

# AMERICANA

## CALIFORNIA

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#### STROLLING ALONG THE BOULEVARD

A stroll along Hollywood boulevard from Vine street to the Hotel Roosevelt, with the most chic and exclusive Specialty Shops in America lining both sides of the street, reveals the smartest fashions, the most elegant creations, the finest fabrics, and styles which are a year ahead of all other styles in America.

Here is where the film stars obtain those sartorial effects which make them the best dressed people in the world. Here for a whole mile are brilliantly assembled and handsomely housed the patterns and modes that make up the styles of America. Just as the financial center of the world has shifted from London to New York, so the fashion center of America has shifted from Fifth avenue to Hollywood boulevard.

In these Specialty Shops, the Hollywood Shopping Service fills orders from all over the civilized world, the orders which its patrons send it. Our Hollywood Shopping Service keeps busy checking up what the film stars are buying to wear in the pictures, at their sports and recreations, to put in their beautiful homes, in and on their motor cars, aboard their yachts and motor boats, or to wear in their airplanes.

The Hollywood Shopping Service executes any shopping commission from one fine linen handkerchief to a Rolls-Royce (with as many doo-dads as Tom Mix has on his big white Rolls), complete even to a horn with chimes or a bugle call. Anything you see on the screen that a star is wearing, that we can buy and ship to you.

The Hollywood Shopping Service does all this for you quite free of extra charge, asking only that you state your size, correct measurements, color preferences, or other particulars, when you enclose your postal money order for the articles desired. Correspondence is solicited and satisfaction is guaranteed. Please check over the following list and let us know your wishes by an early mail.

Lois Wilson's swimming suit in two colors.....\$ 12.00

John Gilbert's monogrammed Russian cigarettes, per 100.....\$ 10.00  
Richard Arlen's blue shirts with 4-inch pointed collars.....\$ 5.00  
Reginald Denny's English kit-bag of walrus.....\$ 45.00  
Mae Murray's dancing frock of white point d'esprit, beaded tulle and apple blossoms.....\$ 300.00  
Leatrice Joy's early American quilt in rose and white.....\$ 50.00  
Montagu Love's briar pipe with long stem.....\$ 15.00  
Olive Borden's black Spanish lace underwear.....\$ 15.00  
Adolphe Menjou's dress shirts of French piqué.....\$ 15.00  
Jesse Lasky's cigars (big and black), apiece.....\$ 1.25  
Marie Prevost's beach parasol, 8 feet across.....\$ 42.50  
Marion Davies' folding bridge table with 6 chairs for lawn.....\$ 24.00  
Lya De Putti's engraved parchment visiting cards.....\$ 8.50  
Fred Thomson's cuffs of hand-engraved leather.....\$ 12.50  
Tom Mix's dress gloves, white buckskin with black stitching.....\$ 6.50  
Vilma Banky's love anklet (white gold).....\$ 25.00  
Rod La Rocque's bracelet.....\$ 65.00  
John Barrymore's fitted dressing bag (morocco, cloisonné, gold).....\$ 730.00  
Charles (Buddy) Rogers' chamois gloves.....\$ 7.50  
Harold Lloyd's English morning suit.....\$ 185.00  
Victor MacLaglen's boxing gloves.....\$ 21.50  
Norman Kerry's beach robe of Turkish towelling.....\$ 25.00  
Thomas Meighan's hammered silver cocktail set, shaker and one-half dozen silver cocktail glasses.....\$ 67.50  
Norma Shearer's engraved rock crystal dinner service (12).....\$ 700.00  
Ralph Graves' Wedgewood dinner service.....\$ 350.00  
Lita Grey Chaplin's complete dinner service of green glass.....\$ 250.00  
Joan Crawford's embroidered white crêpe de chine purse.....\$ 12.50  
William Farnum's blood red ale glasses, per dozen.....\$ 22.50  
Marian Nixon's green glass ice bucket with sterling silver handle.....\$ 6.50  
Jack Mulhall's combination cigarette case and 2-drink flask.....\$ 17.50  
James Murray's "Lighthouse" cocktail shaker.....\$ 30.00  
Wm. S. Harr's cartridge belt and (2)

