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Characteristics of an American City

Assertions with Reference to the Swiftness of Chicago.

Chicago Letter in the Sun.

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to this place as the "hoss"town of America. Modesty has always been an afterthought with these people. The dominant note in Chicago life today, as in the past, is "hus'ling." The want advertisements in the local papers are always culling for "hustlers," and warning hway is uscless fossils men who have passed their thirtleth year. The commercial spirit, the rush element, and the get-there with-both-feet style are peculiarities that most tourists discover without the use of a microscope. All the world has heard how Chicago footpads are busy the year round holding up persons supplied with money and watches; almost as fre-ouent in occurrence is the "running of laggards by teamsters and ALCONT. express drivers who want to be at the head of the procession. Hundreds are killed and maimed and mangled annually by car drivers and engineers, who

have no use for flow people. The hur-ry-up temper rules. There is no leis-Those who can't keep up with the procession are requested to get off earth.

Radyard Kipling came here and was told to go to the Palmer house. To his oriental taste this hosteley was overnu h gilded and mirrored, but there he found "a huge hall of tessellated marble crammed with people talking nbeut money and spitting about everywhere. Other barbarians charged in and out of this informe with letters and telegrams in their hands, and yet others abouted back and forth in 1 most boisterous manner." What would M. Kioling have said if he had witnessed a beargarden performance at the board d trade during a flurry in wheat? All this competitive struggle in Chicago's streets and nublic places, as if for a hag of Klondike gold in a foot race, is regarded as the highest expression of the Windy City enterprise. It is perhaps the only city in the world where the people rush around on Monday as if they were ashamed of hav-ing been lab on Sunday.

CAUSE OF THE RUSH.

One day a confused and frightened Nebraska farmer made his escape from the football rush of the crowds, and, entering a Washington street stationer's shop, just off State street, asked: "Where are all these people in the streets running to? It is like a buffalo stampede out on the plains. Has fire broken out 'round here somewhere? "No," said the stationer quietly. "Everything's all right side up with care, I guess. Every man you see rushing round the corner in State street is hustling to make a dollar, and every woman you see is hustling to spend a dollar.

Recently a tourist said that Chicago's wild-boar energy reminded him of a mighty piggery, where every porker, even down to the little pig with a sentimental curl in his tail, was trying to get his snout in the same trough. Amid all this push and scrimmage there are some funny contradictions. For example, the genuine Chicagoan will run like a sprinter for four blocks to catch a trolley car when he is well aware that another is coming two min-

lobbies, waiting rooms, stations, sub-The native Chicagoan loves to refer urban trains, public offices, saloons, and court rooms with a conspicuous prodigality that would have furnished plenty of material for Dickens. But a new administration has come in, "Doc Bill" Kerr has passed into oblivion, the warning posters one by one have disapepared, and the objectionable habit has not been suppressed. It still rages as an epidemic. Traveling in an American train, Dickens imagined some persons were opening a feather bed in the car ahead and that flying feathers were escaping through the open windows. He discovered, however, that it was only the passengers expectorating. That was fifty years or more ago. Today not only the men but the business women of Chicago who invariably carry toothpicks between their teeth at the hour of luncheon, make no ado

about expectorating in the crowded public thoroughfares.

PISTOLS IN POCKET. The practice of carrying concealed weapons is perhaps more general in Chicago than elsewhere in this coun-The reasons for this are not far

try. to seek. There is no street, however, respectable the neighborhood, in which pedestrians are safe from footpads after nightfall. Magistrates themselves. whose business it is to fine other persons for carrying guns, hardly ever venture out without going armed. It is still fresh in the public mind how Justice Jarvis Blume, a west side magistrate, returning home one night from social function, shot and killed a ootpad by whom he was assaulted. having a revolver handy in his overcoat pocket for the emergency. The other day Gabriel Vleilhomme, French vice consul in Chicago, lost \$100 while boarding at cable car at Madison and Dearborn streets. With a roll of bills in his hip pocket was a revolver, and the money was inadvertently pulled out when he transferred the gun to his outside overcont pocket, to be well prepared for any attack. High and low, rich and poor, make it a rule to go armed. The Western cowboy, when he arrives in this city, takes off his

