spending a vacation in England.

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Amongst the large number of British and American visitors to Tossa are Mr. Ralph Bates, author of «Lean Man», a best-seller dealing with Cataluña's Social problem, and Mr. Frank Jelinek, who are at the Fonda Rovira.

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Mr. Edward Lloyd Mills left Barcelona on Wednesday for Antwerp, where he will embark for America on board the *Pennland*.

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The well-known Edinburgh hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Ryan, accompanied by their sons Graham, Lindsay and Allen, have left Palamos for Scot-

land. The Costa Brava has acquired five new victims, as they intend to return next year.

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The Rev. Doctor Jones and Mrs. Jones are staying at the Hotel Florida, Tibidabo, and much enjoying the respite from the heat of Barcelona.

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Mr. Harry Galland came over from Palma a few days ago on a short visit to his parents.

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Friends in Barcelona were very pleased to see Mr. Arthur Loveday, who was here for a couple of days early this week.

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Mr. Fred Witty left for England by car this morning.

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A few belated holiday makers are just planning a brief vacation in the Pyrenees before the weather breaks. It must be confessed that the rain over last week-end was a pleasant interlude, even

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if it did interfere with golf and beach-picnics, and early this week there was quite a hint of autumn in the air.

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In the meantime the terrace of the British Club continues to be one of the pleasantest *rendez-vous* in town for tea or evening *apèritif*, or for a quiet perusal of the daily and weekly papers and magazines which are to be found there.

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HOTEL URBIS Paseo de Gracia, 23

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### Cricket

The visit of the South Africans is drawing to a close. Defeated in two consecutive County games, they went on to win the rubber. Change Captains and..... well, perhaps Wyatt did the best he could or perhaps he was ill advised. It is certain that the sides sent out to represent England lacked the fighting spirit, even if they did get the Captaincy they deserved. Yorkshire are champions once again, and their position at the head of the table has been won by the very qualities which seem wanting in Test Teams. A word of praise must be allotted to Derbyshire, who occupy the 2nd. position. A sporting side, breathing the essence of cricket, they have chased the leaders valiantly. The lessons of tenacity and that a team consists of eleven men could be learned by other Counties.

### Motorcycling

The first *Grand Prix d'Europe* to be decided in the British Isles was run near Belfast recently. Handley and Guthrie carried off the major honours. Stanley Woods had to retire with engine trouble, a fate that befell a large percentage of the competitors. The modern motor-cycle has gained enormously in speed, but has it lost its reliability? The tendency to-day is to *refine* machinery and we are losing the older virtues of simplicity and strength. Mass production methods fail to satisfy the owner-driver in any respect beyond that of initial cost.

### Football

The Soccer League is threatening to begin and once more we are confronted with the hoary problems of who will head the League and what will become of Chelsea. This should be a wonderful year under both codes. Amateur Soccer is taking a firm root in the outskirts of more than one professional centre and the utmost keenness is being evinced.

### Swimming

Many local and national records were chipped during the Balearic Tour of the Barcelona Swimming Club. Spain is, alas, still far from Olympic standard in time or performance. In England this sport seems to be waking up a little. The building of new *Lidos* and pools—the Guildford *Lido* was an unemployed job and paid for itself in the first year—the hot summers and the general desire to get bronzed and fit instead of pasty and sickly have much to do with this very healthy development.

### From the Sideline

Under the heading of *Foreign Gleanings* the Paris *New York Herald* reports that Italian spies are active in Barcelona and other Mediterranean Ports with a view to the ultimate annexation of the Balearics by Italy. Probably these spies are endeavouring to discover the exact situation of the Balearics, and still think, with so many people, that Ibiza is Palma. The situation is rapidly becoming acute. One day last week some 2,000 British spies spent the day in Barcelona, and disguised as African explorers ascended the crags of Montserrat, whence they surveyed the coveted landscape. The German who asked us recently what time the Barcelona-Madrid boat sailed, and was indignant when we told him no can do, was obviously a special envoy of Herr Adolf. A fiendish plan to sail the Nazi Fleet down the Ebro and take Gibraltar from behind is, of course, at the bottom of it. At the word «Go,» let's all laugh.

And, talking of the war scare, there has been a pronounced return to favour of the old slang farewell, *Abyssinia*, which for the benefit of the uninitiated means, «I'll be seein' yer.» The reply «Siam» has now been altered to «Adios Abbaba.» The present situation, whatever that may be, is altering daily, but we should really like to know if anybody is preparing a few really good marching songs for this campaign. We feel that any excursion into Italo-Britannica, «the country of the blind,» should be a sentimental and music-hall success. Mr. Ivor Novello is rather too busy at the moment to pay much attention to such matters but he is always to be relied upon for something on the lines of «The girl I left at Djibouti.» Perhaps we shall have an innovation in the form of jazzed patriotism, and trip the light fantastic to the tune of «Duce Woochie» and «Red Sea Nights.» Old Moore predicts some horrible things for this year, including a particularly effective landslide and earthquake in Africa which with a stretch of the imagination could be taken for this week's conflict. His reference to unfor-

tunate occurrences in Switzerland, however, should be taken literally. He might have called it an *Auld Wives Tale*. Talking of this matter to our Miss Schuyler the other day she told us that already Paris is feeling the Ethiopian influence. Burnous for evening wear have been seen at Deauville, and bare feet with silk puttees are promised for the autumn. We look like having another Primavera di Bellezza in 1936.

