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SARATOGA

A Sketch of the Great Summer Resort of New York.

Special Dispatches to This Box. SARATOGA, N. Y., August 17. - This peerless watering place has many ways of delighting her guests.

What places of interest shall we visit? is a question often repeated. Take a walk down Broadway and get your first glimpse of the gay life here, and I will tell you of other matters later.

You will see a line of superb hotels. The piazzas are crowded with handsomely dressed ladies, and a smaller number of gentlemen. It is said this season has been remarkable in having so many people of unusually strikingly fine appearance.

Another fete champetre will be given soon on the grounds of the Grand Union hotel. These are brilliant occasions and long to be remembered.

You will see on Broadway superb horses and carriages. Some of the horses cost \$1,000 or more; some of the carriages \$1,500.

You have heard of the renowned swimmer Capt. Paul Boyton. He has gone over 2,500 miles of river travel. His longest voyage was down the Yellowstone, down the Missouri and Mississippi to St. Louis.

Clara Louise Kellogg, aided by Sigor T. Ranko, Mr. Teitich, MacLaine Schuller, has lately given a superb concert in the ball room of the United States hotel.

Blind Tom is considered a prodigy. He is not only blind but of weak mind, yet he plays difficult compositions with ease, and often after one hearing. His concert is spoken of as remarkable.

Hou. Geo. Batcheller has lately given lectures upon Egypt. Being our minister there, he has had a good opportunity of understanding the customs and state of affairs of the Egyptians.

At Dr. Hamilton's institute excellent medical lectures have been given. This well known health establishment is full to overflowing.

The bar association has lately met here. Dentists are helping a convention, and other conventions are to follow.

No letter would be complete without mention of the valuable mineral springs. Hathorn spring is the most famous. It is the most powerful water in Saratoga in stomach and liver difficulties.

From far and near the procession of water drinkers come and go. Some are annual drinkers and come to the Hathorn spring as to a wise physician.

It supplies the thousands of patients abundantly, but no one is to see their improvement, nor even to hear their blessings. It is excellent for malaria. You can get here a full view of the changing crowd here.

At United States hotel a benefit ball was last evening given to Prof. Stuts, the leader of the band. We saw beautiful dresses, it would seem exhausted to find business odd and striking. This ball was a brilliant affair.

Saratoga has its lights and shadows, its churches and places of ruin. Good men and women are striving to lift humanity and serve God. Rev. William Humpstone has been holding a series of gospel meetings which have been well attended.

A daily prayer meeting is held and the clergyman discusses various religious topics and advances different views which make them of much interest.

The grave of the youthful poetess, Margaret Davidson, is in the corner of the cemetery. Many visit it with mournful interest.

The drives which are most frequented are to Lake Mitchell, Saratoga lake, to Mt. McGregor, and to Geyser Spring. This last is a drive which almost every one who visits the place takes.

There is a pity distinguished people do not go labeled. We meet them everywhere, but to know who is an author, artist, congressman, or foreign ambassador is left to be guessed unless some one happens to inform you.

There is much more I would like to write. More next year. Adieu. S. P. E.

Straw Lumber. There can be no question that straw lumber is admirably adapted to many kinds of finishing work--barrels, table and counter tops, fine doors, and ornamental work; and, we are assured that it can be produced and sold in competition with the finer grades of pine or about equal in price with wide walnut.

of fulfilling their contract, the company sued out an injunction to prevent the city from making use of its rights. Still later permission was asked by the same arbitrary group to add to the buildings on the Battery, making its substantially a yard for the cars. This was refused by the Park Commission, when the officials of the company withdrew from the meeting, vowing vengeance upon the Commissioners who had been faithful to their duties to the people.

The meditated vengeance seems to have been the purpose to go right ahead and monopolize just as much of the park as the company thought expedient. Without attempting any disguise preparations have been ostentatiously made to lay foundations for the structure, and sure enough on Tuesday, an hour or more after midnight, gangs of workmen broke into the asphalt walks on the battery and soon transformed the smooth surface into unrecognizable debris.

A single policeman happening by chance to hear the picks, demanded the authority of the leader of the gang, who showed him a written order from one of the commissioners to make excavations in the streets, and caused a cessation of the insolent scheme under threat of arrest. But the event in itself is common enough. A great city is absolutely helpless against the enterprise of any body of knaves who, under cover of corporate rights, choose to seize public parks, highways or what not.

Although the fences in an agricultural community are the most enormous tax which the farmer has to bear and the subject has attracted the attention of agricultural societies and journals and the public press generally, no systematic effort has been made until the census now in process of compilation to reach actual data as to the cost of the same. In the schedule of the recent census an inquiry was inserted to ascertain the outlay for building and repairing farm fences during the year 1879.

Have no fear of any of these diseases if you use Hop Bitters, as they will prevent and cure the worst cases, even when you have been made worse by some great pulled up pretended cure.

The Duke of Westminster, who was recently married to Lady Catherine Cavendish, is one of the wealthiest men in the world. He comes of an ancient family which has been the channel of the Conqueror, but it is a family which acquired no distinction, save as great landlords with fat rent rolls, until the present century.

When the first earl, Grosvenor, gained a reputation as a supporter of the British turf, and the second earl, by siding with the reformers in 1831, gave the family the liberal bias which it still preserves. The third earl and present duke succeeded in 1859 his father, who was so avaricious that when the Great Eastern was launched some London wit suggested that it be named the Marquis of Westminster, because it was the "greatest screw in existence."

The present duke is credited with owning 19,437 acres, which brings in a nominal rent of £37,000, while he has expectations of succeeding to his mother's estate, which yields nearly as much again. But his main claim to great wealth rests in his London property. He owns entire blocks in the fashionable west end of London, the rentals from which now amount to an enormous sum, and will be greatly increased at the end of this century, when the present leases expire.

The Duke has numerous town and country houses, a magnificent library, the finest private collection of manuscripts in the world, and a stable of thoroughbreds, among which are Bend Or, Shotover, Peregrine and other famous flyers. He is very liberal in his charitable gifts, rivaling in this respect the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. His bride is thirty years his junior, but this is no uncommon circumstance in the family, as an ancestor of his married at 70, had five children and lived to the ripe old age of 90.

Vanderbilt and Gould are counted as wealthy men, but their speculations will have to yield many fold before they keep pace with the increase of the Duke of Westminster's London property. The latter proves the oft-repeated assertion that nothing is so sure to increase in value as well-selected real estate. The growth of London has been extraordinary, and its present advances in size and wealth is marvelous, but this increase is no more astonishing than that of New York, Chicago or San Francisco. The solid millionaires of the twentieth century in this country will not be the speculators, but the owners of valuable real estate in the great cities.

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Some time ago the company was permitted to build a hideous and unsightly structure on the pretty sward of the battery, under promise that it should be removed on ninety days' warning by the city authorities. The whole city rebelled against the structure and the ninety days' notice was given. But instead

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