pistol holsters.....	\$ 47.50
Ramon Navarro's Fedora hat.....	\$ 15.00
Madeline Hurlock's black glass bath- room accessories.....	\$ 26.25
Norma Shearer's afternoon ensemble of gray velvet and blue fox—dress and coat.....	\$ 925.00
Alma Rubens' diamond and platinum wrist watch.....	\$2500.00
Lew Cody's striped bath robe, gray- blue and orchid.....	\$ 18.50
Raymond Hatton's after-dinner cordial set and decanter.....	\$ 25.00
Charles Ray's black enamel and crystal evening studs.....	\$ 92.00
Monte Blue's ivory-topped ebony even- ing stick.....	\$ 25.00
Francis X. Bushman's favorite nut bread, by the loaf.....	\$ .38
Vilma Banky's-Rod La Rocque's wed- ding cake (3 tiers).....	\$ 50.00
Patty Dupont's sapphire, platinum and diamond wrist watch.....	\$1800.00
Clara Bow's steamer chair with canopy top.....	\$ 12.50
William Farnum's white serge knick- erbockers.....	\$ 12.50
Ruth Taylor's silver kid slippers with rhinestone buckles.....	\$ 90.00
Mrs. Martin Johnson's sombrero.....	\$ 18.50
Douglas Fairbanks' broad leather belt with 3 straps.....	\$ 22.50
Jack Pickford's folding phonograph with monogram.....	\$ 55.00
Katherine MacDonald's Scotch plaid umbrella.....	\$ 18.00
Shirley Mason's face powder, per box..	\$ 1.50
Victor Varconi's fresh caviar (per pound, shipped in glass).....	\$ 19.00
D. W. Griffith's director chair (with your name painted on).....	\$ 5.00
Jack Dempsey's boxing gloves (prac- tice).....	\$ 54.00
Jeanne Eagles' scalloped butterfly slippers.....	\$ 18.50
Bessie Love's silver filagree bouillon cups (6).....	\$ 50.00

#### SINISTER admission of a staff writer in the eminent Los Angeles Record:

I question that there are more than a very few  
people in Los Angeles as happy as the Negro  
stevedores on the levees along the Mississippi.

ANTHEM sung at the annual memorial  
services of Golden Gate Council, No. 80,  
United Commercial Travelers of America,  
held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San  
Francisco:

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Brother U. C. T.  
We will always hold you in fondest memory;  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to  
Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

#### COLORADO

LAW ENFORCEMENT in this great State, as

reported by the American Civil Liberties  
Union:

The six miners were killed and over a score  
more, including some women, were wounded  
by troopers under the command of Captain  
Louis N. Scherf when they attempted to march  
up to the post-office of the Columbine mine in  
defiance of Scherf's orders. A coroner's jury  
found that the miners came to their deaths at  
the "hands of persons unknown," but Thomas  
Annear, chairman of the Colorado Industrial  
Commission, who was present, later recom-  
mended gold medals for the police who did the  
killings. None of the police were injured and  
no weapons were found on the dead men or on  
those arrested.

#### DELAWARE

THE HON. JOSIAH MARVEL, of Wilmington,  
speaking before the Canton, O., Exchange  
Club:

The work of the service clubs of this country  
in the last twenty-five years has done more to  
create the Christian religion in every-day life  
than all the efforts made by mankind every-  
where for more than 2,000 years.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE conscience of the people of the United  
States, as revealed to the world by the  
proceedings of Congress:

The House yesterday voted to pay José Man-  
cisco Rivas \$138.50 damages for the attack on  
his wife by a marine in Nicaragua.

