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THE GREATEST HOTEL CITY OF THE WORLD

New York City Is Now Spending \$50,000,000 For New Hotels

THE PRACTICAL JOKER

This Sum Now Being Expended in New York City, in Construction, Which Will Make it the Greatest Hotel City in the World—Will Have 2,500 Hotels, Representing Investment Greater Than National Debt by 1911—City's Most Practical Joker Again Bobs Up With a Joke That Costs Father Knickerbocker \$2,640—Statistics Show That Cost of Health is Increasing. Captain Kidd's Treasure Discovered Once More—Freak White Fawn Born at Zoo.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Sep. 5.—With \$50,000,000 now being spent in the construction of new hotels, to be completed in the near future, New York will within the next few months outstrip all other competitors for the title of the greatest hotel city in the world. By January first, it is now expected, there will be in operation no less than 2,500 hotels capable of accommodating nearly a third of a million persons, and able to feed at least 2,000,000 daily. As these figures do not include boarding houses or apartment and flat buildings, it is probable that the total transient population which Father Knickerbocker will be able to house by 1911 will considerably exceed the million mark. Many causes have led to the remarkable increase in hotel construction in spite of the fact that on upper Broadway there is hardly a block which does not contain at least one hotel, while many squares are given over to them solidly. Of course there are numerous hotels in other parts of the city, but for obvious reasons Broadway has remained the hotel thoroughfare. A walk along the three-mile stretch between the old Astor House, famous before the war, to the new hotel which Charles Rector of restaurant fame has nearly completed at Forty-fourth street, reveals in a striking manner the advances which have been made in hotel construction during more than half a century. Between the former, which now is the oldest hotel of any note in the city, and the latter which embodies all that has come through 50 years development, the successive stages of advancement are clearly marked not only in ever-increasing size, but in all other details as well. While this newest hotel is by no means the largest in the city, since size has been made secondary to completeness, it would easily make half a dozen of the old Astor House, white in point of service there could of course be no comparison. Certainly with all the hotel construction which is now going on, New York will be able to make a strong bid for a 1915 world's fair, on the ground that this city is far better equipped than any other to care for vast throngs of visitors. Incidentally it matters keep on as they are now going, it will not be many years before hotel row will stretch almost solidly up to Central Park. At present it is estimated that the amount of money invested in hotels in this city is greater than the national debt.

After a lapse of more than a year, New York's most famous practical joker who has achieved as much fame in his field as has Chancey Depew as an after-dinner speaker, has again jumped into the limelight and this time at the expense of the city administration itself. Brian G. Hughes is the name of the man who, popularly known as "B. G.," has taken more advantage of the credulity of New Yorkers than any man living. He it was who fed and groomed an alley cat, sent it to the aristocratic cat show and won a blue ribbon over all sorts of blooded competitors. Likewise it was B. G. who brought the proprietor of a famous restaurant almost to tears by "accidentally flinging" a set of false teeth in his soup. Also it was his alleged blooded horse "Puldeka" which took a prize at a local horse show, to the great consternation of other exhibitors. The animal in question was a street car horse, its name indicating that it had pulled a car. While all these accomplishments of Mr. Hughes were without financial profit, his latest joke which has just come to light has netted him the neat sum of \$2,640. Some five years ago, according to the evidence at hand, there were ten rooms in one of the downtown court buildings for which the city had no use. The sinking fund commission was in a quandary as to what dispo-

sition to make of the empty rooms when a bright-eyed, smallish man with a bald head wandered into one of the meetings, explained that he understood the building was a heavy expense to the city and offered to take the rooms off their hands at a monthly rental of \$55. The commissioners almost fell on Mr. Hughes' neck when he paid the first month's rent. This week, however, one of the commissioners discovered that Mr. Hughes has been sub-letting the rooms in question at a monthly rental of \$99, leaving a net profit of \$44 a month for the last five years. As a result the joke, of a most practical nature, has cost the city \$2,640. Mr. Hughes' lease will not be renewed.

Health, like about everything else, is at least twice as expensive in New York as elsewhere. For once in a way its expensiveness, of which the city is rather proud, is likely to react in a serious manner affecting the safety of life itself. As a result of various suggestions in different states to establish some form of regulation of physicians' fees, statistics bearing on this subject have just been collected for the first time. They illustrate in an astonishing manner the effect on public health, so far as its care is concerned, of the conditions which make New York the most expensive city to live in in the United States. As a result of these conditions Father Knickerbocker finds himself in the position of being less able to attract the most capable medical talent than are smaller communities, since on the authority of an eminent physician \$30,000 is not too high an estimate of the expenditure necessary in this modern Capua before the young doctor can be self-supporting. In this country, based on the statistics which have been collected from more than 6,000 doctors in every part of the Union, the cost, including education, will hardly average more than \$15,000. Moreover, the figures show that while the practitioner who settles here cannot expect to be self-supporting much before he is 33 years old, the young doctor in the smaller community can do so several years earlier. While this subject has never been brought to notice before, since statistics have never been collected, these figures would seem to indicate that the doctors are justified in charging more for their services here than in other places, because it costs them more and takes longer to establish a paying practice.

This city has just been treated, for what must be at least the hundredth time, to the re-discovery of the treasure which Captain Kidd is supposed to have buried somewhere between Florida and Newfoundland. This time it came to light in New York itself, or rather in that part of the greater city known as Staten Island. Its discoverer, who settled there 25 years ago, has spent every Sunday and holiday since his arrival from Ireland in tramping the island in search of the treasure which he felt certain had been buried there. In spite of the ridicule of his neighbors he has persisted in his hunt, and this week his perseverance was rewarded by the discovery of a large chest filled with what appeared to be gold coins and ingots. His jubilation was short-lived, however, for closer examination revealed the fact that the coins were merely gilded pennies and the ingots lumps of brass, a "plant" prepared by his neighbors who had grown tired of his search. So Captain Kidd's treasure still remains safe in spite of the great number of times it has been discovered.

One of the strangest freaks of nature which has been seen in this city for a long time is now attracting a large amount of attention at the Bronx Zoo. This freak is a white-fawn which was recently born there and it is made doubly interesting because of the fact that both its father and mother are plain red deer with not so much as a single spot or white in their coats. Not only is the youngster pure white color, but he has also white rings in his eyes, which give him an uncanny appearance. He is a source of endless interest to children because of the frequent mention and wonderful doing of the white deer in fairy tales. These animals are extremely rare and the great majority of hunters are so superstitious about them that they will not shoot them, it being an almost world-wide belief that to do so brings bad luck.

Saved a Soldier's Life.

Facing death from shot and shell in the Civil War was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 178 pounds." For Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping Cough and lung trouble, its supreme 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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