GOOD, NOT PALACE, HOTELS

Are First and Greatest Want of Tourists in This Country.

If the "see America first" boomers, to convention assembled, would do some practical work 'n the way of encouraging hotels of reasonable price and comfortable management in this country they would confer a boon upon a long, suffering people. In England, France, Germany and Switzerland the travelers can always find, in second and third class hotels, in small inns. and taverns, comfort, consideration and personal service such as are to be obtwined nowhere on this side of the Atlantic and often at a small price.

"Shall I not take mine ease in mine ma?" could never have been written in the United States. In the great hotels, it is true, there are "all modern conveniences," baths, electric lights, steam heat and a table upon which all the things that can be printed upon a long menu are daily assembled. The cooking may or may not be good. The Frenchman's excited comment, "What a people! What a country! Forty religions and only one gravy!" comes to mind when one is seated at one of these overcrowded tables. But this relates. only to the high priced places. And here in America one can go to no other. for our cheap hotels are simply impossible.

Why can we not have the delightful. small homelike inns of England here in this land of English speech and traditions?

A place where the traveler is actually met at the door by a kindly landlady, who shows the rooms anxiously and proceeds to make her guest comfortable with all her good, shrewd, motherly heart. A little supper, served in your own cozy parlor, by a blazing fire. Your shoes and outer garments taken sway, carefully brushed and brought back without noise or bustle. Your bed carefully spread with sweet smelling linen, airld, and your sleeping room made ready for you with all the deintiness of home. Perfect protection you receive, too, from noise and the curious stares of strangers. All this you can get from one end of England to the other, in hundreds of inns, in city and country. Traveling becomes a pleasure when there is such entertainment to be had and without too mach damage to one's purse.

In Switzerland, for years the playground of Europe, the art of caring for travelers has become a fine art, botel keeping along with the rest. One can be entertained in comfort at the smaller and cheaper places and never see the "bird bath" dishes which greet The American in his own country, wherever he may roam, unless he keeps strictly to the great hotels and restaurants in the cities.

We need a special wave in the sea of reform we are now slushing around in -reform in our methods, manners and castoms of hotel keeping. Let the "seeing America first" enthusiasts labor with the hotel people and, above all, let them encourage a few really humane men and women to set up small finns and old-time taverns in this Westeru country. That will keep American travelers in their own country more effectively than any other measure that cause of it? could be inaugurated.—Denver Post.

All Uphill Work.

A postmaster general or some one in his office in Ottawa once wrote to the postmaster of some little station on the Kettle River: "You will please inform this department how far the Kettle River runs up," to which the 'postmaster answered: "I have the bonor to inform the department that the Kettle River don't run up at all; R runs down." In due course of mail came another communication: "On receipt of this letter your appointment as postmaster will cease. Mr. -- has been appointed your successor." To which went the following reply: "The receipts of this office during the last year have been \$4.37, and the office rent more than double that sum; please to Kindly instruct my successor to pay me the balance, and oblige."-Toronto

A Dangerous Experiment.

"These reformers make one so tired." said the distinguished statesman, "that makes one feel like running amuck through them and their theories."

"Better not," advised the prudent secretary, "for if you do they'll give you a raking over."-Baltimore Ameriusch.

A Good Stock.

"That man used to be very crabbed and disagreeable in his manner before he ran for office. Where do you suppose he got all the honey he is putting now in his speeches?"

"I guess he's getting it from the bee his bonnet."-Baltimore American.

Linotypes for Bank of England. Linotype machines are being put in at the Bank of England and in future the addresses on the dividend notices ent out will be printed instead of

LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-RIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

A colored elergyman in Georgia was performing the service of baptism recently when he paused in the midst of the service to inquire the name of the intant. With a pleased smile the proud mother replied:

"We is goin' to call de chile Shady." "Shady!" repeated the minister, "Oh, I sec. It's a boy and his name is to be Shadrach."

"No, sah; it ain't no boy; it's a glrl."

"Why give such a name to a girl?" "It's dis way, sah. Our name's Bower, an' mah husband thought it would be a fine thing to call her Shady. 'Shady Bower' sounds kinder pretty."-Success Magazine.

The Appreciation of Education.



