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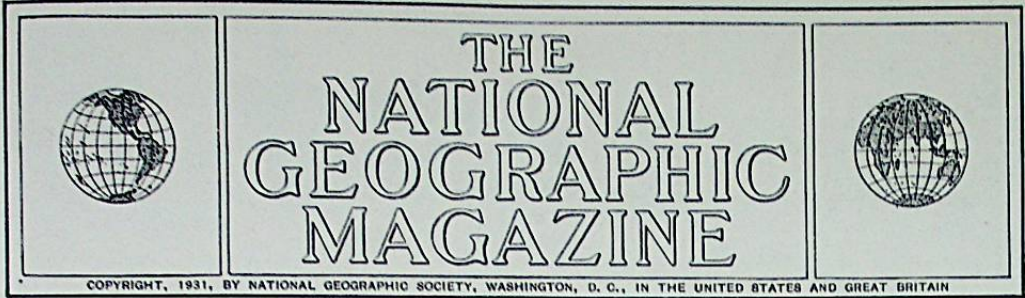
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VISITS TO THE OLD INNS OF ENGLAND

Historic Homes of Hospitality for the Wayfarer Dot the Length and Breadth of the Kingdom

BY HAROLD DONALDSON EBERLEIN

THE old English inn still has its sign out. It continues a distinctly "going concern." Of this fact many a Red Lion or Green Dragon bears plain witness by its record of active hospitality dating back for hundreds of years without a break. Should you imagine it at all a moribund affair in its last bloom, highly picturesque but fated soon to disappear along with other landmarks of antiquity, you are greatly mistaken. Neither is it holding on merely by virtue of acquired impetus, as you might possibly fancy.

The old inn is a very living factor indeed in the scheme of modern existence. Attracted by its ineffable charm, thousands habitually resort thither for lodging or refreshment, and most innkeepers are fully aware of the substantial advantage they derive by preserving in their premises all the essentials of ancient character.

EVERY WAYSIDE HAS ITS ANCIENT INN

Now and then it happens that an old hostelry seems to be altogether one of those idyllic survivals from a bygone day, so invested by a mysterious, elusive halo of romance, and so hidden in some out-of-the-way corner that you can come upon it only by the barest lucky chance—a thing whose discovery you must ever afterward cherish in the lavender and rose petals of memory as an experience too rare to befall one mortal twice in a lifetime. But, as a matter of actual fact, old inns are

dotted over the whole length and breadth of England.

Most of the Swans and Mermaids, the Mitres, White Harts, and Crowns, are not concealed in remote places, far off the beaten lines of travel, so that they have to be made the objects of special visits to be seen. No particularly keen sight is required to discover them. Not a few of them you will find beside much-frequented highways and in country towns, where every day a constant stream of traffic passes them. It needs only the seeing eye and a sympathetic sense of appreciation to recognize their manifold claims to your esteem when good fortune lands you at their doors without your seeking.

Besides all the old inns you cannot help discovering on the main roads and in the towns, there are those others, of course, on lonely heaths or fronting peaceful village greens. There are likewise modest "ordinaries" by the brinks of little rivers where the disciples of Izaak Walton love to lodge. And there are inns at bridge ends or where roads meet, to say nothing of seaside inns whose windows look out to sea or command busy harbor views.

In short, there are plenty of them of all kinds to offer an admirable field for the collector. And a more fascinating holiday hobby than collecting old inns it would be hard to imagine.

Gratifying this hobby involves no great expense; there is always the lure of wholly