belt and stows away his gun out of sight; and he usually has it confiscated before he gets out of town. The mayor and the chief of police are pestered constantly by apprehensive citizens who want permits to carry re-volvers for self-protection, and requests of this kind from persons of good standing are usually granted. Dr. Thomas and other militant and warlike clergymen have thundered from their pulpits the advice that people should carry arms and shoot down a few of the terrorizing highwaymen as an object lesson. Bank clerks and express messengers go about like walking arsenals. Recently west side business men, led by the young and flery members of their set, formed a large association upon the platform that each individual member should "save his money and buy a gun." The gun stores and pawnshops do a great trade in revolvers. Many citizens practice the art of shooting from their pockets without displaying their weapon at all. The pistol pocket is a great institution

investigations, is the fact that one of these officers, named Murphy, with true Dick Turpin dash and in full uniform engaged in the enterprise of holding up citizens he was sworn and paid to protect, and relieving them of their money and jewelry. Chief Kipley, testifying before a legislative investigating committee, raised a laugh which was echoed from New York to San Francisco by calling this performance an "indiscretion" on the part of his subordinate. In quick retort the Chair-

man of the committee said he called it highway robbery, and that he offier guilty of it ought to be put in the penitentiary. It was one of the bright ideas of this Chief or Police that the best way to "liven up things" and increase rental values in a dull part of the town was to set the gambling machinery in full motion, and skin every sucker and countryman who could be caught in a trap.

It is a general rule almost without exception that a pollceman who is so unlucky as to lose his job in the department either embarks in the saloon ousiness or becomes a silent partner in a gambling establishment. And yet, when on duty, no policeman or detective is ever able to discover any gambling house in operation unless it is in accordance with the will of his superlors, who know how to handle the wires for all kinds of political deals. Every now and then one reads of ex-police men who have been arrested for highway robbery. They have "learned the ropes," and they call it "easy money"

when they get hold of a few dollars in this manner. But of course there are good and brave officers as well as bad and dishonest ones.

DOCTORS.

Doctors are very plentiful in Chicago, although to one who reads official statements from time to time that the health of this city is better than that of any other of equal population, it is a mystery where all the medical men get their clientele. By a recent canvass it is shown that the city has 3,200 physicians, or one for every 400 or 500 persons. Some find it very hard to get any practice: others do not succeed at all. There are single tall buildings in the central district in which 200 or 200 doctors have their offices. In order to create an impression that they have many patients it is no uncommon trick for certain doctors to hire sickly looking men and women to sit around in their reception rooms by the hour, as if waiting for professional consultation and treatment. There hirelings are professionally known as "horses." and in some cases they serve several ambitious physicians in one day and make quite a good thing of it. This is the modernized and city version of the old trick resorted to by country doctors, who would order out their horse and saddlebags and ride furlously out of town an back again in response to an imaginary summons. The lawyers have no such ruse to advance their interests, yet they have tricks of their By the latest count there are own. 4,150 lawyers, and it is safe to say the bulk of the business is done by fewer than 500 of them-that is to say, the bulk of the really profitable and desirable business.

OTHER FEATURES.

There are scores of other peculiar ties about this modern Babel with its confusion of tongues. The typical in Chicago. So many street cars have a tempting balt and have the ready propitious for a very hearty celebra-

the public believe they are selling gold dollars for fifty cents. Chicago is a city of newsboys, and this term may be taken to include old. gray-haired men, bent and wrinkled men, and young, poorly clad girls. The boys and men yell justily, but the old women and girls make their appeals more after the manner of beggars with pathetic stories.

IN CONCLUSION. One distinctive feature here that

every stranger is sure to note is the of suburbanites who ride into habit the city in the early morning trains; with one accord they rise from their seats while the train is yet half a mile from its last stop in the downtown station. They stand and surge and struggle toward the doors until the cars come to a standstill, then fight for precedence in getting out. It is

true that a thoroughbred Chicagoan will rush into a restaurant at noon and swallow a doughnut or piece of pie and a cup of coffee, while a New Yorker would still be thinking about what he was going to order for his luncheon. Associate Justice Brewer says, thanks to the capacity of the Chicago divorce courts, a Chicago man may have even a thousand wives, like Solomon in all his glory, provided he will take them consecutively and not contemporane ously.

Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, himself a Chlcagean by adoption, is credited with having said exultingly that Chicago, the great Cosmopolis, "has within its limits more Poles than any city in Poland, more Bohemians than any city in Bohemia, more Germans

than any city in Germany, save Berlin, more Irish than any city in Ireland except Dublin, more Italians than any city in Italy, save Naples and Rome." Associate Justice Brewer ventured to add as a suitable climax: "And doubtless more saints and sinners than any places in the universe, save heaven and The chief justice promptly adhell." mitted the charge as to the saints, but evidently thought that New York night be a successful rival in the matter of sinners.

FIFTY YEARS AN EMPEROR.

Difficulies About the Golden Anniversory of Austria's Ruler. From the Sun.

On Dec. 2, 1848, Francis Joseph the resent Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, and King of Bohemia, though he has never been crowned as such, succeeded Ferdinand IV., who abdicated, and his coronation took place in Vienna. On Dec. 2, 1898, there will be celebrated in Vienna and probably in Budapest as well, though Francls Joseph was not crowned King of

Hungary until June 8, 1867, thirty years | Bell along for a witness. ago, the fiftleth anniversary of the coronation of the Austrian monarch, and already, notwithstanding the condition of affairs that prevails in the empire, elaborate preparations are being made for the event.

Austrian monarchs with a record of fifty years upon the throne are rare in history. Indeed, there has been only one other such since the founder of the house of Hapsburg, Rudolph I., ascended what was then the throne of Aus-

tria and of Germany as well in 1278, more than six centuries ago. Rudolph of Hapsburg reigned only thirteen years, and the one Austrian or Austro-German monarch in the long line bewestern cowboy can be seen here in all tween Rudolph and Francis Joseph who his long hal" and glory. He floats in ruled for more than fifty years was with train loads of live stock to the Frederick IV. He was known as the Union Stock yards and is usually well Pacific (possibly the attribute of placidsupplied with "hardware" and cash ity accounted for his long reign), and

would be neither timely nor prudent, Summaninininininini simmanininininininini but to avoid the perils of such a cele bration it is intended by those having charge of the matter to make the anniversary of the crowning of the Emperor a personal celebration merelywas entirely distinct from the other occurrences of 1848.

With one exception, Francis Joseph is now the senior of European monarchs in length of reign, the exception being Queen Victoria, who ascended the throne in 1837, and whose sixtleth an-niversary was celebrated last year. Francis Joseph was 18 when he ascended the throne.

INCIDENT OF THE LATE WAR.

After Many Years, a Colonel Meets the Man Who Saved His Lite. From the Washington Star,

A few mornings ago a tall, handsome gentleman, with mustache and hair tinged with gray, walked through the lobby of the Ebbitt and stopped in front of the newsstand. He was about to pick up a newspaper when a little old man with gray, shaggy Burnsiders got up from his seat in one corner of the lobby and walked over to him. "Isn't this General James

O'Beirne?" the little man askel. "I am General O'Beirne, sir," was his reply, "and who are you, may ask?

"Do you remember Mejor Bell, of New York?" "Do I regiember him? Well, I have

cause to reprember him. He saved my life once." "Well, I am that person," said the

little man.

Tears came into the eyes of both as they grasped each other's hands and adjourned to a convenient seat to talk over old tines.

At the hattle of Chancellorsville O'Beirne, whio was then colonel of the Thirty-severath New York regiment, was shot through the breast by a bullet. It made a hole clear through one lung. Bell, who had been in the same regiment, called to his assistance one of his comrades, and they carried him

off the field of battle. O'Beirne was sent to his home in New York,and it was supposed that he could not live long. But under good nursing he recovered and went back into the Union service again. At the time of President Lincoln's second inauguration he was Provost Marshal in the District of Columbia.

During the ceremonies on the cast side of the capitol, Bell, who was in Washington on a leave of absence, detected a picknocket pursuing his work in the crowd. He called the attention of a policeman to the man. The policeman arrested the pickpocket and took

The hearing was delayed for several days, and in the meantime Bell's leave of absence expired. When he presented the outlawed ticket at the steamer wharf he was placed under arrest for having disobeyed the order. Bell tried to explain, but the rules were fixed and

relentless. The case was brought to the attention of General O'Eeirne as provost marshal, and as soon as he saw the name, he had Bell brought before him. "General, I wish you would let me go, as I am anxious to join my regiment. said Bell.