Miss Capitolhill-Were you at the commencement last night?

Mr. Denver-I was, Wasn't Miss Champa's essay on "In Life's Battles bor. It is much drier than the famous Aim High," a wonderfully fine produc- maguey plant. tion?

Miss Capitolhill-It was indeed; but was more deeply interested in Miss Arvada's essay on "How to Make a Chicken Pot Pie." I heard that she received five proposals of marriage before she got out of the hall.

Justifiable.

The editor was looking over a poem that had been submitted by the local | led States Senator for the third time, bard. I see you bring in an old figure s the only man living who was a memof speech," he said, "when you describe er of that body and voted against nethe maiden as listening to the lover's | fro suffrage when the fifteenth amendayowal with 'eyes of flame.' Think of | nent to the constitution was passed the absurdity of it. How can anybody's by it. eyes be 'flame'?"

"Hers seem to have been, all right," contended the poet. "If you will read a little further you will see that she fired him."-Chicago Tribune,

Really Observing.

"Where yeou going, Hiram?" asked the old lady on the train.

"Up in the 'observation car," replied her husband, with a grin.

"Why, the observation car is on behind."

"No, It aln't; it's up front. Thar's four honeymoon couples up thar."-Chicago News.

Too Much for Him. Jack-Too bad about young Nay,

isn't it?

Tom What about him?

Jack-He was sent to the insane asylum last week.

Tom-You don't say! What was the

Jack He undertook to study Greek and shorthand at the same time and got the characters mixed.—Columbus Dispatch.

Discouraged.



Captain of Liner (good naturedly)-Waiting for the moon to come up, eh? Sufferer-O, dear me! Has that got to come up, too ?- The Tatler.

Needed a Boat.

"Who got up the folder you sent me advertising these lots?" growled the suburbanite in the hip boots.

"Why, I think he was a reporter," replied the snave land agent. "H'm! Must have been a marine re-

"Why so?" "Because there is more water ou here than there is land."



The Lord Chancellor of Ireland recives a salary of \$40,000 a year.

The Eton College Chronicle excresses the opinion that lawn tennis is it for "tame curates" only.

Chicago's population now exceeds hat of Vienna. The figures are: Chiage, 1,700,000; Vienna, 1,675,000.

The Weish National Eisteddfod is the siggest open-air concert in the world. At least 20,000 people attend it every

Servia has been suffering from a

olague of butterflies. The fields are white with them and the government ms offered a reward for some way of exterminating them. The greater part of the almost \$2,-100,000 worth of firecrackers annually

exported by China comes to New York. And the United States stands next to thing in its use of them. An American chemist in the City of dexico says that sugar of the very fin-

at grade can be made from the Juice of the maguey plant. A company has seen formed to try the experiment. Bursting into song as they climbed a Swiss mountain, a party of tourists started an avalanche which overwhelm-

ed a flock of sheep. The tourists are

now being sued by the owner of the Warren Belcher, for fifty-three years postmaster at Winthrop, Mass., has redigned to be succeeded by his son, Darid Belcher. In time of service he was the oldest postmaster in the United

A new plant called "malva" has been discovered in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, that produces first-class fiber. Its cultivation requires little or no la-

A wealthy company of Mexicans is leveloping coal mines near Sabinas. A ive-foot vein of coal has been struck. and three shafts have been sunk. The company has built 250 houses for its employes and is constructing 100 coke wens.

The Hon. William Pinckney Whyte, of Maryland, who recently became Uni-

A London woman had a painting which she believed to be by Turner and iffered it to several dealers, who said t was nothing like Turner's work and refused to buy it. Later she found documents which proved it to be a genuine Turner and within a week she sold it for \$12,250.

A prize of \$20,000 is offered by the beet-sugar manufacturers of France to anyone who shall first discover and apply in France a new method of utilizing sugar in the arts. It is required that the method shall increase the consumption of French sugar 100,000 pounds per annum.

Prof. Lombroso, the Italian criminologist, when asked to put on evening clothes, dons a lounge suit. His indifference to money is proverblal. When he goes out he puts bank notes in the same pocket with his handkerchiefs, and when he draws out the latter the bank notes are lost,

Even as a child Emperor William was fond of the pomp of militarism. It is said that it was a source of great pleasure to the little prince that sentinels had to present arms to him, so much so that he sometimes did not wait till he was fully dressed, but hastened down into court to receive the military bonors which he loved so well.