THE celebrated Methodist Board of Tem-  
perance, Prohibition and Public Morals  
receives reinforcement:

#### LOYAL LEGION OF AMERICAN MOTHERS

1. Supports the sanctity of the Volstead act,  
the President, the Holy Bible and patriot-  
ism.
2. Supports the purification of the American  
girl and idealism.
3. Opposes the marriage of Americans and  
foreigners and insidious propaganda.
4. Opposes all entangling alliances between  
the races.

National Headquarters and Reference Bureau

BETHANY BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

President—Mrs. GUTHERIE WILLIS WATSON, A.B.

1000 CHAPTERS EVERYWHERE

Dear Sir or Madam :

Do you realize that there are 2,181,818  
Radio Receiving Sets in our America?

Do you realize that during the past twelve  
months there were 239,075 items put forth into  
the air for these Radio Receiving Sets to re-  
ceive?

As a law-abiding loyal American citizen you must ask yourself how many of the 239,075 items on the air were of a religious nature?

The answer is only 383!

Only .0016 per cent!

The air is almost wholly pagan!

It is the firm intention of this Society to right this dangerous situation and we want Your SUPPORT.

Your support means keeping our pure American young ones pure, so that they in turn may keep their pure American young ones pure.

It cannot be done without money.

Will you not help?

A check, even a small one, to this Society is a blow at the Pagan Air.

Help us cure these conditions! Protect your home and loved ones and radio from devils in the air!

*Yours for a clean air,*

Mrs. GUTHERIE WILLIS WATSON, A.B.,

*President.*

Checks to be drawn to the  
Loyal Legion of American Mothers.

### FLORIDA

CULTURAL activities of the ladies of the town of Milton, as reported by the illustrious *Gazette*:

Mrs. Jacob Cohen was hostess on Tuesday afternoon to the Shakespeare Club, of which she is a member. Mrs. D. C. Diden was leader of the study, the subject being, "Henry Ford, his Life and his Work." Ford jokes contributed to the pleasure of the programme. Mrs. J. Frank Smith was in charge of the music study, using the biography of Irving Berlin. Miss Margaret Read played "Together We Two," one of Berlin's latest successes. Mrs. J. D. Smith gave a biography of Madam Louise Holmes; Miss Gladys Ouzoonian gave a violin solo, "Turkey in the Straw," in recognition of the Ford Barn Dances. At the close of the programme, Mrs. Cohen served a salad course followed by a sweet course.

PUBLIC announcement in the eminent *Morning Sentinel* of Orlando:

#### I SHALL ENJOY

playing to the moving picture, "The Passion Play," Monday and Tuesday nights at the Municipal Auditorium, because religious music sounds the depths of my reverential and emotional feelings, and the greatness of the pictured scenes will evoke supreme response from one who truly considers Jesus Christ worthy the best we can render in homage and gratitude to Him.

C. ERNEST WADE,  
*The organist.*

### GEORGIA

THE state of scientific inquiry in Moronia Felix:

### PHRENOLOGY

PROF. J. S. GIBSON

*Macon, Georgia*

Is in the city and will give examinations in Phrenology according to the Fowler and Wells system of the New York American School of Phrenology.

#### PHRENOLOGY

is that science which treats of the mind and the passions, as shown by the different organs and construction of the brain supposed by Dr. Francis Joseph Gall to be developed in the brain as composed of a plurality of separate organs, every one of which represents an independent faculty of the mind.

This important mental and moral science has been studied by the greatest minds of Europe and America and is acknowledged by the leading journals on both sides of the Atlantic.

It is especially important to the young because by its teachings the occupation for which anyone by nature is best adapted can be determined; also human character is better understood, which gives aid to self-government. It is used in the education and training of children, and in the science of medicine and the regulation of business.

I have practiced Phrenology for 30 years, and by this extensive practice am well qualified to read character and give advice according to the latest improved methods known to science.

