

The crowning feature will undoubtedly be the Mardi Gras Carnival. This ancient feast, as most people are aware, originated centuries ago in the countries of southern Europe, and year after year cities of Italy, France and Spain have witnessed, during the few days of license and feasting permitted at a certain season of the year, scenes of revelry and merrymaking.

The idea was brought to America by French people at the time of the settlement of Louisiana, and for many years the city of New Orleans has been the scene of Mardi Gras carnivals that in

every respect surpassed anything ever seen in the old world. Each succeeding carnival has, with the advance of the arts and sciences, been vastly superior to its predecessor, until to-day the New



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