## VALENCIA

We learn that Mr. Gentry, of the Anglo-South American Bank of Valencia, was married last week in England to Mrs. Gifford. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Neville Birkett, who came to Valencia with Mr. L. Scott, will leave here next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Bulman are also going to England next week. Mr. Bulman is with White, Harver and Company.

Miss Lolita Dalby has returned to Valencia for a few days before going on to Denia. Her mother, who has been very ill, is rapidly recovering in Benisal, where she has gone for her convalescence.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Dennis Leinster, of the Suc. de Enberg Cia., on his engagement to Miss Lydia Doris Brown. The marriage will take place next summer.

We had the pleasure of speaking to Mr. Keith, of the Anglo-South American Bank, for a few minutes the other day. Judging from his everlasting haste business seems good in Valencia. Judging from his contented expression marriage must be a wonderful institution.

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# LADY LEISURE

By Jane Schuyler

## Those Curves

When Mae West first appeared in pictures, they said exaggerated curves were coming back, but her figure is hardly to be taken as a model of feminine beauty to-day. And there's no reason that I can see why you should have a Mae Westish assortment of curves! She finds her figure an advantage because she is different, a character, but you are no Gay Nineties belle, and only lazy women who have the perseverance to take off fat are the ones who most want to believe that these curves are the fashion. They are not—and never will be!

Excess weight is generally caused by improperly functioning glands and insufficient muscular energy. However, I think that our figures could be easily controlled if we lost the habit of eating more than we need (a common vice), and set a schedule of regular hours for our meals, instead of taking food in-between. (You'll have to forget about your favourite *aperitif*.... and those *patatas fritas*.)

In Hollywood, where even an ounce can bring on complete hysteria, the banana and skimmed milk diet is the vogue. A famous star declares having lost 17 lbs. in 17 days this way. Others munch celery from dusk to dawn. Joan Blondell takes buttermilk and grape fruit when the scales show bad tidings. Esther Ralston keeps her weight down with a ten day diet of orange juice and beef *bouillon*, and many stars dabble in straight orange juice diets and use the yolk of a raw egg in the morning, to keep up their strength.

I shouldn't try any of these crazy reducing tricks without consulting a Doctor, as they often end in serious illnesses. Anyhow, we need not fear the loss of a contract because of a few extra pounds, and for this reason, safe and sane dieting should be adopted so as to lose two or three pounds per week, not more.

If you want to feel as fit as the proverbial fiddle and lose every ounce of extra flesh with no harm done, try this:

Let your menu consist of a glass of orange juice varied by grape fruit for breakfast, and a piece of crisp, unfattening bread; a selection of vegetables (fresh) and a medium serving of lean beef or lamb for luncheon, and a large salad of cold vegetables cooked and uncooked for dinner, followed by fruit (apples, oranges, water melon or pineapple).

By all means eliminate coffee, chocolate, rich pastries and desserts, dry beans, spaghetti, macaroni, thick soups

and gravies and all meats except rare beef and lamb. Salt must be rigidly cut out, and meals must be taken dry, any fluid (water if possible) to be taken in-between.

If on certain occasions a large meal is eaten, the best plan is to omit the next, and replace it by a cup of tea with lemon juice.

Reducing this way you'll have more pep and energy than a puppy..... and a figure.

## Recipes

Austrian favourites:

*Viennese Back of Veal*  
(Vienna Kalsbrucken)

Back of calf—3 oz. larding bacon—1lb. dripping for roasting.

Remove the kidneys and fat from the back. Lard in three rows, sprinkle with salt and roast with pork dripping, butter or the fat from the kidneys. It will require 1½-2 hours' roasting, according to its size. The meat must be basted frequently and when cooked it should be a light brown colour. Should it brown too early, cover with a buttered paper. The kidneys should be roasted with the meat. The roasted back is then put on a board, the meat is separated from the bones and cut in slices, which are again placed on the skeleton so as to make it look quite complete. The kidneys are cut in slices and put on top. The gravy is skimmed, boiled up with water or broth and served separately.

### Dobos Tart

5 eggs—5 oz. sugar — 4 oz. flour — 1½ oz. butter—Chocolate butter icing—6 oz. sugar for caramel.

Beat the 5 egg yolks and 5 oz. sugar together. Whisk up 4 whites stiffly and fold into the yolks and sugar. Stir the flour in lightly and then the melted butter. Put in good-sized round portions, 3 inches in diameter, on baking-sheets well greased with butter and sprinkled with flour. Bake in a moderate oven. Cool, spread with chocolate-butter icing and sandwich all the cakes together. Cover the top layer with caramel, made by browning 6 oz. sugar in a pan; it should only be allowed to become golden yellow. Before the caramel gets stiff, mark out portions on it with a buttered knife, so that the tart may be easily cut in pieces, and spread the sides with chocolate-butter icing.

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

### Problem No. 6

S-----  
H-J, 9, 3.  
D-Q, 10, 4.  
C-6.

S-K, J.  
H-K, 8.  
D-5, 2.  
C-Q.

NORTH  
W E S-----  
E A H-Q, 10, 7, 5.  
S D-6, 3.  
T T C-8.

SOUTH  
S-7, 5.  
H-A, 6.  
D-----  
C-10, 4, 2.

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

### Solution to Problem No. 5

Trick.	WEST.	NORTH.	EAST.	SOUTH.
1	S-10	D-J	S-3	S-Q
2	C-4	D-A	S-4	S-J
3	C-J	D-5	S-7	S-8
4	H-8	H-10	D-2	D-6
5	H-2	H-3	H-4	C-6
6	C-K	C-3	D-8	D-9

North was prepared to overtrump West on any trick, after which he would lead his second trump. To win five tricks it was necessary that North unblock the diamonds. Had South led the diamond 9 on trick four, East would have won the last two tricks.

