



The War Memorial Alcove

noon, ordering a dinner for three for this evening, reserving the Biddle Room for next Tuesday night.

Lunch Time. Men streaming into the lobby, singly and in groups—but no crowding in the dining room, for, if need be, the place will seat several hundred at one time. At one side a long table, ready for some fifteen or twenty men who use it regularly . . . smaller groups of three or more who have been lunching together for years . . . pairs of old cronies who have been “discussing the situation” at lunch time since the year they left College . . . men who don’t get together more than twice a year . . . members with guests talking business . . . lone men with newspapers propped in front of them, or studying typewritten sheets of figures, or just in a brown study . . . a pleasant place, and not expensive, where a man feels free to follow his own inclinations.

Late Afternoon and Evening. From four until well after six a stream of men dropping in on the way home . . . the cocktail hour . . . much talk in the grill room . . . the swimming pool . . . six standard courts for racquets or squash tennis . . . a refreshing shower . . . domino and backgammon players in quiet corners.

Private dinner parties upstairs . . . small groups and the man who must work late this evening in the main dining room . . . billiards . . . bridge battles in the game room . . . late editions of the evening papers . . . a member quietly showing a visitor about . . . the Library well filled now . . . comfortable quarters for members or guests staying over night.

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