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ALADIN'S PALACE REVIVED

Most Wonderful Hotel Pleases All Ease-Loving People.

MOVABLE CARPET ONE FEATURE
Every Convenience that Any Guest Could Wish for is to be Found in This Newest of Hotels.

In the Boulevard des Italiens, one of the most elegant streets of the French metropolis, there is a marvelous hotel. It is called La Maison Electrique and is the result of the genius of its proprietor, George Knapp. It has the unique quality of not using servants of any kind. From porter, bell boy, chambermaid and waitress to bootblack, all the work is done and all the calls are answered by electricity.

On getting out of his motor at the door, the arrival puts his feet on a movable carpet which carries him to the hotel office. Here, instead of a key, he is given a magnetic combination which opens his room. His baggage is taken to his room in an electric hoist and dumped into a position in his closet.

The traveler ascends in an elevator which is furnished with a series of buttons containing the numbers on the various floors; he presses the one which corresponds with the number of his room and the car stops to let him off.

This hotel has no fixed staircases whatsoever. Everything is either elevator, moving platform or escalator; and the person who gets into one or finds himself standing upon the other has not to move until he gets to the top.

Each room is furnished with bootblackers, and by pressing the necessary button with reference to meals as well. Coffee and rolls, for example, can be had by pressing the button which has written over it the words, "Light Breakfast." Some of the other buttons read: "Wine," "Beer," "Breakfast," "Menu," "Hour," etc.

By pressing the "Hour" button a panel appears in which is marked the exact time of day. When a meal is ordered in this manner a door under the button opens presently, and a table is pushed forward with a tray on it containing the desired supply.

Each room has telephone, electric light, electric appliances for bath and massage, cigar lighters, etc.

Nor are there any waiters in the dining room, nor "tips" required. The guest seats himself at a table, takes up the bill of fare, writes at his side, and his order is carried automatically to the kitchen in the basement, where the "chef" does the rest—with the aid of electric buttons and the cook.

The dishes are sent up to the guest by a dumb-waiter which buzzes, and he has only to press another button to have everything deposited in order before him.

Woman Accustomed to a Clean House Hates a Dirty One

"Yes, this house was 'thoroughly cleaned' before we moved into it in May," said a sprightly looking woman to her caller, "but I was very glad after I arrived that I brought my own cleaning apparatus with me. Since I bought my vacuum cleaner a year ago I have not been used to getting my hands dirty from working in any nook or corner of my house, but would you believe it, when I started to put away the moulting my fingers became positively black. I brought out my vacuum cleaner and a little rapid suction soon removed the accumulation from the moultings, but I have found many corners which needed it just as badly."

The vacuum cleaner which this lady has been using is one of the greatest improvements which has been made in the method of keeping house. It is the present day sure way of cleaning house.

Has Many Electric Motors.
Exclusive electric garages are now being fitted out to furnish the fluid for and to care for the physical upkeep of the 2,000 electric cars now in service in New York City.

The New York Electric Vehicle association is about to open an establishment which will furnish "bed and board" for several hundred cars. Two public garages are already catering to this class of trade. A large New York company has appropriated \$50,000 to establish an "experiment station" to serve motorists of the electric persuasion and it is predicted that more will follow.

After His Speech on Patriotism.
"Private Murphy," asked the captain, "why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?"

The Irishman scratched his head for a while; then an ingratiating and enlightening smile flitted across his face. "Sure, captain," he said pleasantly, "you're quite right. Why should he?"

What She Wants.
"Does your wife want to vote?"
"No. She wants a larger town house, a villa on the seacoast, and a new limousine car every six months. I'd be pleased most to death if she could fix her attention on a small matter like the vote."

"Murder—Help!" Call on Telephone Heard by Policeman

Two bold highwaymen recently entered the store of Charles J. Sutter of St. Louis, Mo., and waited until the young lady cashier started to count out the money for the pay envelopes.

One of them guarded the door while another demanded from the young lady cashier all the money she had.

The frightened young lady seized upon the nearby telephone as her means of defense. As the thief pointed a revolver at her she screamed "murder—help!" into the transmitter. One of the thieves grabbed the small sum of \$50 from among the large sum which he had expected to get and both men made a hasty exit in time to avoid the ten policemen, who came in answer to the telephone's "murder—help."

Flickering Light Causes Bad Eyes, Says Ellice Alger

In a paper prepared and read recently by Ellice M. Alger, M. D., before a meeting of the New York section of the Illuminating Society, there are some very excellent ideas expressed under the subject, "Illumination and Eye-strain." One subject discussed is flickering light.

"One of the greatest causes for eye-pain and headaches is that of a flickering light, for the muscular contraction of the retina is so sharp that this part of the eye becomes fatigued and oftentimes there is a temporary blindness. Continued exposure of the optic muscles to light of this variety will have a tendency to cause permanent blindness."

Swords into Plow Shares

A regular army bayonet, converted from an instrument of war and destruction into an implement of peace and conservation, now forms part of the hand-telephone bit of every forest ranger in the United States forest service. These bayonets have binding posts fixed to their ferrules and are used as ground rods to establish a return connection with the single-conductor telephone lines which are being built through the wilds of the principal national preserves. The most important use for these lines is the reporting of forest fires. When a ranger wishes to communicate with headquarters he uses a coil of bare wire from his kit, throws it over the nearest telephone wire, and "saves" on the two ends until a good connection is established. Meanwhile, his bayonet has been thrust deep into a moist place in the ground, and with the circuit thus completed the lonely wayfarer can talk with civilization, report his position or summon help.

