

FARE AT AMERICAN HOTELS.

A New in the Right Direction—The Dietary Also Improving. George lies in the Century.

When I have seen the lengthy bill of fare so commonly furnished at large American hotels, and thought of the waste entailed, I have often believed that a reformer might succeed by establishing, say in New York, a hotel on a new plan, one that would afford the small, good variety that one finds at the smaller London hotels of the best class—a variety well cooked and served, through the cook's attention not being dissipated among a multitude of dishes.

In New York the leading house on the American plan does not provide its table with much more than one-half the variety of dishes one may have offered at second-rate, pretentious concerns throughout the country. The dietary, too, in America is unquestionably improving. Fruit and vegetables are consumed much more plentifully than before quick trains transported them cheaply and canned became a prodigious business.

But hot bread and cakes still hold their own, and the baleful ice-pecifier remains active for stomachic mischief. Porridge, however, is more easily had at a hotel in New York than in Edinburgh, and, with cracked wheat, has gone abroad throughout the Union, crossed the Rockies and visited the Pacific slope, doing good all the way.

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Amst a Romance.

Berth Gerolt, daughter of the Prussian minister to the United States, who entered the Monastery of the Visitation in 1874, was of a Catholic family, although her father represents a Protestant kingdom. She was of a refined nature, much sweetness and sensibility, and probably felt for her father, who was growing old, was quite poor, and, in the opinion of Count Bismarck, against the Catholic church, stood in danger of losing his legation.

How She Treats.

When men go together they generally shake for the costs of the dinner. This is generally pay their shares, but I like to watch the conscious superiority, the bland importance a girl puts on when she is going to pay the check for the feast. The affectionate attention she receives from the others is a simple and efficient guide to the purse of the party.

The Curse of Chinatown.

The growth of Chinatown is a very serious question for property owners in the northern part of San Francisco because the existence of such a blot has far reaching effects in depreciating the value of land on that side of the city. It has cast a blight from California street to North Beach. While people are going many miles out into the southwestern portion of the city to find homes, on the northern side there are large unimproved spaces lying within ten blocks of the heart of the business quarter.

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Living Cheaply in the City.

The writer was conversing, the other day, with a young man of reduced fortune, who has been dining for years at the restaurant, and whose appearance certainly does not indicate that the experience has been prejudicial to him. "What is the use of my patronizing So and So's saloon," he exclaimed, "where I can get as good elsewhere for 10 or 15 cents? Ashamed of being seen going into these places? Certainly not. I have long ago got over that feeling, my boy, and I have been the gainer by it, pecuniarily and otherwise. What care I if it is a grimy faced workman who is my vis a vis at table? I consider a dirty faced, hard working laborer as good as I am, and anyway I am not fool enough to throw away my money on a mere sentiment to fill the pockets of your tony saloonkeeper. What? The smell? Of yes, I know it isn't pleasant sitting in the atmosphere of these places for very long, but one gets used to that as to everything else."

He had been rich and wasteful a few years ago, and now the writer ventured to ask him:

"What may be your average weekly expenditure for board at present?"

"Less than \$5—sometimes considerably less," he answered at once. "I have a snug little room, with gas and all other modern conveniences, you know, in a respectable private family, for \$1.75 a week; my breakfast seldom costs me more than 5 or 8 cents, my dinner 15, and my supper 10, so that you see I worry along very well on slightly over \$2 a week for my food and my whole weekly expenses, except on rare occasions, do not exceed \$4 or \$4.50, at the most, and sometimes I fall under both figures. What is the consequence? Why, I save more out of my \$10 a week now than I did five years ago out of \$5. And you can depend upon it there are men in Brooklyn to-day of whom you would not expect it, when you see them in the street, who are obliged to live as cheaply and humbly as I do."

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The strictness of France is proverbial. It has been eating for ages into the very vitals of the nation, until now its effect is plainly discernible in a decadence alike physical and mental. The present generation is paying the terrible penalty for the sins of the past, with the cumulative burdens of its own and the Germans, who were almost despised by Napoleon and his legions, are now in the ascendant, not alone because of superior military discipline, but because the vigor and the courage, which are seldom present in the diseased and effeminate body and mind, are alarmingly absent from the French of to-day.

England is still a nation of fine physical manhood. Her middle and lower classes retain a good share of their ancient virtues, but the unearned wealth and idleness are sapping the constitution of the aristocracy, and vice may be nearly as rampant, although not as vile, in London as in Paris.

Something Novel in Vases.

Flower vases, developed in growing grass, attract the attention of passers by to the windows of a Washington street florist. These vases are made in Italy. They are ordinary pottery, but are so baked in the kiln as to be quite porous. To grow the grass the vase is soaked for a day in water. The finest of English grass seed is then sprinkled on the outside, the vase is filled with water, and the grass soon begins to grow. The vase must be kept filled with water, for from it the grass gets nourishment. The fine blades grow about half an inch long, lying close to the vase. They will retain their vitality about two months. When the grass withers the soil can be torn from the vase, which may again be seeded. "I am having a big run on these vases," the florist says. "The ladies seem to take a delight in this sort of gardening, and in watching the growth of the grass."

The Craze for Authors.

A year or two since the publishers of The Youth's Companion offered a prize of \$1,000 for the best short story, for which more than 1,500 writers competed. In a recent month during the past summer, Frank Wagnall refused the offer of \$50 manuscript volumes. The English publishers, on an average, reject ten to every novel they print. It is but a few years since that a swindler opened a bureau in New York for the ostensible purpose of negotiating between author and publisher. He exacted a fee of \$1 in advance for the clerical work of registry, and when, finally, he had to avoid the police, they found hundreds of manuscript packages thrown into a corner, their original wrappers unbroken.

Carrage Etiquette.

Now in Europe carriage etiquette is most peremptory. The lady sits always on the right-hand back seat, with a gentleman at her left hand, two young ladies or gentlemen in front of her. In a barouche, driving through London, Paris or Rome, it would be the height of inelegance or impropriety for the important lady of the party to assume any other seat than this, she ignores her own if she does.

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Paving for the Whistle.

Ex-Governor Anthony once said: "The average Kansas town will vote bonds to buy a can to tie to a dog's tail." Many Kansas towns that ten years ago had bright prospects are to-day headed for a gypsy mummy because of recklessness in going into debt.

Health Patrol.

The health patrol of United States revenue steamers now extends from Maine to the Rio Grande. Officers are instructed to speak to all vessels entering ports, and to inquire whether contagious diseases exist on board, and whether the port of departure was healthy or unhealthy.

The Romans used movable type to mark their pottery and inscribe their books.

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