

New York Hotels

One Equals Town of Three-Thousand People

If one of New York's big modern hotels could be whisked to the country and in village formation the result would be a model proprietary town of about 3,000 inhabitants. One-half of these inhabitants would work, in relays night and day for the comfort and entertainment of the other half, whose obligation would be the payment of the bills, which, in the aggregate, would represent in addition to the running expenses and perhaps \$200,000 a year set aside for the proprietor's profits, the interest on \$15,000,000 invested in land, buildings and furnishings. Many cities cannot muster a tax list of \$15,000,000, so that this town would be conspicuous above all others for wealth and in completeness of the details that make the material side of life a joy it would be unrivaled. Some of its houses would be constructed for one family exclusively, and others would be arranged in single rooms and in suites. All would be furnished in the most luxurious fashion. In the central warehouse of the town's steward would be found a greater assortment of supplies for the cuisine than in any public market in the world. There would be a row of cook shops, each devoted to the preparation of a special course, ranging from the soups and entrees and roasts to the pastries and coffee. There would be half a dozen big banquet rooms and ballrooms, several music rooms and a well-appointed theater or two. The town would have, of course, a telegraph office, a complete telephone system and some means of rapid transit to every house. Enormous boilers would supply the heat, and an electric light plant would furnish the illumination. There would be an ice plant large enough to manufacture fifty tons a day. There would be silversmith, blacksmith and tinsmith shops, electrical repair and machine shops, florists, hairdressing rooms for men and

women, Turkish baths, upholstery and furniture shops, decorators and seamstresses, a steam laundry, a messenger service, a printing office, a wine cellar, with half a million dollars' worth of choice vintages, and a clubhouse with billiard and reading rooms and cafes. The town would be policed day and night by a dozen private detectives, and it would have a well-trained fire department. There would be a bank, over whose counters would pass millions of dollars each year, and a central executive office with scores of clerks and bookkeepers and auditors. The proprietor of this town would assume all the housekeeping cares of his 1,500 tenants, and many of his 1,500 employees. He would provide amusements and act as the court of last resort. It would seem as if the man who was rash enough to attempt the management of such a town, staking his fortune on the issue, must necessarily fail; but as a fair illustration it is not overdrawn. Its parallel is found in a compact form, with no features missing and many added, in the modern big hotel that has reached the highest development in New York.—Ainslee's Magazine.

Boom Towns Learn Wisdom.

The problem of the Western town now is to make amends for the past and to build up a substantial and permanent prosperity that shall make values steady and the future assured. A few years ago the rivalry was for a surplus; now it is for a mere sufficiency. In the early days were started too many lodges, too many churches, too many stores, too many newspapers. Now it is not difficult and indeed it is common, for the merchants to agree to support only two of three papers to a town of 3000 population or more, where formerly there were five or six. The problem of church consolidation is receiving attention.—New York Post.

For Nursery Emergencies

In the homes of many practical mothers a plan is being carried out that is said to have started in the nurseries of England. There is found upon the wall a large card, measuring perhaps two by three feet. At the top of the card are written the name and address of the nearest doctor, or the one to be called, in case of accident. Beneath are the words: "What to do, and how to do it." Then there are a list of the accidents that are liable to happen to children, and the remedy for each. Bites, and swallowed buttons, bleeding nose, burns, convulsions, bruises, sprains, and poisons, with the ever dreaded croup, are all provided for; and in a box beneath the card are kept absorbent cotton, court plaster, lint, arnica and various necessities that are only to be used in case of accident. When general chaos reigns, and even the most intelligent have lost their wits, this card is invaluable. To be able to read and understand it, might be one of the tests used in engaging a nurse maid. Printed cards are more easily read than those that are written, and one energetic mother who believes in living up to her knowledge, after carefully preparing one of these cards and submitting it to a well known physician, had a number of duplicates printed for distribution in the nurseries of her friends. She claims that the apprecia-

Odd Plan Being Carried Out in Nurseries of England.

tion and enthusiasm with which they were received opened her eyes to the fact that they are one of the greatest needs in the nurseries of young mothers. In the city where a doctor can be called on very short notice, they are not so important, but in suburban and country homes such a nursery card may prove of the greatest value many times in the course of a year.—Philadelphia Times.

Settlement of Franco-Prussian War.

The indemnity exacted of France in settlement of the war between that country and Germany in 1870, amounted to five milliards of francs—about \$1,000,000,000. One-tenth of this sum was paid on July 14, 1871; two milliards were paid on March 7, 1872; two milliards more on May 5, 1873, ten months in advance of the time fixed; and the last installment was paid on Sept. 5 of the same year.—New York Weekly.

Finlanders in Minnesota Mines.

About 40 per cent of the men employed in the Minnesota mines are Finlanders, another 40 per cent Hungarians, about 8 per cent Italians, and the rest are divided among Americans, Germans, French, Scotch and Welsh. The mainstay of the mines are the Cornishmen.

Scientific and Safe Duel

There is little danger to be feared now in accepting a challenge to fight a duel. According to statistics which have been gathered at considerable trouble, it would appear that dueling, though a barbarous and stupid practice, is less dangerous than bicycling or ordinary railroad traveling. Only 155 out of 3,914 duels in twenty years in Italy were fought with rapier or foils, 3,501 were fought with the sabre, 244 with pistols, and 14 with rifles or other arms. Of the 7,828 duellists 5,090 were wounded, and only 20, or one per annum died. The person who compiled these figures further says that the temperature has considerable to do with the frequency of duels, perhaps because intending duellists are afraid of catching cold. In France, where "the code" is resorted to more frequently than anywhere else, the duel has almost reached the altruistic stage. Paris duellists of late have taken to the sterilizing of their swords, and now it would be considered as reprehensible for a duelist as it is for a surgeon to omit "the usual antiseptic precautions." In a newspaper story of a recent duel between young Daudet, the son of the novelist, and a journalist of Paris named Richard, it is said that after the first attack the point of Daudet's sword accidentally touched the ground, when the seconds intervened and stopped the contest until the blade could be disinfected. If this practice should spread to the armies of the world we might be treated to the spectacle of two great opposing bodies of troops engaged in sterilizing their weapons before beginning a battle.

Writer Says Dueling Is Less Dangerous Than Bicycling.

Tricks of Peanut Venders. Boys who sell peanuts in the grandstands at the baseball grounds are never discouraged if there is "nothing doing" in their line until after the fifth inning. Patrons of the game do not begin to feel "peekish" until after 5 o'clock, and then the peanut boy begins to work diplomatically. If he sells one bag in a row of men he does not pass on to the next aisle, but waits in the back seats until his first customer begins to eat peanuts. In a minute or two men who never had any thought of buying peanuts beckon to him to come forward. Usually his basket is empty before he reaches the next aisle and he goes back for a fresh supply. One bag of freshly roasted peanuts in the hands of a man who eats them as though he enjoys them is sure to create an appetite for a dozen more bags among his neighbors.

More Important.

Niblack (soulfully)—Oh, darling, do name the day and let it be soon. Miss Koy. How impatient you are! Well then, let us say the first week in October. Niblack. O—er—really I—er—I'm entered for our club tournament at the Hootmon links that week.—Philadelphia Press.

He Helped Them.

"He's one of these idiotic funny men who are continually making puns, isn't he?" Yes, that's his style. "How is it he's so popular with the ladies, then, I wonder?" "He is only popular with the ladies who have pretty teeth.—Philadelphia Press.

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