RANDOM SHOTS ALONG THE ROUTE TO MEXICO.

A GLANCE AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS has often been mentioned in our hearing by friends at home, but we seldom can properly appreciate a stranger or a strange place by such slight mention. We had a faint idea of what the city looked like, of its people, etc., but the impression formed by a visit is far different from that made by hearing of it. We enjoy listening to accounts of pleasant occasions, of sweet music, but how different when we are experiencing the pleasure in person! I cannot hope to make the reader enjoy St. Louis, Galveston or Mexico with as much keenness as we who visited these places, but we will endeavor to give some random shots that, we trust, may prove interesting.

St. Louis may truly be called the Queen City of the West. As we cross its surging river, swollen by repeated rains, we see reminders of the recent cyclone, much of the debris being strewn about in various places. The most marked of this debris is that of the Emergency Hospital, rent in twain and today a total wreck. The entrance into the city is by way of the Union Depot, an ideal station, after which all our large cities would do well to follow. It is the most massive and best arranged depot in the country. Philadelphia has its two pretty centres and Cincinnati lays claim to a very fine one, but St. Louis outrivals them all. Here the architect has fashioned an imposing stone structure, artistic and massive in design, yet convenient and perfectly arranged. Beauty and symmetry abound, from the handsome mosaic floors, in which appears the graceful fleur-de-lis design, to the brilliantly electric lighted towers. Here all roads centre, and whether you travel via. the Big Four, Vandalia, B. & O., Pennsylvania, Santa Fe or any other, you depart and enter from this palatial station. It has twenty-nine tracks, over which 250 passenger trains travel in and out daily. In the rear without a great canopy connects with the extensive iron sheds having glass roofs, the entire structure occupying several whole squares. Besides the station, there is in the building the Terminal Hotel, one of the best equipped hostelries in the city, with one of Harvey's dining-rooms and restaurants.

St. Louis has some of the largest banking houses in the country, most of the banks owning massive structures and renting offices in the same to business men. We are sorry we cannot speak favorably of the cleanliness of the city. During our visit the streets looked as if mud had been hauled there by the authorities. A resident informed us that most persons wore rubbers with which to plunge through the mud. The St. Louis water, before filtering, is not as clear as that from Chester river after a rain. It is really muddy, but after being doctored is quite delectable. Owing to the poor quality of the water, we were informed, many residents drink beer, and to this fact we may attribute the rapid growth of one of the biggest breweries in this country—Annheuser-Busch. A half day was devoted to a visit to this mammoth establishment. This plant is valued at $25,000,000 and occupies 58 acres of ground—a small beer farm. Twenty-seven hundred men are employed, who manufacture 8,000 barrels of the beverage daily. They have in stock 26,000,000 bottles, made at the glass factory connected with the plant. An ice machine, with a capacity for making 500 tons of ice every twenty-four hours, was shown us, and was working noiselessly and perfectly. Pipes white with frost were on all sides, while men were kept drawing out large cakes of ice every few minutes. This firm keeps 260 fine Norman horses, which were in the pink of condition. The proprietor has eleven handsome carriages, including coaches, surreys, tally-ho, buggies, broughams, carts, etc., for private use; also eight well bred horses. Among the costly harness was a set mounted in solid silver. A market for the output is found principally in St. Louis, but carloads are shipped to Eastern and Southern points.

This city is also a musical centre, where some of the finest musicians make their homes and give the public the benefit of their rich experience and skilled training. The large exposition hall is weekly the scene of some grand oratorio or musical, either by local talent or visiting companies. Churches raise their heads in every quarter and are well supported. In them are to be found some of the ablest divines in the country, while the singing is of a high order. We had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Mr. Boyton, at the Baptist church, and also his noted quartette and large five-banked pipe organ. The service at night was a short sermon of twenty minutes, with special music for forty minutes. This was called an evening of song.

Philadelphia claims to have the prettiest homes of any city in this country, but evidently St. Louis was excepted in this boast, for surely she has no rival in this respect. Whole blocks, with parks abundant, are to be seen filled with cosy and magnificent residences, which are located in the midst of green swards and blooming flowers. Large ornamented gates swing at either entrance to these beautiful "Places."

