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TYPES OF WINDOW GAZERS IN NEW YORK

Philosopher of the City Finds Much to Instruct Him in Observing Them.

(N. Y. Times.)

A much-travelled commercial man who as made a study of window-gazers—persons who look out of windows for amusement—believes that New York has the possible exception of Philadelphia, the greatest number and most varied types in the country. Some of his observations are here set forth.

"To begin with, there is the early morning type. On rising he looks out the window the first thing to take a survey of the weather. If the outlook is favorable he is likely to don his pajamas and sit at the window for some time, for he is stirring in the street below, and is closely drawn shades of his neighbors in the apartment across the street. His chief delight is to survey the street in a country aspect of peace and quiet, which, he sadly reflects, will soon be ending with urban, car-spitting noises. A type common to upper Seventh avenue is the window-gazer who either as retired on a competence or feels that he has earned a rest by raising to manhood and womanhood a large family of sons and daughters whom he permits to look after his comfort and well-being. He habitually sits at the window in such an attitude that his profile is presented to the view of passers-by. He is often in his shirt-sleeves, and in humid weather he toys carelessly with a large palm-leaf fan.

"Though he may appear disinterested, little that goes on in the street escapes him. He knows by sight, at least, the members of every family in the house, and has picked up from second-hand gossip much information concerning them. He knows who the belles and beaux of the neighborhood are, and takes secret and intense delight in their love affairs. Bill collectors and B & S agents, who made his acquaintance long ago, remind him as a friend, since he is able to track them on the track of persons they are seeking. In passing it may be remarked that this type is as often a woman as a man, but the two sexes possess the same characteristics.

"A similar type is the woman who sits at the window, hoving and smiling to acquaintances as they pass by. She usually holds a fluffy little white dog in her arms. She likes growing things, and a rubber plant does not repose near her. There is pretty sure to be a potted fern or a geranium on a table. Then there is the woman who takes her sewing, knitting or crocheting to the window, so that while she labors nothing of interest outside may escape her.

"On visiting Fifth Avenue the observer found it was particularly barren of window-gazers. He concluded that the socially prominent and wealthy were too exclusive or busy to indulge in this innocent amusement. In one imposing mansion near the park he caught sight of a housemaid waving a shy hand of greeting to a policeman, who in return gallantly doffed his cap, and in passing he saw several obese clubmen gazing curiously and abstractedly at the avenue's swift moving traffic, as though prohibition had taken all the charm and joy out of their lives.

"It was different on Riverside Drive. It is quite the thing there to find roomy and comfortable window seats in the big apartments which overlook the park and the river. On late afternoons these windows are often occupied by youthful and affectionate couples. A not unfamiliar sight is that of youthful couples seated at a window embrasure, taking turns feeding each other chocolates or bonbons.

"There are also to be found on the

Drive many children window-gazers to whom the warships and other craft in the river are a never ending fairyland of change and delight. On Morningside Heights, in the shadow of Columbia University, certain types of student window-gazers may occasionally be seen. They are for the most part pale youths in horn-rimmed glasses who are not true window-gazers, inasmuch as they devote their time to conning their text-books and care little for what is going on in the street below. It is quite plain that they have sought the windows solely to get a better light by which to read and study.

"The east side is not without its interesting types of window-gazers. On Summer nights one may see delightful little family groups gathered about these win-

dows. They are suggestive of happy family life and domesticity, and sometimes as many as three generations may be seen gathered about a single window. On the east side window-gazing is almost as popular as the movies.

"The west side, on the contrary, presents entirely different types. In parts of Eighth and Ninth Avenues, particularly where the elevated runs, one meets with some odd and curious types. They spend much time leaning out of windows, and have specially made cushions on which to lean or rest their arms. It is frequent for such types to carry on animated conversations with one another from windows above and below, and in order to make themselves heard above the din and roar of traffic they are obliged to shriek and yell in a peculiar jargon which is difficult to understand.

BOUGHT BARREL OF WHISKEY; FINDS IT CONTAINS WATER.

(Montreal Star.)

For the alleged selling of a barrel of water, the said barrel being supposed to contain whiskey, J. Zubin of Verdun was arrested this morning on the complaint of F. Rudy, through his counsel, Joseph Cohen.

Rudy alleges that he desired to purchase a barrel of whiskey and got into communication with the accused, who offered to sell him a twenty-five gallon barrel for \$200. The plaintiff, however, wished to sample the whiskey before buying. He was taken to where the barrel was, and the bung was pulled. He says that it was the best whiskey he ever drank. The deal was consummated and Rudy took his whiskey home.

On his arrival at home he desired to empty the barrel. He tipped the barrel on its side and about a pint of the amber came out. No more would run. He shook the barrel and could tell by the weight it was still full of liquid. Securing an auger, he bored a hole through the barrel in another place, and nothing but water came running out. Upon further investigation he said he found around the bung on the inside of the



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barrel a tin can, which held about a pint of liquid, had been affixed. Hence the police court action.

THEODORE N. VAIL'S RECEIPT FOR HAPPINESS

Theodore N. Vail in an interview, given to the editor of Forbes Magazine a few weeks before his death, had much to say on what constituted happiness. "Accomplish something," he said when

asked his definition of success. "The only real, lasting happiness can come from doing something, achieving something, accomplishing something; and, looking back, the thought that you have accomplished something is the one that gives you most satisfaction."

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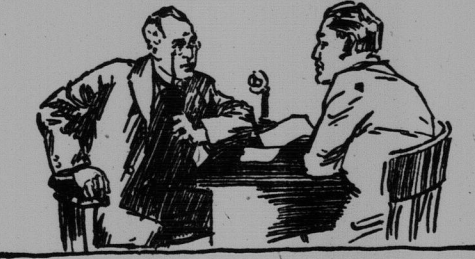
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