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TWO DAYS WELL SPENT.

Western Editor Reduces Sight-Seeing to a System.

Managed to See More of the National Capitol in Twenty-Four Hours Than Most Visitors See in a Week.

(Special Washington Letter.)

One of the veteran editors of the west came to Washington recently, and, although he had but two days to spare, he managed to see a great deal of the national capital in that time. Thousands of people traveling from east to west annually stop over here for a day or two, and can of course carry away with them only faint recollections of a city of trees and asphalt pavements. The itinerary of the editor is therefore one which every body coming here on flying trips might better know about and keep for future reference.

The visitor was wise enough to engage apartments at a hotel before coming here. He knew that when congress is in session all of the hotels are crowded. You may judge from that little bit of forethought that he is somewhat methodical, and inclined to make preparations for coming events.

It was early Tuesday morning when the editor arrived here, and he went at once to the hotel, where he had breakfast. He then went down Pennsylvania avenue on a cable car, which went clear around the capital grounds, and took him to the new congressional library building. He spent two hours there, viewing with wonderment and amazement the splendors of that magnificent building; an edifice which is now conceded to be, without exception, the most splendid building in the world. He then walked across the grand plaza to the east front of the capitol building, and entered the senate wing beneath the great marble staircase. Ordinarily a stranger would have climbed the stairs, but it is a physical task which is not necessary. The entrance beneath the staircase leads through a spacious corridor to an elevator which quickly lifts the people to the main floor, or to the gallery floor of the building. Our visiting editor first walked about the senate floor, and went to the east front, where he saw the bronze doors, containing numerous allegorical representations in bas relief. Then he went to the gallery, and was admitted to the reserved gallery because he held a ticket of admission which had been sent to him with the compliments of one of the senators from his state—the senator having learned that the editor was coming to Washington about that time.

It was just five minutes of 12 noon, when the visitor took his seat and began to study the architectural effects of the great legislative chamber. He observed in the niches along the wall the marble busts of the ex-vice presidents of the republic. They are all there, including one of Adlai E. Stevenson, whose term of office only expired last March.

At 12 o'clock he saw Vice President Hobart enter the senate chamber, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Milburn, the celebrated blind chaplain of the senate. He heard the vice president's gavel

After an hour spent in the senate chamber, the visitor went over to the rotunda, which is the central part of the capitol, and there he met Kennedy, the king of the guides. He is a gentleman of education, refinement and most pleasing manners. He knows the capitol building, from foundation stones to the top of the dome. He led the visitor to stately hall, the room formerly used by the house of representatives. There he showed the marvelous natural eidos of the place. It would make a book to write it all in detail.

In the rotunda the guide pointed out the magnificent fresco work encircling the inner part of the dome, and he also called attention to the lamentable fact that some of those paintings have been ruined, because of the negligence of the house of representatives. There was in a leaky condition, and the paintings are smeared and completely destroyed.

Next came a visit to the hall of the house of representatives. There was no session, so the guide took his visitor on to the floor of the house, and point-



JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW

ed out all points of interest. The visitor ascended the dais, and for a few moments sat in the speaker's chair; the chair which is occupied by Tom Reed, the mighty man from Maine, who holds the house in the hollow of his hands.

The speaker's lobby was then visited, and there, upon the walls along the lengthy corridor, the portraits of all the past speakers of the house of representatives were seen. This completed the trip over the main floor of the capitol building, and the visiting editor took the cars, went down the hill, and around to the botanical gardens, where he saw some of nature's marvels.

One of the most interesting things there seems to be the palm trees, of various families, which do as fine weaving as spiders, or skilled human workmen. The palms grow in sections, and they are so weak that they would droop to the ground. But as each leaf is put forth, little coils of vegetable thread are wound around and around, so that when the tree reaches the height of from two feet to 30 feet it presents the appearance of having been wound about by human hands. That was the most striking thing in the botanical gardens, but there were many other wonderful things seen there in the course of half an hour.

The next day was Wednesday. The first thing done was to take the electric cars, go careering across the celebrated Long bridge, and stop at Arlington national cemetery. There is the former home of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and around about it skilled landscapers and gardeners have beautified the last resting places of 12,000 union soldiers. There are monuments to generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, and also to private soldiers. In front of the old mansion, overlooking the national capital, is a splendid monument of Gen. Phil Sheridan, with his likeness in bronze. It took nearly all morning to see Arlington, and then return to the hotel.

