

FRENCH CAVE DWELLERS.

Habitations Hollowed in the Rocky Hill-sides of Normandy.

We have often heard of the cliff dwellers and are accustomed to think of them as a prehistoric race the remains of whose few scattered dwellings are a matter of curiosity to tourists and a prize to antiquarians. Few people know that at the present day there are whole communities in France whose only habitations are hollowed in the rocky hill-sides and whose entire business life is carried on in caves.

We had seen in Normandy isolated instances of people living in habitations half house and half caves, but they were in far away towns and villages, and only the very poorest class of people lived in them. Our first real cave city came as a great surprise, for we had just left Tours, one of the most highly civilized cities in France. We were riding on the road to Vouvray when suddenly at a turn near Rochecorbon this first town of cliff dwellers burst upon us.

High above us towered a huge mass of overhanging rock, strata upon strata, bearing upon its summit a most peculiar tower, supposed to have been a watchtower in ages gone by. Its foundations hung over the rock upon which they were built, and it seemed as though it would crash down at any moment upon the village beneath.

Scattered over the face of the cliff doors and windows, narrow stairways and little belvederes could be seen, habitation upon habitation in most picturesque disorder. Walls along the highroad hid the immediate foreground, and we looked in vain for an opening by which we could have a nearer view of this strange community. At last we found an open gate and, peeping through, were greeted by a dear little old woman whose wrinkled, smiling face was surmounted by a snowy white cap. Her doorway was a bower of flowers, hollyhocks, asters, nasturtiums and deep June roses. By its side was an old well and a little outhouse for her wood and gardening tools. Her cheery "Bon jour" was an invitation to enter, and we gladly accepted her cordiality. We followed her across the little yard and were soon seated in her one and only room.—Scribner's.

Rival Odors.

There is a story attaching to one of Bismarck's cigars. The first Lord Amptill called upon the chancellor, and while he waited out came Count Harry Arnim fanning himself with his handkerchief and looking as if he were about to choke. "Well," he said, "I cannot understand how Bismarck can bear that—smoking the strongest Havanas in a stuffy little room. I had to beg him to open the window." When the Englishman entered the apartment he found Bismarck, apparently gasping for breath, at the open window. "What strange tastes some people have!" he said. "Arnim has just been with me, and he was so overpoweringly perfumed that I could stand it no longer and had to open the window."—St. James Gazette.

Back to First Principles.

An amiable young woman whose artistic ability enabled her to draw a fairly recognizable cat was wont to amuse a three-year-old boy by delineations of this domestic creature. Unfortunately in his picture book explorations the child encountered a peccary, and one day he asked her to draw him one of those. Diffidently, but sustained by the thought that the youngster was no more familiar with this interesting beast than herself, she essayed its portraiture. After a moment of silent and somewhat aggrieved consideration of the result he handed it back. "Draw a cat!" he said curtly.—Harper's.

It is expected that during the coming session in Washington the German embassy will be a scene of much social interest, as Baroness von Sternburg, wife of the ambassador, is a most charming hostess. The embassy, under his direction, has been embellished in admirable fashion, much of the decoration having been done under the immediate supervision of Miss Violet Langham, sister of the baroness and an artist of ability. A younger sister, Miss Ivy Langham, will probably be a member of the ambassador's family during the winter.

The Lutheran church ranks first among Protestant denominations in the United States, having 1200 congregations and a membership of 1,800,000; 48 theological seminaries, 43 colleges, 50 academies, 10 young ladies' seminaries, 22 hospitals, 52 orphan asylums, 20 homes for the aged and 8 deaconess houses.

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FINAL PROOF.

Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, Oct. 19, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on Nov. 22, 1903 viz: Reginald A. Bradley U. S. No. 2128 for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 23 S. R. 22 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. K. Barry, of Plush, Oregon; J. P. Barry, of Adel, Oregon; W. D. Woodcock, and R. E. Lee Steiner of Lakeview. E. M. Brattain, Register. 40-Oct 22



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