

AMAN OF MYSTERY

Strange Story of a French Exile of the Last Century.

MADE HIS HOME IN NEW YORK.

He Lived a Royal, but Secluded, Life Here. Here Napoleon's Downfall, When He Vanished to Reappear, Perhaps as King Charles X. of France.

In the year 1808 a French gentleman came into the wilds of the southern part of Madison county, N. Y., and erected a chateau upon the wooded summit of the highest hill in Georgia town. He had purchased 2,500 acres of land, paying for it close to \$100,000.

The master of the house wore the costume of a French gentleman, dressed royally and introduced as far as possible the manners of Louis Philippe.

During all his sojourn in the States from about 1810 to 1815, he was attended by a retinue of French householders, among them a physician who bore the name of Pelletier.

Many have been the conjectures as to the identity of this man. He preserved his incognito completely. It was believed that only his physician knew his true name.

By many it was supposed that the mysterious American visitor was no other than the Count of Artois, who had been banished from France by Napoleon and who later governed that country as Charles X.

There is a large history as to the movements of the count. In July, 1793, he left France as leader of the emigrants, and his career from that time on to his return to France in 1814 is somewhat involved.

The description of Muller's person appears in the accounts of the flight of the Count of Artois to England. X. As a writer puts it: "The passion for hunting and dreading of Bonaparte, evoked by Muller who occupied the chateau on Muller hill."

The time of Muller's or Artois departure for Europe to be present when Bonaparte was subdued cannot be accurately given. He left New York late in 1813.

There were two apples on the table and mother said I could have either and when I took both she spanked me.—Pearson's Weekly

Organ Pipes. The names of the different parts of an organ pipe are interesting. For instance, the air is forced in through a hole in the pointed toe of the pipe, goes through the flue (the slit cut in the side) and strikes the lip.

Stating the Truth. "I thought you said if Mabel refused you you would surely die."

Hear one man before you answer, several before you decide.—Danish Saying.

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Some exclusive clubs are next to impossible to break into, such as the Corsair club, which the late J. Pierpont Morgan founded, for example. But they have nothing on one world-known organization with headquarters waiting years and years for the privilege of becoming one of its customers.

To insist that if you want to buy goods you will find them when you are there. Then a date is set for the sale of a certain stock of your in England, and take a trip to Holborn market, London.

The fair grounds are thronged with the chargers of a rural drama, muffled by 5,000. They have come in every vehicle from touring car to demoral wagon, the whole family from the eye of grandmother to tenth grade baby.

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She Would Not Call Names. The county superintendent of schools, Miss Whitehead, whose hair was almost white, was paying a visit to a country school.

Different. Thomas Junior: Father, what does either mean? Only the beautiful flowers grew on the bank? Thomas Senior: It means both don't worry my child. Two hours later Thomas Senior and his son and he crying bitterly.

An Earthquake. The secretary of agriculture asked the chief of the weather bureau as a scientific man can you tell me anything definite about an earthquake?

Cause of the Taste. "This cake tastes a trifle queer, my dear. How did you make it?"

When the tree is fallen every one goeth to it with his hatchet.

OUR COUNTY FAIRS

Their Origin Traced to Habits of Primitive Man.

BORN IN THE DAYS OF BARTER.

These Exhibitions, Typical of Their Times, Ever New, Yet as Old as India, Have Been Popular Among All Peoples and in Every Climate.

The county fair is an institution as old as India, and as new as today. If anybody supposes that manufacturing has dulled the rustic flavor of the New England fair let him go to a New England fair and learn the mistake.

The fair grounds are thronged with the chargers of a rural drama, muffled by 5,000. They have come in every vehicle from touring car to demoral wagon, the whole family from the eye of grandmother to tenth grade baby.

Did any one suppose the fair had lost the "flavor" of its primitive glory? All wrong. It is bigger and better than ever.

Two Great Painters. When in Hurdman Ave. Dr. Dyck and upon Frans Hals and, without realizing himself known said that he was anxious to have his portrait painted.

Presidential Nominations. The statement is often made that no man ever declined a nomination for president.

Nicknames For Police. It would be interesting to have a list of the names by which the police are known.

Storage Batteries. Keeping Them in Use is Better Than Letting Them Stand Idle.

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OUR OLD PRIVATE COINAGE.

Territorial Gold Pieces Minted by Private Assayers.

The old territorial gold pieces, which they never had the sanction of the United States government, passed at different periods as legal tender in that they were accepted as a medium of exchange between buyer and seller.

Territorial gold pieces were struck by private assayers in Georgia in 1830 in North Carolina from 1831 to 1850 in California from 1840 to 1855, in Utah in 1849, 1850 and 1860, in Oregon in 1849 and in Colorado in 1860 and 1861.

There was nothing illegal in their issue and the procedure was considered in no sense as counterfeiting. In fact it was not until 1864 that a federal statute was passed forbidding a continuation of the practice.

E. H. Adams of New York told an interesting story about how this statute came about. "A man named Gruber," he said, "senior of the firm of Clark, Gruber & Co. of Denver, had a large private mint, and one day he showed Salmon P. Chase who was secretary of the treasury from 1861 to 1864, a fine twenty dollar gold piece of his own making."

Mr. Chase told him that it was a counterfeit, whereupon Mr. Gruber remarked that it was no such thing, that there was no law preventing the issue of such coins.

Then I shall see that there is one, Mr. Chase replied and he made good his prediction. That conversation took place in 1861 and in 1864 the law was passed.

Mr. Adams explained why these coins had been privately struck. He said that in those days gold in the shape of dust or nuggets, was used for money in the States where it was mined. This necessitated a great deal of trouble. States had to be used whenever a purchase was made and then there was always the question of how it could best be carried.

So to expedite matters the assayers adopted the custom of taking the gold and making it up into their own coins. This certain of these were "fair value" big business days of the year. In the parts of northern Asia the fair is the only market.

Oddly enough religion and commerce have always gone hand in hand at the fair. The Olympic games of an ancient Greece were almost as much commercial as a religious event.

In ancient Italy the annual assembly at the temple of Volturna was as much fair as feast. The temple of Jerusalem itself on one occasion proved to have become almost as much a place of barter and sale as a house of worship.

In medieval Europe the king granted to the bishops, bishops and other ecclesiastical dignitaries the right to manage the fairs and to exact tolls from the trade, which amounted to a temporary monopoly.

When the bishop of Winchester held his fair in England, for example, everybody else was obliged to shut up shop and trade at the fair. The "body day" assailable events in the German word for fair is "Kirmess" and in the Russian word "Kirmas".

Now we seem to know whether people first came together to worship and then to trade or whether they came together to trade and then to worship.

The earliest fairs were held away from the eighteenth century in France by the revolution which abolished such ecclesiastical monopolies, while in England the fairs were abolished by an old combination of good roads and bad morals.

Yet the fair is a mirror of the society which produces it. Compare the Olympic games with a county fair. The chariot race becomes the trotting race, the rhapsodist chanting the Homeric poems becomes the barker bawling the statistics of Philias become the exhibition of fancy needle work, the rite of human sacrifice (supposing there is one) becomes the balloon ascension and parachute jump or the aviator looping the loop, and the stately dramas of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides become the midway sideshows of "Glimpses in the Sun."

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