A woman indicted in London the other day for attempting to commit sufcide, refused to plead. The jury thereupon was asked to find whether her refusal to plead was "due to malice or to the visitation of God." The jury found that she refused to plead out of malice and convicted her, and she was sentenced to twelve months' impriso-

OLD-TIME FARMER AND NEW.

Great Advance Made in Amelioration of Conditions on Parms.

Let us east a parting glance at the ypical old-time farmer, says a writer in the Review of Reviews. Two or three months in each year there being practically nothing to do on the farm he sent his children to the little one-room schoolhouse. There the pupils recited mechanically from text-books saturated with city ideas and city ideals-books in which the beauties and wonders of agriculture and nature study found no place.

The city allured the more ambitious pupils; the others turned blindly and stolidly to tasks whose deeper meaning was never to be revealed to them. Anclent and costly farming methods remained unchanged, for the "man with the hoe" was content with the ways of year this farmer helped to fill up the | that are not.

larger ruts in the roads, but there was no permanent highway improvement. Season after reason bad roads kept him from profitable trips to market, times innumerable they kept his isolated family from needed visits to friends and relatives.

Once a week, possiblytwice, some one went to the little crossroads postoffice to get the letters and papers-if perchance there should be any, these trips were not regular or frequent, because each one meant the loss of half a day from work. With such a slow and costly system, that the farmer wrote few letters and took few papers is not surprising. Then, too, if he wished to summon a doctor, speak to a neighbor, or order from his merchant, a slow horseback trip over bad roads was the only available means of communication; the rural telephone was not dreamed of.

But the tragedy of this man's life was that he was a drudge, a mechanical "slave to the wheel of labor." He was blind to the beauty of rural life and ignorant of the wonderful natural forces with which he had to deal.

How different the progressive farmer of to-day. Five months in each year his children go to school, and the teaching has given them a new interest la their environment and in their daily work. The old one-room schoolhouse has given way to an attractive modern structure. Insead of an occasional book bought from the itinerant agent or borrowed from a neighbor, the school Ebrary puts the choicest of literary treasures at the disposal of the whole family. The old guilled highway is gone and a well-graded road sweeps by the farmer's house.

Instead of the occasional letter brought from the old postoffice, the rural mail carrier brings a daily paper each morning and letters and magazines in refreshing abundance. To confer with a neighbor no longer means a ride of an hour or two; one or two minutes at the telephone suffices. Other advantages have followed. With bet ter school methods have come more regular attendance and more enthusiastic pupils: better roads and increased travel have developed a new pride in the appearance of grounds and buildings; with better mail facilities there is more thought as to the quality of the periodical literature.

And on this man's farm there is no drudgery. Knowledge has ennobled every task, and to him "every common bush is afire with God." His are the advantages of both town and country. Pan still pipes by the riverside, while the ring of the telephone and the distant shrick of the locomotive mingle with the music of his flute.

Do not understand me to say that the new farmer here portrayed is as yet the typical ruralist. He is not, by any means. The old-time farmer is yet many times as numerous. But the future is with the new farmer. The modern leaven will yet leaven the whole

Had Become Second Nature.

When "Uncle Dave" Barker had rounded out his half-century in the employ of a great dry goods house he was summoned to the private office of the chief proprietor. "Uncle Dave," said the head of the house, "you have worked for this firm fifty years, haven't

"Yes, sir," faltered the old man, wondering if he was going to be turned off as having outgrown his usefulness,

"Well, you needn't work any more, but you can come round every Saturday afternoon as long as you live, and draw your pay. The little envelope will always be waiting for you."

Tears stood in Uncle Dave's old eyes as the head of the house, after shaking him cordially by the hand and wishing him many more years of life, bowed him out.

A few days afterward, however, he

came round again.

"Mr. Stevenson," be said, "I've put in three of the bardest days' work of my life-doing nothing. If you don't miad, I'll go back to my old place, and kind o' hang around as If I was one of the men. Maybe I can help a little once in a while, and I'll promise not to get in anybody's way."

