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LAKE COMO.

A Pretty Little Sheet of Water, and That Is All.

A few days after leaving Venice I found myself on the shores, or banksin Europe-and is conveyed to Bellagio, | ing her a visit. where he has two or three hours for observation. Then he takes another steamer equally small, and without going to Colico, at the further end,-a boards a train which bring him back to faith to be cured by it, though. The Milan by dinner-time. It is time enough to see everything of special in- faith and you can be enred of any huterest, unless he desires to take up his abode in this quiet retreat, where he can have an occasional whiff of the mountain air, even in midsummer, and a sight of the snows that forever whiten the higher peaks of the Alps. It may interest the classical scholar to be reminded that the Romans lived and cultivated the soil about Lake Como, and that a noble Roman of distinction, who might have been Seneca if he was Villa is a better term here than palace, the grandiloquent word used by Bulwer in his inflated play, "The Lady of Ly- you lose.

ons. Much of the lake is so narrow that, as the steamer ripples in quiet waters, you can almost throw a stone on to either bank, and the visitor who remembers Claude and Pauline scans at- try. They differ somewhat from the tentively the little valleys and the steep | ward "heeler," who practices chiefly at hillsides that seem to disappear in the | the polls. clouds, if perchance he may discover a

There are some very pretty residences along the banks, nestling in valleys, half hidden by foliage, but none that can be called, with any propriety of speech a palace. Towns and villages abound along the entire length of the lake, which is thirty-two miles, though it often seems hardly possible for them to cling to the steep hillsides, and they are all of the Italian type, with some variations introduced by foreign residents. Como has 22,000 inhabitants, Cernobbi 720, Bellagio 2,745, Menaggio 1,270, Colico 3,229. Lecco 7,040. The other towns and villages are generally smaller. The vine is cultivated on the hillsides, and a very good wine is made at Bellagio, whose reputation, however, hardly transcends the horizon of the lake. The olive, which grows in a gnaried and contracted fashion, since it finds the climate somewhat inhospitable, brightens the steep slopes with its bright green foliage. The lake has a strange peculiarity. Having no sufficient outlet, it is subject to inundations whenever unusual rains are precipitated on its capacious watershed and run off quickly into it. One of these, about a year ago, threatened to do serious damage to Como.

The poets have been really, or have professed to be, singularly inspired by the marvelous beauties of Lake Como. I happened to remember some lines of a pretty, but rather meaningless poem, whose burden was the following couplet:

> I met my love among the low Rose gardens by Bellagio.

Of course the poet did nothing of the sort, the pretended meeting being all in his mind's eye, but the lines perplexed me because I could not really tell whether the place where he had his alleged felicity was Bellagio, or Menaggio, there being so many aggios and eggios in Italy that the mind gets quite perplexed in trying to disentangle them. There was certainly nothing in Bellagio that could be called a rose garden in the sense in which the Persian poets used the term, nor even as a California reared in a land of roses. would understand it, and I could not conceive that Menaggio, which I could see a mile or so off on the other side, had any more luxurious floral accessories. Gardens there were, but they were in no wise remarkable, and the roses or rose bushes in them were not abundant. It is thus that the poets beguile the people with their vain imaginings! Bulwer had seen a great many palaces before he wrote, but it is uncertain that he had then seen Lake Courier.

Como, while the other rhymester may have seen the lake, but probably came from a land where one rose made a summer, and few in its gardens seemed

a profusion. Lake Como is in its way quiet and I hardly know which is the correct beautiful. It is really a place of retireterm-of Lake Como, writes a corres- ment and repose, where the native life pondent of The San Francisco Chroni- is dull and silent, and foreigners come cle. It is a very pretty sheet of water, rather to add to the quiet than to disbut there are many lakes in America turb it. The passage of the steamer is quite as beautiful if less historically in- a little feature of activity in the landteresting and less favored as to climate. scape. Its landing at the wharves of the Travelers stopping at Milan do not al- tranquil villages, with the bustle of arways seem to be aware that they are rival and departure, are the unimportso near to Lake Como, and consequent- ant events which give the day all that ly fail to visit it, which is an error. By | it has of healthy excitement. In winter getting up at an unjournalistic hour in | its airs must be chilling and its towns the morning, and taking a circular tick- and villages absolutely cold and dead. et, one can go to Como, which occupies In summer its attractions are all seen about an hour. Here he takes a steam- at their best, and for itself, as well as er-it is quite unnecessary to say a lit- for its associations, no tourist should tle steamer, since big ones do not exist ever pass so near as Milan without giv-

Faith Cure. The Faith Cure is very old. It has appeared in different forms since there name with acholeraic sound-he turns is any record of the human race. It down the other arm, and at Lecco requires a man of an almost dogged formula is simple: Only have enough man ill. If you are not cured it is

because you haven't enough faith. One of the most usual forms of faith cure is by the laying on of hands. You have rheumatism in the shoulder. You visit a doctor who practices that system. He lays his hands on the afflicted part, you feel better or think you do. and then he lays his hands on your pocket book for all you've got. If your faith begins to waver after this not another, had a villa on its shores. experience, the pains will probably return, but your money won't. You must not give up faith, whatever else

> Healing mediums can be found everywhere. How well they are healed depends on how many fools they can entice into their net. They call themselves healers, and practice all over the coun-The first thing a quack does when he

palace like that which the deceitful opens an office for the practice of the lover described in such glowing terms faith cure, is to lay in a good stock of to his enraptured inamorata. He re- old crutches, canes, splints, &c., which marks nothing that corresponds to the he exhibits to the wondering public, rhetorical architectural details of Rul. claiming that they have been left behind by his patients who had no further use for them after one operation. Men hobble in on crutches, he says, who haven't been able to get about in any other way for years. He makes a few passes over them with his hands, they exercise their faith, and, presto, the lameness is gone. They fling away their crutches and start for home on a

We interviewed a man once who had invested a considerable sum of money in the mind cure, which doesn't differ very much from the faith cure. About the same amount of mind is required

in the one as in the other. "Were you cured?" we asked. "I was."