"You will be dealt with as a man should be who has dared to disobey the injunction of his commander, O'Beirne replied sternly.

He then issued a new order extending Bell's leave of absence two weeks and accompanied it with a command for a roaring time. Stock shippers are a favorite mark of the confidence men, for they are as a rule quick to bite at in Austro-Hungary at present is not that he appear at his home in this city. Bell visited the man whose life he had saved, spent a week, and later ined his regiment.



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For Baltimore and Washington and points South and West via Bethlehem, 8.20 a. m., 1.20 p. m. Sundays, 2.15 p. m.
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utes later. Then when he alights he will waste half an hour discussing the latest political scandal or the probabilities of a fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, before going to his office or going to work. If he hears the bell ring for a bridge to turn, he will run like a quarter horse to get across before it swings, at the imminent risk of plunging into the river and drowning or knocking others overboard and the moment he lands safely on the other side, will stop to argue the silver question with the first person who will listen to his vagaries This is the Chicago manner of illustrating the fable-book story of the have and the tortoise.

EXPECTORATION.

The caustle and reproachful insinuation of Mr. Kipling that Chicago people are addicted to the habit of expectoration in public places is not without foundation. There is probably no other city this side of Constantinople or Port Said where, as here, the civil authorities would deem it necessary to legislate against expectoration and post warning placards in big red and black letters to suppress the habit. This was the greatest reformatory work attempted by Doctor "Bill" Kerr, commissioner up in police stations, cheap lodging houses, street cars, omnibuses, hotel



to bitter dust upon the lips of the wedded couple to whose home there never comes the patter of childish feet.

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bandits that for a time it looked as though the companies would have to equip their 10,000 employes with revolvers to protect their harvest of nickels. Judges of the courts, editors who mould public opinion, and reporters are compelled, in frontier town or mining camp, to provide themselves with six-shooters.

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CHICAGO'S RIVER.

Unlike the versatile Seine in Paris, the Chicago river is not a favorite for suicides. Lake Michigan has clearer water and is more frequently chosen by those who prefer the water route of exit from unhappy surroundings. The river is nothing more than a filthy

canal, a kind of sewer, affording several miles of dockage and wharfage, but offering no poetic recreations and holding out no inducements to fishermen. A committee from congress is prosaic stream and report upon its some establishments that try to make place in the tumultuous period of 1848 future possibilities.

The black canal which floats Chicago's lake commerce, seems to have a strange fascination for visitors from other cities and countries. They like to make jokes and epigrams about it. Its fame as a navigable stream has exof health under Mayor Swift. These tended far beyond its deserts. Foreign large, spangled warnings were tacked tourists come here and look at it with a sense of disappointment, then go away and write about its lack of romance and surfeit of smell. Mr.

Chauncey M. Depew, when he comes to Chicago to make after-dinner speeches, In the neutron soul very often says runny tunny of man and in the soul very often says runny tunny of of every woman there this inky river to point a moral or adorn a tale. Justice David J. Brewer adorn a tale. States Supreme court very often says funny things about D a of the United States Supreme court nade some humorous references to it there are too many childless bomes. All the love and hand its permeating fragrance at the Lincoln anniversary hanquet at the Marquette club. The learned legal ship and all the kisses of the honeymoon turn and to put himself en rapport with his D audience. He said:

"In Chicago the sense of smell is never disappointed. Germany may

childish feet. One cause, more than any other, con-tributes to making the tens of thousands of childiess, and consequently unhappy, homes all over this country. The cause is often the unconscious fault of the wife. A woman who suffers from weakness and dis-case of the distinctly feminine organism is unfitted for motherhood, and if she has children it will probably be at the sacrifice of her own life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-scription is a wonderful medicine for wom-en who suffer in this way. It acts directly fragrance to yourselves, or to waste it on the desert air, but to distribute freely among the dwellers by the banks of the Illinois and in the upper Mississippi Valley."