TELEPHONE KEEPS TAB ON POLICE IN NEWEST SYSTEM

Police signaling systems, in which the telephone furnishes the means for communication between signal station and police headquarters, are coming more and more into universal favor as a reliable means of maintaining a check upon the movements of the police officers and of summoning aid in emergencies. One of these systems has been installed at Plymouth, Pa., a town which lies in the heart of the anthracite coal mining district and has a population of approximately 17,000 inhabitants, the majority of whom are employed in the mines.

Early Christmas Shopping.

In Toronto 43 women purchased toaster stoves in one day. Yes, it was bargain day and many of them claimed to be doing their Christmas shopping early. Two most worthy motives, to say nothing about the other excuse—a hot summer rapidly advancing and a hungry family to be fed. Women will be women on bargain day.

Barber Fights Baldness.

Barbers and hairdressers have a new medium at their service for the prevention of baldness. There is a new instrument for use in the fine art of hair singeing—one which attaches to an electric light socket and sings by heat alone. Those who have receded from the flaming taper will appreciate (although probably too late) this characteristic of the electric singe.

Have Advantages of City.

The rapidly with which the farmers in southern Idaho are adopting electricity to general uses on the farm has compelled the Great Shoshone & Twin Falls Water Power Co. to construct many miles of new line during the early spring. Practically seventy-five miles of additional new lines are now being constructed or will be built for this purpose. The company has approximately 600 miles of high-tension lines in southern Idaho, all of which are situated in a progressive, rapidly growing agricultural community.

A telephone system, American throughout in equipment and providing a service equal to that of any city in the United States, has recently been installed in Bahia, Brazil, and is giving complete satisfaction to subscribers.

RAILROAD ELECTRIC WASHER

Boxcars Cleaned on Western Road by New Device.

REVOLVING BRUSHES NOW USED
Plan May Be Modified So that Passenger Coaches May Be Taken Care Of in Somewhat the Same Manner.

Every day sees a new application of electricity in railroad operation for improving service, lowering operating costs and for greater convenience and comfort of the traveling public.

One of the electric railways of the west is using to very good purpose an electrical machine for washing box cars. The washing apparatus consists of two large cylindrical brushes mounted vertically on each side of the track and driven by a small electric motor. The brushes are piped with water from the shop mains and the washing process consists in simply running the car or train of cars on the track equipped with the revolving washers. The cars can in this way be cleaned very rapidly and with exceedingly low cost. Possibly a modification of this plan might be used to some advantage in passenger coach yards.

Storms Affect in No Way Electric Lamps; Proved Fact

Early last summer the residents of a country home awakened to the fact that a storm had left them without any light. Some small defect about their own home wiring had allowed some sort of a vibration along the wires, which had broken the old style lamps which they had in use.

These lamps burned were immediately replaced with the new style Mazda lamps, which have withstood all subsequent storms.

The family is drawking long breaths of relief over the fact that they do not have to overhaul their electric lighting installation.

People Run Their Own Wheel Chairs

Here is the latest method of traveling the board walk at Atlantic City and promenades of other fashionable summer and winter resorts.

It is an improvement, or rather the successor of the old wheel chair, which has been for so long the only method for many people to enjoy the close sweep of the breeze.

This new chair is really a small electric runabout, comfortably seating two people and allowing them the pleasure of their own driving. It is so easily controlled that no preliminary lessons are needed by anyone who wishes to sniff the sea at close range.

The new electric chair has but one speed, just about that of an ordinary walker.

Electric Fans for Cool Southern Hotel

The Maryland hotel at St. Louis, Mo., has just installed 240 special electric fans for the comfort of its patrons. A fan will be placed in every guest room, for which no extra charge will be made. During the summer when the temperature is at a standstill at the top of the thermometer in St. Louis, electric fans must sound good to those who expect to visit St. Louis and the Maryland during that time.

It Is Easy Work and Good Pay.

The two-gallon ice cream freezer is again becoming a popular article. Since some genius discovered that the sweat of man's brow could be saved and a small electric motor be used for turning a crank, home freezing has become the bitter rival of home cooking.

To attach a small motor to a crank and have swiftly concocted the season's favorite is an effort well worth the reward.

Ahead in Transportation.

Altogether 2,800 electric vehicles are registered in the state of Ohio. Of this number Cleveland leads off with 1,530, and other cities have the following: Columbus, 49; Toledo, 37; Cincinnati, 23; Youngstown, 14; and Akron, 9. The electric vehicles make up approximately 6 per cent of the total number of automobiles in the state.

Happygrams.

"What a debt we owe to modern sanitary science," said Mr. Landford, as he put down the newspaper.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed his wife. "Haven't you paid that plumber's bill yet?"

A double-track electric interurban railway is being built between Tokio and Yokohama, Japan. When completed next year it will be the most up-to-date railway in the far east.

Practically all of the old tramway lines operated by steam and compressed air locomotives in Paris, France, are being converted into electric street railways.



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