

ENGLISH INNKEEPERS.

Fail to Be Mainly Boors Who Treat Patrons as Intruders.

If your pocketbook allows or fate or the desire to see the country compels you to remain in England, there are parts where you can ride on your wheel with great satisfaction and at great expense. Nothing could be more beautiful than the midlands, lovelier than the counties that surround London, but we would go no further than Bristol or Exeter northward than Chester, avoiding Manchester—that is, unless you mean to go still farther north into Scotland, which at times will repay your enterprise. The southwest is largely to be avoided. Cornwall and Devon have the worst roads in civilized Europe—in fact, the roads and inns explain that the country is not and never has been civilized. In the inns you are often treated as an intruder, and sometimes cheated in a fashion that would bring a blush to the cheek of a Swiss landlord, for the emptiness of the larder the bill makes up in lavishness. There is hardly anything to eat save cream, but for that and salt bacon and ancient eggs you are asked to pay as much as for a good dinner at the Cafe Royal. The innkeepers are mainly boors.

As for the roads, they go straight to the top of all the hills, as uncompromisingly as the roads of Bohemia, then drop down the other side and are unridable in both directions. When not climbing precipitately, they lie buried at the bottom of a ditch. They are shadeless and uninteresting, rarely approaching the seacoast or passing near anything that is worth looking at, and yet we know Englishmen who are profoundly impressed with the belief that they are the best in England, and therefore in the world. The roads, inns and innkeepers of Scotland are in every way better, but the fact that the average Briton spends his holiday on the continent when he can prove not only that he wants to get there, but also that he is driven from his own country by the shortsightedness of the people who keep inns and look after its roads.—Mr. and Mrs. Pennell in Fortnightly Review.

THE PILGRIMS.

"Whither, pilgrims, whither bound, Passing slowly with no sound?" One by one they journey by, Gliding, gliding silently, Slowly, slowly, dim and gray, Hold they on their ghostly way.

"Hither, children, making May Of the solemn autumn day, Who were they but now went by While the dead weeds gave a sigh? Who the pilgrims, dim and gray, Stopped and looked upon your play?"

"We have wandered many hours Here where some one hides the flowers; We heard laughter in the grass, But we saw no pilgrim pass." "Whispers once—pale cheeks it she: "Shapes went by. They beckoned me." —John Vance Cheney in Century.

HEROES OF BUENA VISTA.

Their Sadly Neglected Burial Ground Near Saltillo, Mexico.

The hardy young Americans who left their comfortable homes in the United States more than half a century ago and came to Mexico with General Taylor to fight against the people of this country probably did not think that should they fall in battle their bones would be left to crumble to dust in an unmarked spot in this distant land. But today the dead heroes of the Buena Vista battlefield lie under but a few feet of earth in a neglected place just outside this city. At the time of their hasty burial their devoted comrades evidently sought to make the spot somewhat sacred by constructing an adobe wall around it. This wall is fast succumbing to the ravages of time, and in places it is completely gone. I visited the burial ground of the dead heroes today. A tram car took me as far as the pretty San Francisco plaza, and from there I walked through a dirty, narrow street until I came to an arroyo, on the other side of which the faint marks indicating the cemetery may be seen. Had I not received careful directions I should have passed the place unnoticed. On the side toward the city the wall is entirely gone for the most part, and a much traveled wagon road passes through the place and over the sacred dead. The place which had once been inclosed by the adobe wall embraces probably two acres, but investigation shows that many were buried west of the wall and up close to the arroyo.

Some time ago the report was published in the press of the United States that the bones of the buried soldiers were protruding from the ground, and that the place presented a sickening spectacle. This report was not strictly true, but it is undoubtedly a fact that parts of many of the skeletons have come to the surface. The ground is strewn with fragments of bones, and it is evident that they come from the men who were buried there. None of these bones is large, as the heavy traffic through the place has broken them up into small pieces. If any skulls came to the surface, they were no doubt quickly taken by the Mexican children who were about and made innocent playthings of. Had they ever appeared they certainly would not have remained intact on the surface long. In the arroyo, through which floods of water pass at times and wash one side of the burial ground, there are also many pieces of bones among the rocks, and among them I saw an unbroken rib bone which looked like that of a human.