The last sentence, of course, referred to the drainage canal. When Lord Coleridge, Chief Justice of England, visited this city some years ago, the tall buildings did not strike him so forcibly as a curiosity as did the composite bouquet of odors furnished by the

"Wonderful! Marvellous!" he river. exclaimed, as he held his judicial nose, and his comments were copied through-out Europe. Apropos of the Chicago river, Bishop Potter of New York told a well-known Lincoln story here the other day, in which the killing of a skunk played the leading part. The river is absolutely devoid of picturesque spots, although one wild scheme recently proposed was to fill it up and turn it into a winding boulevard.

POLICEMEN.

In this city there are 2,600 patrolmen, who in 1897 made 85,000 arrests. Prob-ably the queerest thing about the po-F lice force, brought to light by recent

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some instances, as they would be in a all because of the possibility of the gan one week later; an uprising against before the distressed can be relieved. The street "barkers" or pullers-in, long confined to the old clo' and pawnshop district on the "levee," are now encroaching upon the more respectable that in the present excited state of retail shopping centres in State street and Wabash avenue. Both men and proposition to have a golden anniverabout to investigate the sluggish and women "barkers" are employed by sary celebration of events that took

cash to make things interesting. tion of any political anniversary com A crowd of 1,000 persons will gather | memorative of the events of fifty years as if by magic in the busiest streets ago. These were somewhat exciting. and cause a protracted blockade by standing and watching the process of March 13. An insurrection against the hoisting a big iron safe into a building power of Austria among the Italian by means of block and tackle. It is speaking subjects of the Emperor berope breaking and the safe falling, the Emperor began one week later; an These natives will impede traffic and uprising against the Emperor caused pedestrians in the same way to watch his flight to the Tyrol in May; an ina driver loosen the harness of a horse that has slipped and fallen. When a against the power of the Emperor of man falls in a fit or a woman in a Austria began in June, in the city of faint the crowd always becomes so Prague, and in the autumn of the same dense and persistent that a big squad year the Hungarian rebellion against of police must be called to scatter it the power of the Vienna Government, and the establishment of the Hungarian national Government under Kos-

suth took place in September. It would affairs in the Austrian Empire the

Her Gifts.

the dower of queens; and High grace. therewithal Some wood-born wonder's sweet sim-

A glance like water brimming with the

sky Or hyacinth-light where forest shadows fall:

Such thrilling pallor of cheek as doth enthrall

The heart; a mouth whose passionate forms imply All music and all silence held thereby;

Deep golden locks, her sowereign coronal; a round reared neck, meet column of Love's shrine

To cling to when the heart takes sanctuary: Hands which forever at Love's bidding

and soft-stirred feet still answering to

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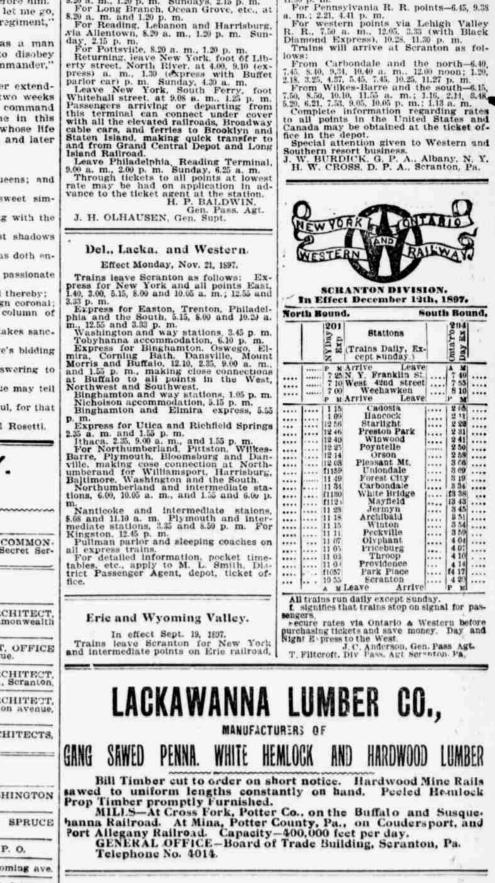
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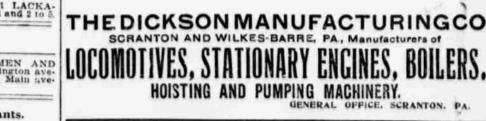
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