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### Theatres

- ROMEA—*Adios Muchachos*, Castillian repertory Company.  
 TIVOLI—*Hip, Hip, Hurah!* continues amid loud cheers.  
 BARCELONA—*Menos Lobos*. Agricultura' drama.  
 COMICO—Revue season, on the salty side.  
 PRINCIPAL—Revue—*Las de Armas tomar*. They call it frivolous.  
 POLIORAMA—*Fantasio*, entitled an American Spectacle.

### Cinemas

- COLISEUM—Edmund Lowe and Wynne Gibson in *Se necesita un protector*.  
 The remaining programmes are uncertain at the time of going to print.

### General Diversions

- Dog Racing at Sol de Baix, Guinardó and Kennel Club.  
 Fun Fair at Maricel Park.  
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## London Letter

Within the space of one little week, we have all become authorities on the entire Abyssinian question. There is not a man, woman or adolescent in England who, in the face of a rising flood of wild but credible rumours, cannot recall the origins of the situation, interpret the present, and prophesy the future.

There has not been quite so much excitement since the day England abandoned the gold standard or Lindbergh flew the Atlantic. Ministers have been arriving in London on dramatic all-night dashes, leaving tamely the next day in more leisurely fashion, which spoiled all our drama for us.

True, a minister or two has been left available, but it does not suffice to compensate us for the loss of such spicy, but untrue, titbits that the Suez Canal was about to be closed to all-comers; that Malta was preparing to resist an Italian invasion; that Italy would launch a military offensive against England if the arms embargo were lifted in favour of Abyssinia; that mobilization plans had been tentatively prepared by our Lords of the Admiralty and the War Office.

Anyhow, that is the sort of week it has been, which means we have had all the fun and no damage done, all break-ages being deferred until the League Meeting on September 4th.

A little rashly I said last week that it would be a long time before the Abyssinian muddle was pushed off the front pages of our newspapers. It only goes to show how good faith can be misled, but at least it took the whole corps of Marines to prove me wrong. On Saturday, when the Marines took over mounting the guard at Buckingham Palace, their feat occupied the front page of the evening papers, Abyssinia going over to page four. The Marines showed London how the military people do

things in the navy, and latest news is that the buildings they are guarding are still *sur place*, unharmed, and well guarded.

Events come crowding thick and fast in the theatrical season which is going to open, apparently in a blaze of social glory, come the middle of September. First there is Noel Coward, who is experimenting with a new form which consists largely of presenting three pieces in one evening. They are not necessarily one-act plays, but they are, perhaps, potted full-length plays, straight or musical. So far six of these pieces have been written, and another three are in the writing. After a week in the provinces they will come to London, the stars of the show being Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence.

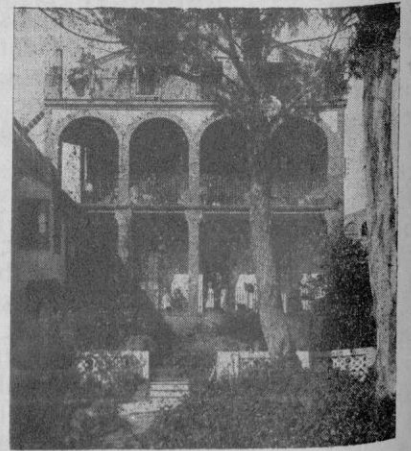
Great things are expected of a play called «Nina», by Bruno Frank, the German dramatist, and for which Lucy Mannheim is being imported to play the lead. Some time toward October 1st. we shall have a new Lonsdale play, about which nobody knows very much at the moment.

The Russian Ballet closed down at the end of last week, leaving some very pleasant recollections behind. For its last night the «Spectre de la Rose», was given which was possibly designed to make us regret that the company was leaving London. After a seven months' tour of America, the troupe will return to Europe, making Spain the first lap of a new European tour.

Epicures are weighing up prospects for the oyster season, which are officially announced as good. To those for whom oysters carry a message September is the best month of the year, and the annual Colchester Oyster Feast has been fixed for the middle of September. Among the guests of honour will be the Spanish Ambassador.

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# Feria at Alcalá de Henares

Birthplace of Cervantes and of Catharine of Aragón, Alcalá also harbours amongst its treasures the glorious University founded by Cisneros and closed exactly one hundred years ago, where the famous polyglot Bible was published. Other items of interest to the curious traveller who strays off the main road are the Palace of the Archbishops of Toledo, the wooden arcades, and the sugared almonds. Situated as it is, in the midst of a landscape of remote and pallid colours, Alcalá is usually dormant. Its river, the Henares, erratic like most Spanish water-courses, meanders or rushes beneath the escarpments of the imposing Cerro de la Vera Cruz. Apart from these dull-brown heights, the setting of Alcalá is one of general flatness and distance which becomes intensified in the summer light. Against the grey-yellow corn stubble, black cattle strays as if in intentional contrast. Even the great Church of the village offers a note of originality with its red and purple tower and grey spire. Variation on the theme of off-colours is the key-note of this town, and even when the *Feria* is on the vivid greens and reds of the paper caps, merry-go-rounds and other vertigo-producing instruments, the obvious always seems to have been carefully avoided.