Uncle Dave was allowed to have his way, and he went back to his old place, supremely happy.

Setting Mother Right.

"I'm sure, Ethel," said the girl's mother, sternly, "that I saw him kissing you last evening.

He's entirely "Nansense, mother!

too bashful----" "Don't contradict me, child! I saw the performance with my own-"

"Pardon me, mother. You merely saw me kissing him."-Philadelphia Ledger.

A Fatal Dose.

"I wonder," said the young wife, as she mixed the dough, "why they call this 'angel cake'?"

"Probably," replied her husband, "because any one who eats the cake is in immediate danger of becoming one."-Philadelphia Ledger,

Profits of "the old man" always look easy to the fellows who are working the fathers. Four or five days in each | for him. So many things look easy

Some people reverse the maxim, 'Duty before pleasure' and remain in poverty.

The Oxford Bible Press of England pays the women and children employed by it the munificent sum of a penny a hundred theets for folding. As the average speed in 3,000 sheets a day, the experts make as much as 39 cents.

Many linger forever in poverty because they are naturally lazy and act under the belief that the world owes them a living.

Some people have risked a competence in trying to get rich quickly and fail altogether.

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.

set at the Cause-Cure the Kidneys. Don't neglect backache. It warns you of trouble in the kidneys. Avert the danger by curing the kidneys with



Doan's Kidney Pills, J. A. Haywood, a wellknown resident of Lufkin, Texas, says: "I wrenched my back working in a sawmill, was laid up six weeks, and from that time had pain in my 1 :k whenever I stooped or lifted. The urine was badly disordered and for a long time I had at-

tacks of gravel. After I began using Donn's Kidney Pills the gravel passed out, and my back got well. I haven't had backache or bladder trouble since." Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

German is nowadays spoken by about seventy-five million people. It thus ranks third in number among the four leading languages of Europe, the first being English, the second Russian, and the fourth French.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces infla-mation, allays pain cures colic. Price 25c bottle

To call the bee 'busy' is a misnomer. He works but half the time and loafs all winter.

Ony one love is there greater than that of a pure wife for a good husband-the love of a mosquito for a fat man's ankles.

When a man becomes engaged to a young lady he quits pestering the other girls to marry him anyhow-Mildew on leather will disappear

when rubbed a few minutes with a piece of flannel moistened with vaseline. A potato is a "spud" in Ireland, a "katofe" in Germany, a "papa"

in Spain, but in a potato stew it is more or less guess work. A deep yellow, with a shot of flame

red in its lights and shades, is the latest fashionable color. It is known as "Vesuvius."

Cane chair-bottoms may not be only cleansed, but made more springy and elastic by washing with soap and hot water. The chair should be turned upside down, and well soaked. Dry out in the wind and sunshine, and in a few hours it will be as firm as when new.

To clean a Panama hat use a weak solution of oxalic acid, applied with a cloth, or dip a cut lemon in sulfur, and rub, and then place the hat in the sun. In either case wash afterward with clear water.

GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

No Medicine So Beneficial to Brain and Nerves.

Lying awake nights makes it hard to keep awake and do things in daytime. To take "tonics and stimulants" under such circumstances is like setting the house on fire to see if you can put it

The right kind of food promotes refreshing sleep at night and a wideawake individual during the day.

A lady changed from her old way of eating to Grape-Nuts, and says:

"For about three years I had been a great sufferer from indigestion. After trying several kinds of medicine, the doctor would ask me to drop off potatoes, then meat, and so on, but in a few days that craving, gnawing feeling would start up, and I would vomit everything I ate and drank.

"When I started on Grape-Nuts, voiniting stopped, and the bloating feeling which was so distressing disappeared

entirely. "My mother was very much bothered with diarrhea before commencing the Grape-Nuts, because her stomach was so weak she could not digest her food. Since using Grape-Nuts she is well, and says she don't think she could live without it.

"It is a great brain restorer and nerve builder, for I can sleep as sound and undisturbed after a supper of Grape-Nuts as in the old days when I could not realize what they meant by a 'bad stomach.' There is no medicine so beneficial to nerves and brain as a good night's sleep, such as you can enje, after eating Grape-Nuts."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason."