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HERE are probably few places where tourists go and where those who live outside their own country make their homes that has had as many hard knocks as Mallorca. For years it has been the home of a limited number of English people who have appreciated its delightful climate, its simple and trusting people and the fact that no matter how foreign exchange goes it still remains an inexpensive place in which to live.

Two years ago, when the Island was in the throes of a real boom, when every hotel and pension was full and more people were arriving daily, it seemed as though Mallorca had come into its own. Due to the building which was under way there was no unemployment among the natives, tradespeople were happy as they enjoyed the best business they had ever had and those who came from other lands found a truly delightful place in which to live, and spread the word among their friends.

Bang! Five Americans went to jail for a scuffle with the Guardia Civil. This is no time or place to review the rights and wrongs of the case. They went to jail and were there for seven weeks before bail was granted, and during this time sufficient anti-Mallorca Propaganda went out through the Press America to turn stronger stomachs than those of us who were here on the Island. The prisoners were starving, they were in indescribable filth, they were going to be tried for high treason and what not. There was almost no limit to the abuse which was piled onto Mal-

At the height of all this journalistic fuss, when people were daily reading with their land of the state of t with their breakfast coffee what a terrible place Spain, and the Baleares in particular were, one Theodore Pratt, itinerant writer who are porting writer who kept his pen in by reporting the social happenings in Pollensa for a local per tiple accepted by local paper, had an article accepted by the American Mercury. The story, entitled «Paradise Enjoys a Boom,» was widely and was about widely read in America and was about as unfair a criticism of the place as could be imagined. He insisted that marvellous and favourable marvellous cheapness and favourable exchange rates clone made Mallorca exchange rates alone made Mallorca bearable for the foreigner. Of the climate the foreigner the tradespeople mate, the bathing and of the tradespeople who trusted him not a word. His servant



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crack may have cost him further domestic troubles as they said in Pollensa that during the major part of his stay here he had no servant, his wife doing all the chores). Mallorca under his fluent pen was pictured as an extremely unhealthy spot where drains were unknown and garbage strewed the highways and byways and all the women of the place were shrill voiced viragos. So violent was his attack that the peaceful natives of Pollensa stoned his house and hissed him and he fled to Palma, where, after a slight run-in with a steamship line over his attempt to evade payment for a dog, Mallorca saw him no more.

These two affairs coming as they did at one and the same time did incalculable harm. One school here reported the cancellation of five reservations for the winter term and the same was true of hotels, in greater scale.

Things have rolled along for almost two years and the tourist trade is again beginning to come Mallorca's way. More and more people are again arriving to sun themselves on this isle of peace. We have had another flurry of abuse this summer but somehow we cannot believe that the sort of people we want here will be influenced by the class of stuff that goes into Viscount Castlerosse's was dumb and a terrible cook (this of a spoiled child, was after all pretty

feeble and was patently written about something of which he knew nothing. We don't feel that it will have much effect. In Mallorca the sun still shines 90 days out of every hundred, the sea is still as blue as it has been for centuries and the bathing is just as good as it ever was. The long summer evenings with the sky simply jammed with stars remain miraculously beautiful and life flows along from day to day the way it always has. You can't defeat things like these with propaganda, no matter how widely it's spread.

The Island is lovely, viscounts to the contrary, and always has been through the hundreds of years peoples of various races have trod its shores and gathered its almonds and olives. Through all these ages it has weathered other attacks and will probably have to stand many more. But our guess is that it will take them all smiling and come back for more. There is something about Mallorca you can't beat. It will always be

just the same.

So you who read this sheet away from these shores, pack up your things and come over, we'll guarantee you'll like it. But if you come and stay more than a few weeks, the place will get you, we give you fair warning, and you will stay on and on until the very thought of leaving fills you with an awful feeling of emptiness.

# CANYAMEL BEACH

Canyamel Beach, on the East Coast of Majorca, about 70 kilometres from Palma and only two kilometres from

the famous caves of Artá, is one of the recognised beauty-spots of the Island. Three years ago the «Hotel y Playas de Canyamel Company» was formed with the object of building a modern Hotel close to the waters edge on this fascinating bay. After the Hotel was well under construction, the proprietors decided

that in view of the slump in the tourist traffic, and the excessive number of hotels on the Island, it would be wiser to await a more favourable opportunity, and building was suspended. Today, in view of the increasing number of tourists now visiting the Island, arrangements have been made by which it is hoped that construction will recommence and that by the

early spring the Restaurant will be in service, and, later in the year, the Hotel will be finished.

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

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

rocks, there is one of the most perfect bathing pools imaginable.

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



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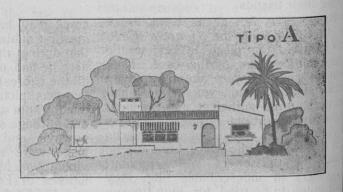
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# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. G.E. Vaughan, newly appointed British Vice-Consul in Barcelona, arrived here on Sunday last, accompanied by his daughter. Mr. Vaughan was previously stationed in Bolivia.