EXAMINATION: 25 CENTS

*Respectfully,*

J. S. GIBSON.

INCIDENTS in the life of a free American citizen of Dahlongega, as reported by the incomparable W. B. Townsend, editor of the *Nugget*:

We learn that one of the Mr. Millers, over on Route 2, had a strange accident some time ago. He had \$120.00 in his shirt pocket in which he carries his watch. Seeing that his clock on the mantel-piece had run down, he took his watch out to see how to set his clock. Noticing that in pulling out his watch his money came with it, and was burning up. In letting go the clock key to get water to extinguish the burning money the clock spring broke. And in pouring the water on the fire the steam burnt his child sitting close by and he lost his money besides. This is what you might call three in one.

### ILLINOIS

JUDICIAL gossip from Chicago, disseminated by the alert Associated Press:

A thirty-year-old father sent to the penitentiary for the slaying of his three-year-old daughter was described by the judge who sentenced him today as a "splendid man." William Goeschell pleaded guilty to manslaughter after two juries

had found him guilty and he had been granted new trials. He cut the throats of the child and his wife after a quarrel with the latter. The wife recovered. "The fact that his wife publicly announces that she favors free love is enough to make any man see red," said Judge Frank Comerford. "I believe he is a splendid man."

## INDIANA

LITERARY news from the rising town of Brightwood, as reported by the Indianapolis *News*:

Mrs. Charles Sellers was hostess Wednesday for a luncheon for the Brightwood Literary Club. . . .

Mrs. William S. Tyner read a paper on "My Philosophy of Life as Gained From the Sunday Papers."

FOOTNOTE upon the American genius in the celebrated South Bend *News-Times*:

Alex. H. Creutzburg, 748 Leland avenue, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday Wednesday by climbing to the top of a sixty-foot high-tension line pole and standing on his head there for five minutes. The pole was located in front of the Staples-Winkler Company, at Niles and Colfax avenues, and Mr. Creutzburg's feat was witnessed by dozens of passersby. For years, Mr. Creutzburg has celebrated his birthday by selecting a high pole in some section of the city, climbing to the top and standing on his head.

FIRST stanza of an elegy by the Hon. John Alvin Garrett, of Rising Sun, sponsored by the Hon. Harry C. Canfield, Congressman from the Fifth Indiana District, and printed in the *Congressional Record* at the expense of the people of the United States:

## SUBMARINE S-4

Nigh fathom twenty sunk they lie,  
Awaiting rescue or to die,  
Entrapt inside a submarine  
With death approaching on the scene;  
The crew compose their minds with dice,  
More for the pleasure than the vice.

ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatch from the great town of Hammond:

The story of how two brothers profited by the funeral of another brother by selling liquor to the mourners and charging them \$3 each to ride in the funeral cortege was told in court today in the suit of John Jasnowski, an undertaker, who sued to collect the funeral expenses. Frank Puskowski, one of the brothers, said Felix, the other brother, should pay the costs, since Felix made money by charging the mourners to ride in the cortege. But Felix said Frank made \$150 by selling them liquor, so he should pay.

## KANSAS

ECCLESIASTICAL notice in the eminent *State Journal* of Topeka:

## LUNCHEON AND FASHION REVUE

THURSDAY, ONE O'CLOCK

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The newest fashions presented  
on living models . . .

Charlotte Conwell Pardee

Jane Griggs

Janice Soule

Patsey Strawn

Nancy Page

Marion Miller

Peggy Strawn

Genevieve Veale

Master Dick Dunham

(All apparel shown on models, courtesy  
The Pelletier Stores Company.)

## MAINE

THE HON. CARL E. MILLIKEN, A.B., LL.B., former Governor of this great State, as reported by the New York *World*:

If Shakespeare were alive today he would be in Hollywood or Hollywood would be at Stratford-on-Avon.

