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Looking Ahead A Thousand Years

Professor Richardson of London University Forecasts... Some Interesting Changes in Architectural Efforts.

(Professor A. E. Richardson, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., was bold enough the other evening, at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts, when speaking on "Modern English Architecture," to venture to prophesy what he would be likely to say in 2029 if addressing his audience on this topic. The "Journal of the Royal Society of Arts" records this imaginary address. The Professor, instead of the conventional prefatory "ladies and gentlemen," commenced by saying:

FRIENDS OF THE ART

"The bitter invective which accompanied the development of architecture a century ago is not a little astonishing. In those days public opinion was not alive to the good buildings which were then being erected. To-day we view the best buildings of the reign of King George V. in a more favorable light. In spite of the apathy of the public and the lesser municipal authorities, some English architects of 1929 had the good sense to continue time-honored proportions.

"The mellowed and charming buildings which have come down to us are examples of former skill and good taste. It is owing to these masterpieces that our present method of designing has reached a high standard. When we think that a century ago architectural education was in its infancy; when we realize that the age was one of transition from period styles to realization of fine building, we admire the reticence of the old architects.

NO BUNGALOWS IN 1950.

"It was not until 1950 that the famous Act was passed which prohibited the building of bungalows and small villas on the great trunk roads. The clearance of the ruins of these crude cabins is still in hand. About this time, 1950, the municipal authorities in every large city adopted measures to ensure comprehensive designs for street architecture. Old buildings of historical character were scheduled and preserved by Government; the frightful slums were cleared, and new regulations were framed zoning the trades and factories. Old London, which during the centuries had grown from a walled city to a chaotic sprawl, was placed under the control of a central body.

"The old parochial and ward administration now gave place to organization on the grand scale. London then extended for thirty miles in all directions. Legislation, however, decreed that land speculation beyond this point should cease. The new laws for the revival of agriculture came into being in 1960. At this time electrical power was developed at the pit head and the hideous grid system of 1922 was replaced by underground conduits. The motor roads which were constructed between London, the ports, and the manufacturing centres in 1940 attracted the unwieldy lorries and curious motor cars from the mazes of medieval roads, thus saving the countryside. These great avenues, since planted with fruit trees, are now the most pleasant walks in the world.

"You can trace their direct course when travelling from any one of the airports. More instructive are the old 19th century railroads with their fine viaducts and splendid embankments. The electrically-hauled goods traffic to-day, which is confined to their monumental ways, perpetuates the memory of the canalization of England two centuries ago. All these internal improvements have had a beneficial effect on the national architecture.

SHOPPING AT ROOF LEVEL.

"We know what it is to enjoy life in town in these days. We shop in comfort at the roof level and we use the pavements as platforms to the moving ways. There is little noise. The city streets have long been closed to wheeled traffic. Life in London today is gay with pleasure craft from Oxford to the Nore. Since the factories were removed the smoke nuisance has vanished; rarely do we get more than a sea mist in town.

"The increase in the number of dairy farms thirty miles from Charing Cross is a further sign of the national well-being. England is now largely self-supporting in food production. The curious food markets of central London were decentralized long since, and in course of time it is hoped that the new circular boulevard will create residential centres on the site of the ancient Victorian suburbs.

SHOP WINDOWS DEPART

"Today we have commercial buildings of simple character, which are in marked contrast with the older buildings of the city. People have learnt to inspect goods within the bazaars and to their lounging on the elevated terraces. Who among the public would dream of promoting a store where all the goods were heaped in vulgar display behind a sheet of plate glass? We have regained a stage of taste which controls the external appearance of our streets. The Neo-Georgians of 1929 tried to reface London with Portland stone. We have adopted a veneer of marble for our concrete, besides inventing a surface which forms part of the concrete itself.

"We still employ brickwork, and shall continue to do so, but we have

become more accustomed to color buildings. The early experiments in this concrete were found to be unsuited to this climate, as were the long, low windows which came into use about 1940. It was found that the rooms windowed thus were too cold in winter (even when electric heating was cheap). The Neo-Georgians thought themselves modern. In this age when it is criminal for any member of the community to lack good taste it is interesting to know that our ancestors were among the untidy peoples of the then civilized world.

"After one of their public bank holidays, the lorries used to go round collecting tons of waste paper from the parks. London life was very different then. We have indeed advanced. People are healthier today and live to a ripe old age. England can house and feed her fifty millions with ease. The emigration of whole districts to Canada, Australia, and South Africa in 1970 was one of the wisest moves of that period. Looking back on the year 1929, the close of the first post-war period, we discern the beginning of the movement which raised democracy to an appreciation of the spiritual side of existence.

"Nothing dies, there is only change. We have no desire to probe the mysteries of the inscrutable future, but we know most certainly that in due course the order which has come about will be improved and that generations yet unborn will look back upon this epoch of 2029 as we view the buried past."

U.S. Bull-Fighter Receives Ovation

Sydney Franklyn of Brooklyn is Hero of Day in Spain

Seville.—An American bull fighter was recently the hero of Seville after a triumphant debut in the principal arena before a crowd of 10,000 of the most critical of Spain's followers of the game.

