



A Memory of Bruges

That morning, ten years ago, as we went up the belfry, the bells of Bruges were shaking out their peal as if they would shake the whole belfry down into the square below. One felt that if there had been no windows for it to escape by, that gigantic song would have broken the tower in pieces.

From the top of the tower we looked down on the roofs of the town, on the quays, and on the broad ship canal between its poplars where the slow barges were moving. The canal ran straight as a Roman road, seven miles to the sea. But the mist lay above the sea and above Zeebrugge.

In the square below we could see a few people walking, a few sitting round the little tables on the pavement, and others going up and down the steps of the Town Hall. It was very quiet below when the bells were still again—a grey Flemish day in that very quiet old town.

But I was thinking of Bruges five hundred years and more ago, Bruges as it was when the wife of Philip the Fair of France came to the town and found three hundred women in it who had more the air of queens than she; as it was when that half-empty square below was Europe's great market, and the ministers of twenty European courts lived in the houses about, and the little painted ships came up the canals to those quays from half the ports of the world.

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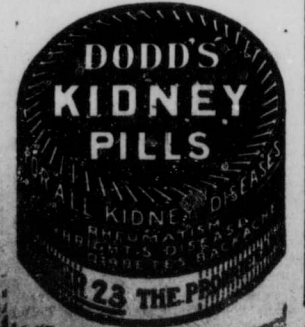
The ships of all the seas put in to that port, for Bruges was a Hansa port, and the German merchants ruled it, as they ruled all the ports of northern Europe in those days, with a heavy German hand, and all ships put in there, that the Hansa merchants might take toll of them and have the pick of their goods.

I was thinking of those times as we climbed the belfry, for we had just come out of the Town Hall, where more people than usual were going up and down the steps. Inside was being held the exhibition of the famous Order of the Golden Fleece. A Duke of Burgundy had founded it in Bruges, and the Hapsburgs had taken it to Austria and Spain. The Town Hall was full of their pictures.

I had been looking at the portrait of Maximilian of Austria, who married Mary of Burgundy and so brought the Netherlands under the Austrian Crown, and at six portraits of the great Emperor Charles V., who through all his reign was fighting France that the Hapsburgs might make of Europe five hundred years ago what the Hohenzollerns are trying to make of it to-day, and at Philip his son, who loved fat bacon and coarse women, and whose face was the face of his father horribly changed—Nebuchadnezzar, driven from men and eating grass, beside Nebuchadnezzar walking in the palace of Babylon.

And then I had climbed the belfry and looked down at the quietness of Bruges as it was that day, and heard the great bells, that sing to the Belgians of the freedom of free cities, shake out their song above the town.

I have often thought of that day in Bruges, since the Germans took the town. I think of them climbing



the belfry stairs and looking out over the fields to dream in their cruel, ambitious dreams. They must remember there the days when German merchants ruled in Bruges and all the wealth of Europe passed through German hands. They must think credibly of those rich days returning to them. Already they talk of taking up again the broken "Hansa thread." If that broken thread is ever mended it will be a chain binding the world. In Bruges history seems to be with them. From the belfry they look down the broad canal to Zeebrugge, where their submarines and destroyers lie.

History seems to be with them—but not altogether. There are things that they forget.

Was any German standing on the belfry of Bruges on the night of April 23rd? If so, he did not feel the bells round him ringing out the hours. The bells have gone to Essen. He stood in an empty, silent tower. Then suddenly he heard, coming up the dark canal, where the Hansa ships put in to Bruges from half the ports of the world, a deeper note than the bells had ever rung. It would travel clear and strong up the water, the sound of the English guns, and the English sailors hammering at the dock gates of Bruges.

And at that he would remember why, though he stood in Bruges and Flanders was his, yet the broken Hansa thread was still un-mended.

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Worth Remembering.
Do not keep canned fruit in your pantry. Canned fruits should be kept in cold, dark place.

To make shabby oilcloth look new, give it a thin coat of varnish; let it harden, then give it a second coat.

A box of fresh, dry sand is an excellent thing to have in the pantry. If apples or lemons are packed in it they will keep fresh for a long time.

To set delicate colors in an embroidered handkerchief, soak 10 minutes previous to washing in a pail of tepid water, in which a desertspoonful of turpentine has been stirred.

Baking soda will sweeten milk vessels, clean brass and is good for softening water in which dishes are to be washed. It is also a soap saver.