## MICHIGAN

THE sublime processes of the law in Detroit, as described by one of the town newspapers:

To save his 65-year-old mother-in-law from conviction on a liquor charge, Mike Carluccio, 38 years old, yesterday pleaded guilty to the possession of wine, found in his home, 12695 McDougall avenue, and paid a fine of \$500.

Carluccio explained to Judge Edward J. Moinet in Federal Court that while he was absent from his home recently two Prohibition agents, posing as friends, persuaded Mrs. Lucio Denarco, the mother of his wife, to give them some wine. As they were leaving, the pair laid a few coins on the table in payment.

The wine was kept for family use, Carluccio said, and was not intended for sale.

## NEW JERSEY

FROM a communication to the press by Miss Louise S. May, of the Atlantic City Convention Bureau:

According to Senator Walter E. Edge, first president of the Bureau, conventions are the highest expression of civilization.

## NEW YORK

THE higher learning at Cornell, as reported by the *Alumni News*:

Lecture, "Greeterism," Allan G. Hurst, president of the Hotel Greeters' Association. Room 100, Caldwell Hall, 2 P. M.

THE present state of the Fourth Amendment in New York City, as set forth in a bulletin of the American Civil Liberties Union:

Mention by a citizen of his civil rights of protection against search and seizure without a warrant so irritated a policeman and later a magistrate that Louis Brody, New York salesman, was forced to pay a \$5 fine.

Brody, carrying a heavy black bag, had started to work when a policeman became curious and demanded that he open it. Brody, affirming his rights as a citizen, at first refused to do so unless the officer showed a warrant, but when the latter started marching him toward the station, he yielded. Examination showed the bag contained samples of cosmetics. When Brody continued protesting against the policeman's actions and a crowd gathered, the officer arrested him for "causing a crowd to collect and refusing to move when ordered."

Magistrate McQuade, in Washington Heights Court, fined him \$1, but when Brody protested again about his rights the magistrate recalled him and increased the fine to \$5.

## OHIO

How Prohibition is uplifting American manhood in Cincinnati, as revealed by the *Post*.

It cost Herman Mueller, 3378 McHenry road, a \$350 fine to give a half pint of liquor to a life-long friend. Mueller pleaded guilty to the sale and possession of liquor at 1200 Poplar street. It developed that John Weiler, a former village court liquor raider and now acting as a government informer, called on Mueller, whom he has known since they were ten. Weiler wanted to buy liquor. Mueller told Judge Smith Hickenlooper of the United States District Court that he gave Weiler a half pint, but that Weiler insisted on paying \$1 for it. When he took the money he was arrested.

## OKLAHOMA

A NEW variety of Higher Criticism shows itself in the letter column of the *Oklahoma City News*:

*Editor of The News:*

How can anybody place so much confidence in that old Book, the Bible? We have enough evidence from Spirit messages to warn us against putting so much reliance in the Bible. The writer has many messages in his possession from the spirit world, especially from preachers, and they all admit that they were deadly wrong when on earth. Some of the things that we hear in churches as being great truths are nothing but rubbish.

EDWARD SWANKE.

*El Reno, Okla.*

## PENNSYLVANIA

THE troubles of the Christian faithful of Shenandoah, as set forth in a handbill distributed in the town:

There is in this town on the corner of West Oak and South Chestnut streets, a Church which by its location and height is very noticeable over other churches. It is crowned with a round top painted in green and has a three-bar cross.

The Church is known in the town as the "Greek Church." Also, if you ask in English any member of that Church "Who are you?" you will get the answer, "Greek."

In spite of such a name of this Church and its people, neither Church nor the people are Greek.

The real Greek people residing in this town never visit this Greek Church, because it is not Greek at all, and its members are not Greek and they cannot speak, write or read in Greek and they have not a single drop of Greek blood.

To prove it please ask any real Greek people in this town who conduct restaurants, lunch-rooms, ice-cream parlors and pool-rooms, for example, Theophilus Bros., Laganis Bros., Papas, Georges, Kleto, and others.