This same *Feria*, like so many other manifestations of life in Spain, seems to have no rhyme nor reason, it just is, and one either understands this and accepts it as normal or mutters the usual stereotyped remarks about inefficiency. At the same time, to those who know, there can be no mistake about it. Have not the gipsies commenced to arrive? These harbingers of fair, fun and fake have been seen way down the road towards Guadalajara, camping under the trees, biding their time and preparing for the descent upon Alcalá. I saw them arriving the other day, in a long erratic procession, quite regardless of the rules of the road. *Romis* and *Roms*, mounted upon every conceivable beast whose four legs would still move in comparative

unison, going to the village for the fair, being the fair, and then moving on. To where? Who knows or cares? Some of the more advanced *romis* protected their heads from the sweltering sun with tattered umbrellas, which had spent their lives in the racks of many a *Casino de pueblo*. Others resorted to the classical kerchief of bright colors. The men, in dark clothes and riding as only gipsies can ride feet dangling and head up, chatted together or shifted a straw from one side of their mouths to the other. Beneath the beasts and behind and before ran the larger *chumbeles*, attired in the most picturesque rags and tatters. One elfin child, black eyed and wistful, wore a long green petticoat and on her head a ragged priest's hat. This sight would have pleased George Borrow. And so the long procession moved, like some preposterous flight into Egypt, and the gipsies, their distant eyes reviewing the landscape with apparent contentment, when they noticed it at all, arrived at Alcalá.

Immediately the streets filled with children, and crying babies. The little stalls along the main street began to do a brisk business. Mules plunged and kicked, and from the Plaza Mayor came the sugary screech of the hurdy-gurdy. On the swings and roundabouts soldiers and girls sped in a fury of exaggerated movement. The *Feria* had begun, and the gipsies likewise had initiated their round of gentle pillage. «Come along, handsome, let me tell your fortune, you have the aspect of a millionaire, if I am not mistaken. Let an old gipsej help you to fame and fortune. ¿What? No? Then dirty one, may your legs stiffen as you walk and all your children wither at birth.»

Further down the street some doubtful mules are being examined. The seller, a well-dressed man whose dark eyes and skin belies the disguising apparel, holds forth upon the advantages that will be the lot of the prospective

buyer. We seem to have seen this dark man somewhere in the procession, and there is no doubt that that mule will be worthless when the potion has worked off. There is much laughter and japing, and a light yellow dust settles down upon the street as the day wears on.

In the afternoon there is to be a bullfight. Three well-known *toreros*, direct from Madrid (via many a small *pueblo*) are to despatch six magnificent beasts all guaranteed to weigh an incredible amount. Nobody believes this, but all will crowd into the ring when the Red Cross Band strikes up «Lalanda». As a refuge from the heat and noise some of us have penetrated into the cloister of the old University. Here there is comparative coolness and no noise to disturb the hollyhocks and sunflowers which surround the old grey well. In the large Assembly Hall, one of the most beautiful of its kind in Spain, the silence is complete, and from the walls the honours boards—dated 16th. and 17th. Century—look down upon us. They bear some noble names, these boards—Quevedo, eternal jester, Jovellanos, and Saint Ignatius of Loyola. And outside the gipsies. Spain, we cannot but appreciate your diversity.

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**The Focal Point**

Not alone Spain, but the world of letters in general, marked on Tuesday last the three-hundredth anniversary of the death of Lope Félix de Vega Carpio, he of the eighteen hundred comedies. This extraordinary genius, and hardly less remarkable personality, gathered together and made his own practically all of the already established forms of literary production of his predecessors, and from his versatility radiated forth again an infinity of threads to affect the literary world even to the present day.

Soldier, dramatist, poet, satirist, priest, and with it all finding time to be the equivalent of what is nowadays called a man-about-town, Lope lived one of the fullest lives that it is possible to imagine. His first known work, a play called *El Verdadero Amante*, was written at the age of twelve years, and he never laid down his witty pen for sixty-one years thereafter. While much of his work has been lost, since like his contemporary Shakespeare he dashed off plays when wanted for immediate production, and took no thought to preserve the manuscripts for a posterity to which

he gave but little attention, enough material is available to let us take the measure of a genuinely great talent.

There is no outstanding masterpiece among the plays of Lope, but this, after all, was scarcely to be expected, for masterpieces require polishing and long labour, and he had no time, had he the desire, to turn back his attention to the play of last week, or even that of yesterday. Nevertheless, the average of this hasty writing is astonishingly high. Written almost on the quarterdeck of a ship in the ill-fated Spanish Armada was a lengthy epic poem in the style of Orlando Furioso. Satires and sonnets flowed fast from his pen in the intervals of his dramatic writing, although one wonders where those intervals could come in a torrent of production which averaged one play every twelve days throughout a long and active life.

His plots repeat themselves (how could they not?), his characters show no development, and his puppets are but the mouthpieces of their wise and witty creator, with no life of their own. He allowed but one major motivation, that of love, yet he managed to surround that theme with so much brilliancy of

comment, to treat it from so many sides that he excelled equally in tragedy, in farce of the broadest, and in the mysticism of religious «autos.» He had time, regrettably to our modern thought, to take an active part in the Inquisition, although his name is not among those blackened by sadistic rejoicing over the possibility of torturing heretics. His activities in this work of the church were largely confined to the writing of his «autos» and overseeing their production, for he believed, and frankly proclaimed, that the mission of literature was to interest the public, and the apostles of Art for Art's sake, the poets picturesquely starving in garrets, the «mute-inglorious Miltons» of his time or any other, received short shift at his hands.

