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Social Distinctions.
Are we born snobs, do we achieve snobbishness, or do we have snobbishness thrust upon us? If we achieve it we sometimes do it early. The other day I heard Beatrice, a little nine-year-old, expounding to a visitor of about her own age.
"No," said Beatrice impressively, "we don't play with Sarah any more. We found out that her father has only a first name job. Our papa, you know, holds a mister position."—Woman's Home Companion.

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ARD times? Panic threatened? Country going to the dogs? Don't you take any stock in such talk. Mr. O. U. Grouch may sit on a cracker barrel and croak as much as he wants to in that direction, but many facts are coming to light that tell a vastly different story. For instance, take the annual rush to Europe that is now on. What has for many years been regarded as an unfailing sign of this country's general prosperity or the lack of it is the volume of travel that makes its way across the Atlantic. And this year, just to prove that panic times are over, the record of the banner year 1907 seems about to be broken, as indicated by the number of persons that have already gone this season or are booked to go before the middle of August. In fact, the steamship lines that were started some seventy years ago for the purpose of bringing emigrants to this country have now been obliged to face right around the other way to meet the streams of traffic that originates on this side of the ocean.

Here are a few figures bearing upon the subject. In 1907 the outgoing transatlantic travel from New York consisted of 100,706 who traveled first class, of 108,272 who went in second cabins and of 557,233 who crossed in steerages. The statistics for 1908 showed a marked decrease, as did those of last year; but, as stated, all records for ocean travel promise to be broken during the season of 1910.

Luxuries on a Modern Liner

driven screws. But who cares to know these details?

While the steerage passengers are made comfortable and the second cabin passengers enjoy many luxuries, it is those who travel first class, of course, who get the choice accommodations, for which they pay vast sums. The best suits aboard a modern liner come high, but it must be remembered that the space occupied is even more expensive than it would be in Broadway or Fifth avenue. A suit of four rooms—a parlor, bedroom, dressing room and bath—may be had in the season for about \$1,000 for the trip. There is practically no limit to the number of rooms which may be thrown into a single suit, and it is not uncommon for as much as \$3,000 to be paid for a suit for a single crossing. In case the ship selected is a five-day boat the rate will therefore range from \$300 to \$600 a day. The suits may, however, be occupied by two and in some cases three persons without extra charge.

In these rooms the decorations have been designed by artists of taste and experience. The colors are so selected and applied that the general color scheme of the different cabins will be perfectly harmonious. Naturally only the richest materials are selected. In some cases the cloth is especially designed and woven that the harmony may be perfect. It is in the bathroom, however, that one finds the most ingenious luxury. Here you will find bathtubs of rare marbles, the finest of Venetian mirrors, the walls and ceilings completely tiled in elaborate designs, the fittings of polished metals. There are probably no finer bathrooms in the world than are to be found in the imperial suits of these great liners. Every detail is worked out with the greatest care. The bathtub will be carved in some appropriate design, the water, hot or cold, fresh or salt, will run from dolphins' heads carved in oak; the towel racks will be of the finest cut glass and silver.

It is difficult to imagine how luxury could be carried further on these boats. One of the newest of the liners, the Amerika, is fitted with a complete Turkish bath and a swimming pool and an electric light bath in addition to the regular accommodations. There is, of course, the barber shop, a model in its way, with assistants who will visit you in your private suit if you choose. There is a gymnasium equipped with every manner of mechanical apparatus, so that one may enjoy a horseback ride, a camel ride or a massage of any kind on the seas.

Farwells at the sailings of European steamers are no longer tragic, as in past times, as no one nowadays expects to be drowned and as a trip to Europe is regarded as hardly a more serious undertaking than a visit to one's relatives a few hundred miles from home.

It is most amusing to witness the leave taking of milady. "Goodby, good by!" she cries, waving a little perfumed handkerchief. "Write me lots and lots of letters. Address them anywhere. I'm going every place there is!"

The Olympic, a new White Star giant now building, will be received in the harbor next June with an almost Rooseveltian blaze of glory, while her sister ship, the Titanic, will follow in August. These ships are to be the largest and most completely equipped vessels afloat. They will be about seventy-five feet longer than the Lusitania. Some of the features that will be included in these new vessels will be new to ocean travel and will rival the best that can be accomplished in the most extravagant hotels on land.



THE KAISERIN AUGUSTE VICTORIA.

Few realize what this influx of traveling means to Europe, but figures are suggestive. One hundred thousand tourists traveling for an average length of three months and spending, say, \$500 apiece for that time, which is an average very low, would bring the total amount spent by Americans on pleasure travel in Europe each summer up to \$50,000,000. And in all likelihood the actual amount is much greater than that.

Whether you are contemplating a trip to Europe or whether you wouldn't give a button to make the journey, the great progress being made by steamship builders should prove of interest. The big liners of today are literally floating cities, with every comfort and convenience known to man. In fact, the luxury of ocean travel has now reached such a state of perfection that land bred and timid passengers may almost delude themselves into thinking they are still on shore, although far out at sea. It is difficult to realize that only a few years ago people on a transatlantic boat were deprived for five days of all the elementary luxuries. They suffered the lack of nearly all the little comforts that pertained to a costly existence ashore. A voyage was a necessary evil between two ports, and the gourmet risked his digestion in the interval between hotels. The traveler in midocean called vainly for the delicacies of civilization, but not so today.