There is a sign on the corner stone of that Church in two languages. The sign in English says this: Greek Catholic St. Michael Church, and another sign with the Russian alphabet is this: Ruska Greeko-Katolitzka Tzerkov, which, when translated into English language, means Russian Greeko-Catholic Church.

Many Polish and Lithuanian residents of this town, who are familiar with the Russian alphabet, could prove the truth of this.

Therefore, the real name of this Church and its people is not Greek, although everybody in town is accustomed to call it Greek.

We, the informers, are vigorously protesting against this falsification to call Greek what really is not Greek. We invite all people of this town to find out why and who applied this name Greek to people who are not Greek at all.

The educational staff of this town should not be misled by this misrepresentation and should not classify in their school records the children of these false Greeks as Greeks. Also the people of this town should find out how people of that so-called Greek Church were led to believe and call itself Greek.

It is intolerable to permit some impostors to teach these people to believe and call themselves by name which does not absolutely belong to them. It is a matter of importance to cast off that lie and leave the Greek name aside.

Also, they call this Church "Catholic," but it is not Catholic at all, at least since last October, 1927, when the Pastor of that church was suspended by his Catholic Bishop Bogachewsky, of Philadelphia, and contrary to the laws of the Catholic Church he continues to hold services and by such action has excommunicated himself, and according to the laws of the Catholic Church he is not a Priest any more, due to his disobedience.



The Catholic Clergy of town is warned not to make any wrong step by believing that this Church is Catholic.

The members of this Church should cease to follow the leaders who uphold ignorance and misrepresentation, and who make them look ridiculous.

If they broke away from Catholicism by refusing to obey the Catholic Bishop, then they must join some other Church organization, and should not create any new independent sect for material advantage of their present leaders, and should remember they are not Greeks, and at the present time they are not Catholics.

(Signed) INFORMERS.

THE HON. ALBERT BUSHNELL HART, Ph.D., LL.D., Litt.D., professor emeritus of history and government at Harvard, and former president of the American Historical Association, and of the American Political Science Association, speaking before the Easton Rotary Club, as reported by the *Express* of the same great town:

If Rotary had existed in 1861, there would have been no Civil War and the men of the North and South would have participated in brotherhood.

LAW ENFORCEMENT news from the celebrated Wilkes-Barre *Record*:

Window curtains were drawn, doors locked, and lights extinguished in the various saloons and speakeasies throughout the town yesterday. It is the intention of Burgess William E. Smith to see that these places of business are closed every Sunday.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

THE service of God in the fine old town of Greenville:

"The President's Daughter," based allegedly on the private life of the late President Harding, is serving a unique purpose in Greenville. It is making money for a local church. A woman of the city came into possession of a copy recently and since her church was trying to make money for a worthy cause, she hit upon the idea of renting the book out. She has gathered much money for her church by renting the volume at ten cents a day.

### TENNESSEE

SPECIAL providence reported by the Dyersburg correspondent of the Associated Press:

"Judgment Is Coming," read a message on a hen's egg displayed here today by a Negro. The egg was laid at the Will King farm Tuesday, the man stated, and white folks told him

to bring it to town. The tan lettering appeared to be of the same substance as the shell and could not be washed off. The words were distinct.

### TEXAS

THE HON. J. O. PARTAIN in the *Lions' Weekly* of San Antonio:

Lionism is a magnificent fountain fed by the hearts of thousands of earnest men, all beating in perfect unison for the general good of humanity. From this fountain flows a pure, clean stream of intelligent patriotism into hundreds of progressive communities from one end of the country to the other, which makes for the upbuilding of the highest ethical relations of citizenship and the broadest humanitarianism.

