

(6). TITLE.:- SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS.

Picture.:- Somehow or other they seem to take their pleasures sadly in this Dutch town. ... They turn out in full force to accompany Prince Carnival on his ride through the streets, yet it seems that gaiety is always just round the corner.

These buxom wenches do their best to infuse a little jollity into things as they precede Prince Carnival, who is represented by a romantic figure on horseback. ... Even the "Karnoesque" bodyguard of troops have a demeanour worthy of any occasion other than a carnival ! ...

Some visitors from Binche (Belgium) appear in the procession in their wierd and remarkable head-dresses of feathers. ... A decidedly novel sight for the Dutch folk.

Yes, the Spirit of Carnival, as we, and other continental countries know it, is absent at Bergen-op-Zoom, but I suppose they enjoy themselves, much the same as some people "enjoy" a good cry at the pictures !

I take back all I've said ! There are a few who show that they are happy !