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M. B. WELLS GETS AWAY FROM THE UBIQUITOUS AVON AND SEES SOME SIGHTS IN PARIS

WHEN we left Stonehenge, it was cold and misty, but the sun soon came and we had the most delightful ride of all. It was still early in the morning. We had the road to ourselves, and did not meet a motor, or other vehicle for more than 20 miles.

We went back to Amesbury, then skirting the banks of the lovely river Avon to Salisbury and Christchurch, we rapidly pushed the landscape behind us until we came to Bournemouth by the sea.

"Skirting the banks of the lovely Avon" is a phrase I admired so much in an advertisement of a Cook excursion, and I was anxious to try it in an automobile.

The Avon is not a large river, but what it lacks in size it makes up in ubiquity. It is really an extraordinary stream. Not only does it flow by the birthplace of the immortal Shakespeare, but it has its source and empties itself all over the face of Europe.

England has four rivers named Avon, Scotland three, France two, and then under numerous disguises such as Aven, Afoa, Avena, and Avono, it appears in about a thousand other places.

The word Avon comes from the Sanskrit root "Ap," meaning water. Quite an original and appropriate name for a river.

There was not much water in the Avon between Amesbury and Christchurch, but there was enough to build some bridges over, and nice, picturesque, little bridges there were. When we came to one we knew that we had not lost the Avon. At other times we could not see it at all.

I observed that they did not let the cows get near it for fear that they might drink it all up.

At Salisbury there is an old cathedral, but I did not stop. I had seen all the cathedrals I could stand.

Ruined Seaside Resorts.
We came to several other places of interest, but we passed them by. I was in a great hurry to see Bournemouth, because I had been told that it was the prettiest place in England.

It may not have been that way, but architecturally and in many other ways, it is as beautiful a place as one would want to see.

Situated on a high cliff, overlooking the English Channel, with its handsome streets, its shady drives and lovely walks, and a climate rivaling that of the Riviera, it looked like a really lovely paradise, but it was not. It had, like other English watering places, been invaded by the tripper.

The tripper is an offensive creature with a return-trip ticket. He has ruined all the seaside resorts within a radius of 100 miles from London.

Hampton and Margate were the first to succumb. Then came beautiful Brighton, and now it is Bournemouth, with which for a while was free from his blighting influence.

The tripper comes in boxes, with baskets, lunch boxes and babies. They are as thick on the sands as flies.

I had come to England, expecting to stay for a year or so, but it was in Bournemouth, the handsomest town in Britain, that I became sick of it all.

The trippers made the days intolerable. I took what pleasure I could sitting on the cliff at night.

When the band ceased playing and the lights on the pier went out, slowly in groups and finally one by one, the last and faintest tripper went out of sight, and then, and only then, would peace and quiet come upon the scene.

Below me was the noisy sea shimmering with the water of the Summer moon, to the left was the blinking red beacon on the Isle of Wight; beyond, faintly twinkling in the distance across the bay, were the lights of the village of Swanage.

Longing for Iwaco.
Night after night as I sat there, pondering over the horrors of the day that had passed, the "Arrys" and "Arriets" hugging each other in broad daylight, the Punch and Judy shows, the disgusting trippers with their filthy babies, the wild, fierce longing for the mighty Pacific, the ceaseless roar of its tremendous breakers rolling in on the Washington shore above Iwaco.

I pined for the lonely grandeur of the North Head forest, Dead Man's Hollow and the Fishing Rocks.

Six thousand miles is none too far away to be from the London tripper. I wanted to go home on the first steamer, but my wife wouldn't do it. She had to go to Paris to do some shopping.

We went to some other place in the south of England, but we did not like them, so we went back to London to get a fresh start.

Our landlord at 4, Heloise avenue was glad to see us. He had saved a lot of letters for us. Among them was one from Harris. He did not seem to be having as much fun as we expected to have. His letter was full of gloom and despair. He had lost his pocketbook, containing among other things a \$50 diamond brooch that he had bought for his sister at home.

It is at that figure before he starts. He has to drive 75 centimes worth before the dial will register again. After that every time the figures move you get stuck for 30 centimes.

Sometimes you are inclined to imagine that the figures are moving at a fearful speed, but when you reflect that 30 centimes is only 2 cents they do not seem to go so fast.

Best of the amount registered by the taximeter, you have to give up 5 cents to assuage the cabby's thirst. This gratuity is known in French as a "pour boire." It sounds so much like "poor boy" that it would be a mean man who would refuse it.

A French Breakfast.
I liked the place that Harris took us to. The food and the atmosphere at one time it had been a convent. I felt some doubts when, as Harris rang the bell, a mysterious door in a high stone wall opened in a ghostly manner, but my fears were allayed when we were once inside. It was peaceful and calm, ancient and romantic. I was delighted with its private gardens, its rambling corridors and pleasant rooms. We were in the heart of France and living the life as the natives live it.