Now on the modern steamship elevators save languid limbs the fatigue of climbing steps, the wireless morning newspaper is served in bed with the coffee, and a telephone is at your elbow, handy for summoning your valet or sending a business message thousands of miles over sea and land. There is a push button to turn on the heat of the electric stove. The hair-dresser will reconstruct madame's coiff. You may drop in at the manufacturer's after spending half an hour at the gymnasium. The stenographer waits for dictation of a business letter. An orchid for the buttonhole at the florist's and then a little stroll on the promenade deck to glance at the ocean and observe some chic morning costumes.

Almost motionless is the ship to the senses, only a slight vibration being noticed. Some statistical bore remarks that there is a population of more than 3,000 aboard and that the vessel's funnels would contain a railroad train and that it would take 68,000 horses to equal the power of her four turbine

gymnasium, a swimming pool deep enough for diving and a handball court. A Turkish bath, elaborately decorated in oriental style, will probably be on the same deck as the gymnasium.

For the entertainment of the children there will be a playroom, presided over by an expert nursery governess, who will direct the play of the children. All kinds of toys will here await the pleasure of the youthful passenger. The playroom will be furnished with tiny chairs, lounges, settees and tables; it will be decorated in poster style, and the lower parts of the walls are to be padded.

Another innovation in the resources of a ship to meet all physical, social and spiritual needs will be the presence of two chapels for religious service. One will be in the first class section and the other in the third.

Sure Sign.

"How do you know they're married?"
"Can't you see? He's making her bait her own fishhooks."—Detroit Free Press.

The Added Part.

Church—Does your neighbor play that cornet without notes? Gotham—Yes, but not without comments.—Yonkers Statesman.

A RECORD IN HITTING.

Delehanty's Four Homers and a Single in Five Times at Bat.

The baseball expert Hugh S. Fullerton, in an article on "Batting" in the American Magazine, describes as follows the greatest hitting feat recorded, executed by Ed Delehanty, and which it was his good fortune to witness:

"Adonis Terry was pitching—a great pitcher with a wonderfully fast curve ball—and three of the home runs were made off the curve. The first time at bat Delehanty hit the ball high over the right field fence, perhaps seventy feet from the foul line, which would be 245 feet from the plate, and the fence was thirty-five feet high. The second time he hit over the same fence, but farther toward center field. The third time he drove a single over short stop, a line hit and perhaps the hardest hit of all. Dahlen, leaping, touched the ball with both hands. They were torn apart and the ball caromed almost to the left fielders before it struck the ground. The next home run was straight to the center field between the clubhouses, nearly 400 feet away. The last time he came to the bat the crowd was cheering him on. Large retired between the clubhouses, which were set at angles. Delehanty hit a curve ball. It alighted on the roof of one clubhouse, bounded to the roof of the other and rolled halfway back to the second baseman. And yet Chicago won the game—8 to 6.

Doubling Her Capacity.

"I want a nurse girl who is capable of taking care of twins," said a woman to the manager of an employment agency.

A dozen maids ranged against the wall were questioned as to their familiarity with twins. Finally one girl produced documentary evidence that for the last five years most of her waking moments had been spent in the company of twins. She got the job. When she reported for work in the afternoon she was introduced to but one infant.

"Where is the other one?" she asked.
"Oh, there are no twins about this house," said her mistress. "I just said twins so I would be sure to get a competent nurse. Any girl who is capable of handling two children can give extra good care to one. That is a little ruse I always employ when I hire a nurse."—New York Times.

The Wolves and the Meat.

"I had thought that it was peculiar to human nature to regard that which one has as of less value than that which one has not, but I had reason to change my opinion the other day," said a visitor to the zoo.

"A keeper tossed four pieces of meat into the den of two gray wolves. One piece landed on the roof of the shelter house, and a wolf with a lame fore leg passed over the pieces on the ground, and, standing on his hind legs, tried and tried to get that on the roof, which was just out of reach. The other hungry wolf gave his attention to the pieces on the ground and disposed of all three. Going over to the house, he sniffed for a moment and then sprang upon the roof, ate the fourth piece and stretched out for repose."—New York Sun.

A Mean Trick.

Algernon—What's this I hear about Miss Giltscoot agweeling to mawwy you and then going back on her word? Percy—That is the swart of it, I'm sowwy to say. Algernon—Beastly twick, dear boy. Why don't you sue her for non-support? You've got a clean case, doncher know.—Chicago News.

And Such is Fame.

Mrs. Bluehouse—Your new boarder is literary, I am told. Mrs. Malaprop—Yes, indeed. Why, with his books and papers he litters his room worse than any boarder I ever had.—Exchange.



CORNER OF GYMNASIUM ON MODERN LINER.

There will be a sports deck on which will be arrangements for golf and roller skating, in addition to the games already familiar to the voyager. Besides this there is to be provided for the amateur athlete an American fitted