

DOORS CLOSE THEMSELVES

Guests in a Hurry at the Hotel Castle Do Not Have to Remember on Leaving Room.

DIFFERENT FROM OTHER DAYS

What man does not remember as one of the worries of his juvenile career the continual call of his elders to him to close the door.

My, my, it seemed that life was one long series of closing doors, that life was only one darn door after another.

Was he late to meet Tommy Jones to go fishin' and was he rushing out of the house with his pockets full of fish hooks and lines and sinkers (and worms perhaps) was he rushing out thus equipped at any time in the range of memory when he did not hear the maternal voice in solemn and sepulchral, and alas, perhaps threatening accents pronounce those fateful and fatal words, "Johnny, close the door," or, using the accusative instead of the imperative form, "Johnny, you haven't closed the door."

Oh, alas! Oh, what a waste of time. What a bother to stop the body going at full speed, at extra full speed such as is only put on when there is prospect of a day by the "orick" with a fishing rod and perhaps a swim in the old swimmin' hole.

What a waste of energy to stop the young human engine in full flight, reverse, retrace the steps at snail's pace, place a proper gear upon the physiology, grumble something about "that old door" and then get up speed again to the waiting Tommy Jones.

Don't Have to Remember.
But such was life in the days before men turned their attention to making doors that wouldn't have to be remembered for closing.

It seems some of these little "Johnnies" grew up with the determination to make their life work that of overcoming this defect in doors. And they succeeded. Nowadays doors close themselves. That is, a great many of them do. And when ordinary doors had been thus trained to the good habit of closing themselves, "Johnny" was so pleased with the result of his work that he turned his attention to other doors. He decided to make elevator doors close themselves. And he succeeded there, too.

The Castle hotel is equipped with these self closing elevator doors. Of course, it is easy to see that it is more important to have an elevator door that will close itself than an ordinary door that will close itself.

If the ordinary door remains open it does no more harm than letting in a

cold draught or a couple of hundred flies. But if an elevator door remains open after the elevator has gone, someone might step through that door and be killed in an instant.

The elevator doors at the Castle hotel close themselves as soon as the elevator operator's hand is taken off of them. They close up tight and they cannot be opened again until the elevator has returned again to that floor and the elevator operator's hand is again placed upon the door to open it. There is no danger of any guest in the Castle hotel falling down an elevator shaft even if the elevator man should forget to close the door.

"It is just another instance of the watchword of this hotel," said Manager Fred Castle. "And that watchword is 'safety.' We think of safety here not only first, but first, last and all the time in between."

Blue Taxis Ready For the Hotel Guests

The Blue Taxi company's taxicabs will be on the job at the Castle hotel, ready at any minute of the day or night to convey guests to or from any place with the traditional "heatness and dispatch" which are two features for which this company is famous.

A "blue streak" was long ago coined as a phrase indicating tremendous speed. An express train, they used to say, "went like a blue streak." There must be some connection between the blue streak and the blue taxis, both being noted for speed.

The service given by the Blue Taxi company has been commented on for its perfection and promptness. A blue taxi is the famous "Johnny on the spot" when and where its wanted, and the careful drivers and reliable up-to-date cars have made for this company an enviable record of safety first. The policy of the Castle is to be "safety first," and in the selection of its taxicab company it has added to the sureness of attaining its ideal in this respect.

Captured American Steamship is Sent to Great Britain

NEW YORK, March 20.—The American steamer Lorenzo and the Norwegian steamer Thor, captured last September by a British cruiser in West Indian waters while they were delivering supplies to the German raider Karlsruhe, sailed March 5 and 6 for England with British crews aboard, according to passengers of the steamer Parama, which



Lunch Room and Cafe at Hotel Castle

reached here today from the West Indies.

Passengers and officers of the Parama assumed, in view of the departure of the two captured vessels, that they had been sold by order of the prize court, although positive information was lacking on this point.

The two steamers, it was said, were to be taken first to Trinidad for overhauling.

The Lorenzo and Thor sailed from St. Lucia, where they were taken by the cruiser which captured them.

The Lorenzo is one of four vessels named in an indictment recently found in this city against officials and em-

ployes of the Hamburg-American line here, charging conspiracy to defraud the United States in clearing from this port for false destinations vessels laden with supplies to be delivered to German warships at sea.

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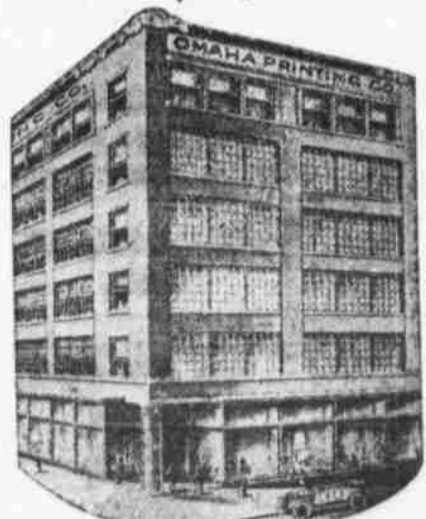
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