MARK TWAIN ABROAD

Many New Things Told on the Witty Westerner

George Gregory Smith, a wealthy American scientist, who has resided in Florence, Italy, during the last six years, has returned to America with some anecdotes of his fellow sojourner, Mark Twain, which show the cheeriness of that distinguished citizen's disposition, despite the trying ordeal to which he was subjected in the loss of his wife a month or more ago.

Smith and Twain are friends of years standing, and the latter made arrangements for the humorist's stay in the historic city last November when he arrived with his wife and daughters. Not only was Mrs. Clemens ill, but Mark Twain, too, was suffering from bronchitis.

"You mustn't smoke too much, Dr. Clemens," he was admonished by his physician, Dr. Kiersch, says Mr. Smith.

"How can I?" came the ready retort from the famous patient, "there are only twenty-four hours in a day."

Mark Twain had hardly arrived before he asked me to recommend a brand of cigars. I suggested the Branca. I explained that I considered it good, although its price was five for a nickel. After he had smoked one he said: "Smith, that cigar is like attar of roses or violet water; the only valuable thing about it is the cent.'

"The Italian language, which he knew very imperfectly, afforded him rare amusement. So did various Italian customs. One thing that made an instant impression on him was the color of the overcoats worn by the contadini, or farmers—a deep orange—they make a flaring picture.

"'These contadini look like they've just come up from hell and haven't had time to cool off,' he remarked on his first impression. This was translated into Italian, and the natives, who have a splendid sense of humor, enjoyed the joke immensely.

Mark Twain was soon idolized by the Italians. Occasionally he gave readings, but the greater part of his time was spent in his beautiful villa, the Villa di Quarto. I leased that villa for him, and sometimes I wish I hadn't, as it proved only an added burden to him, I am sure. It is about three and a half miles from Florence towards Pistoai, and is surrounded by a park of about two acres. The owner happened to be a countess.

"Humorists often have written of the spite and officiousness of the landlady, but Mark Twain can now do so with impunity and with an excellent knowledge of actual extremes. When the family moved into the villa, the countess asked Mark to take her fatore, or agent, as a sort of manager for the estate. Mark didn't want him and told the countess so. Then his trouble began.

"During the night huge rocks appeared in the driveway of the park, making it impossible for his daughters to drive or ride with any pleasure. As fast as they were removed they were rolled back. He applied for a telephone. Some occult influence held up the application for three weeks. One day Mark Twain was informed that the water wouldn't run. He made an examination and found that it had been shut off. A day later he was informed that he was going to be proceeded against in the courts and be compelled to move on account of the unsanitary condition of the premises in the absence of water. But Mark Twain stuck.

"By this time the countess came out in the open in her desperation and told her tenant that she would put every possible inconvenience in his way until he surrendered his lease. Later he learned that she did go to the little church near by and ask the priest to keep the bells tolling continually, and this with the knowledge that Mrs. Clemens was seriously ill. But the good father on learning of the true condition had the bells discontinued altogether.

"'Smith,' said the delightful old man one day with a nod of his head, 'I never expected to wish myself in hell, but even at that great personal inconvenience I'd like to meet that countess there!'

"Mark Twain is a most industrious man. He wrote nearly all the time he was at the villa. The first six weeks he told me he wrote 39,000 words. After that he averaged 1,500 a day. When he wrote humorously he always locked himself in his room. He used a large fountain pen and has a beautiful legible hand. He's writing an autobiography, but he dictates this in his moments of rest to an amanuensis.

"The death of Mrs. Clemens was a sad blow to Mark Twain. Their married life was ideally happy, and to him the world revolved around his wife. Her death showed the great popularity of the man. Cablegrams of condolence and sympathy came, not by the hundreds, but by the thousands, and from every point of the globe; from India, from Africa, from the islands of the Pacific, from Siam, from everywhere, and crowned heads were among the senders. I do not believe that I am exaggerating when I say that Mark Twain received a greater number of messages of sympathy than were received at Queen Victoria's death."

Smith says that he thinks that Mark Twain will go back to Florence to live, after he has spent the fall in the Berkshire hills, where he is now summering.

ORDERS GIVEN TO RUSH

Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance was this morning given to a New York publishing house, with orders to rush the printing and binding. Every daily paper in the United States will be given a copy, and it will be made public on the morning of September 12th. The letter will contain about 12,000 words. There were several callers today ben on social missions. Secretary Loeb received word that the Colored Business Men's Association of Brooklyn will visit Oyster Bay tomorrow.

Cincinnati M. E. Conference.

Miamisburg, O., Aug. 31.—The annual session of the Cincinnati conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened here today with Bishop Bashford presiding. There was a full attendance of ministerial and lay delegates at the opening session, which was devoted to routin business. The conference appointments will not be announced until the end of the week.

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The Journal is in receipt of the "Hop Growers' Hand Book," issued by the Hop Growers' Fire Relief Association, of Butteville. It is well arranged for the purpose of keeping the accounts of the growers during picking season, and a very valuable book.

The Hop Growers' Fire Relief Association was organized 14 years ago, by the hop growers near the town of Butteville, Marion county, Oregon.

The membership at that time was confined to certain limited territory, and was quite small. As the hop industry increased the limited territory was extended from time to time, until at the present writing it embraces the entire Willamette valley.

The hop growers organized for the purpose of securing protection against fire at a reasonable cost; how well they have succeeded is testified to by the extremely low average per year for the past 14 years, which is $2.90 per $1000 for entire year on hop kiln risks. Although each loss sustained has been fully paid, for the past eight years no assessment has been found necessary, the small annual renewal fee exacted of members being more than sufficient to cover all losses.

This highly desirable condition has been brought about by the care exercised in accepting risks, the safeguards required and the caution the individual members exercise in hop drying time.

The honesty, integrity and business capacity of the board of directors, in managing the affairs of the association, is best attested by the extremely low annual dues the members are paying for what has always been considered the most hazardous of risks.

The uniform safe way in which hop kilns are built throughout this valley is largely accounted for because of the conditions necessary to insure same in this association.

Carpentry.

A. Olinger, the old reliable carpenter, has again opened a shop with W. T. Rigdon, the Court-street undertaker, and is ready now to take orders for job work on immediate call. Rigdon's phone, 2271, 142 Court street.

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See the many points of interest about the Mormon capital and take a ride through nature's picture gallery.

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Agricultural Topics Discussed.

Starkville, Miss., Aug. 31.—There was a large and representative attendance today at the opening of the state farmers' institute and industrial convention at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. After an address of welcome by W. L. Hutchinson, director of the Mississippi Experiment station, the convention took up the discu of agricultural education and the b can cotton boll weevil. The speakers were C. L. Newman, of S etteville, Ark., and Glenn W. Bo who has districted the fight agai boll weevil in Mississippi. The tion will continue its sessions tomor and Friday.

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