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## Rhine Legends

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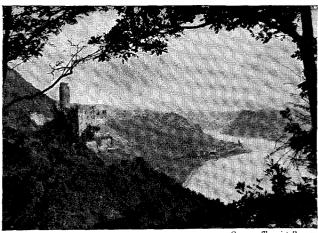
In the shadow of Lohengrin's castle, the Schwanenburg in Cleve, I saw the Rhine for the first time. I was almost two months old, and the memories of my first impressions are therefore rather hazy. But I must have liked it even then, because the chroniclers of my early history say that I raised a terrific rumpus when I was taken home again after that initial excursion into medieval romance.

My second experience was in those years when we are still able to hear the ghosts groan through shaky ruins and the clang of knightly armor dashing over the draw-bridge on white chargers. Of what I knew in those college days of the history of the Rhineland, much had gone the way of so many other things of schooltime knowledge. But when I saw them again last year, saw the picture towns in which every corner is a painter's delight, it all

own standards of civilization. Since the Neanderthal man, many prehistoric ages have left their relics here; and, coming down to written records, the history of this river is crowded with events even stranger than the numberless myths and sagas that cling to every castle, every town, and every chapel on the hillside.

The Lorelei lore, the Siegfried and Nibelungen saga, or the legend of Roland, Charles the Great's heroic paladin—they are common knowledge. But in the lesser known tales, also, there is so much fascination that even a random selection will bring much that is new and nothing that is without strong interest to those who may sooner or later enjoy the German "River of Fate."

Coming from the Black Forest and south Germany, I made Mainz the beginning of my Rhine voyage, as most



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Mause Castle on the Rhine

came back as if by magic. It needs no great imagination to be fired by the beauty of this picturesque land. Its fables and folklore have enriched not only Goethe, Wagner, Beethoven, and Heine, but have stimulated Victor Hugo and de Musset, Byron and Thackeray, and have been brought to our shores in the pages of Longfellow, Walt Whitman, and Mark Twain.

Here every point exudes history. Long before Homer this region was inhabited by intelligent races, primitive perhaps if superficially measured by our

travelers do. From there on downstream there is a stretch of low, fertile country, lovely in its way and full of historical interest, for through the centuries the rich land has often been a lure to princes and emperors, bishops and burghers. After Eltville, Erbach, and a number of other wine towns the trim little steamer passes Geisenheim.

And then—Ruedesheim! It is small wonder that in this, Germany's most famous wine district, legends should have been spun around the "golden drink of the gods." Every spring, when the vines

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are blossoming and their fragrance scents the air, the vintager with whom lady luck is friendly may see the tall figure of Charlemagne in the midnight sky and, wandering on in his flowing purple mantle, stretch wide his hands over the vineyards, blessing them.

The Romans brought the wine from Italy to the Rhine. But legend will not have it that foreigners were the benefactors, and so calls upon the ghost of the first great emperor of medieval Germany. Once, it says, Charlemagne saw from the balcony of his castle at Ingleheim that the snow melted much faster on one side of the Ruedesheim hills than on the other. Deep thinker that he was, he reflected that where the sun shone so genially something better must grow than grass. So he sent for vines to Italy, had them planted and tenderly cared for. And every year he comes from his tomb in Aachen to bless them. At the first crow of the cock, he returns to his grave and sleeps on — until the next spring.

Ruedesheim is as famous for the exceptionally large number of castles and castle ruins in the city and its vicinity as for its wine. In the city stands the Niederburg, also called Broemserburg, and near-by a chapel bearing the unusual name Not Gottes, meaning "Suffering of God." During the crusades, the noble knight Hans von Broemserburg took the cross to join the fight against the infidels in the Holy Land. When he was captured by the enemy, he vowed that he would dedicate his daughter Mechthild to the service of the Lord, if he were freed. He came home safe, but found his daughter betrothed to the young lord of Falkenstein. He insisted on fulfilling his vow, and Mechthild threw herself into the Rhine.

Broken-hearted, the father made another vow, to build a chapel on the hillside - and forgot. At plowing time a servant brought him a likeness of the Mother of God that the horn of an ox had dug from the ground on the spot where the chapel was to have been built. Tremblingly the man told what he had heard: a wailing voice, thrice crying from the ground — "Not Gottes!" Then the chapel was built and received the name by which it is still called to-day. The Niederburg is one of the oldest castles in Germany. Its impressive walls, the labyrinth of passageways and arches, its narrow stairs and courts make a gruesome picture. The once mighty watchtower is only partially left, and huge gaps open in the outer walls.

Rhenish legends are by no means all sentimental, ghostly, or serene. Many show the splendid sense of humor that is one of the most amiable characteristics of the Rhinelander. The monks of Johannisberg - what friend of golden wine would not know the name! -- were once

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