

The Palace Hotel.

Visitors to San Francisco will be struck with a new and conspicuous feature in the architecture of the town. Seven stories high, with a base of 750 square feet, at the corner of Market and New Montgomery, there now looms up the Palace Hotel. Its huge brick walls are ribbed, from top to bottom with tiers of bay-windows and spotted like the sides of an iron-clad with belt-heads that clinch the great rods running over and under and through the building, making it a solid structure.

in and lined with fire-proof brick, where all treasure of human life and limb should be secure against fire or earth quake while the business stands. It is, indeed, to this element of security that we would draw special attention, while so many buildings are going up to-day in our great cities which are a disgrace in flimsy and tawdry pretension and a danger in their inflammable and carelessly thrown-together materials.

The whole work of constructing this hotel was done by the days work and not by the pieces, and so done carefully and well. Seventy-one partition walls of brick run from the foundation up through the roof, and two feet above it, and the roof is of tin. There are four artesian wells, two in each outer court, with a tested capacity of 28,000 gallons of water per hour. Under the centre court is a 350,000-gallon reservoir, with walls of brick and cement five feet thick.

On the foot are seven
banks of boiler iron, with an aggregate
capacity of 128,000 gallons. Several
sump-pumps force this water through
the front of the system of arteries
and main with 30 feet of the ter-
rory, provided in concrete with three-
inch pipe, from ten to 100 feet in length,
with nozzles. Under the sidewalk
without the building there are eight
four-inch fire-mains connecting with the
city water, by means of which the city
engineers can, if found necessary, at any

time, force water into the hotel mains. In every room and passage there is an automatic fire-alarm, by which any extraordinary heat will be instantly and noisily known at the central office of the hotel; and six watchmen will patrol day and night every part of the structure, and touch, half-hour by half-hour, at seventy-nine stations, which will report by electricity and fix the place and time of a dereliction of duty. Through the heart of the hotel from

top to bottom runs a fire-brick tunnel, within which is a solid brick and iron staircase opening on each floor. In five like tunnels there may be found also five elevators, run by hydraulic power, besides six additional stair-ways from garret to basement. Wood is avoided where possible. In the construction of kitchen oven-room, bakery, store-rooms, steam-pump room, water-heating room, coal-vaults, ash-vaults and shafts, and corridors, wood is sup-

printer by asphaltum and tar, rolled beams and marble, iron beams and brick arches. At the Palace Hotel, I can burn the same material. Quincy and Boston are too long and all human practice is laid against fire in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Architect: P. J. Caynor was instructed by the owners to travel and study the best hotels elsewhere before submitting his plans for the Palace Hotel, and Warren Leland—mine host of the old New York Metropolitan Hotel, of the

Leland family famous as hotel-keepers — was appointed lessee of the house, and manager of all things. The sunning and ventilation of the 755 rooms for guests are excellent, every room opening on the open light, having a fireplace, and a separate flue of four by eight inches running clear through to the roof. Every second room has a bathroom attached, most rooms are twenty feet square, and none of a less size than sixteen by sixteen feet. Two thousand

and forty-two ventilating tubes open outward on the roof of the hotel.

Three great canons or conns, each down from top to base, air and lighten the mountain building. The centre canon measures 124 by 64 feet, is covered with glass, made brilliant by the lights of the pillared verandas surrounding it floor on floor; with a tropical garden, fountains, statues, an instrumental band of music in the evenings, and a circular bridge-driven slide four feet in diameter. On the right and left are two smaller

Opening up are garden-like vistas is an "arcade promenade," four yards in length, with a central promenade, the promenade from each of the arcade under the hotel. Letter tubes, pneumatic-dispatch tubes, and electric bells knit all this miniature Palais Royal and the hotel into one body of wonderful life.

Ministering to the 1,200 guests that can be accommodated, are four clerks, two bookkeepers, a French head-cook who is a brilliant particular star in his profes-

sion, five assistant cooks of rising fame, and three specialists—namely, a chief confectioner from Milan, a chief baker from Vienna, and "Muffin Tom" from New York, an old Negro the fame of whose corn-muffins and corn-bread has made him the aristocrat of his race for the last half-century from Charleston to Long Branch. The 150 waiters are to be Negroes also. Forty chamber-maids and a host of Chinese will see that the bed-linen are white and fresh. This is

From China and India and Japan a stream of invalids and visitors pours yearly in upon this city, the great emporium of the future for the languid oriental world. From the island east and north, from Spanish America, the great host shall make a Babo of the Palace Hotel, whose builders have not been confounded. Its white towering walls, dotted with the reddish iron bolts that

We have seven big world-
now: the Bay of San Francisco, the

Central Pacific Railroad, the Big Trees, the Bonanza, Yosemite, the Geysers, the Palace Hotel—and Assessor Rosener.—*San Francisco Overland Monthly*.