Staying at the Ritz this week is Mr. Frank Belfort Keogh, of Chicago. Mr. Keogh is a brother of the U.S. Vice-Consul at Nairobi, and has just returned from that country.

Another visitor to Cataluña has been Mr. J.K. Dougall, of Melbourne, who came to get first-hand knowledge of the political situation for Australian newspapers. Sunday's bullfight whetted his appetite for more.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jellinek, who have been spending several months at Tossa, came to Barcelona during the week and left again for Altea. Mr. Jellinek is a writer of repute and his wife has been busy during the summer putting some of the hills around Tossa on to canvas

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The opening of the very popular Casa Johnston at Tossa has caused a very unexpected rush of British intellectuals to Tossa this year. Representatives of almost all the arts, and of every British newspaper have lounged and sun-bathed on the wide beach. Quite a Witenagemot.

The popular and, we fear, sadly overworked, Mr. Cyril Webb, has left for a few days in Madrid.

Mrs. Macdonald Sabakin has been appointed Matron of the Enfermería Evangelica and arrived from England recently to take up her new duties. Trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, Mrs. Sabakin has spent a number of years in the Colonial Service of the Polymer of the Polymer at Cibraltar. of the British Government at Gibraltar, Hongkong and Singapore.

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The Rev. Thomas Crick, M.V.O. and Mrs. Crick, who, with their son, have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan at Sitges, left for England on

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gullette and wee Mary Lane have returned to Casa-

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Seen at the recent wedding in London of Frederick Witty and Miss Peggy Marshall were many old Barcelona friends. Amongst them: Mrs. Werring, Mr. and Mrs. T. Morrison. (née Minnie Leask); Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leask, Mr. and Miss Surridge. Mrs. Murray and her son, Mr. Andrew Murray.

Also Lady Rivett-Carnac and her daughter, who were in Barcelona last year during the October disturbances, and took away with then a vivid impression of this cosmopolitan city.

We also saw Mrs. Quiney, of Las Palmas, and her son, Mr. George Quiney; and Mr. Kendall Park's nieces, Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss Bussell, whose miniatures have often been exhibited in the Royal Academy in London,

Last, but not least, we noticed Mrs. Bates and her younger daughter Joyce. It will be remembered that the Rev. J.H.G. Bates was for many years British Chaplain at Barcelona. When a large parish in Liverpool claimed his services, he and his famliy left many good friends in the Catalan capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Witty, who flew from London to Paris last week, were thrilled with the experience of flying seven thousand feet above the clouds.

Miss Carmen Witty returned from London on Friday.

People are beginning to come back from their summer holidays, and amongst those seen at the San Cugat Golf Club on Sunday last were Don Eduardo Conde and Don José-Maria Romañá.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Klein are also enthusiastic golfers and bridge-players at the above very popular club.

Among those who visited Barcelona on the cruise boat *Atlantis* last week were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Usher, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyon Hughes, and Mrs. Jeffcock. Dr. Roland Usher is a promised by the sistence of Englated Surrey and inent barrister of Englefield, Surrey, and an author of note.

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### SPORT

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### Racing

The victory of Bahram in the St. Leger pleased everybody, except, perhaps, the bookmakers, although that fraternity are second to none in their love for a great horse. This latter Bahram undoubtedly is, to win the coveted and rarely achieved treble of Guineas, Derby and St. Leger, and to go through his racing career undefeated. It should make him one of the legends of the Turf. In these days, when there is such a lot of blather about decadence and «my country always wrong,» or, what is worse, «the other fellow's always right,» it is refreshing to tread the turf, the only terrain where all men are equal, accompanied by, or perhaps accompanying, a fine thoroughbred.

### Motoring

Day by day new records are being achieved. The Ulster Grand Prix proved another triumph for the smaller car, though it must be remembered that the Newtownards circuit is more easily negotiated by the handier type of vehicle. The new models for the coming year show the trend towards simplicity of design rather than gadgets. The problem of a foolproof gear-box is being gradually solved, and better tyres, lubrication and braking are promised. Something will have to be done in the way of a pedestrian-catcher in front. The roads of the world are red with the blood of old people and tiny children, and what make of car has not been towed home a wanton wreck which the crumpled driver would shudder to see?

### **Hunting Big Game**

Perry has met with defeat at the hands of Allison, though the champion's heavy fall in the first set must be advanced as an excuse. We have heard the last of Perry, and Allison is to be congratulated on his victory. Amor omnes vincit. Did the arrow hit Perry? He has apparently decided to go on the films in earnest. Good luck and hard lines, Perry! May you be as successful in the Courts of Love as on those of Wimbledon, etc., which you have so often graced with your skill and good sportsmanship.