Forest Park is the pride of St. Louis, and well does it deserve to be, for it is the elysium of the cultured dreamer. Streams are plentiful and meander in silver sinuousness through the shaded valleys, forming here and there a lake of placid beauty. Here was to be found, as in all cities, the seekers after recreation, on foot, in carriages and on wheels.

THE KENT RESIDENTS.

St. Louis is the home of a number of persons from Kent county. We found Wm. S. Walker, Jr., son of Wm. S. Walker, Esq., engaged in the coal business. He has a large yard well-stocked and has won a good trade. He has formed many associations among some of the best people in the city and is happy in his Western home. It was a real pleasure to lunch with our college companion and talk of old Kent.

But Mr. Walker and wife are not the only Kent countains, for we next met our old friend, Mr. Horace W. Beck. He was busily engaged in making up the quarterly report of the Laclede Power Company in which corporation he holds a responsible position. He gave us an Eastern Shore welcome and joined our party at lunch. We were unable to see Mrs. Beck but learned that she and the children were pleased with St. Louis but had not forgotten the folks at home.

We visited the Chamber of Commerce and there was attracted to a certain young man with dark beard, hair black, coal black eyes who was taking an active interest in the sale and purchase of wheat and corn. We approached him and asked if it was not Ed. Catlin to which he replied "yes sir, and your name is Usilton, from Chestertown." It had been twelve years since we had attended college together and he had changed very much. He is married and has two bright children, and a beautiful home in a fashionable quarter of the city. He has made rapid strides in business until today he is one of the most careful and most responsible men on the floor of the exchange. He acquainted us with the big speculators, the "bulls and bears," the friends of his earlier business career and dispensed that hospitality inculated into him by his Eastern Shore parents. He is to-day secretary and treasurer of the Brinson—Judd Grain Company with a paid up capital of $50,000. Mr. Catlin hopes to visit his mother on Maple avenue this year.

It was also our pleasure to meet Mr. Merritt M. Beck, well-known in our county, who kindly showed us through Kennard & Co,'s big carpet store; one of the largest stores in the West. Mr. Beck is head salesman in this tremendous establishment:

SOME WESTERN LADIES.

We had often heard of the "hustling" women of the West, but never was it our pleasure to meet one of them until on this occasion. Some of our Eastern friends have the idea that a woman in office or in any public business is going beyond her sphere of usefulness, and we must confess that our mind *was* very much tainted with this idea. It is not so now. We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Louise A. Starkwather, of St. Louis, and being in her company for some days. She is the originator of the Woman's Department of Insurance and insures the lives of *women* in that solid old live company, The Mutual Life, of New York. She has succeeded in establishing branch offices in large cities of six States and is making a grand success. Her younger sister, Miss G. Russell Hall, is a special agent in St. Louis and the instructor of agents. No lady is allowed to go into the business until she has passed a regular course of instruction and thoroughly mastered the business. The amount of business done by these is enormous and their field is widening continually. Although these ladies and others whom we met, could talk business and transact the same, yet when we saw them at home we beheld the true lady with all that spiritual and sylphic grace, a charming ease of manner and beauty and breathing the atmosphere of higher life, the hovering halo so rife of commerce with the skies. It was also our pleasure to meet Miss Fruchti, vice-principal of the High School. She is a lady of remarkably strong intellect, of ready speech, with graceful manner and noble carriage. Her fame as a lecturer is far-reaching and well-deserved, and her energy, animation and progressiveness is characteristic of the business women of the West. But we cannot do justice to the indescribable union of charms in the women, so will close this letter, hoping next week to carry our readers into the South and there bask in sunshine and view the vast prairies of Texas.

F. G. U.

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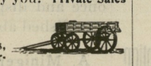
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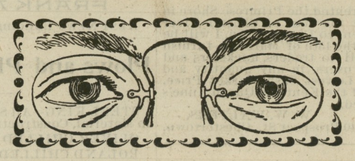
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