

gressing rapidly. This is how it will look when finished. It will occupy 100 feet on each Dearborn Street and Plymouth Place, while here will be a frontage of 70 feet on Van Buren Street. The building will be 18 stories high, and will be used for offices. The ground on which this great house is built is leased from another man for 99 years. At the rate of \$6,000 a front foot, the ground alone is worth \$480,000, while the building will cost \$615,000. There are wonderful riches in Chicago.

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THE MONADNOCK BUILDING.

Right across the street from the Fisher site stands the Monadnock office building, which is another great sky scraper built before the World's Fair. So far this is our largest office building, as it is long, narrow and tall, having 18 stories, and over 1,300 office rooms.

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GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL.

The great Northern Hotel was erected about the same time as the Monadnock. This is the tallest hotel in Chicago, being 15 stories high. It is used for hotel purposes. It has a restaurant in the basement, a café on the 1st floor and a dining-room on the 2nd floor, so there are plenty of places to eat. If you come to Chicago, come to the Great Northern. It will only cost you from \$3 to \$18 a day! All these big buildings are on Dearborn street, very close together.

When such high structures are built, a steel frame work is put up first and the work then built around that. If all stone or brick were used they would be too heavy and would cave in.

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THE OLD COLONY BUILDING,

Right across the street from the Fisher and Monadnock buildings, is all built of heavy white stone, and is very handsome. It does not occupy so much ground as the others but it is tall, narrow and graceful, having some 17 stories, and over 300 office rooms. This part of Chicago is becoming a veritable spot for "sky-scrapers"; and strangers always visit this locality out of wonder and curiosity.

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AN EARTHQUAKE IN CHICAGO.

It has often been said that if an earthquake would come to Chicago that the ground would be apt to sink into the lake because of our great, high, heavy buildings. We had an earthquake last week which every house felt, but the big buildings still stand. In fact, they would be the last to fall, as they are all steel framed and would warp and twist first. Whether they would sink or not, we must let the next earthquake tell—but indeed we never wish to see another.

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