#### Golf

With the Irish Championship over and the Calcutta Cup in safe hands for another year, the newspaper competitions provide the most interesting reading until the Ryder Cup Contest, for

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which the British team has already sailed. I hope they will have good luck. They join the Hurlingham Polo Club on the other side of the pond. The latter, Polo, not pond, are doing nicely, thank

### Hockey

We have begun this in Barcelona. I have heard that there will be a number of good sides out this season, and that a ladies' eleven of very considerable pretensions is coming forth. Hockey is a fine game when played under good conditions and with an intelligent referee. It is to be hoped it will become popular with both sexes here. There are a number of clubs, and a hearty welcome is promised to anyone wishing to join. Should there be a reader of this page thirsting for a game and desirous of information, he (or she) can have same with a heart and a half by applying to this office in person or by letter. There is also in formation a mixed side, on which the men will probably have to be chosen by ballot. The sentence about supplying information does not apply here, as I am trying to wangle a place for myself!

### Lawn Tennis

The result of the U.S.A. Championships which were played off last week at Forest Hills, New York, were as follows.

Men's Singles: Wilmer Allison. Lady's Singles: Helen Jacobs.

Men's Doubles: Wilmer Allison & Van Ryn.

Lady's Doubles: Helen Jacobs & Mrs. Fabyan.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. Fabyan & En-

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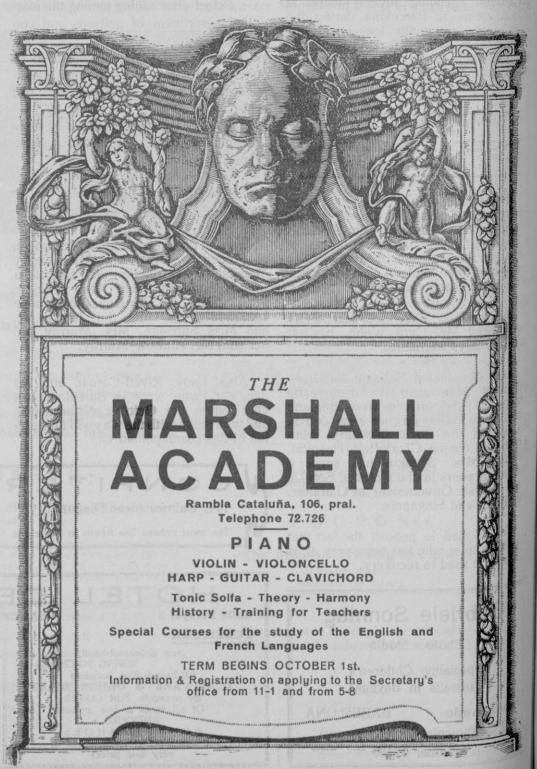
Fred Perry, the older, who had been playing very well during this tournament was unexpectedly beaten in the semi-final round by W. Allison.

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A few tricks to help you make the most of your looks:

The new Zeiss Contact Lenses are a godsend to women who have to wear glasses. They are worn over the eyeballs and are completely indiscernible. Many oculists now prescribe them as they are harmless as well as corrective, and such an improvement!

The best way to get rid of rough elbows is to cut a lemon in half, put a spoonful of cleansing cream in each cup, and twist it round and round over each elbow.

Plump, short hands can be made to look much more slender if gloves are worn which contrast with the frock or ensemble and extend a little way up the arm, instead of ending up at the

For a lovely, soft, white skin use a bag filled with steel-cut oatmeal which you dip into warm water. This replaces soap advantageously, especially if you have a dry skin.

To prevent fatal lipstick stains when removing your dress there's a fascinating little protector in celluloid. Held between the lips, it saves cleaners bills and annoyance.

Try a specially tinted powder for evening. Pale jade for the blonde, mauve for the brunette.

A young girl's brows should start just over the corner of the eye. If her eyes are too near together she can cheat a little on this and make the eyebrows farther apart to give her eyes the same effect.

A general rule concerning the arrangement of hair. To emphasize youth, sweep the hair boldly off the face, go in for longish effects, coiled knots, curls, low coiffures. Young people do not have to worry about the neckline. If you are older, wear a high coiffure and frame your face in a flattering line.

# Looking Ahead in Fashion

Velvet, Lamé and Silks Share Honours in Evening Styles. Various Period Influences.

All the important winter collections have already taken place in Paris. They mostly consist of a very large and varied Selection of evening gowns and wraps. The following salient features, creating great interest at the dress shows, may give you ideas for future dinners and parties.

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The Midnight Tailormade: One of the most successful innovations this season, is perfect in taste and simplicity. Heim uses dark velvet and lamé for this ensemble which is composed of a closefitting long skirt and classic short jacket. The blouse accompanying it, in the same shade but lighter, has a large decolleté at the back.

Velvets of all kinds hold an important position. Not only for the garment itself. Enormous amounts are employed in trimmings of all kinds. The variation of colour and fabric is incalculable. Some flexible, others stiff, plain or shot, changeable, spangled or worked with cellophane.

Cellophane is noticed here, there and everywhere. Woven with lace, tulle, velvet and panne. Many dresses are embroidered with same.

