

The rooms are mostly twenty cents a night, and the meals are served à la carte, or table d'hôte at 15, 20 or 25 cents. Women are allowed in the restaurant only. There are large gathering rooms for the men, and all is not only clean but attractive too. Of course some men stop there who could afford to go elsewhere, but such men are not encouraged to stay.

It may be a perfectly impracticable suggestion, but if the State ever gives pensions of any kind, why couldn't the State then keep such hotels, and get back some of the money paid out? Then the State would be saved the expense of huge free institutions and the people themselves would be much better off.

To substantiate some of these remarks on the general dread of institutions, etc., the following is quoted from Alice W. Solenberger in her book, "One Thousand Homeless Men." On pp. 124 and 125 she says, "We found, too, that it was much more difficult to persuade persons to be financially responsible for the care of the old—particularly of old men—than it was of the young," and on pp. 126 and 127, "When in trying to secure adequate aid for self-respecting old men we found that there were neither relatives nor friends who could be interested in their behalf, and when because of breaking health the men were no longer able to work, we invariably were confronted with a problem which in most cases we were unable to solve because the lack of institutions made it impossible for us to offer the men the sort of care they should have had. As before stated, there were a few men whom we did not hesitate to send out to Dunning [the Chicago almshouse], and who were quite willing to go there, but of the twenty-five whom we finally placed in the poorhouse at least sixteen should have been cared for in some place where they could have been associated with a better class of men and where they would have been spared the unmerited stigma of shame which their residence in the poorhouse entailed," and on pp. 114 and 115 she quotes some entries made in records at the Bureau of Charities.

"Is tired and discouraged and says he is afraid he will have to give up and go to Dunning [the Chicago