

and snow white yachts of the millionaires, all combined to make a most charming picture, or rather a succession of pictures.

The evening was spent in and about the Casino at Monte Carlo watching the passion for gambling which here has such ample sway. The surroundings of this place are very luxurious, and the little town is a model of beauty and cleanliness, but this is easily understood when you are informed that in the busy season the management take in from \$150,000 to \$200,000 daily.

Continuing our journey we rejoined the "Romanic" at the busy Italian shipping port of Genoa the next morning. The whole day was spent here in sight-seeing, and we then proceeded to Naples, arriving in the far-famed bay on Sunday evening. Owing to the fact that two children who embarked at Genoa had developed scarlet fever we were quarantined for a few hours, and so were not permitted to land until Monday morning. We made no objection to this, however, and spent a delightful evening on the upper deck watching Vesuvius emitting volumes of smoke and occasional jets of flame, and listening to the strains of the serenaders who surrounded the vessel.

Next morning, as the bay was perfectly calm, we at once went by small steamer to the island of Capri, and visited the celebrated Blue Grotto. The only entrance to the grotto is a hole in the rock at the base of the hillside, three and a half feet high, and just wide enough to admit a small row-boat. Inside the roof is 40 feet high, and the area is 175 by 85 feet. The water is about 50 feet deep and of a beautiful light blue colour. If the sea is at all rough it may be impossible to enter the grotto for days at a time, and we were fortunate in having such a calm morning. After luncheon and a drive up and up the mountain side, a thousand feet to Anacapri for the view, we returned to Sorrento for the night. The landing here is made in small boats, and the men row well with splendid wrist action. I spoke to the captain of the steamer about small boys of 13 or 14 years handling boats full of passengers, and he simply smiled and remarked "strong boy."