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A HAPPY VALLEY IN SWITZERLAND.

UTOPIA REALIZED—A SAMPLE OF UNADULTERATED DEMOCRACY—A PASTORAL PICTURE—FROM GAIS TO APPENZELL—AN UNTAXED COMMUNITY, &c.

PARIS, Sep. 20.

My last letter, written at Gais, in the pastoral Canton of Appenzell, in Switzerland, but mailed in Paris, gave you a sketch of summer wanderings in search of fresh air for the body and repose for the mind amidst those retired regions from which it was dated. Before plunging afresh into the troubled sea of French and European politics, I am tempted, as I intimated, to give you some further account of what I think I then rightly designated as the most purely democratically organized society existing in the civilized world.

When you land at Borshack, a little beyond Constance, on the lake of the same name, a carriage conveys you in about three hours, and by an ascent of about 3,000 feet, to the mountain village of Heiden, commanding a glorious view over the lake in one direction and into the interior of the country in the other. It is in the course of this drive and its termination that the peculiar characteristics of the Canton of Appenzell first break upon you. You really begin to ask yourself whether you have not discovered a new Arcadia, or found again the Happy Valley of Rasselas. You expect to hear the pipe and tabor, such as we read of in the bucolic verses of Virgil; or to see, as you look around you at the hills and groves, nymph and satyr, sporting together over the delicious landscape. Heiden itself is perhaps the prettiest village in the whole world. The houses are the exact reproduction, in real life, of those toy chalets which we are in the habit of carrying home, in little wooden boxes, as illustrations of travel and for the edification of the junior branches of our families. All swelling knolls of a green which would make the Emerald Isle itself look pale by comparison are covered with lowing herds or resound with the strokes of the mower's scythe or the laugh of the merry haymakers. The thick, full-bottomed, rich pastures, filled with the succulent wild chicory or dandelion, here a plant with a delicate spiral leaf, slightly bitter in taste, and eagerly devoured by the cattle—are cut and cut, over and over again, throughout the summer, the air being always loaded with the sweet perfume of hay. As far as ever the eye can reach the land is covered with this verdant carpet, interrupted only by woods of fine forest trees or the highest points of Alpine plain.

It is impossible to imagine a richer or more smiling landscape, while the air of pastoral retirement and repose is soothing beyond expression. From Heiden to Gais and from Gais to Appenzell, the chief town of the Canton, (but itself hardly more than a large village,) and from thence to Weissbadd, the Southern extremity of the Canton, at the foot of the Sentis range of mountains—the same delightful scene meets the eye. Everything breathes repose, and everything indicates at once peace and plenty. The air of material well-being is universal. Not a beggar accosts you, not an individual meets you who does not look well clothed and well fed. Nothing in the land seems out of order. The roads would put to shame either those of France or England; the bridges and other public works are all in the best repair, and admirably engineered and constructed. Every village is connected by the telegraphic wire. The schoolhouses are models of arrangement; that at Gais would do credit, for size and external appearance, to any first class provincial of Europe. The churches are quite astonishing. That at Heiden would hold easily a thousand people; indeed, I saw as large a congregation as that collected in it. There is a large and handsome organ, and the singing, in which all joined, and joined in a way which showed that all had been taught to sing—they all, indeed, sang from notes—was as sublime and affecting a "Singing praise unto God," up there among the mountains, as I ever heard in the proudest cathedral of the proudest city of the plains.

But I might go on forever enumerating the evidences of a well-to-do, well-instructed and well-governed community; and then the question naturally suggested itself of how all this was brought about, and what was the governing principle which was capable of producing and maintaining such beneficent results? The answer was soon found. Tell it not in the streets of Berlin; whisper it not at Vienna or St. Petersburg; breathe it not in the ears of the three Emperors of the new Holy Alliance! The founders and maintainers of their own happiness in the Canton of Appenzell—nearly the greatest degree of "real" happiness I ever remember to have seen on earth—were and are the people of Appenzell themselves. Yes, a "few herdsmen," as they might be disdainfully called by imperial sycophants—but free "herdsmen"—have done all this, and found what self government and free government can effect.

As I have said, there is not such a pure democracy existing in the modern world as in the two divisions of the Canton of Appenzell. There alone, perhaps, is to be found still in full force the ancient Landsgemeinde of Switzerland—the "Assembly of the people"—the agora, the forum of classical republics. Once a year every male inhabitant between the ages of 25 and 70 is required by law to meet at a central spot, appointed for the rendezvous, there to discuss and regulate the affairs of the nation; and there they do meet in thousands and tens of thousands; and there accounts are settled, laws are voted, magistrates are elected, and all things set in order for the year. These "unpaid legislators" carry their own provisions with them to the Assembly, which never last more than a day, lest their unwonted numbers might breed a famine in the locality. All public functions are gratuitous, or receive only a nominal remuneration. The "salary" of the "Landamman," or Chief Magistrate, is 200 francs per annum! The last Landamman "reigned" for twenty years, and his son has just been appointed his successor—an example of republican conservatism which would more than realize the ideal of the *republic conservatrice* of M. Thiers himself, especially if he were forty years younger, and had a son to take his place.

In this favored region there seem to be no taxes, or at least none in money, though every one is called upon to contribute his share to public works in the shape of what the French call *prestation*, or labor in kind. But do not imagine that these primitive practices denote also or are derived from primitive poverty. On the contrary, the population is rich, and would be called rich anywhere, and many individuals were pointed to me who were twice and thrice millionaires. The secret of all is that the "people" have the country to themselves, and hold it, and employ it, and govern it for their own advantage and enjoyment, and not for the benefit of "rulers" of whatever category. I am not prepared to maintain that such a system could be exactly carried out on a great scale; but the example of such a result of popular institutions in the heart of Europe is one that surely cannot fail to produce a strong impression the more it becomes known. Would that the above slight and imperfect sketch might conduce in any degree to that desirable end.—*Correspondent Newark Advertiser.*

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