

FRENCH SUMMER RESORTS.

A Series of Norman Watering Place Letters by E. C. Grenville Murray—No. 1.

THE AVERAGE FRENCHMAN.

A Lively Picture of His Public and Private Life.

"THE FROG HE WOULD A WOODING GO."

The Wardrobe of the Travelling Francois and Francaise.

BY THE SEASHORE.

The Fashionable and Unfashionable Follies That Impressed Mr. Murray at Dieppe.

REMOVING THE GLOSS FROM SNOBBERY.

DIEPPE—NO. 1.

DIEPPE, July 12, 1873.

FROGS ON THE SHORE.

The frog, though a lively creature, is not much of a traveller, and is seldom found far from home. Baden Baden and the watering places on the Norman coast are nearly the utmost extent of a Frenchman's pilgrimage in search of pleasure.

THE FRENCHMAN PROPER.

In sound health and spirits, who has neither the fear of duns nor avenging skewers before his eyes, always keeps and always has kept within easy reach of Paris.

THE PROSPECTS OF REPUBLICAN DOCTRINES.

It is said that of late the French have been imitating the Germans, and nations generally do imitate their conquerors; but the true Parisian will always have much the same dread of cold water as a cat or a monkey.

"A FROG HE WOULD A WOODING GO."

When your Frenchman has made up his mind to travel he has really no notion of sea bathing or the scenery. If there is one thing more certain than another it will be that he is running after a petticoat.

ONE OF THE CHIEF AMUSEMENTS OF A FRENCHMAN AT WATERING PLACES IS TO DANCE ABOUT ON A VELOCIPEDE.

When an American or an Englishman goes to watering place he commits himself helplessly to the tender mercies of those harpies who keep lodging houses. Nine times in ten he is a busy man who wants a little rest and relaxation after hard work.

having commonly a less purse, he is determined to have his pleasure cheap. He hires a garret in a fisherman's cottage, varnishes his shoes with his own mud and shines out in them after a brilliantly colored and a crowd of noisy and peevish waiters for brightening them.

ABLUCTIONS IN A FIE DISH.

or without one, if there is no pie dish to be had. The words "comfort" and "deceit" have hardly any meaning for him. He does not care for comfort; and, as a matter of fact, he does not like "deceit."

THE FRENCH WATERING PLACES AT THE PRESENT MOMENT.

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The review of the new and fully organized French Army, in honor of the Shah, is over; the Assembly will be prorogued in a few days, and the members of that august body, feeling much need for fresh air as oysters do about this time, are flocking seawards in their alpacas coats, relying on MacMahon to keep the state pantry safe in their absence.

NATIVE SAULERS.

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YOUR MIDDLE CLASS ENGLISHMAN.

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patronizing the decayed place out of kindness for past memories, and it has been steadily reviving ever since as a fashionable watering spot of a fishing port. It further retains the vestige of its old commercial importance in the shape of the ivory trade, which is its special feature—indeed, almost the monopoly—of the town, and three ships out of five are devoted to the sale of ivory ornaments, crucifixes, parasol sticks, statuettes, card cases—some of them rare workmanship.

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of which, they still continue, pause at the sea brim while a mental posse of water over their heads, and then, tossing both arms aloft, waded grandly into the ocean, as if they were doing a new thing which nobody had had the heart to do before. This morning I saw a Frenchman walk down to the sea in this fashion, with a skye terrier under each of his arms, and persuaded, beyond all doubt, that the eye of History was upon him.

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