

At the outset of this letter it is wise to correct a wrong impression that has been noised abroad, and to which our attention has been called, in regard to the expense of eating and sleeping while in Chicago. Perhaps there may be isolated instances of extortion having been practiced, still in general the rates of hotels and lodging houses are little, if any, higher, than ordinary. We state it as a fact that good clean, comfortable rooms, can be had as low as \$1 per day, per person, and when two or more occupy the same room even a lower rate in some places prevails. Food properly cooked and nicely served may be had from 25 cents per meal up—so that one person can live comfortably for \$2 per day.

How very much can be crowded into seven days, and so with the week ending June 1. It was one fairly teeming with interest. It was the best by far in point of attendance, since the exposition opened. Then again the Princess Eulalia resolved to do the fair thoroughly, and she and the Prince visited the same incog. and claimed to have had a very enjoyable time. The receptions given in her honor were perhaps as fine as anything ever attempted in Chicago. Her departure is a matter of regret, and her stay among us was only too short. Many men and women of rank and nobility from abroad would do well to take pattern after her, as she was very democratic and American in her ways and ideas and made friends with all who were for tunate enough to have been presented to her. Her time was pretty well occupied between sight-seeing by day and receptions at night. She was very anxious to attend the performance of America in the Auditorium, the boxes having been expressly decorated in her honor, but was forced to abandon it at the eleventh hour on account of her early departure next morning for New York, very much to the regret of thousands who had expected to see her face there.

Nine out of every ten persons asked would probably say that all the olive oil used in America was imported. Step into the California building and see the pyramid built with quart and pint bottles filled

with this liquid as part of the exhibit of Santa Barbara county, California; and get informed.

Those of us who are always behind time will now have no excuse for not keeping our watches "in time." When you see the time ball drop from Uncle Sam's building you will then know that it's noon and time for dinner.

The Illinois Press Association had an outing last week and took Chicago and the white city by storm.

A good many people have considered it necessary to take stock or certificates in hotels to insure obtaining accommodations at reasonable rates and avoiding impositions. In many, perhaps most cases, parties so investing have found that they lost money in their haste to protect themselves. The only thing you need to buy before coming to Chicago is your railroad ticket and once here the less you patronize outside peddlers the better. This is illustrated in the matter of guide books. You will find guide books persistently thrust under your nose wherever you go. Now there is just one official guide, and the only one a visitor wants, if he or she desires one of any description. It sells for 25 cents and is the only one sold within the grounds. Hence if you will be patient enough to wait until you reach the grounds before you buy your guide book, you will avoid being confided out of 10 or 25 cents by some outside and unauthorized and incomplete guide. You do not need to be euchered out of a cent in visiting Chicago if you will taboo fakirs, read the prices on the printed bills of fair at restaurants and keep your wits about you.

That state wherein the inhabitants eat brown bread, baked beans and cod-fish balls, held a very swell reception on Saturday last, in commemoration of the battle of Bunker Hill. It goes without saying that his Excellency Governor Russell and many of his staff were present, and did the honors becoming such an occasion with great dignity. In the evening Bunker Hill monument was a living shaft of fire.