It was all very interesting, but I did not like the breakfast that Harris brought to my room next morning. It consisted of a large tray, one cup of tea, a napkin, two lumps of sugar and a small French roll about the size of a Frankfurter sausage.

I looked at it long and earnestly, but I did not try to eat it. I thought it must be for an invalid next door, but as no one came back for it I concluded that it was an introductory affair preceding a real meal to be served in the dining room downstairs. As I ate it, I was delighted with what I thought was a pleasing French custom.

Later, when I discovered that it was all I was to have until noon, I thought some loud thoughts about Harris, but I did not say anything, because I remembered the diamond brooch.

Harris' Lost Brooch.
I made several attempts to get Harris to talk about his loss. Ordinarily he was quite communicative, but on this occasion he seemed to have something to conceal and was strangely reticent.

I did not ask him where he lost the brooch, as I valued his friendship too highly to do that, and I did not want to step in his path toward his recovery. He ignored all my questions with a gloomy silence.

There was a peculiar streak in Harris' character. Generally he was sympathetic and resourceful, but when trouble struck he was not.

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young woman who has introduced her to Old Neptune. The distance beyond these two main figures is beautifully carried out by the bathers scattered along the life line far into the swimmers.

Akin to the latter subject, and yet less of a sea and more of a figure picture is George F. Holman's "The Crabber—A Foggy Morning." This soft gray carbon print is excellently composed and rightly belongs to the genre class. There is the contrast of life, as represented by the woman just lifting a big crab on her back, and the great expanse of sea stretching into the fog behind her.

The distribution of light and dark tones gives contrast and variety without the repose necessary to true harmony being broken up.

Among the marine are four of similar character presenting such variations of subject matter. "In Portland Harbor," by Harry G. Smith, "A Bit of Marine," by Henry Berger, Jr., "Discharging Coal," by George F. Holman, and "A Sea Rover," by Lynds W. Jones. All four represent freight ships lying alongside a dock, whose sterns are reflected in the calm rippling of the river, which, in Mr. Holman's print increase to wave motion and in Mr. Berger's lap against a stretch of water.

The picturesqueness of his print, which is of a beautiful soft brown tint.

Other marine that accord more with our preconception of sea subjects are "Old Ocean's Rest," by Lynds W. Jones, showing a huge roll of surf about to topple over; "The Lifeboat," by George F. Holman, an enlargement of a detail from an earlier print; "A Night on the Ocean," by Lynds W. Jones, a very descriptive term belonging to the treatment of colored pigments.

The boat is dashing into the surf, which rolls powerfully towards us and almost envelops the craft that seems so weak in its embrace, yet will come forth victor.

"Marine," by L. N. Lipman, very delicate harmonies in gray in a soft gray frame; "On the Lagoon, Venice," by Fred H. McClure, one of the "strongest" effects of light and shade and reflections in the water; a group of seven sea studies by George S. Shepherd, which are announced in the catalogue by appropriate couplets from "The Anquet Mariner" as are his other two subjects, "A Sail! A Sail!" and "In natural costume on the lookout up in the rigging of a ship" and "Where Shakespeare Sleeps."

A view of Stratford from the Avon, the church spire showing at the left and the accompanying couplet being from the great bard's epitaph:

"Bene he ye man yt spares these stones, And curst be he yt moves my bones." "Then in this marine class is a fine "Coming Storm" (surf lashed and driven before the wind, while angry clouds roll in dark masses overhead).

The grouping of the sea and the figures are from the dwellers in Chinatown—a type, together with Indians, which finds most frequent portrayal in the West.

As the Chinaman becomes accustomed to American ways it will be less easy to portray him in a setting of local color. By Harry G. Smith, a small and very pleasing study "On the Columbia," by H. J. Thorne and the familiar little lighthouse on stilts down at the junction of the two great rivers, "A Fishing Boat," to guide those "right down to the sea in ships" by way of the Willamette and the Columbia. Down in this direction is Iwaco Beach, whose fine surf is shown in a beautifully developed print by Mr. Holman.

The landscapes show the usual choice of scenes in many cases, paths through the woods, brooks, wooded of the bird-hunter. Of these, the landscape by J. J. Tyrrell, in which a stream winds between meadow banks in every way worthy of praise, because of excellent selection of point of view, of harmony in development of tones and for a poetic quality that imbues it with the feeling found in the best of paintings.

Of special interest are the two landscapes that introduce cattle and the one with the Irish donkey. The first one, "Peaceful Valley," represents cows drinking in a stream at the foot of a slope crowned by beautiful trees. The clouds in this picture are soft and good. The second one, "On Columbia Slough," is a fine study of marshland and cattle by W. D. Smith and the third, "On the Way to Market," represents an old Irish woman driving her donkey and queer cart through a rich Irish copee. This was taken by H. B. Powell, and is an excellent character study.

