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Walter Wellman is Amazed by the stupendous Enterprise of Chicago and Charmed by the Hospitable Manliness of Minneapolis.

[Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, June 23.—This wonderful city of the west is today contributing more than its share to the current history of the times.

But leave Chicago for a year or two and it is like stepping out of a theater near the end of an act.

Chicago is the amazing, the dumfounding city of the western hemisphere. Once I lived here, and then thought I knew the place pretty well.

You have all heard and read about Chicago's wonderful high buildings, and probably I can tell you nothing new about them.

Over and over again this process is repeated throughout a year. The old buildings have just as many tenants as they ever had.

As the huge office buildings multiply I am glad to say the women have had their dainty fingers in the pie.

And the rapidity with which they do these great things in magic Chicago! Last February I was here, and a friend pointed to a vacant lot in which workmen were making excavations.

The big wigwam in which they are today nominating a candidate for president is another example of the rapidity with which they carry on great constructions here.

Chicago is no longer a borrower. All her Boston mortgages have been lifted. She has paid her debts, grown rich and now has more money than she knows what to do with.

It is a great pleasure to record the fact that Chicago, having learned how to acquire, is now learning how to give. In no other American city is so much money being spent today in purely public enterprises, art schools, technical schools, libraries, universities.

To my notion the two most interesting cities in America today are these two convention cities of 1892—Minneapolis and Chicago.

George Brackett's was a noteworthy but typical case. As chairman of the executive committee in Minneapolis a lion's share of the work fell to him.

Everybody wants to keep alive, shows signs of financial distress, Brackett is called upon to take hold and revive it. If a disaster occur, and a strong, courageous, masterful man is wanted to lead the rescuing party, or to bring order out of chaos, or raise relief funds, Brackett is sure to be the man.

Since I have been up here in the north-west I have learned to feel genuine pride in the cities of this region and the men who made them—Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Omaha, Sioux City and dozens of others.

They are typical American cities too. In each one finds New Englanders, New Yorkers and "Western Reserve Yankees" forming the core of the public body.

These Scandinavians make splendid citizens, and the quarter of Minneapolis which is inhabited almost exclusively by them is noted for its thrift and good order.

The Chilians evidently do not believe in letting articles of food go to waste. After making cider and wine from their apples they extract from the refuse a white and finely flavored spirit, and by another process they procure a sweet treacle, or, as they term it, honey.

The largest business handled by any woman in America is probably the money department of the Pittsburgh post-office, where the receipts are more than \$2,000,000 per annum.

Origin of Earrings. According to the Moslem creed, the reason why every Mohammedan lady considers it her duty to wear earrings is attributed to the following curious legend.

The legend does not inform us whether Abraham afterward felt it incumbent upon him to mitigate the smart of these little wounds by the gift of a costly pair of earrings, or whether Hagar procured the trinkets for herself.

The Women of Eastern Peru. Almost without exception the women of eastern Peru belong to the class of cholera, or halfbreeds.

Wants a Provident Dress Society. To girls with slender allowances any sudden emergency in dress occurring just when they have supplied themselves with a stock of garments for the coming season is often extremely embarrassing.

Ugly Hindoo Women. The men among the Hindoos of Bombay are by all odds handsomer than the women.

Wearing Veils. A lady's face veil is a very small affair, usually it is scarcely a suggestion of a veil, simply a breath of something that may cover the eyes and nose.

A Woman Who Worked. Mme. du Chatelet worked sometimes nearly the entire night until 5 or 7 o'clock in the morning; she would rise at 9 or 10, and even earlier when she had gone to bed at 4, which she called cockerow.

Advice to Mothers. We strongly commend to mothers the following advice from a very high medical authority: There are one or two general principles safe to follow as making for prevention.

Build up bone and fat and muscle, especially fat, by every known means during periods of growth and development. Make fresh air the breath of life to the young period. If possible, alcohol and narcotic stimulants. Do not cultivate, rather restrain, the imaginative and artistic faculties.

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