

# Mingling With The People

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Billy Riggs and I, being in Paris when the warm season was coming on, thought we would go to Switzerland. We had both been in Europe several years studying languages and were well equipped with both French and German. So we concluded to tramp about, mingling with the people, and not give away the fact that we were Americans. We went to Interlaken by train and from there laid out pedestrian tours.

One of the first we made was to Grindelwald and thence up the side of the mountain to Scheidegg. There we got a good dinner, after which we walked up a short distance to a point where we could see the glacier. It was very wild and magnificent and all that, but seeing such sights is not what I am going to tell you about. In the afternoon we walked down the mountain to Lauterbrunnen and shortly before we reached that place came up with a couple of Swiss girls dressed in the costume of the country.

It occurred to both Billy and me that if we could walk the rest of the way with two pretty girls—no girl could be homely in the Swiss costume—it would be away ahead of trudging alone by our own uninteresting selves. As we passed them I bowed very politely, took off my cap and, pointing to a mountain whose name I know as well as my own, asked in German—the language mostly spoken in this part of Switzerland—what it was.

"That's the Elger," replied one of the girls. I boldly expatiated on the beauty of the scenery, envied those who lived always in the Alps, and as soon as I ran out of something to say Billy took up the dialogue. The girls did not seem averse to forming our acquaintance, and it was not long before we separated them, Billy walking beside one, I beside the other. We both pretended to be Germans of the lower class, though not Swiss. I got in as many nice things to my girl as I could think of, and she being to the country born and unsophisticated I didn't hesitate to lay it on thick. Every now and again I could hear Billy, who was walking with the other girl only a few yards ahead of me, doing the same thing.

When we reached Lauterbrunnen the girls bid us goodby, saying that they lived in a chalet beyond the town. We were near a refreshment house standing beside the road, and I invited them to go up to the porch for a cheese sandwich and a glass of the beer they drink over there, which is so dreadfully mild that it wouldn't intoxicate a mouse. After a consultation apart from us they said they wouldn't mind being refreshed after a long walk, and we all four went up on to the porch, took a table and called for the beer and sandwiches.

Billy was talking glibly about our life on the farm at home when one of the girls said: "You are not a farmer, neither is he. You are both gentlemen." I looked at Billy, and Billy looked at me.

"How did you find that out?" I asked. "We have so many tourists about us all the time that we could tell their nationality no matter what disguise they might put on. You are not German either. Don't you suppose we can tell a German from a Frenchman or an Englishman?"

"What nationality are you?" Billy asked. "You wear French clothes, but you are not French. You are either English or American. I think you are American."

"By Jove, Billy," I exclaimed in the plain American language, "they're smarter than I thought they were!" The girls were very much tickled that they had been able to tell our nationality. They asked us to teach them a little English. So I told the one I had walked with to pronounce the words "I love you." She spoke them, "I love you," and asked me to translate them into German, but there was a look in her eye that made me suspect that she already had an idea as to their meaning. I told her they meant "Thank you."

### Journalism in Russia.

"The style of Russian journalism," says Stephen Graham, in "Changing Russia," "is most refreshing. The brevity of the sentence and the paragraph has been developed to the absolute. I opened Satirikon one day to find heading the first article on the first page: 'Spit in my eye, reader. Spit right in my eye!'"

"There is nothing in English or American journalism equal to that. But such a sentence is not exceptional. It sets the tone of the paper, and Satirikon is read by every one, from the student to the grand duke. Every one who would know anything essential in the Russian soul should look at Satirikon. It is horrible, but it is instructive. It is even powerful and refreshing if you can enter into its spirit without losing your own. It is forceful, brutal, cynical, Rabelaisian. . . . Despite its monstrous pictures and its style, which permits all things, it is yet a family journal. There is nothing in it that the Russian woman finds objectionable."

### Daniel O'Connell's Blarney.

Daniel O'Connell, says the British Weekly, spoke once to over 100,000 persons at an open air meeting in Birmingham. In those days women worked in the mines, and two or three rows of grimy, stalwart damsels, black and robust, with a blackness and robustness hardly ever seen now, formed themselves in front of them.

O'Connell rose and began. "Surrounded, as I am, by the fair, the gentle and the good"—Up went the grimy arms, and the grimy throats roared applause.

The fair, the gentle and the good cheered every sentence after that, and as they almost alone in the vast audience could bear what was said, their cheering was of some importance, because when they applauded the people behind applauded; and so on, till the outermost ring was reached, which rendered its tribute to the concluding sentence of the speech some time after it was over.

### Merry-Moving Time in Quebec.

May day is scarcely a merry one in the province of Quebec. Yearly lease-prevalent and expire April 30, so that the 1st of May is removal day in Montreal and other large centers of the province many quaint scenes are to be witnessed, and it is held that you will see more furniture knocking about the streets May 1 than you ever saw in any second hand dealer's emporium. Many peculiar customs have come into being through this habit of the Quebec Canadians of sitting or removing at the same time. One of the most remarkable is that for the first three days of the month houses are held in common—that is to say, if the people into whose house you are moving have been unable to get away before your arrival you may all live together until May 8, when you can compel your predecessors to make their final exit.—London Spectator.