His works have been an almost inexhaustible goldmine to those who have come after him, serving for everything from inspiration to downright plagiarism. The world of letters owes him a debt which it can never pay, and it is fitting that his native land should do him the honours with which this year it marks his memory.

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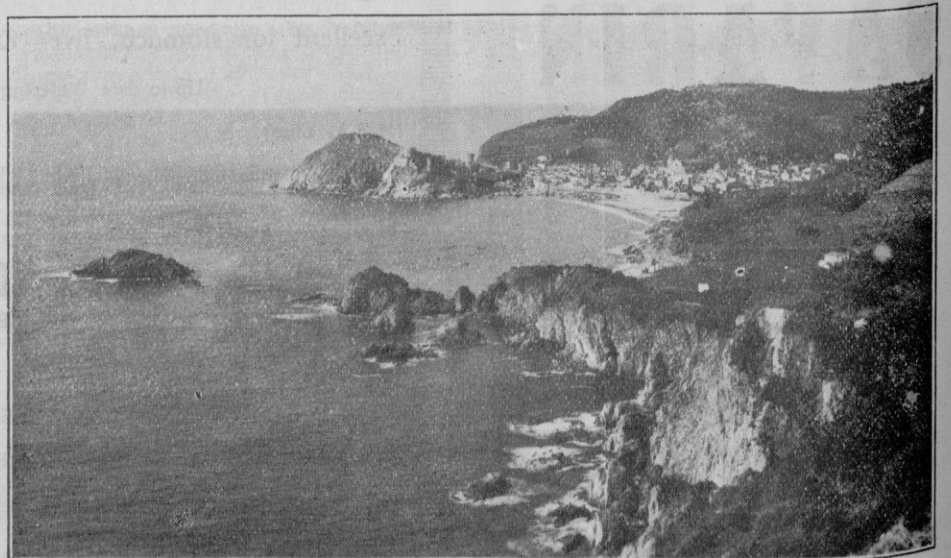
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Wednesday night the Terreno home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brierly was the scene of gay doings. Loud *olé*s could be heard issuing from within, together with gay music followed by breathless silences. For Señor Romero was exhibiting his skill as a bullfighter, with the aid of a bell-hop as the bull. (We understand the bull's life was spared.) Señor Romero gave an interesting description of the early history of bull-fighting, when men fought on spirited horses and sometimes with more than one bull in the ring. The many thrilled spectators included Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mme. Lamilé and her niece, D. Miguel Ramón, D. Bernardo Cercera, Count R. Thublier d'Argenson, Mrs. Sybil Corbett Lloyd, Dr. Miró, Mrs. Leonard Liebling and her daughter and son-in-law, Señor Vidal-Quadras, Don Martín Mayol, Miss Valerie Gorska, Miss Edith Lawrence, Don Lorenzo Serra, Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Leaman, Mrs. Seymour Burt, Marqués de Zayas, Miss Jenny Moilanen.

We are glad to find that we were mistaken in our report a long while ago of the death of Baron Basedow, or «Fifi» as he will be remembered here. He was, according to persistent rumours, supposed to have been struck by a truck in New York and killed. Mr. Mortimer writes from London that he has met him in that metropolis on the verge of sailing back to New York, and with his pockets simply bulging with money.

Sr. and Sra. Domingo Femenías of Terreno took a party of friends on Tuesday to Colonia for a picnic. Sr. Femenías' sister has a summer house there which was thrown open to the guests and a luncheon served which should go down in history. A chicken was served, as we are sure only Sra. Femenías could prepare it. The skin had been removed whole and then stuffed with the meat of the bird, eggs, ham and goodness knows what, and then cooked, a dish for a king. Don Domingo in off-picnic moments is proprietor of Terreno's long established pharmacy of that name.

The *Gin and Angostura* is being freshened up within and without in preparation for the return of the «owner» as the Major explained to us the other day. He expects Mrs. Grant-Smith on the 5th. of September.



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Mrs. Yvonne Rogers, of Ibiza, arrived in Palma last week to make a visit with her friend Mrs. Margaret Heard of the *Huerta* outside of Pollensa. A more delightful spot for a visit could not be imagined as Mrs. Heard's house is without doubt one of the most picturesque as well as the most comfortable on the Island.

Mrs. Dina Harris, who recently arrived back from London, is staying at the Hotel Victoria.

Someone whom we have missed seeing about lately is Mrs. Doris Cameron and we are relieved to learn that she is not ill but has come to the conclusion that during the hot weather the best place to keep cool is in your own house.

Mr. George Saward of the British Vice-Consulate has left for his vacation with Mrs. Saward. They have gone to the fastnesses of Bañalbufar on the far side of the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. S.C.H. Gauntlett who are summering in the French Pyrenees have left Foix for Mount Louis.

Dr. Brooks of the chalet *Los Cuatro Vientos* has left for America. Mrs. Brooks expects to follow shortly.

An advance party of guests and the housekeeper have arrived and gone to Miss Barlow's house the *Good Companions* at Cala D'Or. Miss Barlow herself, who is a sister of Sir Thomas Barlow, has not arrived as yet.

Mr. Bedell who had expected to get away for Nice sometime ago on his yacht the *Acushla* has been held up by the inclement weather...Mr. Thomas Weguelin and Mrs. Weguelin arrive today for a visit on the Island.

Mrs. John Lowry with her three children left last night for Barcelona from where they will go to Paris before taking

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ship for the United States. Mrs. Lowry and her family have been here almost three years and will be sorely missed by the foreign colony of which they were such popular members.