Among the most beautiful landscapes are the one that took the silver cup

came to him, he became deeply religious (like John D. Rockefeller, and other wealthy men, he wanted to do something for the Lord, so that, when the last day came, the Lord would not dwell so long on the other things that he had done).

He was a Presbyterian by birth. Once he held the office of deacon. I am not quite sure that there is such an office in the Presbyterian Church as a deacon, because I heard him say so. It may have been some other church that he belonged to.

Whether the church it was that he attended, he firmly believed in fate, and reformation. "What was to be, had to be," I have heard him say.

Of course, his attempts to propitiate his Maker did not succeed, and his belief in predestination, but a slight logical difficulty of that sort was nothing to him. He was buying margins on the ever-lasting hereafter, and he did not want to miss a cent.

I may seem to be departing from the subject, but I am not. It is all necessary to explain how Harris happened to be such a colossal chump, and why he kept so still about the diamond brooch.

At Notre Dame.
One day we went to Notre Dame. There we saw an occasional devotee making a votive offering with flowers or lighted candles before the shrine of the Blessed Virgin or some other illustrious saint.

The feeling of religious calm that pervaded that sacred edifice did not have the proper effect on Harris. The lighting of candles before the shrines seemed to cause him great sorrow.

Finally I asked: "What's the matter, Harris; don't you like the place?" "I hope those people will get what they are after," he said.

"What people?" "Why, those people lighting candles. If they think they are going to get anything, I am sorry for them."

"Get what?" "Something that they want, or something that they have lost." "Tell me, Harris," I demanded, as a great light dawned upon me. "Is that what you did to get that brooch back?" "Yes," he admitted, "I burned a whole lot, and I have not seen the brooch yet. I don't expect to. The whole thing is a swindle, and those people are wasting their time."

Poor, old Harris! I led him out into the sunshine and tried to reason with him. In vain did I tell him that the lighting of candles was only an act of respectful devotion, and that, as he said, there wasn't any use going

to that trouble unless there was something in it, and even if the thing was any good at all he should have had his diamond brooch.

I took him over to the Morgue, hoping that it would cheer him up.

The Morgue is the depository for the unidentified dead of Paris, and is one of the advertised sights of the city.

There were five patients at the Morgue the first day we went. Harris wanted to go and see, but he was not allowed to go because he had been added to the collection.

The Paris Morgue, so far as I know, is the only one of its kind in the world.

When the bodies are received they are first frozen stiff, then propped up in a graceful attitude in a wheeled chair, and placed in an ice-cold chamber before a plate-glass screen, where they can be examined by their friends.

It really quite comfortable and cheerful.

A Friend in Need.
It is said that in New York, or London—I don't remember which—that there are more Jews than in Palestine, more Irish than in Tipperary, and more niggers than in Rome. I may have that saying a little mixed, but, anyway, I am getting to say that in Paris there are more Americans than in Astoria.

It was quite a relief to get away from the rising, infuriating infection of the cockney dialect and hear the good old English like we have it at home.

Nevertheless it is quite convenient to know a little French.

When I saw the morgue we wanted to go to Cook's office and get some tickets for a trip through Belgium and Holland. Neither one of us knew where it was, but we thought we could find it if we could locate the Place de l'Opera.

Harris had studied French, but he was afraid to say what he knew out loud. I asked him how to say "where is," and he said, "Où est-ce?" I said, "Où est le Place de l'Opera?" I knew that I would not understand a word he said, but I hoped that he would point. He did, so Harris and I went off in that direction.

I must have made a great impression on that Frenchman, because not more than a minute after an Englishman who could really talk French came along and asked him that same question. The soldier told him to follow us, as that had given us full and correct directions, and presently we heard the sound of rapid footsteps, and then the voice of an Englishman. "Oh, I beg pardon, but would you mind setting me go with you? I want to find the Place de l'Opera, and you just told me that you knew where it was." He never smiled when we told him how it was, but he went along and helped us to find it.

are few in number, Mr. Holman's fine tortois shell cat and Harry G. Smith's shaggy puppy, "Dodo," being the only two, "The Elk," by L. E. Anderson. The last-named artist was one of the very few flower studies, in this case combined with landscape, "Erythronium," which grew very near the summit of snow-capped mountains.

The other flower pieces are: "Chrysantheums," by Harry G. Smith; "Carnations," by J. A. Horan; "Apple Blossoms," "California Poppies" and "Post-office Narcissus," by W. D. Smith; and "Wild Anemones," by George F. Holman.

The anemones, being printed on green carbon paper, reproduce the natural tint of leaf and flower in a most satisfactory way.

