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An Estimate of the Cost of Living
In Chicago—Pointers For
Prospective Visitors.

It looks now as if the landlords would heed the sympathy rather than their guests during the World's fair. One of the Chicago papers has been gathering statistics and announces that 288 new buildings have been erected in the vicinity of Jackson park, which contain 83,945 rooms. This of course is exclusive of the old hotels and boarding houses and of the "furnished rooms" which are available for transient use during the months of the fair. Doubtless there are 50,000 rooms available for strangers near the grounds. There will be no reason for people to sleep on the ground, or even on hotel cots, provided they have money enough to procure lodgings, and the indications are that the amount required to secure such accommodation will not be exorbitant. Competition will force a reasonable scale.

Tabulated by their capacity to accommodate guests, the World's fair hotels make up this list:

Capacity in rooms.	No. of hotels.
Between 25 and 50.	61
Between 50 and 100.	74
Between 100 and 150.	54
Between 150 and 200.	36
Between 200 and 250.	25
Between 250 and 300.	15
Between 300 and 350.	11
Between 350 and 400.	6
Between 400 and 500.	11
Between 500 and 600.	1
Between 700 and 1,000.	7
Grand total.	238

Omitting the cheaper and smaller structures of less than 25-room capacity, the hotels can be classified by material used in construction as follows:

Brick.	106
Wood.	50
Stone.	50
Stone and brick.	12
Wood and iron.	1
Wood and brick.	2
Steel.	1

Estimates as to the cost of the hotels in the World's fair district range from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. Well-versed builders who have been over the ground state that the latter figure are not too high. It would be interesting if the amount of money received by the hotel

companies in advance payment for accommodations could be computed. Only here and there will their officers give out the figures. Those who have had much to do with the enterprises on the outside give the total at about \$1,500,000. From the sale of memberships alone one so called club took in \$125,000. Substantial improvements are pointed out as having been made with the money received from agents, who have sold accommodations from one end of the country to the other.

In architecture there is an almost limitless range. The temporary structures are of wood or of staff. Where the buildings are to be continued in use as large family hotels or apartment houses stone has entered largely into the construction. The largest of the hotels is the Great Eastern, which will have 1,000 rooms and will cover a space 300 by 600 feet.

While it is undoubtedly true that a number of the more unscrupulous of the newly made bonifaces of Chicago may overcharge or swindle unwary guests, the fact remains that no visitor who goes to Chicago with plans well matured and uses ordinary discretion will be subjected to extortion. Those who use no more thought must not complain if they meet trouble.

The best hotels will not advance rates, and in fact there is every evidence that Chicago intends to display unselfish hospitality to all comers. The Palmer House some time ago set an excellent example by posting a notice that there would be no advance in prices on account of the World's fair, and no reductions during that period; also that contracts for rooms would be entered into at once. Some of the higher class of apartment houses served notice on their tenants that rents would be raised May 1 for all leases running less than one year. There may be some hotels whose proprietors will be short sighted and greedy enough to increase their prices, but the general disposition is to adopt the same plan as that of the Palmer House and charge only regular rates.

Those who contemplate visiting the exposition can make arrangements for rooms at prices to suit themselves. They can spend 50 cents for a bed or secure a luxurious apartment for \$5 per night. For \$1 a comfortable bed in a clean and airy room can be secured for two per-

sons. Rooms can be selected without difficulty a few hours after arriving in the city, for extensive preparations are being made to rent rooms, and hundreds of houses will be found on nearly every residence street where rooms can be secured.

Concerning the cost of meals, would be visitors should first consult their appetites. A breakfast of coffee, rolls and a sandwich will cost 15 cents in the downtown restaurants. A supper with "Cardinal" Benis at the Richelieu, such as can be obtained in no other city in America, will cost \$30. These are the extremes. One can go from the first to the second, or arrangements can be made for three meals that will cost an average of 25 cents each, and they will be sufficient.

Visitors to the fair are advised to engage rooms without board and take their meals where they see fit. They will find it very inconvenient to be at their boarding houses at meal times, and those who contract for board will find that they are paying for meals that they cannot be on hand to eat. Visitors will find that they can live more cheaply and with more comfort by taking their meals at restaurants.