"Perfectly cured?" "Yes, I was perfectly cured, of my desire to be humbugged again. I am

lame yet, as you see, but I think my

mind is more sprightly and athletic." Brigham Young used to practice the faith cure. A confiding Mormon who had lost a leg in a brave but ineffectual struggle with a threshing machine, not being able to secure a pension at Washington, came to Brigham in the firm belief that he was able to make another leg grow from the stump, and requested him to do so. He desired him to graft on one of the early blooming variety, so that it would be ready for his spring plowing. This proposition put Brigham to his stumps for a moment, but he was equal to this emergency, as he had been for many others, even when they

came in the shape of twins. "I could do it, of course," said Brigham, with a cereless wave of the hand, "but how awkward you would feel on the day of resurrection, getting around

on three legs." "Getting around on three legs?" "Certainly. The old leg would rise up with the new one and insist on coupling on."

The Mormon concluded he would try

to stump along on what he had until the universal rising .- Texas Siftings. A Fashionable Bathing Suit. Young Lady-Are you going shop-

ping, ma? Mother-Yes, my darling. Y. L.-Will you bring me a quarter of a yard of navy blue serge?

M.-Certainly. Do you want it to patch? Y. L.-No. I want it for a bathing suit, and please bring me twenty-five

yards of trimming. M.—Yes, but hadn't you better use the trimming for a sail and the navy blue serge for the trimming .- Bosto

The Conway Cabal. There is no man so high but some will be found who wish to pull him down. Washington was no exception to this rule. His men worshipped him; the people had confidence in him; the officers nearest to him, and especially those who formed a part of his military family, were warmly attached to him; but in congress there were men who violently opposed him, and there were certain generals who not only envied him but were ready to seize any opportunity which might offer to belittle him and to place one of their own number in his place. The chief men who were engaged in this business were Generals Conway, Mifflin, and Gates, and from the prominent position taken in the affair by the first-named officer, the intrigue against Washington goes by the

After it had failed of its purpose by various roundabout methods; it looked about in congress and counted the disaffected to see if it would be possible to get a majority vote in favor of a motion to arrest the commander-in-chief. So at least the story runs which, from its nature, would not be found in any record, but was whispered from one man to another. The day came when the motion was to be tried; the conspiracy leaked out, and Washington's friends bestirred themselves. They needed one more vote. They sent post-haste for one of their number, Gouverneur Morris, who was absent in camp; but they feared they could not get him in time. In their extremity, they went to William Duer, a member from New York, who was dangerously

name of the Conway Cabal.

ill. Duer sent for his doctor. "Doctor," he asked, "can I be carried to Congress?" "Yes, but at the risk of your life,"

replied the physician. "Do you mean that I should expire before reaching the place?" carnestly nquired the patient.

"No," came the answer; "but I would not answer for your leaving it

"Very well, sir. You have done your duty and I will do mine!" exclaimed Duer. "Prepare a litter for me; if you will not, somebody else will, but I prefer your aid."

The demand was in earnest, and Duer had already started when it was announced that Morris had returned and that he would not be needed. Morris had come direct from the camp with the latest news of what was going on there. His vote would make it impossible for the enemies to carry their point; their opportunity was lost, and they never recovered it .- Horace E. Scudder, in St. Nicholas.

> Matin Joys. How sweet when day is done And rest you think you've won And will enjoy at night, You see the bed-bugs creep And bite you in your eleep; Instead of sleep-you fight.

- Waterloo Observer.

How sweet when you arise, Beneath the morning skies, After a sleepless night, And feel you're "almost kilt;" And get the fire ain't built-It ain't a hopeful sight. You're hungry as a bear Just roused from out its lair, And crosser yet I bet; The work-hour draweth nigh. You munch a piece of pie,

And that's 'bout all you get. -Goodail's Sun The Medicine Gave Great Satis-

faction. A young fellow, wearing a blithesome mile and a seersucker coat, came out of the St. Nicholas at Cincinnati vesterday afternoon, and rushing up to a professional looking gentleman passing by, said: "Why, Doctor, I'm deuced glad to see you. I want to thank you for that medicine you prescribed for me.

"It helped you, did it?" the old gentleman beamingly inquired. "It helped me wonderfully."

"How many bottles did you find it necessary to take." "Oh, I didn't take any of it. My

heir."-Cincinnati Commercial Ga-Swearing Off. First Student-"Let us turn over a

Second Student-"I'm with you." "Well, then, it is understood from now on that if either of us goes into a saloon he pays a quarter."

new leaf and quit drinking."

"All right, but what will we do with the money?" "Spend it for drinks, of course."-

Texas Siftings. The Presidential Example.

A Massachusetts spinster is quoted as writing exultingly: "Thank God for Grover Cleveland! His example has aroused the manhood of Massachusetts. Last evening I received my first offer of marriage." - Waterbury Amer-

uncle took one bottle and I am his sole