

# No Hotel Ever Offered More Complete Accommodations for Its Patrons

## One Place Where the Visitor Got Most Warm and Hearty Welcome

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the torador. His duties this year were not so arduous, since he was not required to wrestle the Jersey bull every night. Dan Butler was the lookout on the lookout principally for detectives that might at any moment lay siege to the city hall.

**Some Did Other Stunts.**  
Aerobats four were maintained by Samson for the big show. They were Alex Reed, Kenneth Reed, John Hogan and H. E. Mahaffey. And such aerobats as they inflicted upon the unsuspecting, it was a sin. Charles Gardener was the chief Satan, who always complained when there was no ice in his room, and who sang the clever song:

"Roast boys, and toast boys,  
We'll cock you to a turn, etc., etc."  
William Lawrence, the night clerk in the Devil's Hotel, was incessantly fighting over the telephone with the coal man, who was sending coal C. O. D., as well as booting the chief stoker back into the coal hole when he wanted to go on a strike. Nine husky imps with red-hot forks stroked the melting coals constantly and sang fiendish songs. When they are in civilian clothes moving among civilization in Omaha they are S. P. Conover, Clint Miller, Jerome Latch, William H. Bohen, George A. Hageman, G. H. Heintze, H. A. Everenden, A. L. Lemon and T. V. Lauritzen. The porter was C. R. Docherty. Harry Benford was the devil's stenographer. A right smart little lady in red was he, F. H. Hanson and Bert Fox were the bell hops. Always in red and with spiked tail and horns, they were busy people carrying carbolic acid in ice pichers to the rooms, and bounding "front" at the beck of his satanic viciousness.

**Just Horse Marines.**  
Then there are a lot of fellows, who for convenience are dubbed the "horse marines." They work like troopers, for they have to manage the wild candidates from the woods and see that the proper ones are directed into the proper channels of torture. They select big husky fellows for this force. So here is their list: James Corr, William Chuda, P. O. Jennings, Charles Hunt, Henry F. Meyers, William Fox, William Karbach, Charles Lewis, C. C. Phelps and E. J. Garvey.  
Again, for guardians of the portals, where the huskies try to slide into the no-initiation gate such a formidable array of sturdy yeomen as these stood: H. Petrie,

P. Peterson, R. F. Heyden, H. Ertle and Harry Foster. To shoot buttons into the buttonholes of each and every candidate who came within the portals and to let none escape unbuttoned, stood the brave brace of vigilants, Walter Thomas and Louis Hiesdorf. John Himeo was the fan

podder, and this was a man's job during the hot weather of summer. He would gladly have changed with one of the horse marines, but without complaint he continued in his duty. W. H. Swift and Ed Palmer were ticket purveyors. No, these fellows did not sing and get applause, but because they are proud of old Omaha, they worked fast and hard for hours every Monday night writing out tickets for visitors. Six sturdy warriors as door-keepers at the outside entrance had their hands full every Monday, for exceedingly hard did many visitors try to break through the turnstile to the left when someone had put them wise that meant no initiation. Those who turned them by the horns and steered them aright are Charles Karbach, J. P. Baum, W. H. Crawford, Fred Schemel, Walter Rosicky and A. Storz.

## Wounds Remarkable in Healing Quickly

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Sept. 19.—The rapidity with which the wounds of soldiers are healed and the practical absence of blood poisoning has been a surprise in view of the "deadly effectiveness" of the modern army weapons.  
"The antiseptic treatment of wounds almost immediately after their infliction has a great deal to do with the fact that cures are effected in such a short time as has been demonstrated in the London hospitals," said one of the physicians in attendance upon the wounded British soldiers.  
"While surgery has made wonderful strides in the last decade, the results might have been different were it not

## He Balked on His Job of Stoking



that the antiseptic preventive measures have been applied with the utmost efficiency.  
"Another very important reason lies in the fact that the bullet fired from a modern rifle travels with such velocity as to obviate the danger of a ragged wound, and unless a vital organ lies in the path of it, the recovery presents no overdificult problem."