The city proper is well provided with restaurants of all grades in convenient locations, and hundreds of dining rooms have been established in and about the grounds. Mr. Gage, who has the chief enter-

prising contract, estimates that his company will be called upon to feed an average of 80,000 people a day. To do this will require tables seating 12,000 and lunch counters for 4,000 more. Assuming five changes to each seat, these will suffice for the big crowd. It is no small matter to guess about, but the estimates do not stop there. Mr. Gage has placed a few orders for material to keep the digestive organs of his host of guests in good order. He has made a contract for 300 tons of coffee in the belief that 10,000,000 cups of that beverage will be demanded, and 90,000 cups and saucers in order that it may be distributed impartially. For every day that the fair is open he will require 30,000 pounds of dressed beef from a stock yards firm and 21 tons of ham for his sandwiches, to say nothing of 60 barrels of flour for the bakery establishment and other things in proportion.

While there will be any number of restaurants on the ground operated by other companies and individuals, from the Casino to the Midway plaisance, the Wellington Catering company will

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"What was it, Madeline?" asked mamma, who had staid at home with a cold. "Seriously answered small Madeline, 'It was, 'The Lord loveth the cheerful giggle.'—The Lord loveth."

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She—One you sent me when I had a slight cold before we were married. This half page is the one you wrote last winter when I was nearly dead with the grip. That's all, dear.—Truth.

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HUMOR

VERY FUNNY.

The Relation of Two Dreams by Two Young Men.

"Dreams are funny things," said Harlow as he entered the club the other day and saw Wilkins sitting alone in the reading room.

"Aren't they, though?" said Wilkins. "I had one last night in which I—"

"I went to bed early for a change night before last," interrupted Harlow, "and I suppose I must have slept two hours before I began to dream about—"

"—thought I was up in a balloon sailing over the African desert. Below me stretched mile after mile of sandy waste. I was"—continued Wilkins.

"—a dog I used to own. He was a dandy little Scotch terrier named Jeff. I lost him off in the mountains one day," said Harlow, not to be put off in telling his dream. "I thought Jeff came back to me, walking on his hind legs and dressed in a frock coat and neatly pressed lavender trousers."

"—alone in the balloon, when all of a sudden I heard a great roar below, and looking out of the"—Wilkins went on.

"—saw. It made me laugh to see the dear old dog dressed that way, and I said to him, 'Why, Jeff, have you been?' 'Oh,' said he, with a smile, 'I heard a man tell a fellow one day that he ought to try his poems on a'—said Harlow.

"—ear to see what it was that made the noise I saw a huge lion in the desert howling for all he was worth," said Wilkins. "I began to congratulate myself that I was up in a bal!"

"—dog," continued Harlow. "So I left you and got a position with a publication in Chicago. All the po'—"

"—loom," persisted Wilkins. "But no sooner had I done so when the balloon sank, and I found myself present at a reception in Boston, and the hostess, as I turned to see where I was at, came up and asked me if I had met the lion. I said no, I didn't care for any lions in mine, but she insisted that I should be introduced and took me up to—"

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An Entering Wedge.

The admission of Miss Ruth Gentry an American girl, to that fortress of learning, the University of Berlin, which has hitherto been impregnable to the assaults of women, is most significant. Although Miss Gentry goes in the grim pile as a "hearer" only, it is the thin edge of the wedge and may prove an opening, as did the "letting in a little way" a few years ago of one persevering woman into the Institute of Technology at Boston.

Miss Gentry holds a fellowship from the Society of Collegiate Alumnae, and is undoubtedly a most fit and worthy young woman to be the pioneer of her sex in this new and difficult field. At the university at Leipzig twenty-two young women are regularly enrolled students.—New York Times.

A Policy for Woman Voters.

One thing is clear. Woman suffragists should preserve toward political parties the same attitude which the parties hold toward woman suffrage. If in any state, as in Wyoming, one party espouses suffrage with sufficient power to make its action effective, that party should then and there have our support. But, as a rule it is the man, not the party, whom we should favor or oppose. His views on woman suffrage and not his political affiliations are the important point.—Woman's Journal.

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