Two Lines for the Evening Gown: Tight fitting at the hips, sleeves wide at the shoulders and rollings of volants around the skirt; or the Greek draped tunic, short in front and pleated at the

The East and Italian Renaissance also inspire the magic art of Marcel Rochas and Jeanne Lanvin. Rochas, whose collections are always unexpected, presented us with short tunics and narrow trousers slit very high, and a few dresses open at the hem almost to the knee, showing a leg draped in Byzantine trousers. Lanvin also has a great gift for originality. Some of her models have exotic baggy trousers, which remind you of Ali Baba. However, she prefers the Renaissance period and excels in bringing out the astonishing draperies in those sumptuous new velvets, this season's greatest vogue.

Coats are frequently worn over evening ensembles. Some very short in chiffon or flowers, others three-quarter in length, usually in lamé; or else very important capes, touching the ground, with voluminous sleeves and trimmed with ruffles, piping, garlands of flowers, also dyed fox fur.

Materials: More prominent are various velvets, lamé, chiffon, cloqué and stiff silks, curled satins, embroidered tulle, a great deal of lace, and supple shiny quilteds.

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

### Problem No. 9

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

### Solution to Problem No. 8

South leads heart 5, throwing lead to East. East's lead of spade is trumped by North, South discarding a diamond. North's lead of clubs forces high trump from West and secures the final trick, either with South's queen, if East discards, or with North's remaining trump, if East's jack forces South's queen and West covers with the king.

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### Cinemas

CATALUÑA—Rumbo al Cairo, new Spanish talkie directed by Perojo.

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### London Letter

So much has been said, done and written about the Abyssinian situation that there is nothing left—hardly a few meagre side issues on which to ponder. What has become evident, in spite of strong words and impressive thumpings of the rostrum at Geneva, is that Mussolini made his mind up so long ago that not a thing in the world is going to change it, which will be a disappointment for the League of Nations.

Some day, possibly, the inside story of the descent made on Geneva by the Prince of Wales may be explained. Arrangements had been made, we were told, for the Prince to stay in Geneva for ten days, for which a floor at a leading hotel had been reserved for him and his suite. On his arrival in the City of the Great Ideal he stayed exactly an hour, before pursuing his way to Budanest

Looking on the picture as a whole, continental travellers tell us that the entire situation is looked on with an admirable calm in most places except England, where excitement, if not high, is at least interesting. Which is fine for Robert Neumann, whose book on Zaharoff, the Armaments King, is being widely read and bought. It only needed the mysterious figure of Zaharoff to lend romance to the whole business.

Geneva lost the headlines in Saturday's evening papers to give them up to news of the death of Dame Madge Kendal, whose passing took a whole epoch with her. The history of the English theatre from the seventies onwards revolves around Dame Kendal—her triumphs, her failures, and her outstanding personality, which has given her the posthumous title of the world's greatest actress.

You are going to read it, and you wil *l* probably be annoyed by many parts of it, but «Spanish Adventure,» by Norman Lewis, self-confessed «red» and investigator into the Spanish situation, has now been published by Victor Gollancz, Ltd. The story goes all over Spain, in and out of the revolution of 1934, which weaves its way through the book like a theme.

Mr. Lewis has made up his mind not to be diverted from telling all the facts, and nobody is going to have a chance of classifying him as a tourist. Go native, my son, go native!

Which doesn't mean that «Spanish Adventure» is still not one of the best books of its kind so far, in spite of, or perhaps because of, its frank abhorrence of the stuffy.

C.E. HEAD

# Hotels & Pensions

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### Christianity...

The following is an extract from a letter recently received from a Chinese student in London.

\*Born of well-to-do parents in a town in Northern China that I will call Hwang-Tsi, I received my early education at the Protestant Mission there, and was so impressed by the kindliness and sympathy of the missionaries and teachers, that I decided to embrace Christianity. Owing to the sudden death of my father I inherited a considerable fortune, and prior to accepting a post in Shanghai, I resolved to come to England to study. My knowledge of Englishmen had been confined to those I had met at the Mission, and my subsequent experiences served to illustrate my complete ignorance in these matters. On arrival in London, I had considerable difficulty in finding an hotel, apparently because the fact of my being Chinese would upset other guests in the same hotel, although why this should be so I was at the time unable to understand. One thing I noticed, however, was that on each occasion when I offered to pay double the price indicated, the manager wavered visibly. There is much truth in the saying that gold solves all difficulties, even where Chinese are concerned. Eventually I found satisfactory accommodation, and one day, I set out to find the nearest church of the same denomination as the Mission in Hwang-Tsi, pretending to be unconscious of the rude way in which people stared at me, both in the streets and in public conveyances.