On Wednesday evening there was a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhall for Mrs. Lowry. There were cocktails and supper after which a box was presented to Mrs. Lowry containing all sorts of useful things for her trip home. It was a grand party and it was just about daylight before the guests reluctantly dragged themselves home. On hand for the *fiesta* were Mr. and Mrs. Talcott Camp, Mrs. Bowman-Burns, Mr. N.C.L. Mather, Mr. Peter Owen and his sister were expected but at the last moment were forced to remain at home due to Miss Braddan's illness.

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### "The Man in the White Tie"

A letter from Mr. Louis Golding, who has been on holiday, gives us his verdict concerning the solutions sent in to his story — *«The Man in the White Tie»* — published in THE MAJORCA SUN AND SPANISH NEWS, numbers 28 and 29. The solution which most pleased him, he says, was that of Mrs. Joan Malcolm with Miss Vida Slade as runner-up. *«I have no hesitation,»* he writes, *«in awarding the prize to Solution No. 1. The writer has thrown a searching beam on to the story. This solution quarrels successfully with the one I have sought to provide for myself. A cunning piece of work.»* *«Solution No. 4 (Miss Slades') is ingeniously cryptic but is rather destructive, although I enjoyed it very much.»*

The prize then, of a copy of the story Mr. Golding considers his best — *«Miracle Boy»*, goes to Mrs. Joan Malcolm, of Soller, Majorca, whom we congratulate, and whose solution we give below.

#### Synopsis

Amy Redheast is dressing for dinner at a house-party given by the Cullen-Kerrs. While she is before the mirror she sees the image of a man standing behind her. He is dressed in evening attire, and wears black onyx buttons barred with minute diamonds. The face reflected in the glass is that of a man with high-arched brows and a small dark moustache. A moment later he has vanished, leaving no trace behind him. At dinner that night Amy Redheast is surprised at seeing no guest answering to the description of her visitor at the table. She is told by her hostess that no other guests are expected. She explains about the man she saw, and her hostess laughs, saying it must have been a shadow. Months later Amy sees him again, at the theatre, and they become mutually attracted. They are introduced at a supper-party later. Two months later they are married. They are invited again to the Cullen-Kerrs country house, and are given the same room as Amy had the year before. They are changing for dinner. Suddenly looking into her mirror, she sees the image again also the image of her husband. Her husband bows, turns and disappears. She runs through the house, shrieking his name. But she never finds him.

#### Until the Third or Fourth Generation

An explanation of *«The Man in the White Tie»*

by Joan Malcolm

Rossiter Towers showed little outward change from the 17th. century to the 20th. In its grim austerity it frowned across the river Tay — guardian of a thousand traditions.

On the night in question — a sultry July evening, 1688, the austerity of the great house was modified somewhat by the lights that shone from every window for Hector Waterlow, had that day brought his young bride, Jennifer, to his ancestral home.

They were changing for dinner. Jennifer in the little closet on the left of the big bedroom, Hector in a larger dressing-room on the right. But Jennifer bore with ill-concealed impatience the ministrations of her waiting-maid. Finally dismissing her she sank into the chair by her dressing-table and hid her face in her hands.

The sound of a step behind her brought her, startled, to her feet, but it was only her young husband who stood mirrored in the long panel of glass on the wall. He smiled at her reassuringly, his high-arched brows delicately pencilled against the clear pallor of his skin.

«Faith! How you startled me!» Jennifer turned and laid a nervous hand on his arm.

«My sweet — I'm so sorry!» He held out a little case, on the white velvet of which gleamed six buttons of black onyx, barred with two parallel lines of minute diamonds. «Look, sweet! — Your wedding-gift to me! I'll have Neil fasten them on my white waistcoat for to-night. Why, child! What ails you? You're crying — Jennifer!»

For Jennifer had sunk back into her chair and was sobbing noiselessly, but with a heart-rending intensity of grief.

In a moment Hector was on his knees beside her, his arms round her, his voice torn with compunction and his love for her.

She listened to the flow of tender, comforting words for a while, her head resting on his shoulder, then raised herself and gently pushed him from her.

«Oh, Hector, Hector!» she cried, «I can't let it go on like this. You are so good to me, so wonderfully good, and I have learned to love you so! I — who never thought to use that word again!»

Into Hector's candid, young eyes came a bewildered look.

«Learn to love? — Why, dearest, what is this? Did you not love me before — when first — » His voice faltered into silence before the white entreaty of her face.

«Listen!» she cried passionately. «For at least now I owe you the truth. I was 'trothed to Paul Valley — secretly pledged — then he was killed and I — I — my mother — oh, Hector! You may well draw away! We — I — wronged

you terribly, but now I swear, by all I hold sacred, if you will let me I will make atonement. I will go away until it is all over. No one will ever know. I did not think to love a man again, but now — but now — you mean so much to me.»

Hector's arms had slowly loosened their hold, and Jennifer sank, a huddled little heap of peach satin and lace, to the floor.

She heard the door slam. She heard her husband's feet cross the great bedroom and enter his own room, and through the muffled choking of her sobs she heard the explosion that shattered the silence of the vast house.

It seemed hours had passed, though it can have been but minutes, when she came round from her swoon to find herself lying on a couch in her room, her father-in-law standing, grey and grim, above her.

She gazed up at him, speechless, shocked at the changes wrought in his rugged face.

