

Kissing Dubbed Enemy to Longevity

Cold, Heartless Science Issues Warning That Kissing Endangers Life-span—Some Even Take Four Minutes of Allotted Span.



GRETA GARDO and JOHN GILBERT, LUPE VELEZ, IN A TURKISH HAREM!



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Seeing The Passion Play And The Quaint Bavarian People; World Famed Music Composers

(Another installment of a series of articles written for The Star by Miss Kathleen Hord on My Trip Abroad.)

After Dresden we visited Prague, the capital and chief city of Czechoslovakia, and formerly the capital of the Austrian province of Bohemia. We arrived about 9:15 and was just in time to see a most beautiful sunset. We had a room on the fourth floor—that's as high as we'll get I suppose—for the hotels aren't built very high, however they are usually a block long which makes the halls seem miles when one is in a hurry to go somewhere.

Cemetery 1870 Years Old.

Next day we had a most interesting sightseeing trip of the city. We visited the oldest cemetery in the world. It was begun 60 A. D. There are said to be 60,000 people buried in it, six and seven are buried on top of each other. The cathedral belongs to the 14th century, and also the university, founded in 1348 by Charles IV. The cathedral is the sixth largest in the world. There is a liberty bell in the city which was given by the U. S. to the "Czecks" in 1918 when they won their freedom. The city's population is 700,000.

Home of Famous Composers

Next is the capital of Austria Vienna, which is situated on the Danube river. Many famous composers have lived and worked here: Mozart, Bach, Lehar, Strauss and others. Vienna is still the capital of music. St. Stephens cathedral is a noted example of Gothic architecture. We visited the famous castle of Maria Theresa—I shall have to say now—it was the most beautiful and seemed more like a real home than any other I went in. It was begun in 1813 by Charles V and completed many years later, there are 700 kitchens and 1400 chambers. Imagine it! We were taken through 56 of them, and stayed in each room

about ten minutes, just long enough for our guide to explain the furniture, pictures etc. The drive leading to the palace is beautiful with its flower beds and linden trees. At the rear of the palace is the famous fountain of Neptune, done by a Roman sculptor. The marble of which it is made was sent from Milan, Italy. The reception room of Maria Theresa has a hand-painted ceiling, and the walls are gold and white. In the throne room there are ten real gold chairs. In her dining room the table is set as if it were to be used soon. I noticed the forks were turned down (points down) instead of up, as we fix ours. All the silver was gold!

Wonder of Cablegrams.

In the afternoon—by the way—this is July 4th and mother's birthday. I sent her a cable about 11 o'clock. She told me she got it at 3 that afternoon—just think, 5,000 miles away from home, and a cable going so quickly. Another sightseeing trip of the famous linden forests, and the castle of Coblenz. On our way up there we went through old Vienna and saw Schubert's home, also the Prater, or large amusement park—our county and state fairs are very small compared with this place, and of all queer things to get dizzy on—I never saw the like—I stayed off them. The population is 1,850,000.

The Passion Play's Home.

The next morning we left for Munich and from there to Oberammergau where the famous Passion Play is given. We got there for late supper—first though, let me tell you about our greeting from its inhabitants. Boys were to meet us—they knew enough English to ask us for our tickets so they could tell which home we were to go. But the funny part—none of the boys had ever shaved or had a haircut—some were

beautiful and looked too much like girls to be boys. The taxis were those drawn by horses, but we walked to our house; when we got there—father, mother, three daughters and a son were standing at the narrow front door to greet us with a grin—we shook their hands and grinned too—the father was so sweet looking with his white hair and long white beard; he played a high priest in the play. There are 700 members in the cast, all of them live in the village of Oberammergau, which has a population of 2200. The play began promptly at 8 a. m. and continued until 12; there was a two hour intermission for lunch, and then at 2 p. m. again until almost 6. It sounds awfully long, and seems as if one would get tired and bored but nothing of the kind, it's too interesting and exciting, however, all the dialogue is in German, we bought a book of the play and was able to follow it word for word. Of course you know the time when Christ came into Jerusalem until his resurrection, you won't need your book, for the marvelous acting mustn't slip by your eye while you're glancing into the book. Anton Lang, who portrayed the Christus for many years, reads the prologue and is a wonderful actor. There are 48 girls in the chorus and they are lovely; all of them have long hair and it's hanging loose—oh yes, and more of them use any sort of make up, on or off the stage, they are naturally pretty, all have smooth, rosy complexion.

Back Into Germany.

Left early Monday morning for Munich, Germany. In the afternoon some went sight-seeing, but I stayed at the hotel—I don't know much of the city except from the cards I bought. The industries are numerous brewing ranks first about 76,000,000 gallons (half of which are exported) are produced annually. Others are lace painted glassware, bells and musical instruments. It has a famous university library and palace. I saw the German actress Marlene Dietrich, in her German talkie "The Blue Angel" with Emil Jannings. It was good. But all in German, I shall have to see them in the American version which is

why? don't know, though I tried to find out. I know you have read about the play, why it is given, etc., but I'll tell briefly about its origin. In 1634 a terrible plague swept over Bavaria, and many people died of it. In Oberammergau about 80 died and the people of the place prayed to be spared, and they were. They wanted to do something for God because he left the few. It was decided a play should be given commemorating His life. From then on it has been given every 10 years, with a few exceptions. I think it is to be given again in 1934 to celebrate the 300 anniversary. Do wish everyone in Shelby and Cleveland county—and the whole U. S. could go see it.

