

Friends of the Friendless Who Meet Strangers at Chicago's Gates.

The stranger within the gates! Dire and dreadful are the meanings conveyed by these words to the minds of those who are without. Strange pictures are brought before the mental vision. Those without see those within greeted at the train by wily and villainous persons in checkered suits, whose sole idea is to separate the uninitiated ones from their hard earned money.

travellers' aid work in one city, keep in close touch with the officials in another. When a young man leaves one place for another in Chicago, a card precedes him. The card reads as follows: "Mr. So-and-so arrived in _____ at such and such a time and from such and such a place. He is (whatever his occupation may be). He is coming to your city and while there his address will be _____ without his knowledge. Look him up; keep in touch with him, and advise me regarding him and his movements."

CHICAGO PATHS LEAD TO VIRTUE. Here he—or she—is met. They had no idea that there would be any one there to meet them; but they are met. They are carefully guarded and guided through the crowds being poured forth in all directions, by members of various city organizations whose business it is to meet the trains. Said members are designated by badges or uniform. Should the strangers by any chance manage involuntarily to elude the "meeters," their eyes are accosted by signs which panted all over the depot, give directions as to where to go and what to pay and why. It would take a more strong minded and less weary individual than the average traveller to go astray under such conditions, for, apparently, all Chicago paths lead to virtue and it would be a reckless would-be erring one who would attempt to kick against the pricks and fulfill in reality the vagaries of the relatives and friends without the gates.

Once installed in their lodging houses, the strangers within the gates find that they are not to be left to their own devices. They are not to be allowed to amuse and wander about the streets and choose their own companions, who, upon closer observation than the first cursory one, might prove to be evil. The chances are that a "devotee" appears upon the scene, ready and eager to take the stranger in charge.

The Order of Devotees is a small organization organized for the express purpose of keeping strangers who desire to be respectable and law abiding from being anything else. It is supposed to be preventive, not a cure. For an initiation fee of \$10 and after that a fee of \$2 every month, young men and women are entitled to use once a week in a hall—Drexel Hall—which is located at Cottage Grove avenue, Fortieth street and Drexel boulevard, and dance, play cards, eat ice cream and cake, and get generally well acquainted. There is usually an entertainment of some kind first and this is provided for, along with the refreshments and other inducements, by Mrs. Cloa Arabella Parker, who is at the head of the organization.

MATRIMONIAL AGENCY MAY DEVELOP. Now, while this order is neither advertised nor claimed to be such, there is no doubt but that it may develop into an extremely respectable and desirable matrimonial agency. At the meetings everything is done to promote a feeling of cordiality and friendliness between the young strangers within the gates, and this, added to the undeniable attraction that all strangers have for each other, will probably work wonders in the marriage market.

In a little booklet of verse which Mrs. Parker has gotten up herself, she touches lightly but suggestively on the marriage question. She says: Yes, marriage is sweetest, and marriage is best.

When love is transcendent—when love is the test. The queen of one heart—to be queen of the home.

The dream of most women, though often they roam. In another verse she avers: To wed without love, good health, money or home.

A sin that would reach to high heaven's fair dome. So come to our club, for we welcome you all.

The young and the old—both the short and the tall. The age limit set by Mrs. Parker is 18 years. After that anybody can join. She is an enthusiastic little woman, and confident that in time her club will be one of the best known and most helpful organizations in the city.

Y. W. C. A. COMPRISE ANOTHER GUARD. The devotees, then, comprise one body who spend their time in looking out for the stranger within the gates. Another—the Y. W. C. A.

At every depot in town this organization has a woman stationed to meet the trains. She wears a purple badge which blazons forth in gilded letters, "Travelers' Aid." She keeps her eyes open for uninitiated pieces of femininity and pounces on them immediately they are sighted. She calls them "My dear," and asks them all about themselves, where they are from, where they are going, and what they intend to do. If they have money she takes them to the Young Women's Christian Association, and if they have not she does the same thing, and there they may stay until they have become located—and afterwards. During the time they are in the home their moral welfare and physical comfort are carefully looked after. When they go out they are asked where and why. When they come home they are asked if they had a pleasant time, and what they did.

Letters are given them to the churches and there endeavors are made to get them to join the various societies which have to do with church life and the social side of piety. In this manner the stranger soon finds that she is a stranger no longer, but a believer.

The Y. M. C. A. does not advertise as a detective bureau, but in reality and in a perfectly good and respectable way it is. It is next to impossible for the strange young man to elude its officials. All the large cities in the country work together for the benefit of the stranger. They have a card system which is a good one.

OFFICIALS KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. The officials who have charge of the

TIMES PATTERNS.



A DAINTY FROCK FOR A LITTLE GIRL.