I must confess that my first impressions of an English Church Service were far from favourable, but perhaps I was particularly unlucky in my experiences. In the first place, the building was meant to seat some fifteen hundred people, while at this particular service I counted but seventy-three worshippers, and not one of them was under 40 years of age. As was only natural, this circumstance made me wonder why Christian churches are so anxious to convert the «heathens» to their religion, whilst they are incapable of filling their own places of worship. However, I sat down in a pew near the pulpit, and two ladies who were also sitting there immediately moved to the pew in front. They proceeded to whisper in rather audible tones, and what I thought was an exchange of spiritual experiences, befitted the time and place, proved to be a lengthy discussion of some scandal in which another member of the congregation was concerned. After the service, which I thought to be somewhat lacking in heartiness and religious fervour, asked the two ladies why the Church was not full. They ignored me completely, and, turning with a sweet smile to the lady they had so recently been maligning, said, «My dear Miss Smythe, how nice it is to see you again.» This encounter upset me, for, racial differences apart, surely the whole doctrine of Christianity depends on the assumption that all men are brothers. Not to be deterred by this set-back, I did my best to enter the social life of the Church, but far from receiving the greeting I had



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anticipated, it was soon made clear to me that my presence was liable to cause embarrassment. Where I had thought to find the mother-church one united band, its members true, self-sacrificing Christians living in the principles of brotherly love, I found instead a mere handful of adherents, constantly bickering, placing the social life of the church far above the spiritual. On one occasion, at a missionary meeting, I enquired in all innocence if there are any Bhuddist missionaries in London. I couldn't have made a more unfortunate remark, and was henceforth treated in that cold, scathing, distantly polite manner peculiar to the English when dealing with a foreigner whom they consider to be infinitely below them. And yet these very English, when they are in foreign lands, expect to be treated with great respect, forgetting that they themselves come under the title of \*foreigners."

And so my belief in Christianity, or at least practical Christianity, has been sadly shaken. And, after all, my remark about the Bhuddist missionaries in London was quite logical. If Christian missionaries are sent abroad, why shouldn't Bhuddism be preached in England? Moreover, when compared to Bhuddism, Christianity is but a newfangled religion.

No doubt you will think from my letter that I am biased. Perhaps my experiences have been the exception rather than the rule. I hope so, for the sake of my many compatriots whom I would like to save from the unpleasantness that I underwent.» C. T. D.

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# In the Plaza Real

There is a turning off the crowded Rambla, in Barcelona, in the part where the sparrows congregate in autumn, that leads you from the bustle and mingling sentiments of that international thoroughfare into a dim peace and quiet that is at once refreshing and disturbing. Plaza Real, it used to be called, and with all due respect to Francesco Maciá, that lovable patriot whose name it now bears, I feel that its old title is the more fitting. To begin with, the very aspect of the place calls up a memory of kings, tempered with a rumble of carriage wheels and the clop-clop of high-stepping horses. One does not feel inclined to enquire which king is involved; the atmosphere of the wide square bids you not to split fine hairs. Once upon a time, not so long ago, this plaza was the centre of Barcelona's society (not to be compared with the High Life of this century) and then the arches which cover its pavements echoed to the comings and goings of those who knew the right people, even if they did not trust them too far. In the first-floor rooms of those mansions many a chocolate de honor took place on a winter afternoon, when the fading grey light percolated through the festooned window hangings. There would be a scent of violets combining with the pleasant odour of hot chocolate. Bustles spread themselves with care upon the red plush chairs, and now and again a delicate hand would brush away the crumbs of a *melindro* from a lap—unobserved, let us hope. This also was the age of parrots and of the coming of *dia*bolo. From their gilt cages, high upon a pedestal, the cockatoos of Aunt Eulalia shrieked eternal gibberish and blinked their venomous eyes. Out in the Plaza below, little girls in dark blue serge, and jaunty little boys in velveteens tossed their wooden diaboli up to heaven through the palm fronds. Those were the real high days of the Plaza Real, before a wave of industrial activity entered with the last years of the nineteenth century and caused a social and political change of life. As far as the square was con-cerned these upheavals were to bring about a subtle yet complete change; the gilded past of champagne, Robert the Devil, light laughter and lighter flirtation was irretrievably lost.

### Now Communism Stalks

Any day now, between the time when the sun first pokes its rays over the flat roof of the corner house in the Plaza, and high noon, you may see evidence of the square's collapse from its high estate. Groups of men of all ages stand and sit in the interlaced

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shadow of the tall palms. Some of them sit on the low railings which surround the flower-beds containing meek pink daisies—the word paquerette suits them much better-muttering softly as they read the rousing columns of the Communist press. A voice is heard in altercation-What we want here is commonsense; lack of co-ordination is keeping us in eternal misery.» Some of the readers look up interested. Others take no notice, but roll a cigarette with one hand and continue their laboured assimilation of the desired information. A mangy black cat strolls past, choosing its way between the forest of legs with inherent fastidiousness. Its tail is its only claim to feline beauty, and the very arrogance of this appendage provides a cynical comment on the absurdities of mankind.

