

GLIMPSES OF CHICAGO.

NOTES BY A NEW YORKER AFTER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE.

He Says the Streets Are the Shabbiest and Filthiest He Ever Saw, but Gives Much Praise to the Cable Cars, Parks, and Drives.

The New York Sun prints a report of a New York man's first experience of Chicago. The New Yorker had a German friend for company. The following parts of The Sun's article are interesting:

Chicago's streets are the shabbiest and filthiest the New Yorker ever saw, and he is tolerably well acquainted and at home in every American and Canadian city east of the Queen of the West. Clark street, Randolph street, Adams and Van Buren streets, Wabash avenue, and, in fact, all the streets they saw, or walked on, except State street, were full of ruts and holes; and State street needed cleaning to a degree that would have made Capt. Williams cry and the heart of Mr. Coleman ache. Evidently the reporter learned the reason for this.

"Chicago builds each year more than she can afterwards maintain," a man said. "She builds new miles of streets, and has to let the old miles fall out of repair. She has appropriated nothing for street-cleaning this year, and whatever is done in that line is done by day's work."

During the day the visitor rode several miles in all directions in the cable cars. They are admirable. They will leave New York behind the age as long as she is without them. One does not see them at their best in Philadelphia; it is necessary to go to Chicago, where they form the main means of intercommunication, to understand and enjoy them. The cars ride easily, move swiftly, stop quickly and gently, start without inconveniencing the passengers, and are better in most respects than New York's elevated roads. There seems to be no radical defect in the cable system. The cables cross one another, turn corners, cross beneath horse-car tracks, and surmount every obstacle that a crowded city presents. The people, children and all, seem accustomed to them and give them a wide berth in crossing the streets; but for emergencies the alarm bells are rung, and each car has a little pilot, or "cow-catcher," of boards under each platform.

THE PARKS OF CHICAGO.
The parks of Chicago should be her pride, as they evidently are her joy. In spite of the flatness of the marsh and prairie land out of which they were constructed, they are more beautiful than cars at home, or, if not in all respects more beautiful, they are so well and so proudly maintained that they make us blush for our Central park, and for Fairmount in Philadelphia, and even for Baltimore's great pleasure ground, Washington park, as it is called on the South park territory, through which the New Yorker drove Sunday, is exceedingly beautiful. It is larger than Central park, and deserves a visit from our park commissioners in order that they may learn two essential things—how to maintain a park in a manner creditable to themselves, and how to make a park of value to the people whose property it is, and of whom they are the hired and well-paid servants. This park is divided into three parts—award, road and lake. There are no paths to speak of and they are not needed. The settlers for people are scattered upon the park, and the people move them about to keep in the people moving shade of the trees. The grass, constantly watered, and mowed every five days, is a dense, soft, smooth carpet; and the broad, curving roads of clay and gravel, are as level as the surface of a bill pool. The earth excavated to construct the great and pretty lake small hills have been made to diversify the surface and to allow for landscape effects, which have been delightfully achieved. By the way, whoever hires a boat on this lake may fish for the bass that swarm in the water. Think of it, ye tyrants of our neglected, shabby parks—the public lolling and romping on the regal laws and fishing in the lake!

The gardener in the park is interesting, though as untrammelled in his ingenuity as the tiny gophers that sit upon their haunches in the grass over which he presides. He starts Chicago with his handiwork. He constructs and he cultivates of little ice plants, sets out a great calendar of pretty flowers, changing it for every day in the summer, presents to the delighted Chicagoan view a huge floral sun-dial that actually marks the time of day, and in the matter of elephants, bears, and anchors, crosses and the like, literally grows the ground, his ingenuity knows no let or hindrance.

A NOBLE PLEASURE GROUND.
Lincoln park swarmed with happy visitors Sunday. It is the central park of Chicago, lies on Lake Michigan, and is best reached by way of Dearborn avenue, which, though Chicago does not appreciate it, is the handsomest, most aristocratic and impressive street in Chicago. It is more eloquent of true praise of the solid, wholesome, dignified qualities that must be considerable than all the Prairie and Michigan and the like avenues the place possesses. It contains less that is offensive than any other avenue or boulevard. But Lincoln park is a noble pleasure ground. The trees are older than in the other parks, and the drive along Lake Michigan, as well as the views that the lake affords, are godsend to the city, which, by the way, is said to be almost always cool by reason of its watered situation.

Not only in respect of its parks does Chicago excel the metropolis. Her drives are even more excellent than her parks. In Chicago one may take his own or one of the cheap and good livery of the public livery-men and ride over forty miles of roads that are simply perfect, and that intersect very beautiful districts, both rural and suburban. He will constantly meet the hideous but welcome watering-carts that account for the general absence of dust; and if, while he is on the south side, he will follow one of these carts into its stable, he will see one of the prettiest sights in Chicago—a wooden rostrum, open like a circus in the middle, and framed with two rows of stalls, occupied by beautifully groomed and stalwart fat horses, monarchs of their kind. Each stall is labeled with its occupant's name—"Fid D." in compliance to the grand poeng; "Carter H." after the mayor; "Long John," in honor of Mr. Wentworth, and so on. These horses drag the sprinklers and public buses, and among them are a few animals of gentler mold for the police, "Fid D." in compliance to the grand poeng; "Carter H." after the mayor; "Long John," in honor of Mr. Wentworth, and so on. These horses drag the sprinklers and public buses, and among them are a few animals of gentler mold for the police, "Fid D." in compliance to the grand poeng; "Carter H." after the mayor; "Long John," in honor of Mr. Wentworth, and so on.