8520—Sheer white nainsook was used in the making of this quaintly simple little dress. The fullness of the short-waisted body is laid in fine tucks, or it may simply be gathered. The full short skirt is finished by a deep hem and joined to the belt. A simple design in eyelet embroidery lends a touch of daintiness to the square yoke, sleeve caps and belt, although all-over embroidery or lace may be used. The pattern is cut in three sizes—2, 4, 6 years. The 4-year size requires 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

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Indigestion and Similar Troubles Must be Treated Through the Blood.

Indigestion can be treated in many ways, but it can be cured in only one way—through the blood. Purgatives cannot cure indigestion. By main force they move the food on still undigested. That weakens the whole system, uses up the natural juices of the body and leaves the stomach and bowels parched and sore. It is a cause of indigestion—not a cure. Others try predigested foods and peptonized drugs. But drugs which digest the food for the stomach really weaken its power. The digestive organs can never do the work properly until they are strong enough to do it for themselves. Nothing can give the stomach that power but the new, rich, red blood so abundantly supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So the reason for their success is plain. The health of the stomach depends upon the blood in its delicate veins. If the blood is weak and watery the gastric glands haven't the strength to secrete the juices which alone can digest the food. If the blood is loaded with impurities it cannot absorb the good from the food when it is digested. Nothing can stimulate the glands, and nothing can absorb the nourishment but pure, red blood. And nothing can give that pure, red blood but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Alfred Gallant, Mill River, N. E. I., says: "For several years, previous and up to two years ago, I suffered continually from indigestion. I could not eat enough to keep my strength, and what little I did eat, no matter what kind of food, caused great pains, so that I became much reduced in flesh, strength and energy. I consulted several doctors and took medicine from them but without any benefit whatever. On the advice of a friend I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and soon good results were noticed. I could slightly increase the amount of food day after day, and suffering no inconvenience, until after taking ten boxes I could eat any kind of food and in a short time got back to my normal state of health and feel that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have surely cured me of a most stubborn case of indigestion."

You can get these Pills from any dealer in medicine or they will be sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ALUMNI DAY. (Philadelphia Ledger.) "Do you remember the night we put a cow in the Greek professor's room?" "Yes. And when the lampblacked the bust of Aeneas?" "Sure. And the cold winter evening we turned the bell upside down and filled it with water?" "Ah, those were great days! How's your boy getting along? Do you think the students of to-day as studious and progressive as we used to be?" "Then the grey-haired gentlemen began to discuss the moral influence of modern college life."

Possibly! Teacher—What do you conceive to be the motive that leads people to wish to open communication with Mars? Young Man with the Bad Eye—Well, I think they want to talk to Mars because every fruitful source of gossip on this planet has been exhausted.

HOUSEKEEPING IN FLORENCE.

An Easy and Cheap Way of Living in the City of Lillies.

Housekeeping abroad is certainly a much easier affair than housekeeping at home and much cheaper if done in the simple fashion of the country the journeyer chances to be in.

"When my friend and I came to Florence," says a writer in the Travel Magazine, "like all the world of travellers of limited purse we went to a pension. Two in the room, each paid \$1.25 a day, or \$36 or \$37 a month.

"So for economy's sake we took two furnished rooms for which we paid \$11 a month without fire and light. Services were \$1.20 extra, cooking of dinner \$1.60 more, washing of dishes less than a cent a day. We cooked our own supper and made coffee for our morning rolls.

"This plan had its drawbacks, Italian landlords being proverbial arguers over trifles. Ours was no exception, and after two years of her tyranny we set up for ourselves, and advise it strongly for any one expecting to work or study for a time in Italy.

"Apartments in Florence are rented curiously. All the signs Affari (To Let) are put up on August 21, and no matter how comfortable you may be in the mountains or by the seashore, back you must come to take your choice or else wait and get the leavings. An agent will do it for you, but personally we have secured nothing through them.

"Also you can get scents of rooms or apartments to let from those gentlemen who sit on chairs by stands for boot-blackening, as the agency business is also their trade.

"The apartment found, the landlord interviewed, you must pay six months rent in advance. No matter how much an Italian landlord may desire you as a tenant he will first inform you that there is an applicant before you and you must wait this too often mythical gentleman's decision. Sometimes even two he had the advantage of you and gradually, as they dally or advance, you are worked up to the price you declined to rent at.

"What repairs you require you must mention before the contract is signed or you will never get them later. By law the roof must be in order and the floors cleaned. If your landlord refuses to put this affair of repairs in the contract but says he will give you his word, don't argue for that is to insult him. In the old times and still with old-fashioned people la parola is equal to a bond.

"Your apartment taken, and you must pay a rent about equal to 100 lire or \$20 a year a room or be cheated, you may retire from the scene, for you have no legal right to move in until November 1. In fact the occupant may remain in the apartment until November 8, and he usually does.