The sun grows hotter and the space of shadow more restricted as the time for the supposedly non-existent almuerzo approaches. There is a small bar in one corner of the square, beside which a dismal alley leads off into the dark unknown—El Carrer dels Tres Llits— Three Bed Street, and towards the ranged bottles of this establishment some of the crowd moves. «Un cigarrillo. «Coffee with a dash of anisette, please.» «Si, hombre, la vida es así.» «What's the use of worrying, it never was worth while?» The glasses clink and after a while the square remains empty, with its grey houses and palm trees standing in willful contrast against the deep blue of the sky. Inside the overlooking rooms, the ghosts, half materialized, of plump gentlemen in tight trousers and luscious whiskers fan themselves with *palmetto* leaves, and regret things they can hardly remember.

#### After Midnight

There is tragedy, too, lurking in the Plaza Real (one day Josep-Maria de Segarra, resuscitator of so much of Barcelona's lost atmosphere, will rise to the occasion) whether you look for it or not. Some grotesque things happen there to make the spectator doubtful as to the real value of his sense of humour. Another of the corners, opposite to the Communist's Bar, contains an immaculate shop, a lone relic of former glories, which provides adornment for the fashionable male. In its doorway, with clockwork regularity, an old woman takes shelter on summer nights. She is not a pleasant sight. Her bulbous features remind one of Puchkin's Russian peasant, bloated, dull, with the cunning of those to whom self-preservation is a

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daily preoccupation. There she sits, her head lolling upon her knees in an effort to sleep off the fatigue of a day spent heaven knows where. But in vain, for every night, around one o'clock, there comes a young man. Tall, well-dressed and with the appearance of a person of education, he comes to disturb the sleep of the old woman. He bends down and whispers to her. She does not answer. «What a sight,» murmur the passers-by. «What a charitable youth!» The young man persists, and still the woman shows no sign of life. Eventually she startles everybody by sitting up and shouting, «Leave me alone, will you? Vigitante!»

(She does not have to wait as long as most of us for that gentleman.) After a while the watchman appears and gently leads the young man out into the square. «A madman,» he explains. «He spends his time going around the town waking up the sieeping beggars.» As the young fellow walks slowly away across the Plaza we notice a beatific smile on his face.

«Go with God!» shouts the woman after him. «Go with God, unfortunate one.»

Silence settles down once more. The palm trees rustle thoughtfully, remembering their coddled youth when they were tied to supporting sticks. The watchman hits the pavement with his pike, and the night goes on, crowded with memories of yesteryear and regrets of to-day.

D. R. D.

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# OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mr. R. H. Checkley and the Hon. Mrs. Louvima Checkley, who are staying at the Hotel Victoria, are so charmed with the Island that they are thinking of taking or building a country house here. Mrs. Checkley's Christian name is composed of the first part of the names of three Princesses. She is the god-daughter of Queen Alexandra and daughter of the late Viscount Knollys, who for forty years was private secreta-ry to King Edward and also to King

Major Charles Goetz left yesterday to stay with friends in Formentor, but will return to Terreno on Wednesday.

Colonel E. Luke Freer, father of the well-known local artist and journalist, Captain Evan Freer, is leaving on the Potsdam for England. He comes over to Majorca about twice a year, and on this occasion spent over two months in

Talking of Captain Freer, he takes his exercise very seriously these days, working on the theory that the sedentary life of tary life of a writer calls for it. He is to be

seen practi-

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learning to play pelota up at the Fronton. Their chief trouble at first was getting the ball to agree to leave the basket, but Calle 14 de Abril, 35 Tel. 1772 once they had mastered the Terreno, Palma neat twist of the wrist which accomplishes this the next problem was to persuade the ball to hit the wall. They say that they expect to become

become quite good players in about eight years. Mr. Leo Burgess is another pelota enthusiast who has been seen among the morning practisers. There will soon be quite a formidable team of extranjeros.

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Mr. William Beauley was in Lena's on the occasion of his birthday last Sunday. A circle of friends collected around his table to drink his health, and table by table the party increased until there were no less than five tables joined together. Lena had started to celebrate on the stroke of midnight the previous night, before Mr. Beauley had left Soller even, by serving champagne to a select group of friends.

Mrs. Howell, of Cala Ratjada, has been driven off the island by one big, bad mosquito. A bite on her neck became infected several weeks ago and the doctors have ordered a change of climate. She left for New York yesterdaythat is, we know she was trying to get her passage. If she succeeded we hope it was a return ticket she took.

Miss Valerie Gorska and Miss Edith Lawrence gave a cheery party at their home in Terreno on Saturday. Delicious Russian canapés were served with icecold, home-made vodka, and the party was a success from the start. Some of the lucky ones present were Miss Nita Dreiberg, Mr. Rolf Memison, Mr. Harry Galland, Miss Fitzgibbons and Captain

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Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leaman are leaving to-day for a six weeks tour in France which will take in Marseilles, Arles and Nimes.