In the afternoon there was a trip to the bureau of engraving and printing, the place where all our paper money and all of our postage stamps are printed. It is a wonderful workshop, but everything is so barred off that it is difficult to see much of the workings of the bureau. The workmen and the money are all barred off, and the place is barred out, because there are millions upon millions of dollars in money right there all the time.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the president gave a public reception, and our editorial brother went there. It was a great sight. He was surrounded by the east room, and there were about 300 people waiting an opportunity to shake hands with the president. It was 15 minutes after three o'clock when the president appeared, and took his place at the door leading out into the corridor. The crowd filed past him, one at a time, in single file, and he took the hand of each caller, bowed and passed him on to the hall. It was all over in ten minutes, and the president went back to his private duties. But he saw one way to his associates as he takes up his pen to write. This is the head of the house of William B. Ewing. Very few people, comparatively speaking, ever have an opportunity to see one of our presidents, much less to see him face to face, and clasp his hand.

SMITH D. FRY.

Frequent visiting of the lake makes it easier, not thicker.

Overdoing It.
Undertaker (to assistant)—Politeness is commendable, but even a good thing can be overdone, James. There are times when a courtesy is better omitted than given.

Assistant—When, sir?
Undertaker—In such cases, for instance, as that of Mrs. Leftover, who came in just now to pay the bill for her third husband's funeral. You were polite in asking her to call again, but a trifle over-zealous, James—just a trifle—Puck.

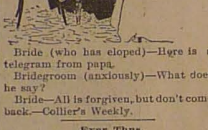
The Hammeck.
Although it's all the rage just now, in getting in the hammeck, you find, unless you know just how, you're apt to take a tumble.
—Democrat's Magazine.

UNWELCOME NEWS.



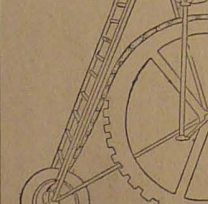
Bride (who has eloped)—Here is a telegram from papa.
Bridegroom (anxiously)—What does he say?
Bride—All is forgiven, but don't come back—Collier's Weekly.

Ever Thus.
There is no rose without a thorn. No joy without a sorrow. The pants that creases now adorn will be baggy-tweed to-morrow.
—Cleveland Leader.



TO BEHOLD IS A PLEASURE, TO RIDE, A POSITIVE JOY.

A Picture Himself.
Blotbs—Why have you stopped getting shaved at Bayrum's tonsorial parlors? I haven't seen you there lately.
Slobbs—He doesn't keep the comic papers on file now, and I like to look at something funny while being shaved.
Blotbs—But hasn't he a big mirror opposite each chair?—N. Y. World.



A QUESTION OF GEAR.
WHAT WE MAY COME TO IN ANOTHER YEAR.

In a Boarding House.
Mrs. Fitzpick—I see by the papers that the price of leeches has gone up. These leeches are simply robbers.
Mr. Starbucker (cynically)—There is one thing that can be said in favor of the leechman. If he has any left over he doesn't warm it up for breakfast.—Tammam's Times.

Served His Usefulness.
Patent Medicine Man—You mustn't print that testimonial any more.
Country Editor—I thought it was a trump card for you. Why, that man is one of our most prominent citizens.
Patent Medicine Man—But he has just died.—N. Y. World.

An Egghead.
He—What is a crank?
She—Why, a person with one idea.
"Would you call me a crank?"
"Why, no; I never gave you credit for having one idea."—Yonkers Statesman.

She Was a Tailor.
"That's speaking likeness of your first wife."
"I suppose the artist couldn't help it and I had him paint it in the most correct colors, too."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Five Enthusiasts.
"There are a great many successful people in Chicago."
"Yes, even the girls don't have any trouble in keeping on their feet."—Town Topics.

Authentic Information.
"Julius has got the latest baby that ever lived," said Mr. Jabbs.
"Who told you so?" asked Mrs. Jabbs, surprised.
"Dad's old,"—The Era.

Prosperous Times.
"How's business?" asked Cawker of the druggist.
"Excellent!" He was compounding a great many dyspepsia prescriptions.
"How do you account for so many cases of dyspepsia?"
"There are two reasons for it. A great many brides have gone to house-keeping lately and a new cooking school has opened just around the corner."—Harlem Life.

A Liberal Physician.
"You have appendicitis," said the physician, after a thorough examination, "and I shall have to operate upon you."
"But what will you charge?" asked the patient, who was a poor man.
"As for that, I have known you a long time and you have been a good customer. So I'll make a cut rate for you."—N. Y. World.

Understood His Business.
Author—I have sent my essay on "Marriage a Failure" to the Hightone Magazine.
"Friend—Great Scott, man! The editor of the Hightone Magazine will never accept that! He was married not over a week ago!"
Author—No matter. My article is there, but it will be a year or two before it is read.—Yellow Kid Magazine.

A Difference of Opinion.
The policeman said to the cyclist, who was riding on the path:
"Look here, young man, you can't ride there."
To which the young man replied:
"Can't, eh? Well, you just watch me."
Whereupon the young man rode out of sight.—Fun.

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