«I don't know what you have done,» he said, speaking heavily and slowly, «or what you are. No!» — «He checked her broken utterance with a gesture. «I have no interest now to know. But I do know that my son — my dear son — found fit to kill himself, to face death rather than endure life with you — as he has found you out to be. May that thought be your punishment through this life and all eternity.» He raised his head and the slow-welling tears coursed down his sunken cheeks. «And if there is a God and he listens to me now, then, in some future age, some offspring from your body, some woman tainted with the stain that is your blood — shall here in this house — in this very room, maybe, find and lose he who is dearer to her than life itself. He shall vanish from her ken as utterly and finally as my son has vanished from mine. And now get out — get out!»

His tired voice cracked as the storm that had arisen within him surged in overwhelming fury to his brain.

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**Letter Box**

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To:—The Editor.

Sir,  
Referring to your «Ode to Orthography», where you find difficulty in spelling persons' names, have you ever thought of the difficulties encountered by foreigners in the spelling of ordinary words? A few years ago the Simplified Spelling Board of New York published a little booklet of «Rimes without Reason» by, «One who has been Stung by the Spelling Bee.»

As a foreword it tells its readers that no English-speaking person can tell with certainty how to pronounce a word which he has only seen written and has not heard spoken, nor can he tell how to spell a word which he has only heard spoken and never seen written.

In accordance with the pronunciation of other English words, the word «foolish» can be spelt in 613,975 different ways all of which would be correct, as an example the Simplified Spelling Board gives the following: PPHOUGHTLUIPSH. This is how they obtained this spelling: PPH the sound of F in sapphire, OUGH the sound of OO in through, TL the sound of L hustle, UI the sound of I in build, PSH the sound of SH in pshaw.

In the same way «potato» can be spelt as «gheauphteightteoug» by taking the words: hiccough, beau, phthisic, eight, gazette, though. And here are limericks showing the absurdity of some combinations of letters.

A teacher whose spelling's unique  
Thus wrote down the days of the wique,  
The first she spelt «Sunday»  
The second day «Munday»  
And now a new teacher they sique.

A wise old owl lived in an oak,  
The more he saw the less he spook,  
The less he spook the more he heard,  
Why can't we be like that old beard?

When reformers have nothing to du  
They might take a shot at the Gnu,  
To knock off the G  
Would fill them with glee  
And would'nt embarrass the nu.

To finish with, here is a pathetic question with an appropriate answer:—

If an S, an I, and an O and a U  
With an X at the end spell Su,  
And an E and a Y and E spell I,  
Pray, what is a speller to do?

Then if also an S and an I and a G and  
H E D spell side,  
There's nothing much left for a speller to do  
But go and commit siouxeyesighed.

Does anybody know the poem written by a Dutch professor of languages on

English contradictions? I know it was published in an Amsterdam newspaper and then copied in an American one a few years ago.

Yours sincerely,

A Foreigner

To:—The Editor.

Sir,  
I am writing to ask if your readers can give me information concerning the lesser known antiquities and burial-places which I understand are fairly numerous on the island of Mallorca? Such things are a serious hobby of mine, and I would be most grateful for any light on the subject, during my stay here.

Truly yours—

Sincere Prowler.

To:—The Editor.

Recently my attention has been directed to remarks in the English Press on the imprisonment of Captain Kane at Palma, conducive to warn people not to visit the island, Mallorca. The *Sunday Express*, in bad taste, regardless of a kind invitation on the part of the Mayor of San Sebastián to visit Spain, curtly declined and stigmatizes the verdict of the Court as a «monstruous sentence.»

I know nothing of the Kane case and am consequently unable to express an opinion. Strange, however, to me is the fact that the papers mention Captain Kane as being in an hotel, which to my mind is no uncomfortable confinement.

I would extremely regret if this incident should be the cause of any estrangement between English and Spaniards and result in terrifying and deterring foreigners from visiting the lovely island. Personally my wife and self have spent eighteen delightful months on the island and have learned to admire the noble qualities of the Spanish people. We have always found them most courteous, helpful and kind.

My travels have brought me over the continent of Europe four times for lengthy periods, so that I have some right of passing an opinion. I make bold

to state that I have never come across a more affable and amiable class of people. My wife and self will feel ever grateful to the Spanish people for all their consideration, generosity and kindness to us and we wholeheartedly tender them that gratitude. Our stay among them and on their beautiful island, Mallorca, will be one of the sweetest reminiscences of our lives.

G.F.C. Faustmann, V.W.M.  
Peterborough, England.

**Mallorca Press Banquet**

On Sunday last, in Soller, a large banquet was given at the Hotel Terramar in honour of Don Juan Marqués Arbona, founder and director of the interesting and important newspaper, «Sóller», on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

About two hundred guests were present.

The guest of honour, had on his right the Governor Civil, Don Juan Manent, and on his left the Mayor of Soller, Don Miguel Colom.

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From notices received it seems that the Minister of War, Don José Maria Gil Robles, will assist at these trials, flying from Madrid and probably returning there the same day. The object of his visit is none other than that cited above.

It is also said that the Commandante Militar de Baleares, General Masquelet, will embark next Thursday for Mahon, to witness the same trials.

**Plaza de Toros**

Sunday next, at 4.15 at Palma's Bullring, *aficionados* of comic bull-fights should have a grand time.