Nevada still has 1,500,000 acres of land for sale.
P. Marion Crawford's income from his novels is now \$20,000 a year.

A CURIOUS ORIENTAL LAND

Now Being Scientifically Explored for the First Time.

During the past five years a work of great national and scientific interest has been going on in Japan. It is only within a few months that anything has been known of Japan in this country or in Europe. It has revealed hitherto unknown features of the country, and has thrown a flood of light on its geography, geology, and resources, both actual and possible. When the survey was begun there were hardly any maps which were reliable. The proportion of explored and unexplored resources was not known. The coast survey was quite correct, but the interior of the country was almost a terra incognita. The nature of the soil, the face of the country, and a topographical survey, were matters to be systematically examined and put on record.

The survey is conducted by three departments—topographical, geological, and agronomical. A fourth—a climatic section—was the last to be organized. The material presented by the geological and agronomical, the difficulties of the work have been numerous. The Japanese chain of islands is little more than a huge and complicated range of mountains, which in parts, is hardly passable. Any road that could be accomplished only by great physical vigor and powers of endurance. The inadequate training of engineers and the ignorance of cartography as understood in Europe have proved serious obstacles to the success of the work. Again, the government, which would not for a moment allow the work to be done out of the country, was at a loss how to accomplish its object. Lithography and heliogravure were tried, but the Japanese did not understand these arts.

Ultimately the Topographical Engineering company in Tokio was intrusted with the work, under the constant superintendence and control of a director, and it is curious to note that the maps are all etched, not engraved. The maps published are: A geological map showing the distribution of primitive, secondary, and tertiary deposits; an orographic map, showing the surface, shape, represented by horizontal layers, and the depths of surrounding soil; a magnetic map, representing the isogonic, the isoclinic, and the isodynamic lines of Japan; maps of the great historical earthquakes. A geological map, showing the distribution of primitive, secondary, and tertiary deposits; an orographic map, showing the surface, shape, represented by horizontal layers, and the depths of surrounding soil; a magnetic map, representing the isogonic, the isoclinic, and the isodynamic lines of Japan; maps of the great historical earthquakes.

In a Chicago Newsboys' Sunday School.
A few Sundays since several different biblical characters were being discussed in one of the classes. Solomon had been duly examined and his powers unanimously commended. Without a dissenting voice he was pronounced a "good one." Samson having been passed upon, the teacher led up a discussion of Solomon by inquiring "Who was the wisest man who ever lived?" "Solomon," promptly responded the sturdy young man, whose Sunday cleanness made him an uneasy likeness of his ordinary grim self.

"Naw!" exclaimed a somewhat larger boy, with the derisiveness common to small superior technical knowledge, "Solomon was the wisest man as ever lived." "Solomon?" exclaimed the first boy in a tone of utter scorn. "He wasn't nothin' but an old shoney. I tell you Robinson Crusoe was the wisest man. He made a livin' on a desert island, all alone he did. I tell you it takes wisdom to do that. Solomon never did it; he didn't know enough." And this advocate of practical wisdom squared himself with a decision which seemed to indicate that he was not only ready to stand for his opinion, but, if opportunity offered, to strike out from the shoulder in support of his hero's claims to superiority in wisdom.—Chicago Times.

The Religion of the Koran.
Islam is one of the strangest facts in the history of man; under some aspects stranger even than Christianity itself. Christendom only partially acknowledges the influence of Christianity. The civilization of Christendom is not Christian but Roman in origin; its science and literature are Greek; its social systems mainly feudal and Teutonic. But the religion and civilization of Islam are one; the Koran is the standard of its literature, and the Moslem desires no further explanation of the mysteries of man and nature than what is given in the book dictated by God's own angel and in the traditions of its early commentators.

According to the Paris Journals.
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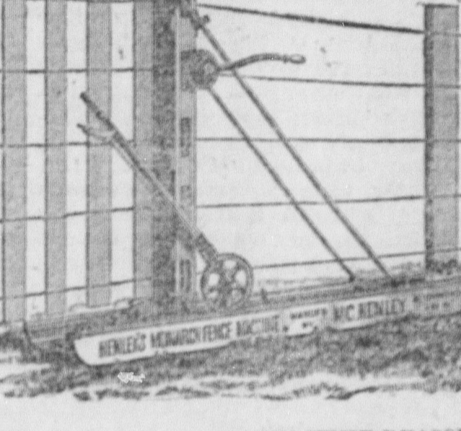
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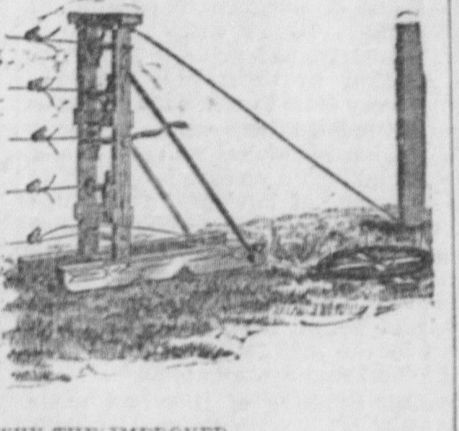
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