



PRIMITIVE FARMING—This Korean farmer is his own beast of burden. Such inefficient farming methods need to give way to more modern ones, in order to abate the world's hunger.

The toll of stored bread grains and rice taken by rats, insects and fungi has been estimated as equalling the amount of world trade in grains. Saving even a small percentage of the present loss would help to close the gap between the grain available

and the grain needed to feed the world better.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Ruins of Pagan Temple

► COLOGNE CATHEDRAL, Germany's most magnificent place of Christian worship, stands on a site devoted in pre-Christian times to the service of the pagan gods and goddesses of Rome. A discovery made during the war, when a bombproof shelter was being dug near the cathedral, appears to be the remains of a structure dedicated to Dionysos, the ancient Greco-Roman wine-god. Details of the find are given by Dr. Ernst Wilhelm Gerster, of the Roman-German Museum of Cologne, in the scientific journal, *FORSCHUNGEN UND FORTSCHRITTE* (April).

When the diggers of the bomb shelter first found the buried ruins, they were thought to be the remains of a palace—possibly the Roman governor's dwelling. The building had been large, with over-all dimensions of approximately 270 by 330 feet. There were many rooms, but the center of interest proved to be a hall about 23 by 33 feet, apparently used for feasting.

This room had an elaborate mosaic floor, with six large pictorial panels and many smaller designs. The smaller mosaics depict good things to eat: fat ducks, peacocks, turtles, oysters, baskets of fruit. One of the larger pictures is of Cupid riding on a lion. The other five depict a satyr and a maenad—male and female followers of Dionysos—in successive stages of the wild ecstatic dance that featured the worship of the god.

It is known that Dionysos-worship involved festivities of a kind that early Christians regarded simply as orgies, so that decorations that might seem more appropriate to a Roman night club would not be at all out of place in the wine-god's house. And since grape-culture and wine-making were brought to the Rhine valley by the Romans, a great temple to Dionysos would be definitely appropriate in the city they built on the river.

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