

Ports Of Call

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In a recent column I discussed Switzerland, the country perhaps most enjoyed by Americans who visit Europe. This completes suggestions concerning a visit to that country.

As everyone knows, this scenic mountain democracy is one of fine hotel tradition. The best hotels are equal to the best in the world. And since even middle class Americans when they visit Europe often insist on the best and pay the tariff, a word about some is in order.

The Grand National in Lucerne is my choice of

choices, as stated, but there are other fine ones. At St. Moritz Badrut's Palace is in the same class. It is eight years since I stayed there, and then the price was high, but for one who wants to see how the upper class plays, especially in winter, it is worth a weekend even if the budget is strained thereby.

The dining room's splendor combines the most thought and the food and service matches or did then. Skiing is excellent around St. Moritz but it almost seems a shame to be away from such lavish hotel care and food all day.

The Victoria, in Interlaken, is another great hotel. It has been some years since I was there but it ranks near the tip. Other than the Jungfrau peak, however, which once can ascend by railway via Wengen, there are limited attractions at Interlaken for

me. At Geneva, that city so favored by so many, the Hotel de la Paix holds special charm. The dining room and food is up to a high standard. Little things supplied guests in their rooms are unusual-tooth brushes for instance. Latin aristocracy such as the Prince of Monaco frequent this hotel and it has a LaFin flavor, a French chef and decor, especially in the larger rooms, which would satisfy the most discriminating taste. The manager since 1964, Leonhard Schwarz, is a veteran with experience in Lugano, Locarno and elsewhere and runs this hotel to the minute detail.

For those who find Geneva fascinating, and there are many, a stop at the de la Paix, on the lake, and a few days testing its dining room, is advisable. One can book in

more easily before the peak season in summer and after September.

In Zurich I like a small hotel in the center of the town and with the word Storchen in the name-and I have forgotten the rest of it! Any travel agent can clear this up. It is delightful, in the center of lovely Zurich-by far the most interesting big city in Switzerland-and the food and service are good and the atmosphere pleasant and efficient, in the northern tradition.

My recommendations to anyone driving through Switzerland are as follows: Rent your own car, with or without guide. Avoid the buses. The trains are excellent for supplementary trips, or connecting trips. If starting from the south start from Lugano or Locarno-the Italian canton and drive north

or northwest. Visit Lausanne and Geneva if you like and then drive to Fribourg, Bern, Interlaken and Lucerne. From Lucerne one can either drive eastward visiting any number of famous mountain resort towns, or north to Zurich, the gateway to central and northern Europe.

A final suggestion, which few will follow, is to limit one's European trip to one or two countries-one can spend a month in Switzerland alone. Too many Americans race all over Europe on their once-in-a-lifetime trip and really see nothing thoroughly or stop anywhere long enough to appreciate a different way of life.

It is amazing how quickly some men imagine that fair ladies have designs upon them.



HOW TO WIN BY A NOSE

You've always had it -- but how much do you know about your own nose-power? Ever stop to think how a special scent can hurl you back ten, fifteen - even twenty years? Help you relive an especially happy moment from the past? Save your life or enhance your romance? Here from Shulton, Inc. makers of Desert Flower perfume is an intimate investigation of the history and mystery of scents to help you make the most of your own nose-power.

New York (NAPS) - A rose by any other name would smell as sweet and a nose by any other name would perform the same miracles. But have you ever stopped to consider the magic of which your nose is capable?

Want to evoke a happy hour from your childhood which occurred ten, twenty... even thirty years ago? You may find, as some of the world's great authors have discovered, that something as innocent as a scent can hurl you back to that long ago time and place locked away in the storehouse of your memory.

Perhaps, like Dickens' David Copperfield, it will be a rich briny breeze from the sea mingled with the sharp odors of tar, ship's rope and fish. For Dickens' hero, these scents always carried him back to Yarmouth, the English seaside village where he and his nurse, Peggotty, spent such carefree holidays far from his cruel step-father.

