

NOTES OF TRAVEL:

And Reminiscences of a Pleasant Tour.

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CHAPTER XVI.
AT CHICAGO.

The very name of Chicago seems to remind one of enterprise and industry, because it is always spoken of as a go-ahead city. Such were our ideas as we entered it, and such were our ideas as we left it. While there we were shown a square, which is claimed to be the busiest spot in the world at certain hours of the day. It is the square at the corner of Madison and State Streets. We said to the person who called our attention to the spot, that we always understood, that the busiest spot in the world was somewhere about London Bridge, or at New York, or at Alexandria, or Cairo in Egypt; but our informant maintained that he was right, and stated that it was agreed by recognized authorities, that this particular square, in the city of Chicago, from 3 p.m. to 5, was the busiest spot in the world. This claim being maintained, we took particular notice of the place, and found some things which corroborated the assertion. The street presented a busy scene, and the policemen at the crossing were having a very strenuous time of it. The taxies were speeding along in every direction, and so great is the number which pass in

the afternoon, that it is not permissible to park or stall them in the street any longer than is necessary for the occupants to get out—at most, only three or four minutes are allowed. So great is the traffic at this particular place and time, that it is only by strict adherence to the rules that the highway is kept clear. The place does not permit of delays; as for loiterers, or idlers, they would be swept off their feet—such a place has no room for, nor has it any mercy, upon such people.

Like all large cities, Chicago has its tall buildings, and fine architecture; but we were a little disappointed in some of the streets, they are quite narrow enough; and considering that the city is a comparatively new one, we had expected to find all the streets wider than they are. But streets in big cities are much wider than they look; it is the high buildings which lend the appearance of narrowness; hence it is, that streets, which, when laid out, looked wide and spacious, appear narrow when tall buildings are erected upon them. At the same time some of the streets of Chicago are none too wide. The



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site of the city is near Lake Michigan, and the drive-way along the waterfront is one of the finest, and most beautiful of the many which we saw. It is wide and well built, and runs for miles along the great lake, and is daily frequented by tens of thousands of people. Such a drive-way is worth millions of money to a city like Chicago, and whoever laid it out and reserved the site, have done great service to posterity. Had the same precaution been taken with the streets of the modern city, the congestion which now hampers the public, could have been averted; but unfortunately, congestion is the bane of many cities,

and until some very direct and drastic reform is adopted in this matter, the evils of such conditions must continue. At every point in all our tour we saw notices posted, in reference to the health of the people, and in every case a strong appeal is made for a universal combat with tuberculosis. At hotels, and theatres, and in parks, and at railway stations, and in schools and halls, this great challenge stands out, and as far as can be done the public are co-operating. This is very commendable, but much of it we fear is in vain.

It is an old saying that "prevention is better than cure," and in this truth lies the remedy for tuberculosis. But until prevention is possible, the cure cannot overtake the disease; because as fast as one case is cured or stamped out, others are germinating, and one of the hot-beds of the germ is the congested condition of city life. While people live in old buildings, which at their best were never sanitary, and which must ever be detrimental to health, it is useless to think that certain diseases will be stamped out. They cannot be. The fresh air which is necessary to all animal and physical life, is contaminated in such dwellings, as are seen in the older cities, and while these buildings continue to be occupied, and crowded, and over-crowded, the deadly procession of the disease must go on, and in its course, cut down its victims. This is how the situation appealed to me, and I made a careful study of it; and if the vast number of gaunt faces, and sunken eyes, and pallid cheeks, which I saw are an index of the health and vitality of the city people, then the situation is ghastly as well as lamentable. Ten times ten thousand houses in the big cities are occupied, which should long ago have been demolished. Hundreds of narrow streets are crowded, which a generation ago, should have been widened. Thus the game goes on, and thus the great, and at the same time, beautiful cities, are generating diseases, and destroying the people.
(Continued on Thursday.)

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Personal.

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Miss Rosie Fitzpatrick, who had been in the city some weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Frehlich, returned to Bay Roberts by last evening's train.

The Rev. Stephen J. Pike, formerly of the Newfoundland Conference, and a native of Carbonear, has been appointed to the Danville Circuit by the Montreal Conference, which met recently at Kemptonville, Ontario. Danville is one of the beautiful places in the Eastern Townships. With all modern conveniences, it can boast of a very fine church structure, and is the nucleus of a strong Methodist cause. Mr. Pike's last circuit was at Chelsea, P.Q.

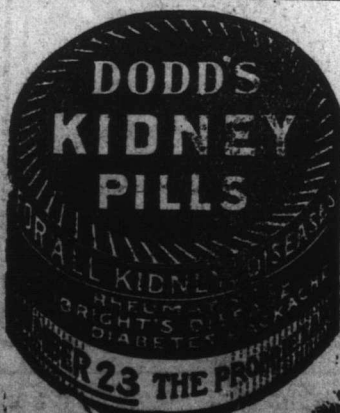
Might be Either.

The daughter of the house had just returned from a visit to her cousins, during which she had become engaged to a rising young man whom she had met at the home of her relatives. To her mother she was extolling the virtues of her intended.

"Oh, mother," she exclaimed, "he's just grand! So square, so upright. So highly polished. Why in his notes there is such a sympathetic tone that sometimes I imagine I am reading the music of the gods!"

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