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A SPRING-TIDE JAUNT.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)

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Still more remarkable memorials of the Emperors exist in the baths of Caracalla and the villa or country-place of Hadrian. The former was a vast building, and bathing must indeed have been brought to a fine art when it required such space for its practice. Fancy the modern votary of a Turkish bath finding himself in a hot room like a cathedral and taking a cold plunge in a marble bath in the centre of a place as big as the Albert Hall. Hadrian too had a pretty idea of comfort. His summer dining room was in a vast circular colonnaded hall, in the centre of which was an island surrounded by an artificial moat. The pity is that, while so much remains, so much has gone. One's sympathy for the many Christians who perished in the Colosseum evaporates rather when one reflects that their successors it was who were even more destructive than the Vandals themselves. Of the myriad churches in Rome, many are faced with marble ruthlessly torn from the Palaces of the Emperors, and recently, when a portion of the forum was excavated, a wall was found built almost entirely of huge pieces of marble, porphyry, giallo antico, portions of beautiful friezes and even the trunks of priceless statues!

Still, an enormous quantity of works of art have been recovered from the ruins, and the eye wearies when one walks through the endless Vatican galleries and passes miles of Apollos and Venuses and Mercuries and Fauns and Satyrs, while Hadrian's beloved Anicinus seems to have had his portrait made in stone as often as a modern musical comedy artist faces the camera. There are, of course, thousands of antique statues to be seen in the various galleries in Rome, and some are unforgettable. The Apollo Belvedere, the dying Gladiator, the marvellous Laocoon group, for example, and it is no little honour to a sculptor of many centuries later, the great Canova, that his lifeless statues of pugilists in the Vatican are fully able to bear comparison with the masterpieces of antiquity around them. Of pictures in Rome there are, too, enough and to spare, but save the Raphael frescoes in the "Stanza" of the Vatican and his world-famous easel-picture in the "Transfiguration" there are few pictures which stamp themselves on the memory like those in the Florence galleries. Of a truth, one wearies of statues and pictures, and is glad enough to escape for a day and have a trip through the beautiful Roman Campagna to Tivoli perched on the Sabine Hills, Tivoli, which is the Tibur of the Ancients, where that genial old tippler Horatius Flaccus used to quaff his old Falernian in the garden of Maecenas' villa, watching the head-long cascades of the Anio plunging down the hill-sides. One wonders what the Romans of those days did on a wet day. Rome is sufficiently unpleasant nowadays in bad weather, and there seems to be plenty of it, but in those days when the greater part of the house was unroofed it must have been unspeakable.

One day, when marching round an unsavoury slum, I was delighted to find a wine tavern with the sign "est, est, est." I had not thought to find any confirmation of the old story of the wine-bibber who used to send his servant ahead to sample the viaticus at the various taverns. Were they sufficiently sound to warrant the master's sampling them, the servant was instructed to chalk up Est (it is—good wine). In one or two wine-shops the wine was of so superior a flavour that the enthusiastic servant chalked up "Est Est," and at last there came a day and a tavern when the wine was so super-excellent that the servant put up the triple inscription "Est Est Est." Alas, on returning some time after in search of his master, he found him dead on the floor, amid a maze of empty flagons, and was moved to write as his epitaph:

*Propter nimiam "est est est"
Dominus meus mortuus est.*

An admirably terse description of the tragedy. I have but hinted, of course, at the glories of Rome. For one thing it would take years to see them properly and 10 days frenzied sight-seeing blurs one's impressions, but still it is something to have trod where Caesar trod, and to have sat, even for a brief season, in the seats of the mighty.

(To be continued.) H. F. L.

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AMERICAN NEWS ITEMS.

(FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.)

Kentucky, the "Blue Grass" State, has another claim to renown besides its magnificent horses and rye whiskey. In no other State of the Union is longevity so marked. Mrs. Elizabeth Kraut recently died at Louisville at the age of 106, and until two years ago she was brisk and active. There are said to be over fourteen centenarians within the State boundary.

A judgment delivered by the Supreme Court of New York renders three thousand marriages invalid. These were made in the last two years at New York, all the parties being under age (less than 18), although the consent of the parents was not withheld. In spite of this consent, however, the law says that such marriages are invalid, and an amendment must be passed by the New York Legislature before they become legal. In the meanwhile the young couples will have an opportunity of deciding whether they shall take advantage of the judicial decision and cast off the bonds of matrimony, or whether they prefer a legalisation of their marriage.

