



Vignettes: Boltzmann in Berkeley

On the train there had been less occasion to engage in English conversation than I hoped. . . . My English conversation followed this pattern: I: "When lunch will be served?" He: "ieöö." I: "I beg you, could you say me, at what hour lunch will be served?" His gurgled answer now turned a fifth deeper: "aoouu." I see the mistake in my plan of attack and cry despairingly: "Lunch," "lanch," "lonch," "launch" and so forth. I utter vowels which cannot be found in Gutenberg's vast collection of minted metal printing blocks. Suddenly a face lights up with dawning comprehension: "Ah! Loanch!" . . . And now I should give thirty lectures in this language?

I soon began to feel more easy and at home. . . . How proud I became when I could easily pronounce tongue-twisters like "blackboard" and "chalk" How smooth and fluent flowed prickly pearls such as "algebra," "differential calculus," "chemistry," "natural philosophy," and so forth.

A speculative proprietor had read in an encyclopedia that Berkeley had been an English bishop whose residence had been called "Cloyne Court" which apparently inspired him to build a faculty lodging with that name, and it is here that I lived. But he made little effort to make the architecture similar since his impressionable mind had also noticed that the front street was called "Euclid Avenue." Thus, the building became an exact parallelepiped without a trace of anything non-Euclidean. . . . The food was good. As a rule, at least elements of one type of food placed in front of me could be eaten and kept down.

The women of California are remarkably large and strongly built, and often there is also a rather unwanted wisp of mustache I also had to honestly agree with a colleague when he asked: "Don't you find that American women have something masculine about them?" But he was reluctant to accept my answer "and the men somewhat feminine?" But by the last I only meant their unbearded chins. In terms of courage, strength of will, adventurous spirit, and constancy of character they hold their jaws at manly height. . . .

Yes, America will accomplish great things in the future. I believe in these people, even after seeing them integrating and differentiating in my seminar in theoretical physics.

—Ludwig Boltzmann, as quoted in *Ludwig Boltzmann: His Later Life and Philosophy, 1900-1906*, book 1 (John Blackmore, Ed.; Kluwer)

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