Aw: Tune Out!

"What is your new brother's name?" Little Jane: "I don't know yet. We can't understand a word he says."

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(By ALICE ALDEN.)

New York.—The kiss is an enemy of longevity.

This is the startling finding of various distinguished scientists, who realizing that osculation has some effect on the cardiac organ, set out to see just what damage the kiss really does. And their experiments included not only the long, lingering kiss of lovers and the hurried peck of hubby jumping for the 8:15, but the effect of a movie kiss on movie-fans.

We have been repeatedly warned by bearded savants that the kiss was unsanitary, a carrier of deadly germs. But did lovers heed the dire warning? Not a bit of it. But perhaps they will heed the latest warning which tells of the danger to the life-span when lips meet lips in a kiss of lover-like duration. Such a kiss means, according to cold, heartless science that from one to four minutes is knocked off the span of life. And to back up whereof they speak, these unsentimental fact finders bring with them all kinds of mechanical contraptions and charts with which to prove their statements.

Doctor A. J. Eaves, famous for his research work in the realm of electricity has submitted the kiss to the laboratory and tells with cold precision just how many kisses knock

off how many minutes of our lives. During a series of exhaustive tests, he counted every heart throb that followed a kiss. And this is what he found:

A short, snappy and perhaps slightly sentimental kiss showed itself equal to 180 seconds of existence. Two hundred and eighty kisses take one full day of life. Reckon the rest for yourself. And the loverlike kisses Doctor Eaves found, may count as much as from eight to ten minutes of our lives.

Scientists the world over have also been working along the same lines. And various reports seem to indicate that men and women vary in their nationalities. Couple from Tobet who were subjected to tests under a supersensitive stethoscope did not react much. Their heart beats did not rise to more than ten above normal. But several Caucasian couples, under the same test, showed heart beats from 70 to 76 above normal.

Doctor Eaves' experiments were particularly interesting. He selected a blonde and a brunette and invited 20 men to kiss them in turn while special apparatus registered the heart beats of the various sacrifices to the cause of science. The men selected included office workers, actors, and a gang foreman. The experiments revealed that the

brunettes were far more susceptible and responsive than blondes or red-heads. And the gang-foreman was the winner as far as raising the heart beats was concerned. When he kissed the brunette she registered 66 above normal while the blonde registered only forty. And the same brunette smashed the apparatus to splinters when she was kissed by a musician. And so it is demonstrated by science that artists are dangerous, just as the novels and short stories have always claimed.

A doctor in Prague, Czechoslovakia carried the tests still further. He hired a private box in a movie house where a Hollywood picture was being shown. His tests were made on eight boys and eight girls with an age range of from 6 to 22. They were wired to his stethoscope. The experiment demonstrated that every one of the boys and girls were stirred from 6 to 75 heart beats above normal simply by watching Hollywood's best kiss on the screen.

According to science, then the kiss is doomed. But the personal element has a way of upsetting even the most severe and calculating findings of science. And the mooted scientific campaign to suppress the kiss might find itself not at all welcome, even in scientific realms.

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She Fixed Him.

"Do you mean to say," asked the magistrate, "that such a physical wreck as your husband gave you that black eye?"

"The woman smiled proudly. "E wasn't a physical wreck, your worship," she said "till 'e gave me that black eye."

"My husband has no idea what I go through when he snores," said a woman witness last week. We have a suspicion that it may be his pockets.—The Humorist.

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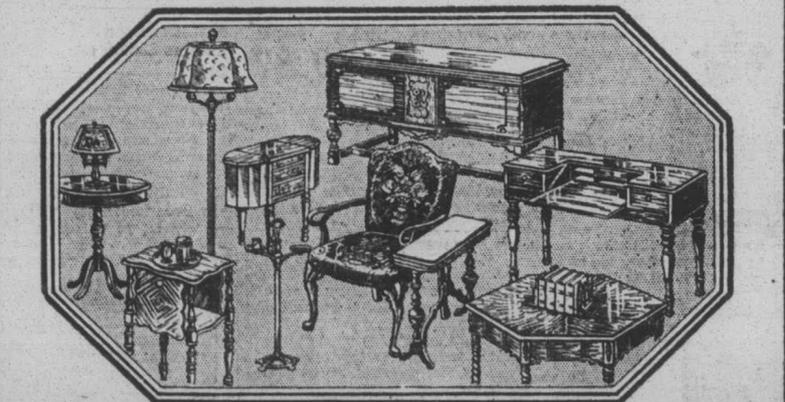
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