Next on account of illness, of recreation, and the serious occupations spread over the surface of life, it will be little enough to deduct another third. Recollect, also, that twenty years will have gone from the earlier end of your life—namely, about seven thousand days—before you can have attained any skill, or system, or any definite purpose in the distribution of your time. Lastly, for that single item which, among the Roman armies, was indicated by the technical

phrases, "corpus curare"—tend me on the animal necessities—namely, eating, drinking, washing, bathing, and exercising—deduct the smallest allowance consistent with propriety, and upon summing up all these appropriations, you will find that there is for the most part left disposable for direct intellectual culture. Four thousands, or forty hundreds, will be a hundred fornicia—that is, according to the lax Hebrew method of indicating six weeks by the phrase of "forty days." You will

have a hundred bills or drafts on Father Time, valuing weeks each, as the whole period available for intellectual labor. A solid block of about eleven months continuous years is all that out of what will furnish for the devotion." *

THE IRON ERA.

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The Iron Era.

From Saturday and Syracuse comes the announcement that the managers of both political parties in New York are making to resist the pressure of the money-holders and the intense desire for those who are daily flocking to the streets, stamping the floor of the nation's lifeblood. Neither party, nor their platforms, have dared to express the wishes of the great majority of the people of New York; and the laborer without money, the farmer without wheat, the merchant without business, all of the thousands upon thousands, whose numbers are increasing with the hard times are becoming daily harder, look in vain for relief from the chains of democratic and republican alike.

Who will make the living issue, the one which shall excite the attention, the interest and the hopes of men as none other can—that shall be, at least, to some extent, determined by the voters of New York, as it will be by the voters of Ohio and Pennsylvania at the coming election? The only question is, who among the leaders and advisers of the people shall be the first to show the courage and the independence necessary to inaugurate the movement in New York and New Jersey, which will quickly bring honor and success to its originators?

The majority of the people of New York and New Jersey join hands with their brethren in Ohio and Pennsylvania, in demanding such a change in the financial policy of the Government, as shall relieve our oppressed and weakened industries, by giving them a sufficiency of the only food by which they can thrive—the circulating medium, the genuine money of the country. They must and will give expression to their opinion at the polls, and they will do so in the only effective manner—by political organization for the purpose. New Jersey and New York must hold State Conventions, and the movement which will lead to its assembly should originate in our great money-center, the city of New York. Let those who have the courage and the tact, arrange the call for a great mass meeting in New York City, on the part of those who are in accord with the masses who oppose the money-holders, and their states, and no prophetic power is needed to forecast that it will be the largest and most enthusiastic assembly of the people since the 1860-61.

The Mississippi Outlook.

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It is to be hoped that the lawlessness, which seems to follow all revolutions, will cease or be effectively ended within our borders at no distant day. The country is sick at heart, and craves for peace and quiet. Outside of the usual per centage of crime and disorder which beset all countries and communities, there is no reason why our land should be in continual commotion and disorder, fomented, beyond question, by political ambition and party strife. There is no reason why our land should be in continual commotion and disorder, fomented, beyond question, by political ambition and party strife.

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While the laws of resistance are natural, and "cause the calf to push with his horns before they are grown," we sincerely hope and trust there may be no occasion to be striking at all. The country is in a distracted condition, the waves of political excitement are running high, and we are compelled to deal with questions of moment, which require mutual forbearance and the exercise of due respect for each other's opinions.

Indiana Destroyed.

The following account of the recent great loss at Indiana, on the coast of Lake Michigan, will be read with interest. It was the result of a terrible storm, which was driven to the shore and inundated the town.

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A "Scene" at a Funeral.

John L. Benson, an old-fashioned manufacturer, who has been identified with the interests of this city for some seventy years, passed last week and his funeral took place on Saturday. Among those present were the venerable William Garrison, and his son, Wendell Phillips Garrison, editor of the Nation. Mr. Garrison had been an intimate friend of Mr. Benson through his life, and he was greatly interested in the funeral.

Princeton College.

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