## KEEP SIEGE GUN SECRET

After Germany Tested Huge Weapons Existence Was Shielded.

## OFFICERS ARE KEPT BLIND

Even Committee Presenting Matter to Reichstag Used Cognomen of Arms for This Particular Appropriation.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Sept. 15.—A member of the German Parliament, who for nearly ten years has been connected with the army budget committee of the Reichstag, tells some interesting things of the history of the now famous 42-centimeter siege guns which served the Germans so effectively at Liege and Namur.

"The surprise that Germany possessed such mortars," he says in an article published by the Neue Zuescher Zeitung, "was as great in Germany as it was in other countries. After completion of secret tests with these guns some time ago, and the decision of the government to order a number of them, it was a problem as to how to keep the matter a secret."

"Over forty officers took part in the discussions at which the military budget was prepared for submission to the budget committee of the Reichstag. When a new clause was reached with only the heading 'arms,' the chief of the department of arms requested that for the time being this subject could not be discussed. At the conclusion of the conference he told me in strict confidence that the title 'arms' involved new siege mortars."

"The general staff requested urgently that not a word be said of the matter in the committee, not even the officers present had any knowledge of it."

**Such Ammunition Available.**  
"Six weeks ago I visited an ammunition factory as a member of the armament commission and ascertained that any number of projectiles and cases for these mortars could be produced within a very short time. In reply to my question whether these mortars did not wear out rapidly, a director of the company said, 'There are not enough fortresses in existence in the whole world to wear out a single mortar.' As a matter of fact our army possesses 3,000 mortars of an earlier date which are still usable."

The official North German Gazette also discusses these new mortars with special reference to their projectiles. It says: "If a weapon of the German army has a claim to popularity it is the 42-centimeter mortars which in spite of their huge dimensions have managed to remain concealed. In fact, the nickname, 'Bummer,' which has been given to these mortars shows how far their popularity has pro-

gressed. One cannot be astonished that a shot which bursts with accuracy a weight of 300 pounds over a space of a German mile to its goal causes an atmospheric pressure which for miles around hurle everything into the air. Reports have been shown that the projectile, after it has left the mortar, causes a great noise only by cutting through the air."

**Quite Honest.**  
"Gentlemen, I can't be about the horse; he is blind in one eye," said the auctioneer.  
The horse was soon knocked down to a pillion who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty and after paying for the horse he said:  
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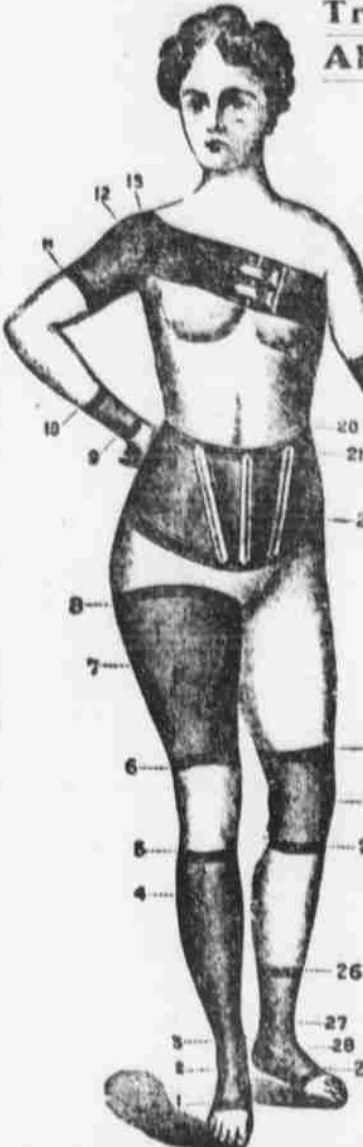
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