Soaking in cold water makes the washing of all garments much easier.

If, when ironing, the garment is scorched, put it immediately under the cold tap. If the water is allowed to run on it the scorch will at once disappear.

Little Things of Fashion.
Ostrich is used on some of the smart late summer hats of straw, with special effect on those of sailor shape. Jet trimmings are shown on some of the newest serge frocks—buttons and long, flat beads worked along in straight or curved, but very simple designs.

White jersey collars are worn a good deal on dark jersey frocks.

Black satin sashes, with long fringed ends—the fringe of heavy, knitted silk—are much used on new frocks of navy blue serge.

If you travel by motor this year, and many persons do, because of the congestion on the railways, then you may find a motor hamper convenient. There are all sorts of lampers, made of wicker or of leather, big enough to hold a large lunch for six or a small lunch for two.

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The manufacture of "engalith," which is the term used in England to designate the composition known as "galalith" in Germany, has been undertaken by three concerns. Large quantities of this substance are being made for war purposes, as well as for export to America, France, Spain and Italy. It is produced in rods, tubes and sheets, and in some sixty different colors, and is worked up into a great variety of articles, such as buttons, combs, beads, hair and hat pins, hair and clothes brushes, toilet articles, carriage and motor fittings, pencils, penholders, telephone accessories, scientific and electrical instruments and fittings, switchboards, labels, pipe stems, cigar and cigarette holders, umbrella handles, piano keys, chessmen, dominoes, draughts, dice, counters, pocket and fruit knife handles, paper knives, photo frames, finger plates and jewelry; but being slightly hygroscopic is not adapted for articles that have to come into frequent contact with water or acid, such as table knife handles, bath-room tiles or basins, fountain pens, fishing tackle, electric storage cells, and tooth brushes. "Engalith" is an excellent substitute for celluloid, although it cannot be used to replace the latter in the manufacture of very thin articles. American manufacturers should bear in mind that the farms of Europe are small, and that small tractors (about 20 horse power) are much more in demand than heavy tractors, although there is a demand for the 25

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Dundee's (Scotland) customs and excise revenue during July totalled \$209,624, compared with \$139,427 in the corresponding month last year, an increase of \$160,197. The customs receipts amounted to \$91,691, and the excise to \$207,933.

During the war the imports from Brazil to the United States have grown markedly. In 1917 the United States took half of the total exports of Brazil. British imports from Brazil have remained about stationary. As regards exports to Brazil, the United States and Great Britain appear to have changed places, so far as the total value of trade is concerned. In 1913 the United States exported \$29,901,203 to Brazil and Great Britain \$63,282,531. By 1917 British exports had fallen to \$35,941,717, while the United States had increased to \$66,207,970, an increase over the 1913 figures of about 40 per cent.

Battlefield Phones.
In no war in the past have the electric signalling systems covered so many square miles or such a great diversity of requirements. The commanding general wants to know how a certain division is progressing; an artillery captain wants to ascertain just where his shells are dropping; these and a million other facts must be transmitted every hour of the day along the hundreds of miles of battlefield, says the Electrical Experimenter. And it is really marvellous how the army signal corps have perfected their frill-looking wires and instruments so that they will work under the most unfavorable conditions.

Romance, adventure, action—all of these come to the signal corps man in the pursuit of his duties more than ever before. To-day he may install a telephone switchboard in a cheerful little town near grand headquarters, situated a dozen miles back of the battlefield. To-morrow he may be stringing wires through a shell-swept forest.

One case will serve to show the lottery-like chance these men take. An English military lineman had been busy for several weeks in a district near the Aisne battlefield. He had completed straightening out a perfect jungle of wires and circuits. His captain came along and was pleased to learn that all of the circuits had been tested out without losing a man. The same captain was grieved to hear the next day that his brave lineman, his work done, had been picked out of a pole top by a stray shell.—Exchange.

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Two-wheeled automobiles and torpedoes with mechanical ears, to chase ships by sound waves, are brain products of Prof. Montravelle M. Wood, who gave a demonstration of his inventions at the Union League Club recently.

By radioactive paints, he asserts, an expensive mural decoration may be manufactured which will furnish so much light a person may read by it.

"Within 10 years," he said, "there will be plenty of non-skidding automobiles running on two wheels, built on the principle of the monorail and retaining their equilibrium by means of the gyroscope."

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