### Good Pay for Hermits.

Hermits were a century or more back-regarded as a picturesque feature of country houses. Samuel Rogers records that "Archibald Hamilton, afterwards Duke of Hamilton, advertised for a hermit as an ornament to his pleasure grounds, and it was stipulated that the said hermit should have his beard shaved but once a year, and that only partially." Mark Powys, the acquire of Marcham, in Lancashire, offered £50 a year for life to any man willing to live as a hermit on his estate for seven years. He was to be well supplied with provisions and books and other comforts and in return had to abstain from straying beyond his hermitage and from cutting his hair, beard or nails. The offer was accepted by a man who abode by the conditions for four years and then threw up the job.—London Chronicle.

### Care of the Teeth.

The teeth should be washed in tepid water inside as well as outside with a fairly stiff toothbrush in the morning and the last thing at night. This helps greatly to preserve them, as the primary cause of dental decay is the decomposition of particles of food left between the teeth after a meal. Washing with a stiff brush dislodges these particles, and rinsing the mouth freely afterward with some warm disinfectant mouth wash completely removes them.

### He Perpetrated It.

The Doctor—The janitor of the building where I live says his father and grandfather made their living by working at similar jobs in the old country. The Professor (slightly irritated)—Well, what do you want me to say—that he follows in the footsteps of his progenitors?—Chicago Tribune.

### Experienced.

Ad Vertyson—We want a man who knows both how to keep his mouth closed and how to stare off the curious. Applicant—I think I would suit you. I used to be clerk in an information bureau.—London Punch.

### Reason Versus Passion.

Edmund Burke said "Taking the whole view of life, it is more safe to live under the jurisdiction of severe but steady reason than under the empire of indulgent but capricious passion."

### An Exception.

Briggs—They say that two heads are better than one. Griggs—That's all a mistake. Both my wife and I want to be head of the house; and it doesn't work at all.—Boston Transcript.

### He doth not lack an almanac whose youth is in his soul.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

## Rochester Exposition.

The Rochester Exposition's two weeks' festival of industry, music and amusement opens Monday, September 15 at the City's one million dollar Exposition Park. When the gates swing back, it will be to welcome the people to what is claimed to be the biggest municipal exposition in the country, covering 45 acres and including a dozen fire-proof buildings. Acres of space are devoted to the industrial display, including exhibits of interesting manufacturing processes, as well as displays of merchandise. Almost every conceivable product that contributes to the comfort or necessities of mankind will be shown.

Beautiful oil and water colors by famous American and foreign artists will be exhibited in the Art Gallery. Other new features in the buildings will be the Trade School, where 300 boys will be at work at lathe and bench. The Historical Museum, containing relics of famous American history; the Agricultural Hall, showing exhibits by town and county granges; the Zoo, with its strange animals and birds, are the other features. Then there are exhibits of poultry, goats and dogs.

The principal outdoor features will be Conway's famous American band the first week and Creator's great Italian band the second week. Free concerts will be given each afternoon and evening.

A Horse Show will be held on the afternoons of September 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Famous hunters and jumpers of America and Canada will be shown. Blue Ribbon horses will also be seen and many of the other classes, which include saddle and harness horses, hunters, ponies, roadsters, four-in-hands, tandems, etc. Alfred G. Vanderbilt will exhibit his famous gray four-in-hand and several carriage singles and pairs.

There will also be prize drills for firemen, militiamen, county athletic championships, cavalry tournament etc. These events will take place in front of the grand stand. Each night before the grand stand, the Pain's fireworks spectacle, "The Last Days of Pompeii," will be presented with 300 performers.

## ROUND THE WORLD

Maryland has 6,896 more females than males.

Suez canal tolls last year amounted to \$28,000,000.

The Canadian Alaskan boundary is 1,507 miles long.

Only about 11 per cent of London's population lives in flats.

An "artificial meat" has been devised of grain by a Belgian chemist.

The latest health fad of English women is to wear their hair unbound.

Enlisted men in the American navy serve as teachers in the island of Guam.

Chicago's new policewomen must be over twenty-five and unmarried, according to an official ruling.



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Round trip, Every Sunday to October 26, inclusive (except Sunday September 14). Good going only on trains leaving at 7.00, 8.30 and 10.00 a. m. Also on all regular morning trains via Falls Road direct. Returning leave Niagara Falls at 6.00, 7.30, 9.45 p. m. and all regular afternoon trains via Falls Road direct.

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## Watkins Glen \$1.25

Round trip, Every Sunday to Sept. 14, inclusive. Good only on special train leaving Rochester 8.15 a. m. Returning leave Watkins Glen 4.45 p. m. same day.

## Alexandria-Bay \$5.50

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### Pacific Coast and Western Points

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### Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. \$3.50

Round trip, Daily to September 7, inclusive. Return limit, day following date of sale.

### Boston \$11.00

Round trip tickets on sale Aug 29. Final return limit, Sept. 12. Stop over in either direction at Pittsfield, Palmer, South Framingham, Springfield or Worcester, Mass.

### Thousand Islands \$2.50

Round trip, including tour of the Islands. Tickets on sale Sunday, August 24. Special train leaves 8.10 a. m. Returning leaves Clayton 5.30 p. m.

### Toronto, Ont. (From Rochester) Canadian National Exhibition, August 23rd to September 6th, inclusive; \$5.40 round trip, all rail; \$4.85 round trip, rail and steamer. Return limit, September 9.

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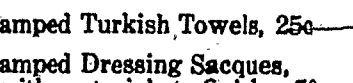
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The discontinuance of the opium habit in Amoy, China, has caused a considerable trade in cigars, cigarettes and foreign wines. Moving picture shows are also taking the place of opium dens.

To solve the problem of disposing of the dead a famous German architect proposes to erect in the chief cities pyramids, each of which would hold the ashes of 1,000,000 cremated bodies.



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