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(9). TITLE :- GRAPE FESTIVAL.

Picture.:- Italy rejoices whole-heartedly, on the day of the national "grape festival" - for grapes mean a lot in the lives of the people. XXXX Without them, they would not only--

--be "dry of throat", but their finances wouldn't be any too "liquid",

--either. XXXX A big procession in the famous Piazza di Sienna is the "high spot" in the --

--day's happenings. XXXX They are supposed to represent various phases in the handling of the grape - and, of course, it's luscious juice.

The refête - er, rejoicings, (sorry !), attract tens of thousands of people, and believe it or not, there is no evidence of --

--any one having "one over the eight". XXXX Perhaps that's because eight is never enough in these days !

It would require a barrel to make most people forget all the troubles they have to-day !

It is a thanksgiving festival having no equal anywhere else in the world. XXXX They should be merrier --

--than ever this year, for they have had a real bumper harvest. XXXX

I'm rather glad it is so; because telling you all about such things gives me a kind of dry feeling behind my collar stud !

AND SO, FOR THE PRESENT, I LEAVE YOU !