Captain Christal is booking his passage home to England on the Henderson Line boat leaving Palma October 3rd. The many friends of the gallant Captain will be glad to hear that he hopes to return here in about six weeks

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After considerable uncertainty about the actual date of their sailing Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhall finally got away on the *Exochorda* on Friday. They had tried unsuccessfully to get passage on the next Exporter but found it full. They have already altered their plans for re-turning in May next year, to read April. Their boat, the *Picotee*, will spend a quiet winter at her moorings off the Club de Regattas, while having her face lifted and a general overhauling.

The proprietors of the Anglo-American Cake Shop returned to Palma after their summer holiday in Pollensa to find the tea-room downstairs flooded out. However, they set to with pails and mops, and everything is as it was, if not better. The famous oven will receive the first batch of this season's cakes on the 23rd. of the month, and anyone who remembers how good these cakes are or who will take our word for it should hurry and get some.

Mrs. Watterson, the Checho-Slovakian writer and journalist who is related by marriage to the great newspaper man of that name, is in Palma again after an absence of about four years. While in Barcelona recently she was working on a play and nearly finished it, but the attractions of Barcelona got her, and her work «stuck» for the time being. She expects to stay in Mallorca some little while.

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Mrs. McClintock has taken «La Cassita» Calle Villalonga, for an indefinite period. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salisbury, have returned to the charming house they have in Genova.

Miss Eileen Wall and her uncle Mr Power are off in a few days to England from whence they expect to return laden down with all sorts of furniture and fittings for the new house, which is rapidly nearing completion.

Miss D. White and her sister left of the Barcelona boat Thursday en route for their home in London. They were not any different to most people leaving the Island, for they were hoping they might miss the boat.

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# Letter Box

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To:—The Editor.

Dear Sir,

Any student of church affairs must have been somewhat amazed at last week's news in the English papers. First we have a layman, the veteran labour minister George Landebury, imploring all ministers of Christ to make throughout the world a clarion call for Peace. A beloved Provost has been expelled from the Free Presbyterian Church because he allowed dancing at a Christmas party in his house, The Dean of Canterbury has left for Canada to convert its inhabitants to the Social Credit Scheme, presumably because of his special training in these matters, and an eminent ecclesiastic complains bitterly that he cannot understand why a spirit of «Paganism» seems to he spreading over the world.

Surely it is not very wonderful if the average layman wonders what is the role of Christianity to-day.

Yours truly,

P. S:—Pace, Mr. Bell—I am not trying to make any subtle distinction between the Social Credit Scheme and Paganism.

To:-The Editor.

Dear Sir,
The article «Tchi-tcha» interested me, probably because on one occasion I had to drink some, or more exactly, pretend to. But to begin with I think Tchi-tcha is spelled Chi-cha, and to-day is made in a more hygienic way with a mortar. However, in the wilder parts of South America the old process is still in use, and my experience took place in

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I certainly double-crossed them, because the following day I never swallowed any, but pretended, showing with gestures how excellent I found the drink. Although, as I said, they were hospitable and amiable savages, they were savages nevertheless, and I shouldn't care to offend and still less insult them. Anything their simple minds did not understand is god, edau, in their dialect. The river is edau, so is the sun or the moon. All transportation is done in canoes, which they call potros. I have more information of this kind, should you be interested. Faithfully yours,

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# This Music -

By Dr. Arnold Walter

No less enchanting than the diaphanous light that lies over the land is the music of Mallorca—music exquisitely different from that of other provinces And yet this music is many-sided, as full of contrasts and delicate transitions as the colours lying over the mountains and the azure sea. It reflects the landscape, giving at the same time the magical reflection of centuries of contact with the most diverse peoples and cultures on the island. East and West blend in this music, making it speak of times long past: of distant solemn Byzantium, of fountains in Arab gardens, of Gothic cloisters, of minstrels and of melancholy dances of long-departed generations.

On wandering over the island, everywhere one hears peasants singing. Ploughing and sowing, picking and pressing the olives, or threshing and winnowing the wheat, all is done with song. No superfluous decoration, this singing, it has long since become a necessary part of labour itself, furnishing the rhythm for man and beast. These work-songs sound very strange, long-held floating tones like shimmering light turned music, glissando-scales, rich «fiorituras.» So far are they from our ideas of exact tone, of tonality and rhythm, that they do not lend themselves to manuscript. The most interesting feature of these worksongs is that they are of definitely fixed types, upon which improvisation, depending on the work in hand, is always superimposed. While showing strong Arabic influence, it is still a question in musical science whether these worksongs are of Arabic origin or Moorish adaptations of long-lost, older types of Oriental song.

Mallorquin lullabies introduce us to quite a different world. Far from being simple, they are often rhythmically very complicated. Many resemble songs of Languedoc, and recall the ancient cultural connection of Mallorca with Aragon and La Provence. In the «Cant de Sebithe XIVth. century is resurrected, it being an ancient prophecy of the Day of Judgment sung each Christmas Eve from the pulpit of the Cathedral of Palma has ma before Christmas-matins. It is a Byzantine melody, probably dating from the XIth. Century, popularized in the XIVth. Century at a time of religious ecstacy, of death-dances and pestilence, but kent it is a continuous control of the control of but kept alive by oral tradition only in Palma de Mallorca.

