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### ENGLISH GIRLS

Are Seen in Many of the Parisian Dance Halls.

Paris, March 1.—Parisians have been amused because Parisian journalists have been "discovering" English dancing girls, since two Marseilles gilded youths of tender years took their own lives for love of two of these demure, but often practical ladies. As a matter of fact, for ten years past, at least no music hall in Montmartre or elsewhere has been complete without its troupe of English singing and dancing girls. They generally hail from Manchester and they often belong to the vast organization of "Tiller's Girls" known in North. They sing demurely English songs with no Montmartre habitue understands, they dance wildly astonishing even Montmartre, they dress as young as possible, their aim being to look sixteen at most for ever, and their skirts are as short as can be. They always are the one great attraction of whatever Montmartre place they may adorn, because while in it they never look as if they were of it. They dance all night till seven or eight of a morning in the Royal, the Monaco, the Tabarin, the Rabelais, or some such other place, and long past daybreak look as fresh as at dusk. No Montmartre music hall for years past could have kept on without them.

In Paris it has not been observed that even the most tender youths have yet committed suicide for their sakes. That is left to susceptible Marseilles. But the Paris that amuse itself, nevertheless, adores the English girls. They are called variously the Variety's Girls, the Manchester's Girls (the Croydons Babes, the Cocktails, the Sherrycobblers, the Kiss-me-Quick, and so on, always with a superfluous "s" and an unnecessary apostrophe, but they are always of the same type of girl. Between their Montmartre life, in which they dance the Cancan as Montmartre requires it, and their home life in Paris there is an essential difference. Some live in Salvation Army homes there, with morning prayers when they come home from their work at seven a. m. and are looked after by severe matron who read Scripture to them during the afternoon. Others live in colonies in hotels, under the wing of some respectable hard headed business couple of impressarios, manager and manageress, who give them real British breakfasts, real British toast, of the most suburban kind, with water cross and bread and butter, and generally see to it that they shall become as little Parisian as possible. The Variety's Girls, the Cocktails and so on, as a rule send home most of their earnings to some hard worked mother who goes out. Of course, Paris never will understand this mixture of Montmartre dancing and Manchester ingenue-ness. That is the charm to Paris of the troupe of English girls, and that is, perhaps, why for the two Marseilles boys shot or hanged themselves.

A strange tragedy has been enacted in a prison cell at Nice, where a man in custody, who was about to be discharged because no proof of guilt was forthcoming against him, committed suicide by garroting himself. He was a Russian, and had been formerly a guard employed by the Jagonlits Company. When the police had discovered, or believed they had discovered, a plot to issue false coins on the part of some foreigners, he was arrested because he had been seen in company with some of the suspected persons. Suspicion was slightly corroborated at first by the finding of a few Austrian nickel coins in his possessions which had been roughly guilt with a brush and paint. He explained that he had only done this to make a present of the coin to his children. He was, nevertheless, sent to prison, and an inquiry was instituted, which turned out in his favor, no proof being found that he had really been implicated in a counterfeiting plot. The order for his release was about to be signed when one of the prison warders in making his rounds, found the Russian dead in his cell. The prisoner had looped a bootlace, wound it round his neck, and twisted it with a spoon until it choked him to death. Perhaps the knowledge that he would soon be deliberated would have saved his life, but it does not appear that he was aware of the inquiry having turned out in his favor, or if he did know it, he may have doubted the assurance that had been given of a speedy departure from prison.

In literary and scientific Paris great interest is felt in the vote just recorded by the College de France in favor of the appointment of the Abbe Loisy to the recently founded chair of the History of Religion. Thirty-six professors voted in the course of the "scutrin." In the five trial attempts the Abbe Loisy received an absolute majority of 19 against 17. The Academy of Sciences will also present two candidates, after which the names will be submitted to the Minister. Public instruction for final selection. Usually, however, the vote of the College de France is decisive. The Abbe Loisy has lectured largely on Biblical criticism and the authenticity of the gospel, and he drew enormous crowds to the Sorbonne four years ago. His book on "The Gospel and the Catholic Church" brought upon him the official censure of the Vatican. The Pope's Encyclical on Modernism was, indeed understood to have been written chiefly against the Abbe Loisy, and because of his reply to it the latter was excommunicated. This was a year. The excommunication has not been removed, and M. Loisy is in his little country cottage hard at work on a new book, which I am told, will deal with the attitude of the Roman Church, toward modern theories.

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Yours respectfully,

Walter G. MacRae

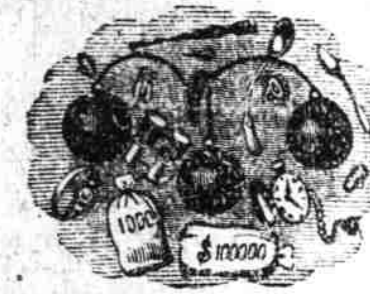
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