Sydney Franklyn, a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the only American bull fighter of major importance, was carried off the field in triumph by a huge crowd of enthusiasts Sunday for the skill and expertness he showed in disposing of the two prize bulls he slew in combat.

To show their full enthusiasm the crowd carried him through the main gate of the arena, a distinction seldom accorded to anyone, and never excepting to the very great. It was the first time this season that any fighter has been carried through the main gate.

Franklyn demonstrated his knowledge of the game by getting the first bull with one stroke. This brought the crowd to its feet for the longest ovation during a bull fighter's career. During Franklyn's engagement with the second bull he parried and sidestepped and generally displayed his knowledge of the game. He fought this one close to the bull's horns. When the second bull was killed the crowd swarmed upon the field and carried the hero off on their shoulders.

Some time ago Franklyn went to Mexico and appeared in rings there. He was told that he never would make a bull fighter, that Americans could not fight bulls.

But Franklyn was not to be swayed in his ambition. He studied hard and practiced diligently. His recent triumph was an answer to the criticism.



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The Heart's Journey

The wisdom of the world is this. To say, There is no other wisdom but to guide what time can give. To guard no inward vision winged with mysteries; To hear no voices haunt the hurry long hours we live; To keep no faith with ghostly friends; never to know Vigils of sorrow crowned when loveless passions fade... For wisdom such as this to find my gloom go. Companioned by those powers who keep me unafraid. —Siegfried Sassoon.

No more scandalous transaction has ever been carried through by a British Minister than the settlement with our foreign debtors.—Philip Snowden.

The Wind
The wind that follows the open sea, And hurries the ships along Is a bluff wind and a hearty wind With a voice that is loud and strong.
And the wind that tumbles the waves on shore And bustles across the land Is a brisk wind and a busy wind With plenty of work to its hand.
The wind that rouses the sleeping flowers And stirs the meadow grasses Is a glad wind and a kindly wind That haunts me as it passes.
But the wind that comes from the open moor To my door at close of day Is a sad wind and a tired wind That has somehow lost its way.

WHEN BABY IS WELL MOTHER IS HAPPY

The happy mother is the one whose baby is well—it is the laughing, gurgling baby who always brings joy to the home. When baby is ill every one in the home suffers—not only through worry over the little one but through loss of sleep—no one can find rest with a sick baby in the home. Thousands of mothers are happy mothers because they have found the way to keep their little ones well—or if sickness does come on suddenly, as it usually does with little ones, they have found the way to speedily bring the baby back to health again. Mrs. George Keeth, Lindberg, Alta., is one of these mothers and she writes as follows:—"I am the happy mother of a seventeen-month-old baby girl. Baby is healthy and strong and sleeps well at night. I give her no other medicine but Baby's Own Tablets and she just loves them. I am never without the Tablets in the house."

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Glozel Relics Are Declared Fraud

London, Eng.—It has already been reported that M. Bayle, who was asked by the French Government to submit the alleged prehistoric inscriptions dug up on a farm near Glozel, in the Vichy region of Central France, to a microscopic and chemical analysis, has reported that the affair is a fake or hoax.

M. Bayle declares that objects found on Farmer Fradin's famous field could not have been long in the ground, and that not one of them is more than five years old. Maitre Maurice Garcon, the Paris advocate, has lodged with the judicial authorities at Moulins a demand for a prosecution of the person connected with the affair.

It is no longer a demand for proceedings against persons unknown; young Fradin is mentioned as the person to be proceeded against.

REASONS WHY

In administering the Pensions Act in England the Ministry of Health officials have had to deal with many curious and often amusing applications. A woman applicant, finding that she was not entitled to a widow's pension, claimed an orphan's pension in the alternative on the ground that she had been an orphan for 45 years. A male applicant who was asked to produce a certificate of baptism to establish his age replied that he had never been baptised, but was prepared to submit to this right at once if it would help him to secure a pension. Another applicant, asked in the application form to state his sex, replied that he was a Congregationalist. A woman, whose place in an orchestra had been taken by a man, stated that she had lost her employment through "change of sex." In another case, an applicant declared that he had been "decapitated" for a number of years, obviously meaning that he had been incapacitated.

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"What was responsible for the war was the political rottenness of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the fact that the principle of nationality, renewed and rejuvenated in Asia, was now at work in Austria-Hungary, which was about to split into a number of independent nationalities. Could such an important event have happened without some kind of volution? I do not think it could have happened without a miracle of some sort. European diplomacy could not work that miracle, and so we had the war."

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Retrospection
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Chicoutimi Progress du Saguenay (Ind.): Mr. King and Mr. Dunning have spoken in high favor of bilingualism. These flattering tributes are no doubt very pleasant, but they don't put us to sleep. In the place of platonic declarations, we should prefer acts. Bilingual money, for example. Will Mr. Robb, the Minister of Finance and member for a county which is predominantly French, introduce such a measure? We hope that he will have the courage.

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