An abundance of original music

might be cited, secular and spiritual music, romances, love songs, and dance music. Most of the dances themselves do not pertain to the island alone. BO-LERO and FANDANGO are danced throughout Spain. The Mallorquin JOTA is a variant of the Aragonese, the MATEIXA is also a kind of JOTA. Only the COPEO, a brisk dance in 6/8 time with quick foot movements, is exclusively Mallorquin.

In general it is possible to distinguish two types of dance music, according to the execution. There are small orchestras composed of «Xirimies» (bagpipes), «Flabiols» (small, straight flutes), and «tamboril» (small drum), formerly used only in the mountains. The players in all their simplicity and with such simple instruments are often great artists. A dance is never begun without an introduction which they cleverly improvise. They are also capable of acting as soloists; their toccatas have the force and freshness of primitive art.

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They remained for some time, discussing various articles of furniture and their prices, and an agreement was finally reached. One of them produced a bill of large denomination, saying he wished to make the payment at once if Mrs. Perkins could give him the change. Turning to her desk for this purpose, she was struck down from behind by a lead pipe contained in a folded newspaper carried by one of the thieves, and fell unconscious. Coming to herself some minutes later, while the men were ransacking the apartment for valuables, she was again set upon by the attackers, who tried to force her into a small closet; but she struggled so violently against this that they contented themselves with binding and gagging her and placing her on her bed, with orders not to try to release herself until ten minutes after they had left the place. They then con-tinued their systematic search, finding and carrying off several handsome pieces of jewelry and a considerable sum of money, and walking out of the apartment as unobtrusively as they had come. After a struggle made more difficult by the amount of blood she had lost, Mrs. Perkins succeeded in releasing herself sufficiently to reach the telephone and call the janitor, who at once came to her aid, summoning her friends Mr. and Mrs. Krippendorf and Miss Marybell Krippendorf, as well as a doctor.
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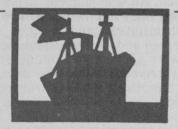
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Miss Audrey Freese, who had to leave the Puerto suddenly owing to the sudden death of her father, the Rev.F E. Freese, at his son's residence in County Wicklow, arrived back again here last week, and is staying with her sister, the Contesse du Coudray.

A smart black yacht, flying the blue ensign, and at present anchored in Formentor Bay, belongs to Senor Domecq, of coñac fame.

Major and Mrs. Chanter gave a cocktail-party last Saturday. Amongst those present were Mrs. Mc Clintock, Miss Freece, Miss Huchison, Mr. Saint, Mr. Blunt and Mr. and Miss Wallace.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox left on Tuesday, homeward bound and very sorry to go.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nan Zanten and their daughter, just arrived upon this Island, have taken a house near the lighthouse of San Antonio and expect to remain for the winter.

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While awaiting an opportunity to reproduce some of these photopaintings in this paper, I would like to give credit where credit is due. But I cannot find out whether or not one person is responsible for collecting such perfect and truthful records of the beauty of this Island. If such a person exists, I proffer my sincere congratulations. If not, congratulations to the Fomento del Turismo collectively; also to the photographers Ortiz Echagüe, Truyols, J. Kulzer, Ramis, Bestard and (for the fruit still-life) Plasencia.

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There was an American visiting in England for the first time who, like so many of his compatriots, could simply make no sense at all out of some of the names which he heard and which when he saw them on paper were something else again. His host was continually correcting him, politely letting him know, for instance, that Lord Beauchamp should be addressed as Lord Beetcham, Cholmondely as Chumly and so on.

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As his host was bidding him adieu, the American pressed him to come over and pay a visit in the United States.

Oh, quite,» replied the Englishman. «I should be delighted, no end. One hears so much of your Niagara Falls, I particularly would like to see them.»

«A wonderful sight,» said the American. «But really, you know, over there one doesn't say Niagara Falls. One says Niffles.»

At the same party we heard another story which we liked.

In London there was an old-established firm of tailors which after the War found itself in financial difficulties, and the two partners, delightful old gentlemen, were desperate. Business continued to fall off, until, as a last resort, they employed a young American advertising executive. This young chap immediately asked for funds with which to circularize the hotels, schools and clubs and their business began to pick up at once. This continued for some time, with things getting better and better, until finally the chap asked for a particularly large appropriation for a big electric sign. old gentlemen were a bit skeptical about this, but at last they granted it, although with considerable misgiving.

On the night the sign was to be flash ed for the first time the partners gave a small dinner at Hatchets to celebrate and from there are the small dinner at Hatchets to celebrate and from there walked slowly to Piccadilly Circus, where over their doors the sign had been placed. It was turned on and the American the American was very proud of it and expected the partners to agree.

They seemed a bit stunned at first Finally the senior partner said, Yes, young man, you have done a lot for us, we appreciate it and the sign itself the very nice; but don't you think it is the least bit conspicous?

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