The highest valley dam in the world has just been completed in Wyoming, where the Shoshone River has been dammed at a height of 328½ feet. The structure at its foundation is only 85 feet broad. Through the completion of this gigantic engineering work the Shoshone River can now be used to artificially irrigate thousands of hitherto arid acres in Northern Wyoming, which will give an immense impetus to agriculture in that State. The work of building the dam occupied five years.

Norman Mack contributes to the *Atlantic Monthly* an article on the activity of Mr. Nathan Straus, the philanthropist, in which he states that it is impossible to calculate the value of the institutions for the distribution of Pasteurised milk established by Mr. Straus. New York has to thank that philanthropist for the fact that the infant mortality rate of the city has decreased by one half in recent years. There is medical authority for the statement that since 1892 Mr. Straus has saved no fewer than six million children from death.

A smokeless locomotive has just undergone exhaustive tests in Chicago and proved its adaptability. The inventor is Mr. Francis B. Doyle, a Chicago engineer. On one of the trial runs the entire municipal board of Chicago and representatives of all the great American railroads were present.

There is a plan afoot to set up a counter figure to the Statue of Liberty in New York harbour, in the form of a gigantic Indian on the other side of the harbour. Congress is now considering a proposal to this effect.

Professor Arnold, of Yale University, publishes statistics which show that the average child costs 75 dollars during the first year of its life. Up to the fifteenth year the child owes the world \$2000, but at eighteen, the average age at which self support begins, the youth commences to repay his debt and by 30 or 35 has paid back all that he has cost. From that age onwards he contributes to the world's wealth. A child is therefore a good investment and a paying concern.

Baseball for women has been introduced at Columbia University, New York City. The game has been played by women students at Barnard College, Poughkeepsie, for many years. A match has been arranged between the women's teams of Columbia and Barnard, and is being awaited with great interest by "fans" of both sexes.

Dr. D. A. Sargent, the celebrated physiologist of Harvard, confidently foresees the age in which woman will not only be mentally, but physically equal to man. According to his statement, the woman of our age recognises that physical culture is the only method of attaining full bodily development, and he attributes to that belated recognition the enormous spread of athleticism among women in recent years in the United States and elsewhere. The young lady of society, as well as the factory girl, recognises that sport is the best path to sex emancipation.

An incident characteristic of colour prejudice took place in a New York court the other day, when a jurymen refused to perform his duty because a coloured citizen had been chosen as foreman. Mr. Douglas, the coloured man, had nothing against him but his colour, and enjoyed the respect of the community, but this did not satisfy Mr. Le Roy Bowers, the protesting jurymen, who refused to be controlled by "a nigger," and another jurymen had to be empanelled in a hurry. A New York paper commenting on this occurrence, says: "And this 45 years after the end of the Civil War, which freed the American negroes from the yoke of slavery and made them the co-equals of their white brothers!"

Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of the great financier, is said to be contemplating the dedication of her vast fortune to the poor and needy. Her late husband had the reputation of being a miser. Shortly after becoming a widow Mrs. Sage gave away vast sums for charity, and this latest report of a still greater activity in the sphere of philanthropy is quite credible in view of her actions up to now.

The recent introduction of stringency into the application of the American Immigration Law had the result of shutting out 1873 would-be immigrants last month. All of them had to return to Europe, disappointed in their hopes of starting life afresh in the New World. In March, as a matter of fact, the rejected arrivals numbered one third of the entire number who were refused admittance during the whole year of 1908. In that year 3,973 of the 285,137 emigrants who arrived were sent back to Europe.

A suit brought by the Salvation Army, founded by General Booth, against the "American Salvation Army," established by General Duffin, has resulted in an injunction against the last-named organisation. Henceforth only the Booth Salvation Army has a right to that title.

A curiosity of American law is supplied by a twelve-year-old boy, who has just been declared a bankrupt. He owed a school chum the sum of \$70.70, and the creditor went to an attorney and got an order of payment against the little fellow. The debtor exhibited as assets a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, a suit, and a hat, worth altogether hardly one dollar. The youthful bankrupt has not yet been discharged, but it is questionable whether he is impressed with a due sense of his position. This absurd case will result in an amendment to the statutes of New York, providing that orders of payment cannot be issued against persons under 16 years of age.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY

of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

North-west to north-east winds, changeable, overcast, cold, occasional showers.