

Gothic Cathedral Worthy of Visit

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Cologne—If Cologne, so badly damaged during World War II, had not been rebuilt, and all its hundreds of thousands of inhabitants had moved away, the site still would offer one of the most rewarding visits possible anywhere in the world.

The reason simply: Cologne cathedral.

This overwhelming Gothic structure was started in 1248 when Cologne was a northern crossroads for Jerusalem-bound pilgrims.

Almost miraculously, it escaped with what could be described as minor damage considering that the area about it was about 93 per cent destroyed during the wartime bombings.

The cathedral with its twin, 510-foot spires, pokes above the city and into view long before you arrive at city center by train. But even the preview is deceptive, especially stepping out of the Central Railroad station unprepared for the massive monument to Cologne's long religious tradition.

Restoration work inside and outside the cathedral has been going on since the war. But an impression of damage still remains on an outside front corner, where the massive and richly carved stone has not been—and may never be—replaced.

Inside, bland replacements mark destroyed stained glass windows, but fortunately more were saved than lost and the richness of the blues, greens and deep reds filter the outside light into a state of reverent beauty.

Part of the inspiration to start the cathedral in the Thirteenth century—and to continue building until 1880—was the city's devotion to what are believed the remains of the Three Magi, brought here from Milan in 1164, and now contained in a rich gold and silver casket in a shrine behind the high altar.

The central, and possibly most beautiful, of the stained glass windows recounts the worship of the Three Kings in medieval hues.

In the Chapel of the Cross is found the Gero crucifix, which dates from about 970, and is the oldest intact carved crucifix north of the Alps.

The cathedral stands in the

shape of a giant cross, with the vaulted inside ceiling rising 140 feet above the fine, small mosaic work of the floor. Yet for its 468 feet interior length (one-and-a-half times the length of a football field), the view up the center aisle gives the appearance of a narrow little church.

It's virtually impossible to capture the entire cathedral's front on film without going blocks away. It is hemmed in by the buildings around. One of the best perspective views of the famed cathedral is a short walk across the railroad bridge to the other side of the Rhine river. There from the river-facing fair grounds, the truly majestic beauty of Cologne cathedral falls into focus.

Cologne is a city of many old churches, but it also is one of the most ultra-modern cities to be found. From the

rubble rose glass, steel, and marble tributes to a reborn city. An example is the Gerling Concern, the office of a large insurance company, a five-story, marble-walled building looking like a modern palace with its spouting fountains.

For all its modernism and the contrasting Gothic of the cathedral, Cologne is an ancient city, dating from the times of Roman military occupation. Most impressive of its Roman reminders is a sprawling mosaic floor, uncovered near the cathedral while a bomb shelter was being dug in 1942. Now restored, the mosaic is the central attraction of the Dionysian museum. The work depicts oysters, fowl and other foods, leading to belief the mosaic once formed the dining room in the home of a wealthy Roman.



WARM WELCOME—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower receives a welcoming hug from ex-Irish President Sean O'Kelly upon his arrival in Dublin. Eisenhower stopped first in Belfast where he met the mayor and Northern Ireland Governor Lord Wakehurst. He will leave for the United States Aug. 31. (UPI)

Original Copy of Constitution Has Many Revisions

Philadelphia—(UPI)—In appearance, the original draft of the U. S. Constitution, written here during the summer of 1787, could easily pass for a schoolboy's term paper.

Words, sentences and paragraphs are crossed out and reworked and new ideas are scribbled in the margins, marked with asterisks. Handwritten on seven sheets of legal-sized paper, the original document still is legible despite the many corrections and long sentences squeezed on single lines.

The original is referred to as the James Wilson draft after the Philadelphia lawyer who put it on paper. Insured for \$500,000, the composition is on exhibit at the Pennsylvania Historical society.

It has never left this city, although the final draft of the precious document is kept in a helium-filled, glass-covered case in Washington.

Preamble Is Example

The preamble of the original exemplifies the extensive revision undertaken by the framers.

It begins with "The people of the States of . . ." followed by the names of the original 13 states.

This subsequently was changed to read, "The people of the United States do agree

Male Modesty Hurt By Hospital Gown

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New York—(UPI)—One article of men's wear that doesn't seem to have changed since the days of Florence Nightingale is a mortifying little garment the nurses call a "Johnny coat," a sort of shorty nightgown.

It is white and probably made of sackcloth to make the patient realize the helplessness of his predicament and the futility of flight should he change his mind about going through what the doctors call "minor" surgery.

For the record, it has short, raglan sleeves and what is called a crew collar or maybe a T-square neckline. There it drops any pretense at style unless one is fond of a plunging back neckline—one that plunges all the way.

It is fastened with two ties, one at the back of the neck, the other on the level of the shoulder blades. From there

upon . . .

But "agree upon" was crossed out and "ordain" was inserted. "Ordain" still apparently wasn't the right word, so "declare" was tried.

"Declare" was right either and the result was "establish." Then someone inserted "We" at the beginning with a little arrow pointing up to it.

The completed paragraph, which has stood the test of time ever since, begins: "We, the people of the United States . . ."

Much the same pattern follows through all seven articles.

It falls gracefully in what the ladies call an "A" line in an ever increasing split which means the nether regions are never quite covered.

Aid Is Necessary

Embarrassingly, it is impossible to don one of these nighties without aid—the ties cannot be reached no ties and in the end one is forced to slide backwards toward a waiting and unblushing nurse who ties things up.

The length is more fashionably short than the new raincoats which come above the knees and are all right if you don't mind wet legs. These come well above the knees.

Wearing such an abomination with any degree of modesty is an art. By taking tiny steps, staying out of drafts and reaching a round and clutching it together behind you you can close most of the gaps.

This was in St. Clare's hospital where they take injured rodeo riders and hockey players from nearby Madison Square garden. So next time you read of one of them in trouble give them your sympathy. They'll be in Johnny coats—and a lot of the players are better than six feet tall.

Hospital Gear

A few tips on what to take with you to a hospital: a mirror to go with an electric razor so you can be back in bed and shave in luxury . . . Several sets of drip-dry pajamas which can be rinsed out

overnight and substituted for Johnny coats . . . Backless house-slippers (mules) so you can reach down from the astronomical height of your bed and stick your toes into them without having to bend

over . . . A washable bathrobe since people spill a lot of things in hospitals . . . and leave your modesty behind. Another facet of hospital life is the Ben Casey neckline, which is featured in

many men's sweaters and sportswear next fall. They are believed to be worn by many surgeons but surgeons only stare in horror if you ask. Nurses say some do and some don't.

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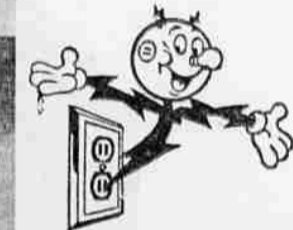
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