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POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 65,000.

The daily press announces that D. E. Thompson has returned from his eastern trip after buying \$100,000 worth of machinery for the new gas plant at Third and M streets and announces that it will be in a live operation before the summer is well advanced. This is all right, but if D. E. would make some practical reduction in the cost of gas, the public would have more cause for exhilaration over the announcement.

A few issues of the COURIER have elapsed since a contributor to these columns took occasion to "roast" ex-Governor Thayer and the state officers for making personal investments in Texas real estate. The article referred to was not noticed until too late, consequently ran through the issue unknown to the editor. It is but simple justice to the honorable gentlemen to say that if they had enough loose change in their pockets after paying for their daily bread and their sundry debts, that it is no ones business to criticize their private investments, provided they do not neglect their state duties to give them attention, and on this score the COURIER is satisfied everything is satisfactory.

LITERARY MENTION.

The March number of the Ladies Home Journal preserves most admirably the excellence which this popular magazine has accustomed its 700,000 readers to expect; the place of honor is given to the interesting and beautifully illustrated article by Ada Chester Bond entitled "A Royal Romance," which deals with the life of a queen and by E. Empress Eugenie, at Farnborough, England. Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher continues her interesting reminiscences of her famous husband, and Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, contributes her concluding paper on "The American Girl who Studied Abroad." Robert J. Burdette discourses pleasantly "From a New Ink Stand;" Ruth Ashmore continues her "Side Talks With Girls," and Foster Coates gives the boys much good information concerning trade schools, trade organizations and Tradesmen Who Have become famous. Altogether the March number is of unusual excellence and well worth its modest price of ten cents. Published at one dollar per year by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Bisland who recently married a wealthy New York lawyer, opens the March number of the Cosmopolitan with an article on the Cologne Cathedral beautifully illustrated from photographs. Adam Badeau, the ex-Congressman and the Countess Waldgrave, the ex-Congress General to Lincoln, during the regime of the Countess Waldgrave, was the resort of the cream of English society, and Gen. Badeau's article is full of interesting personal anecdotes and observations on the manner and customs of what is society in England. M. A. de Yonan, Commissioner of the World's Fair from California, has a most interesting article on expositions, sketching the history of their rise and progressive development, and proving as far as bold statistics can, that the Chicago Fair will surpass all preceding ones. The illustrations accompanying this article are from the pen of Harry Penn and adequately display to the reader the architectural glories of the Fair buildings. Patience Stapleton's story, "The Trailing Yew," is concluded, and Oscar Fay Adams appears with a delightfully amusing and satirical sketch entitled "An Archbishop's Unpleasant Moment." Mrs. Sea's Mexican study is a gem of crystallized observation and color. Charles E. L. Wingate gives one of his careful and pleasant studies of the history of the stage in "Fair Imogen upon the Stage." The other papers in this number are "A Night with a Leopard," a serio-comic adventure in Ceylon; "Political Cartoons of Tonnell," the great cartoonist of Punch; and a paper by the Editor on the problem of "Aerial Navigation," which the Cosmopolitan has a special effort to solve if it can. The departments are continued by Dr. Hale and Brander Matthews.

The leading article in the Forum for March, which begins Vol. XIII, is "Political corruption in Maryland," by Mr. Chaas J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, who explains the methods whereby the politicians of that state have given it an unpleasant notoriety; "The Question of free Coinage" - "Would Free Coinage Bring European Silver Here?" by E. O. Leeb, Director of the Mint, who maintains that free coinage would cause Europe to send its silver to the United States and "Free Coinage and an Elastic Currency," by Hon. R. P. Bland, a pro-coinage article. "Methods of Restoring Immigration" are discussed by Senator Chandler, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Immigration. Prof. David Swing, of Chicago, points out the change that has come within recent years in the observance of Sunday, and indicates what he thinks the American Sunday ought to be. Prof. F. O. Paabody, of Harvard, who is now in Europe, has made a special study of the municipal government of Dresden, which he analyzes and compares with our system of municipal government. In "The Education of the Future" - the way to a great advance over any educational work now done, is pointed out by Mr. Clarence King; and Prof. John Earle, of Oxford, the highest authority on the subject, writes of "The Study of English." Of interest to all literary workers are Mr. Walter Besant's explanation of "The Work of The British Society of Authors," in preventing the publishers from getting an unfair share of profits, and Mr. Charles Burr Todd's reasons for the organization of a similar society in America. Gen. E. F. Alexander, President of the Georgia Central Railroad, writes of "Industrial Progress in the South;" Mr. Courtenay De Kalb, of "The Intercontinental Railroad Problem;" and Col. A. A. Pope, of "An Industrial Revolution by Good Roads." - The Forum Publishing Company, New York. 50 cts. a copy; \$5 a year.