There are a few excellent examples of fruit and still life. "Apples," and "Pears," by W. D. Smith, and "Still Life," by the same artist, in which a banana partly peeled, an apple, a glass half filled with wine and the wicker wine flask forming a pleasing group. A delicate trompe l'oeil, "Night," by Thorne, who also has a bunch of grapes and leaves hanging as a panel.

There were about half a dozen pictures that were classed under that elastic head "genre." Of these, the one receiving the prize of a silver cup was "chicks," by W. D. Smith. This represented an anxious hen sitting on three soft balls of yellow, diving after some morsel on the barn floor, while two more downy creatures peep from beneath her wings.

In addition to the latter picture, individual subjects, was one for best general exhibit. This was awarded to George F. Holman who displayed 18 subjects, 16 of which were in competition and covered every class except fruit shown at this Exposition.

Many of the artists showed great versatility in their subjects, coming under several classes.

The judges were chosen from men living in Portland and were Charles Butterworth, W. B. Struble, A. Tucker and M. Meyer.

The prize consisted of four small silver cups, gold-lined, one each for portraiture, landscape, marine and genre, and a larger silver cup, gold-lined, the Judd trophy, which is awarded for the best general exhibit and must be won three times (no two in succession) before it can be retained by the winner.

The prizegivers and winners were as follows: Portraiture, by L. W. Jones to J. A. Horan. Landscape, by W. B. Struble, to Henry Berger, Jr. Marine, by Henry Berger, Jr., to Harry G. Smith. Genre, by J. A. Horan, to W. D. Smith. Best general exhibit, by E. Y. Judd, to George F. Holman.

The preponderance of carbon prints over the other methods, bromide, etc., was a noticeable and gratifying feature of the exhibit. Mr. Holman showed work on six different carbon tints and one porcelain effect. The carbon process, although slow in bringing results and somewhat more expensive than other processes, is more durable, hence more satisfactory and for this reason cheaper in the end.

A singular old-time method of obtaining a photograph is here represented. Dana Sieath shows in his excellent group of six views three pinhole photographs—so-called. The process requires long time exposure, the length varies with subject and other conditions, hence is matter of conjecture. For this reason the quickly-working lens superseded the pinhole, or absence of lens method. The outlines obtained by this method are so soft that they resemble the elasticity of freewhand work. But because of the long time exposure living objects cannot come under the process. With all its beauties of effect it is easy to see why it was abandoned.

If a suggestion might be allowed as to future tendencies, it would be to take effect: Cloud study, Idealism and old masters' lighting of portraiture subjects; and may long life and prosperity wait upon the Oregon Camera Club! ANNA VON KYDINGBAU.

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been given of early specimens of the clockmaker's art, not the least interesting are the several types of lamp clocks. One of these was of a kind quite common in the 17th century and consisted of a lamp burner placed at the base of a glass oil receptacle mounted vertically on a suitable stand. The oil reservoir had attached to it a scale, facing the burner and showing the hours, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the lamp was to be lighted in winter, and ending at 7 o'clock in the morning. The lamp being lighted, the gradually descending level of the oil, as combustion proceeded, marked the hours. The other device, of later origin, dating back to the beginning of the present century, utilized the same principle. It consisted of two communicating oil chambers, superposed by a clock dial. In one of the chambers was placed a night lamp to illuminate this dial, and in the other was suspended a float from a cord which passed around a small pulley. The latter was mounted on a horizontal axis ending in the center of the dial. The float, of course, descended as the oil was consumed and carried the index hand along with it, thus making the hours precisely as in the case already cited. At their best these timepieces could have had only an indifferent degree of accuracy, yet they probably served their purpose well and certainly are interesting at the present time as illustrating some of the expedients adopted by mechanics of an earlier period.

A DREAM IN ARCHITECTURE

Taj Mahal One of World's Most Beautiful Buildings.

Metropolitan Magazine.

The best of the Taj is that however and whenever one views it, it never seems to lose its freshness, its fantastic beauty. Enter the great stone portal, set in the walls that surround the tomb and you step from the blazing dust-choked atmosphere of the world into a cool, cool garden. You may sit within a shaded arbor before a shrub-dotted lawn and watch the white-robed natives moving noiselessly along the double path that leads to your fairy palace, its dome rising, a great, white blazing hemisphere upon an azure sky, and only four slender guardian minarets at the four corners of the pedestal on which it stands.

Then as the afternoon wears on and the dome begins to shade half white, half black and pink evening clouds float by lazily, you join the white-robed natives and move with them slowly along the walk toward the Taj, listening to their low-voiced salutations and the splashing of numberless little fountain jets. The white of the marble is softened now and takes a faintly yellow tinge, and as you draw closer what from the distance seemed smooth, untouched, white marble, is in reality intricately inlaid in graceful scroll-like patterns over door and archway all done in semi-precious stones. Truly the "Pathans designed like Titans and finished like jewelers."

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