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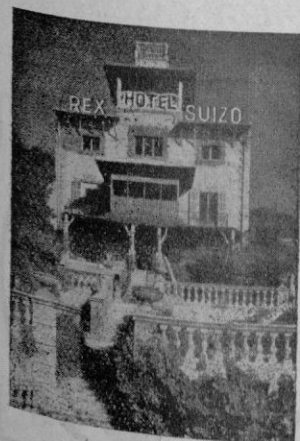
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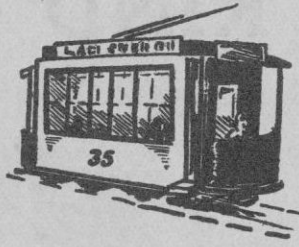
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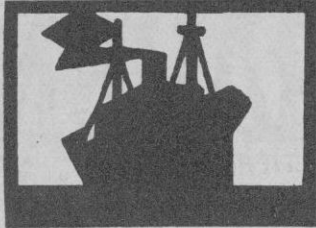
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Last Sunday Mallorquin dances were held at the *puerto* bull-ring, in aid of the new church being built here. At the time of going to press we do not know how much was collected, but we can rightly suppose that it was a most successful endeavour.

The dances met with the usual approval and delight of the *colonia veraniega*, and the Fancy Dress Dance to be held next Thursday in the same bull-ring is being looked forward to with great pleasure.

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Mr. Alex Trauman is spending two weeks with his mother and sister before sailing for Mexico. We wish him the best of luck!

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Persistent rumours have been floating around that some people have been entering at least one of the *puerto* bar-restaurants and ordering in advance duck dinners for a dozen, and then never returning to eat them. This sort of thing, if true, is, to put things mildly, a shame.

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# SOLLER

Saturday last was the fête day of San Bartolomé, and saw Soller crowded with visitors. The Municipal Band played in the Plaza all the morning. Water-polo teams from Palma gave an interesting exhibition game in the Puerto, and in the evening a *verbena* was held at the Kiosk on the Pluya, the dancing lasting until the small hours.

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New arrivals in the Puerto include the Misses Haworth, of Lancaster, and Mr. J.K. Rashleigh, who, after spending a week-end with the Dean Pauls, left for Barcelona, Paris and London.

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The Hotel Terramar had a large party for lunch and dinner on Sunday last. Over a hundred Mallorquins from Soller and Palma were present.

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(Tauchnitz)

There was a time—a terrible time, I admit—when I took myself aside into a dim, quiet corner to search my soul, alone. Something had happened, something perfectly terrible, beyond words, or, if not exactly that, something to be whispered to oneself in the silences of the night. And that was not the worst of it; for it appeared to me that this terrible thing was going to be permanent. I saw no escape. I was on the verge of entering a state of mind for which I would undoubtedly be shunned, scorned, ostracized and cut by a great part of the English speaking peoples of to-day, if not posterity. Not only was I about to show the world, without shame, my sacrilegious tendencies and frankly display to a gasping public the amazing shallowness of my brain, but, to top everything, I was going to glory in it, to exhibit that final proof of insanity by delighting in the fact that I was different to the common herd, that I alone saw the light, as it were.

For I was bored by Mr. Wodehouse. Yes, there it was—the glaring fact. Even the inevitable Jeeves produced nothing but soporific tendencies in me. Either I had grown up, or Mr. Wodehouse had deteriorated, or something, because I could not raise a smile, could scarcely refrain from skipping whole pages of his books.

This, as you will plainly see, was the end. It was, undoubtedly, some sort of obscure mental disease from which I must be cured or all hope was lost. I still had enough intelligence remaining to realize that no doctor on earth, however great, would take up my case. This must be one of those self-healings, a question of mind over matter, if I had any mind, and if you could call it matter. So, curling up my toes bravely, I decided to read one more of Mr. Wodehouse's books from start to finish.

Now, whether or not I am still in a bad state mentally or completely cured I must leave to others to judge. For on reading «Money For Nothing» I raised not only several smiles but quite a crop of genuine, hearty laughs as well, which, in these days, are priceless. What is more, the actual plot, if a trifle reminiscent of Victorian theatrical farces, is most amusingly worked out and is sufficiently interesting to make you wish your rather dull callers would go and leave you peacefully to your big arm-chair and Mr. Wodehouse. It contains a novel «mystery» theft, a quite adequate



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**All That Palma Lacks**

According to our contemporary, *The Daily Chronicle*, it seems as though Palma may be going to have a Debating Society to help wile away the cold winter evenings. We who come out boldly for any civic change for the better feel that it is a great idea, and we'll give it our heartiest support— provided that we will not have to attend any of the meetings. We have heard too many world problems settled over a few drinks in Lena's or on the terraces of Terreno during the long summer evenings. The old or late Great War has been refought so many times that there isn't a battle left or a flag left flying. We've even heard it go so far that Portugal was given credit for winning the war. And the scandal that has been passed out at some of these sessions would be enough to turn the ears of the world pink.

However, a debating society might go, and if the questions to be debated could be limited to local gossip the thing would probably have instant success. For instance, on the first night, if the President could rise (this could be arranged by starting the meetings early enough) and announce that the evening's discussion would be whether Lady Throckmorton-Smythe was a real lady or not, the party would go with a bang. Sides could be chosen at once and the serious debating started. The last side to hold the floor would automatically win and the only one to be hurt in the evening's fun would be the lady in question who by then would simply not have a shred left.

What we would like to suggest as a topic for an evening's discussion would be the theory that women are more definitely addicted to gossip than are men. We have heard lots of women say, «Oh, there is nothing worse than a group of men together. They're simply scandalous, they gossip much more than we do.»

This we hold to be not so, and can go into our files for data to prove our contention. We have sat in on numberless small masculine groups and can honestly not remember that in any of them were one's acquaintances discussed... Well, if anyone should read this it will probably bring forth a storm of abuse, but that's our story and we'll stick to it.

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