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Points About Certain Hotels in the City of New York.

(Special Correspondence.)

NEW YORK, March 10. - The oldest hotel in New York has just closed its doors and the building will be torn down to make room for a house for offices. Though this was the oldest hotel - I allude to the Stevens House in Broadway - it was only opened as a hotel fifty years ago and the house itself erected some twenty-five years earlier. This shows what a transition state New York has passed and is passing through. The Stevens House was famous in its day, as it was kept some half century ago by the first Delmonico, who there introduced in America what is called the European plan of hotel keeping - that is, a hotel in which lodging shall be so much and meals in accordance with the amount and quality consumed. This, by the way, is not the European plan, but an American adaptation of it.

At this old hotel Jenny Lind was a guest when she gave her great concert at Castle Garden, near by. In the old days, too, it was a great resort for politicians, and it is well remembered by the old timers that Daniel Webster, whose favorite stopping place was the Astor House, very often went to the Stevens House to attend important political conferences. And to the end the old hostelry remained a gathering place for politicians.

Whenever one of these down town hotels passes away those observers who look only on the surface and see only what is happening on the great arteries of the city tell the same story of the passing northward of the hotels of the metropolis, and predict that in a little while the center around which these hotels will cluster will be somewhere in the neighborhood of Central park. And if only such places be taken into consideration as those at which wealth has been flaunted and fashion been upon review, doubtless these observers are right both in statements and predictions. Property on such main streets as Broadway and Fifth avenue has become so valuable for office buildings and other business purposes that it is no longer profitable to utilize it for hotel sites, unless hotels can charge prices that only the rich can pay. The rich naturally wish to be within the precincts of fashion, and therefore for such there are cloud capped palaces upon Fifth avenue and in the neighborhood thereof.



THE STEVENS HOUSE.

But in the lower part of the city, away from the great thoroughfares, there are four or five quite large hotels that are as fixed institutions as any in the city. These are not fashionable hotels in the usual acceptation of that term, but each has a fashion of its own. One of them, once in a great thoroughfare, but now a mere side street by reason of the diversion of traffic by the building of the Brooklyn bridge, was in bygone years the stopping place for all belated Brooklynites, and the meeting place, too, for the skippers in port. In the days before the war, when the United States had a merchant marine and the docks about New York were crowded with sailing craft flying the American flag, this old tavern, an imposing edifice then to eyes unaccustomed to modern structures, was crowded with these old sea dogs, who, while in port at least, went in for a gay, good time. And even now there is a suggestion of the sea in the guests at this hotel, which rarely has an empty room, winter or summer, and whose tables are crowded at breakfast, luncheon and dinner.

Another of the places I allude to is just across town from that mentioned, and close by the Hudson river and in the neighborhood of the great downtown markets. This place, too, has a distinctive patronage and one that is never likely to desert so long as the markets stay where they are. In an evening in the office or reading room of this hotel it would be easy to tell the calling of almost each man encountered. This man is a drover, that a butcher, this one raises vegetables on a large scale in New Jersey or on Long Island, and so on and so on. Now it must not be understood that this is a pigsty of a place. Not at all. It is as clean as soap and water can make it, and the guests are as particular about their food as men can be. In their working clothes they look a little rough, it is true, and it is something of a shock to sit at the same table with a man wearing a "jumper" over his clothes, but when you see that he is eating sweetbreads and fresh mushrooms this feeling vanishes.

At the door of this place I met a man wearing a blue and white check "jumper" and overalls of the same material. He spoke to me. I looked at him, and after some hesitation recognized a man who a few years ago had been a fashionable tailor on Fifth avenue, and had driven his dogcart through Central park every afternoon. I knew that he had been ruined by some Wall street speculation, but my face showed too plainly that I was surprised to see this one time bird of gay plumage so apparelled. He saw my surprise and my pity too. "Oh, don't mind," said he, "I am all right. I have a place in the dock department and this togery makes my work easier. If you meet me on town on a day off you will find that I am as great a dandy as ever." And he laughed a happy laugh of contentment. How many men, thought I, unable longer to go the up town pace find peace and comfort in the obscurity of these hotels of which the great world knows little!

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