

DARK CAFE WITH RUSSIAN DANCES, ETC., LURES PARIS

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PARIS, Dec. 14.—(UP)—Casanova, the greatest lover in history, has given his name to the cabaret, now most popular with smartest Parisian society.

Every season there is a change in nocturnal life of Paris. The change is only evident to those who know Paris and for the masses everything goes on the same way. The narrow streets of Montmartre have their lights glittering, girls are everywhere and jazz plays nightlong. But artists and smart society folk and Parisian habits desert their favorite haunts as soon as the tourists trample on their heels.

The Casanova club is a place which avoids publicity, knowing that crowds would be a deadly blow to its success. The only way to hear of its existence is through some of the elect who know where smart Paris moves.

It is situated very near the bridge of Caulaincourt, not far from Montmartre cemetery. There is no light at the door, nor the slightest sign to indicate the place.

A wooden door with a slatted opening allows a cool inspection of the visitors who tap at the door. Then the door opens and you enter an oblong room, the walls and floor all fitted with carpets.

The space is crowded with tables. Silver plates and cups are piled under silver candlesticks. No style predominates; it could be a Byzantine church or a cavern of some tale of Scheherazade's thousand and one nights.

Charm of Atmosphere

Whatever it is, the Casanova has an atmosphere which charms. Music is not the noisy sort of jazz going on everywhere and dancing is not the wild contortions that you see in all the dancing places. There is harmony between the dim lights, the songs and the people. It is a strange land where women are pretty and pleasures come high.

Other Russian places in Montmartre like the *trouka*, *Kashka*, *Koumat* are very popular, but none so popular as Casanova. It holds to Russian customs, the evening cannot go by without seeing the musicians try to build up a tower of empty glasses which are filled with champagne by pouring the golden liquid in the top one.

Cossacks dance, their daggers in their mouths, and finally throw the blade on the floor piling down a hundred franc note that a generous diner has thrown there.

But Casanova is the aristocrat of cabarets. Among its clientele are many rich Americans who climb the hill to hear nostalgic songs, with the lights turned out and an artificial sky glittering above. The public is cosmopolitan and so are the songs.

LOTTIE PICKFORD ON HONEYMOON



Lottie Pickford, sister of Mary Pickford, and her husband, R. O. Gilbert, leaving Los Angeles for the Orient, where they will spend a part of their honeymoon.

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD

Years ago (it was about the middle of the nineteenth century) school boys and girls were busily producing amazing pen-and-ink scribbles on sheets of paper. It was the fashion then to add a great many flourishes to handwriting. Penmanship teachers instructed their pupils in the fine art of forming bird-shapes, intricate scrolls and floral designs with their pens. Sheets of writing paper were bordered with this wonderful pen work, and were used by the school children in preparing the Christmas letters which they proudly carried home to their parents and relatives as evidence of their educational progress along this line.

It is said that these academic productions were the first Christmas cards. The "Christ pieces" with their varied specimens of elaborate penmanship, made by school children at holiday time to test their proficiency, were the foundation of a Christmas custom which became graded so happily on the Christmas tree and Christmas practice generally that it has flourished with greater or less luxuriance ever since.

It is thought that, along with the idea of the Christmas tree, the custom of sending Christmas cards was first conceived by the Germans. This is not so. The Christmas card had its origin in England. It owes its origin to British artists and publishers, to the great Queen Victoria and other members of the British nobility who made the sending of Christmas-card greetings the general practice.

Joseph Dobson was the inventor of the real Christmas card. He was a London artist, and was the designer, in 1843, of the first picture about six inches by twelve inches, in three panels. The center showed a happy family group within a wreath of holly and mistletoe, and the smaller sketches suggested charity and good will. The sides were folded over to meet in the center.

The next year, to meet requests of the friends who had admired his Christmas greeting, he drew another design, and had it lithographed. In order that he might send similar greetings to all his friends.

Joseph Cundall, issued in 1846 the first commercial Christmas card.

Up to 1862, most of the Christmas cards were small, containing merely the season's greetings. They were very simple as compared with some of our more elaborate Christmas cards of the present day.

Yet the Christmas card, when worthy, is one of the most fitting of all Christmas gifts.

MODERN FARMERS REAL ST. GEORGE KILLING DRAGONS

CHICAGO (AP)—St. George, who polished off one dragon and annexed a historical reputation for it, gets the horse laugh from the American farmer.

That gentleman battles billions of dragons every day for his living. How many dragons the farmer has to fight with was shown by the huge heaps of publications exhibited in and distributed from a special booth of the United States department of agriculture at the 1929 International Live Stock exposition here.

To save his crops and his stock, one fights from these publications, the farmer has to fight daily against an army of chafers flies, bagworms, wireworms, rootworms, grubworms, jointworms, cutworms, and many other worms. Too, there are a host of bacilli such as those of tuberculosis, blackleg, and dozens of other diseases, to say nothing of lice and mites and ticks.

Besides he has to battle with the weather at lambing time, and at calving time, and when his pig crop is being born into a cold world, as well as at harvest time when storms may ruin his whole year's crop.

And, scattered through his pastures is grass in which are concealed poisonous weeds which may kill his stock.

Billions of these enemies move upon him every day and night. That he wins these battles, however, sometimes pretty gloriously, was indicated in the exhibits of fine, fat stock with curly hair and in the crops that filled the bins of the exposition.

REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO. INSURES EMPLOYEES

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 22.—In furtherance of its policy of giving practical consideration to the well-being of its employees, the J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, makers of Camel cigarettes and Prince Albert smoking tobacco, has entered into a contributory group insurance contract in excess of \$10,000,000 for approximately 10,000 members of its organization including all sections of the country.

Although thirty days were allowed for employees to accept the plan, within three days of the first announcement eighty per cent of those in Winston-Salem had registered their wish to participate.

The plan consists of life insurance, total and permanent disability insurance and non-occupational accident and health insurance. Only employees who have been with the Reynolds Company six months or more are eligible for policies, which are graduated on a salary basis. The amounts of the policies range from \$500 to \$10,000, and the accident and health feature the weekly indemnity varies from \$6 to \$40.

Announcement of the group insurance by the Reynolds Tobacco Company followed only a week after its new retirement plan was put into effect. This provides for retirement payments ranging from \$6 to \$40 per week for male employees 65 years of age and female employees 60 years of age, who have been continuously in the service of the company for twenty or more years, and applies to persons employed by the company for twenty years, who are permanently incapacitated for work.

Tourist Tax Helps Nice

NICE, France (AP)—Collecting \$162,350 from visitors' taxes in twelve months, this city has established a record for European resorts. The taxation is at the rate of a few cents a day for the first weeks of a tourist's visit.

A sweet potato weighing 14 pounds was grown by Lizzie Robinson of Sumter, S. C.

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Danish jewellers are celebrating the 500th anniversary of their guild, sponsored by King Erik of Pomerania in 1429. An exhibition of jewellers' art is valued at millions of dollars.

Directory of Gifts for Men

Gifts Between \$1.00 and \$2.00

- Silk Neckwear
- Fancy Handkerchiefs
- Silk Hosiery
- Cuff Links
- Stud Sets
- Belts
- Dress Collar Button Sets
- Suspenders

Gifts Between \$1.00 and \$2.00

- Garters
- Leather Bill Folds
- Toilet Sets
- Imported Lisle Hosiery
- Fancy Wool Hosiery
- Bill Folds

Gifts Between \$2.00 and \$5.00

- Mocha Gloves
- Dress Shirts
- Kid Slippers
- Golf Hose
- Silk Lined Caps
- Felt Slippers
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- Dress or Motor Gloves
- Cheney Neckwear

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- Fancy Shirts
- Shirts With Collars to Match
- Gift Box Handkerchiefs
- Belt Buckles and Belt-gram Sets
- Imported Silk Neckwear
- Cassimere Mufflers
- Finest Wool or Silk Hosiery
- Silk Mufflers

Gifts Between \$5 and \$10.00

- Imported Golf Hose
- Imported Silk Mufflers
- Silk Shirts
- Wool Bath Robes
- Evening Dress Jewelry Sets
- Silk Bath Robes
- Pullover Sweaters
- Velour and Beaver Hats

Gifts Between \$5 and \$25.00

- Novelty Pajamas
- Military Brush Sets
- Golf Knickers
- Raincoats
- Overcoats
- Fur Lined Gloves
- Leather Coats
- Slippers
- Traveling Sets

Each gift neatly wrapped—All ready for the tree

AIRPLANE LICENSES IN U. S. NOW 6482

WASHINGTON.—There are now in the United States 6,482 active airplane licenses, and 3,192 air-planes identified. Licenses issued by the aeronautics branch of the department of commerce, it was announced by Gilbert G. Budwig, director of licensing and inspection. Active pilots' licenses now number 9,279; students' permits now number 12,345 1234 12 12344 issued 28,738; active mechanics' licenses, 7,194.

Approved type certificates issued for aircraft now total 271, the director stated. Approved type certificates issued for engines now number 32, and 134 of these certificates have been issued for propellers. Flying schools which have been approved number 22; flying instructors approved, 88; a ground instructors approved, 123.

On June 30, 1927, only nine approved type certificates had been issued for airplanes. One year later, 38 additional type engines had been approved. On June 30, 1928, licenses had been issued for approximately 3,000 pilots, 2,000 mechanics, and 2,000 airplanes.

On June 30, 1928, 5,137 pilots' licenses had been issued, 4,687 renewed, 12,868 student permits issued, 4,379 aircraft licenses issued, 727 aircraft licenses renewed, 2,254 identification marks assigned, 3,284 mechanics' licenses issued, and 15 mechanics' licenses renewed.

During the past fiscal year, 121 approved type certificates were granted for airplanes, 21 for engines, and 28 for propellers. In addition, 65 different types of airplanes were examined and approved without being granted approved type certificates, and 13 types of engines were approved on the same independent basis. The total number of approvals granted to airplanes, engines and propellers during the year, therefore, amounted to 248.

Boy's Pig Sets Record

If you doubt that the boys' farm clubs you hear so much about amount to anything, consider the record of J. D. Harris, Houston county, Tenn. Taking one pig, weighing 48 pounds, from a litter he began to feed him according to scientific instructions. In 48 days the animal weighed 210 pounds, while the remainder of the litter averaged but 70 pounds.

AUCLAND, N. Z. (AP)—Homing pigeon lofts are to be established in all sections of New Zealand to insure communication with airplanes or seaplanes. Each machine is to carry a basket of birds to be released at given points in emergency.



Bank Books Make Happy Christmases

WHAT a grand and glorious feeling it is to find that you have a nice Christmas fund all ready when you need it. And that's exactly what you have when you save a little each week, beginning right after Christmas. Enough to buy many gifts without delving into your regular savings. Start an account this year.

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