"Our apartment possesses four large rooms, a small room, a hall, a tiny kitchen and a cellar, and for it we pay \$10 a month. The great thing in renting a house or apartment in Italy is to see that there is sun on the rooms during some part of the day. It shines gloriously on our five.

"The second payment must be made on February 28. In some cases an agent or representative of the landlord calls and inquires concerning your intentions. If there is a portiere, as in our case, he or she informs you that your landlord waits your pleasure.

"Everything counts for a room in the contract, even the tiny hall. Of course now and then you can secure an apartment at any time of the year, but the usual custom is to rent only in August."

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Economical Feeding of Beef Cattle

It is possible, says Mr. J. H. Grisdale, by feeding roughage properly to make money out of steers and show a good balance on the right side at the end of the year. If you are going to feed steers you must feed them judiciously, and make the best use of every ounce of feed you give them, and the way to make the best use of the feed is to make it appealing. No matter what class of animals you are feeding the prime consideration must always be to give the feed to them in a palatable form so that the animals eat it, not because they like that they need it, but because they like it, and they would like to have a little more. Until a man learns to feed in that way he is not a good feeder and he does not feed properly no matter what it is he is feeding, be it a boy or a big steer. He must learn to feed so that the animals like the feed. The first thing is to give them something juicy.

Turnips, mangels, sugar-beets, ensilage, are all good. We have tried all kinds of ensilage and roots, but a combination of the different succulent feeds is best. A preparation of corn-silage, roots and straw will give you first-class results with a pound of meal a day to start with. A man who is going to make a success of steer feeding must start them well at the beginning; must shove them right ahead and keep them going; if he does not he is making a mistake. To give them the right kind of a beginning ration he must give them something extremely succulent, say ensilage or roots or rape. Rape will stand quite a bit of frost and so may be cut and fed a late in the season. Roots improve with keeping. Ensilage does not materially change and may be fed even more advantageously later on, because roots lose in weight, although they improve in quality. Now get this succulent ration into them for the first month and unless you are catering for the Christmas market, give them no meal the first month, just give this succulent ration and they will eat it freely, and you will be astonished at the gains they will make. I have seen steers make a hundred pounds in two weeks, incredible as that may seem. Quick gains and cheap gains are the gains that will make the money for you, because there is a certain maintenance ration that you have got to feed and what you can persuade them to eat over and above that is the feed that makes the gain.

Start off with a little meal. Do not start off with cornmeal or gluten or wheat or barley or peas. Start in with something light. Mix up equal parts of oats, bran and barley. The steer's digestive organs are not in a condition to fully utilize a heavy meal; therefore, I say, start in with something light to get them going and gradually increase it until at the end of a couple of months, or say three months, that should be largely cornmeal or gluten or oil meal, or if feeding barley and oats or peas and oats add a small amount of oil meal to the ration during the last month, and that will give you more satisfactory returns. There is nothing quite so good as a little bit of oil meal to put on the finish.

A good ration for a steer from the beginning to the end of the fattening period, is a half-pound of bran or a very little meal, the first week on meal, that is after he has fed three or four weeks on the roughage ration alone. The second week increase to one pound and a half; fourth week, three pounds; fifth week, three pounds and a half, and then keep on increasing gradually, say half a pound more each week, until you find him slacking and a little in gain, when give him another boost of a couple of pounds a day so that at the end of the fourth month the steers should be getting seven pounds a day, and the last month I would give him from eight and one half to nine and one-half pounds a day, and the last pound of that would be oil meal.

Back Strained by Heavy Lifting. Lay Helpless in Bed For Four Days, Crippled, Suffering Agony and Torture.

"While engaged with a large construction company," writes Amos E. Wilbur, from Concord, "I wrenched my back while lifting a steel beam. I realized at once that I was hurt, but finished the day out. I was so lame I couldn't get to bed. I applied poultices, hot water bags and other remedies, but at the end of the fifth day my suffering was more intense than at the first. A fellow workman brought me a bottle of NERVINE, and rubbed my back twice during the evening. This gave me relief. Rubbing with Nervilleine was continued the next day, and by night I was much improved. Nervilleine must have penetrated right into the muscles that were sore, because it took out the stiffness, cured the pain and had me well in four days' time. Of course, to strengthen my back, I put on a Nervilleine Plaster and find it a wonderful help to a working man."

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Birds of Distinction. (Chicago News.) The crow and the bird of paradise were talking about fame.

"Why, you are so homely, you are only known to the farmers," sneered the proud bird of paradise. "Now, I am so beautiful I have my feathers on the hats of the society women."

The crow laughed sardonically. "That may be, my friend," he chuckled, "but I have my feet under their eyes."

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