### UTAH

MORAL reflections of a 100% American of Salt Lake City in the eminent *Tribune* thereof:

Some weeks ago I noticed in the window of a store a man dressing a model of a young woman. I was shocked, for the man was carefully adjusting the model's stockings and the model was but scantily dressed. I realize, of course, that such instances do not occur frequently and that there is nothing morally wrong in the window dresser's relations with the model. But I do contend that they may have a bad effect upon young men. May I suggest, therefore, that window dressers—especially those at women's stores—do their model draping behind curtains? I might add that to do so will greatly increase the effect of the display, for it will keep its mechanics from the public gaze.

A MAN OVER THIRTY

### WISCONSIN

MIRACLE reported by the Plainfield correspondent of the *Milwaukee Journal*:

The Lord will fill the teeth for His children who have enough faith to ask Him and to believe that He will do so, declared Lloyd H. Bovee, thirty-three, a farmer living five miles northwest of here. No such concoctions as silver amalgam or even gold are used by the Lord in His dental work, Bovee told fellow members of the congregation which holds church services in the Harris School-house here. The Lord fills cavities with real tooth, the farmer testified Sunday in describing his prayer and the answer to it. Bovee said he had been reading in the Bible about Jesus healing all who came to Him. . . . He said he stood on those promises and believed that the Lord would fill his tooth, and that where there was a cavity there now is solid tooth.

# THE BOHUNKS

BY LOUIS ADAMIC

IN MY boyhood in Carniola, then yet a province of his late k.k. *Majestät*, Franz Josef, the even tone of our village life was occasionally interrupted by the homecoming of some peasant who four or five years before had quietly left for America clad in homespun, and with a bundle on his back and hair on his face, but who now returned sporting trousers extremely wide in the legs, buttoned shoes, a derby, a celluloid collar and a gaudy necktie illuminated by a huge horseshoe pin, not to mention a clean-shaven face, two heavy suit-cases of imitation leather, and a répertoire of foreign words that were impressively meaningless.

The return of an *Amerikanec* caused no less excitement in the village than the nuptials of a well-to-do farmer's daughter or the funeral of a leading usurer. After mass on the first Sunday following his arrival, most of the men and all the less pious of the womenfolk filled the village winehouse, eager to give him an opportunity to floor them with the opulence and sophistication he had acquired in the West Virginia mines or the Pennsylvania steel-mills. All the accordion-players in the parish came to play, and the innkeeper and his wife ran themselves ragged carrying wine to the thirsty admirers of the plutocrat who had news of their relatives in Scranton, or Wheeling, and was full of tall talk about America, its wealth and vastness, and his own genius as a coal-miner or steel-worker. For a long time afterward the villagers, in referring to some occurrence, were wont to remark, "Oh, yes! that was about the time So-and-So returned from America."

I remember that the local *intelligenzia*, which included the parish-priest, the schoolteacher and the postmaster, and in the Summer perhaps a few gymnasium or university students and vacationists from the city, considered these returned Americans an unwholesome influence upon the community, to say the least. It appeared that America worked in them a deplorable change. For one thing, it deprived them of their native respect for people of the higher callings. None of them, for instance, would uncover to the priest; in America, they declared insolently, men did not doff their hats to other men: one man was as good as another. Thus America corrupted them, made them arrogant, perverse, vulgar, and worse. Rather worse, for in a nearby village a man came back, along with a few dollars and a lot of bad manners, bringing a strange and sinful disease which the pedagogue and the postmaster discussed in low tones and with dread in their eyes. Indeed, he not only brought that unmentionable malady with him, but passed it on to his wife, who had waited for him at home. It would have been better, they said, had he been buried in a coal-mine, which was the fate of so many other Slovene workmen in America, or crushed to death in some iron-foundry, which also was not an uncommon occurrence.

As a young student in the capital of the province I read in the newspapers, and heard from the platform and the pulpit, that, so far as its influence on our good peasantry and our great, although microscopic, nation in general was concerned, America was a cruel, evil place. True, a deal of money came from it, but (asked