For Marcel Proust, the distinguished French novelist, the smell and taste of a certain tea biscuit allowed him to recall to the last detail complete days and scenes from his lonely boyhood.

And for Herman Wouk in "Marjorie Morningstar", the scent of lilacs always brought back the special magic of first love in the spring.

For you it may be the earthy fragrance of new-mown hay, the melancholy drift of smoke from an autumn bonfire, a freshly-cut Christmas tree or a freshly-bathed baby, the pungent cooking odors of roasting lamb or baking apples.

But whatever scent provides the open sesame to your past, your moods and even your thoughts are deeply influenced by odors - pleasant and unpleasant.

In addition to enhancing recollection, a sniff in time can warn of danger - even save your life. Detecting the smell of smoke or burning matter frequently aids in early detection of fires while the odor of gas - either at home or while driving - is a danger signal which, when heeded immediately, can usually prevent serious trouble.

You are able to smell wet paint before you see it and therefore avoid soiling clothes. And, of course, you should be able to tell from the odor when meat is spoiled, milk is sour, fruit is rotten and even the strongest cheese has had its day.

Psychologists tell us that the sense of smell is an especially important element in romantic and sexual love. Evidently, this fact was discovered in ancient times by peoples in the Far East, India, Egypt and Greece.

Cleopatra's perfume jar, a small clay horse with a broken head, is now on display in a museum and the Bible is filled with references to the intoxicating effects of incense and myrrh. The Romans delighted in their perfumed baths while Diane de Poitiers of France, who

captured and held the love of a King (Henry II) twenty years her junior was reported to have distilled her own spellbinding perfume with a secret formula of herbs, wild-flowers and medicines. (It is also reported that the insanely jealous Queen, Katherine de Medici, tried in vain both to steal the perfume and win her husband's affection.)

Today, a woman's choice of perfume - or perfumes - is apt to be as individual as her taste in fashions, furnishings, food and flowers. A few prefer to use only one scent at all times which then becomes a part of her presence and personality. The majority, however, prefer to collect favorite fragrances to complement varying moods and occasions.

According to experts at Shulton, one of the nation's leading perfume manufacturers, American women have become truly perfume conscious and have developed a "scents" of adventure in the years following World War II. Whereas propriety once dictated that a lady must limit herself to the most delicate floral fragrances, today's chic chick considers perfume a basic part of good grooming - at home, at work or at play. And she frequently enjoys switching from a lighthearted, garden-fresh bouquet for day-

time to an exotic, deeply romantic blend such as Desert Flower for after-dark festivities.

Shulton researchers offer the following suggestions for scent selecting:

1. When shopping for perfume, take your time and sample a variety before making a decision.

2. To evaluate its true, lasting fragrance let perfume blend with your skin and dry for several minutes.

3. Be sure to choose a fragrance you enjoy, since wearing a favorite scent gives you a lift and actually makes you feel lovelier.

4. Don't be afraid to experiment with new perfumes and, don't limit yourself to one type of fragrance. Just as a striking new color or style may bring out an exotic note in your personality, so a headier scent may help to create a more fascinating you.

5. When choosing a new perfume, buy a small amount and always keep the bottle tightly closed so the special fragrance will be preserved exactly as when you chose it. Remember, though Gertrude Stein never said it: A nose is a nose. With a little practice and imagination you can use yours to add mystery, magic and increased perception to your life and the lives of those around you.

Blindness No Handicap

Cleveland, Ga. - Miss Harriette Anne Martin, the tiniest surviving premature baby born at Atlanta's Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital, is a freshman at Truett-Connell Baptist College here. She says her blindness (since birth) is only a "condition of the eye" and is active in sports, music and does most of the things any normal student does.

Bottle Hunting Hobby

Woodstock, Vt. - James Handley, for many years, has looked for old bottles while hunting and fishing. In the last two years, he began digging in dump spots and has found some interesting specimens. His 1,000 bottle collecting ranges in size and thickness from the size of the thumbnail to the thickness of a bulb.

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