There is not a spear of grass nor a sign of vegetable life within the inclosure. It is perfectly barren. The place should certainly receive attention at the hands of the United States congress, even if nothing more is done than to take such steps as will stay the ravages of time and weather on the treacherous soil and permit the bodies lying there to rest undisturbed. It could easily be made an attractive and even beautiful place by laying it out in walks and planting trees and plants. The ravages of the floods in the arroyo on the soil of the cemetery could be checked by the building of a substantial wall along that side. In addition to the several hundred who were killed in battle, all of the soldiers who died in the hospital here were also buried there.—Mexican Letter in St. Louis Globe-Democrat

ANCIENT MEDICAL METHODS

The Manner of Doctors' Consultations in the Fourteenth Century.

Coming to Mondeville's exposition of the method of holding a discussion, we find his description almost a story of what might take place today. "First," he says, "we should inquire into the nature of the disease, examining carefully and feeling, because the diagnosis is made by touching with the hand and observing with the eye. All the consultants engage in turn in the examination. Then, if the case demands it, they make a new examination all together, pointing out to one another the symptoms of disease and the special or remarkable features either in the patient or the disease. Then one of them, the highest in rank, says to the patient, 'Sir, we perceive very clearly what is the matter with you, and you ought to have full confidence in us and be glad that there are so many of us here and such doctors—enough for a king—and to believe that the youngest of us is competent to prescribe and carry on your treatment and bring it to a good result.' Then he interrogates the patient about the circumstances of his attack, 'Sir, do not be displeased or take it ill, but when did your illness begin?' following this with many other questions, the answers to which are recorded as indications furnished by the patient.

"When all the questions called for by the case have been asked, the consultants retire to another room, where they will be alone, for in all consultations the masters dispute with one another in order the better to discuss the truth, and sometimes they come to a pass in the heat of discussion which would cause strangers witnessing their proceeding to suppose there were discord and strife among them. This is sometimes the case."—"Fourteenth Century Doctors," by M. E. Nicolson, in Popular Science Monthly.

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DAIRY STUDENTS.

How They Are Prepared Scientifically For Their Work.

The cut here given shows the students of an up to date dairy school at work in the milkroom. They are running hand separators and parting the milk from the cream in fine style, and quickly. We give the picture here for one purpose. It is to call attention of dairymen and creamery men everywhere to the costume worn by these students. Snowy overalls and blouse and linen cap constitute an outside costume so clean and attractive that it alone would be a great advertisement for the creamery or private dairy whose employees were thus uniformed. The time is coming when every dairy and creamery in the land will require its employees to be clad in clean cotton or linen uniforms. Nothing that cannot be washed, and washed often, should be worn about a creamery or private dairy.

Fortunately nearly all the states now have dairy courses in connection with the agricultural colleges. The course is much the same in the schools. A fair idea of it may be gathered from a sketch of the branches taught in the Wisconsin Dairy school. Professor Moore, director of the Wisconsin school, says in Hoard's Dairyman:

The student becomes proficient in using the hand separator, the Babcock test and the lactometer, and in all subjects pertaining to making a fine grade of butter.

A course of lectures bearing on the work is given and supplemented by practical work in the laboratory.

In the separator room the student is taught to use the different separators and test the speed, skimming efficiency



DAIRY STUDENTS SEPARATING CREAM.

and capacity of the same, is taught to ripen the cream properly and churn, color, salt, work, score and pack the butter. They are also taught to make good butter by setting the milk in cans and pans in accordance with the older methods.

In the laboratory the students are taught to determine the amount of butter fat with accuracy in a given sample of milk or butter and to detect whether milk has been skimmed or watered.

In stock judging they are taught to determine at a glance the common characteristics of a good dairy cow; in feeding, to prepare rations according to the best authorities and are given hints and suggestions regarding taking care of dairy cows in general; in breeding, to select good stock and breed to increase the characteristics of the dairy type; in agricultural physics, to draft dairy barns and silos, so as to have them convenient and especially adapted for dairy use.

They are also taught to run windmills, steam and gasoline engines, tread powers and all farm motors, so as to be able to attach them to and run cream separators, pumps, feed mills, churns, thrashers, etc.

Ice In Cream.

It has been our opinion for many years that it is better not to put ice in cream if it can be avoided, but if it needs cooling to do so with a vibrating cooler, through the pipes of which cold water runs.

We do not know that the per cent of fat in the cream has much to do with the quality of the butter, but we know this—there is less loss in churning rich cream and churning at as low a temperature as it will churn than in churning poorer cream which must be churned at a higher temperature. With the poorer cream there will be more buttermilk than with the richer cream, and when tested with the Babcock tester it will be found to contain fully as great, if not a greater, per cent of butter fat.—Hoard's Dairyman.

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