

## TELEPHONE SERVICE IN MODERN HOTEL RAPID

Manager Kissling, of Central Union, Talks of This Development of Business Life.

Manager Kissling of the Central Union Telephone company said Saturday: "No small part of the modern hotel service is the telephone system. It has been compelled to keep abreast with every other innovation and that is the reason why the modern large hotels are so completely and efficiently equipped."

Commercialization of the telephone was long ago acknowledged as a fact. It no longer is a luxury.

As an evidence of this, statistics show that during the last ten years, or rather from 1900, the number of telephones in use in the United States have increased from 650,000 to about 30,000,000.

In this vast distribution of telephones Terre Haute has not failed to take of her allotted number. Growing from a very few at the beginning of the last decade, this city now boasts of a development of about 15.5 per cent, or in the neighborhood of 10,000 telephones, taken care of by both systems. This means a telephone for each six persons.

Increased use of the telephone does not lie entirely with its needs to the public, as poor equipment and more-over poor service retards its uses rather than promotes the usefulness to which it could be put.

This was long ago comprehended by the Bell Telephone company, which spares neither time nor money in constructing and maintaining its physical property in such condition to give the most accurate and efficient service.

### Saving of Seconds.

The giving of service, which in reality is the telephone company's stock in trade, has become a science. Thousands of dollars are spent to save seconds, which in the aggregate mean hours.

While local telephone service has not been slighted, great strides have lately been made in development of the long distance service. New methods of operating are constantly being tried out in an effort to eliminate the wait that is often experienced by long distance users. The Central Union Telephone company has within the last year and a half established a new method of handling their traffic between Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis and other points where the volume of business is large. This method provides that the operator at the originating office talk direct to the called party at the terminating point and thus save the time here-to-fore consumed by the operator at the distant office in handling the ticket. This has been found to save from three to five minutes on each call, which to the subscribers seems like so many hours. This is only one of the many features effected to increase the efficiency of the service.

### Local Developments.

In the outside plant forty thousand dollars will have been spent by the end of the present year in putting the physical property of the company here in Terre Haute in a better condition. The downtown wires are being placed in underground conduit and in the residence portion of the city everything is being cabled, in so far as it is practicable.

Each day the long distance office handles several hundred messages, while during the same period the local operators are putting up from thirty-five to forty thousand connections.

"The commercial interests," Manager Kissling says, "are forming the long distance habit not exceeded even in the largest cities in the country. The manufacturer, the coal operator, the banker and the merchant no longer rely on the mail or the telegraph, but want instant communication, which can only be secured by the use of the telephone."

Manager Kissling reports that the position of the Central Union Telephone company in Terre Haute for the last few years has been one of steady progress and that the people of Terre Haute are daily becoming more frequent users of the telephone, both local and long distance.

### THOUGHTS THAT COME.

True pride is unostentatious.

Few so-called proverbs will bear analysis.

Prudishness is a thin disguise for a vulgar mind.

Who wants always his own way is soon left to travel alone.

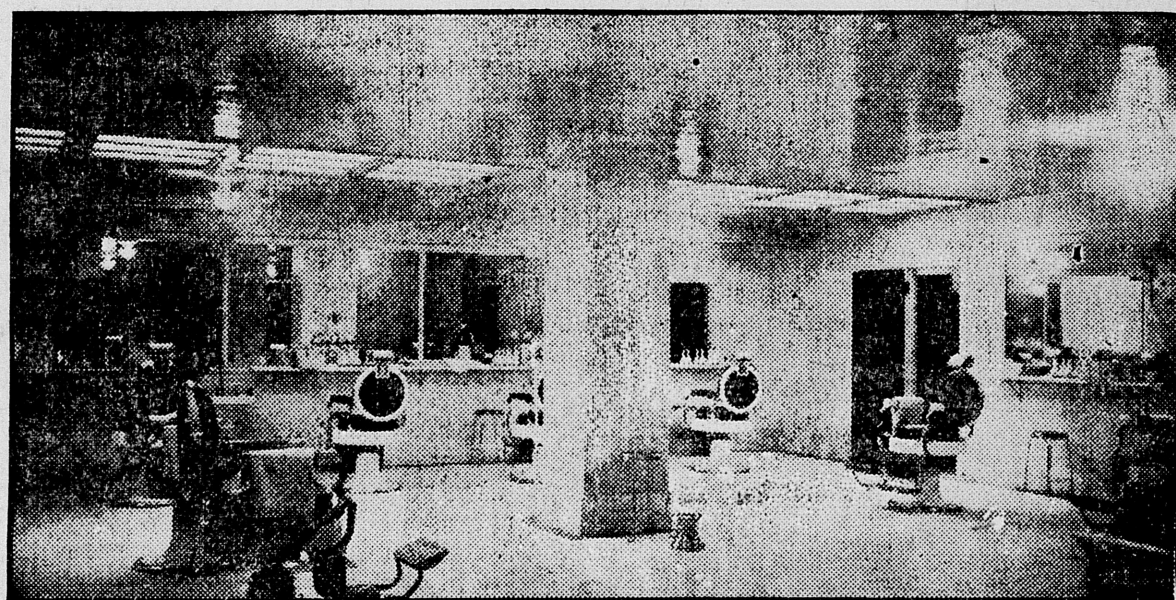
When a man comes to know himself well, his conceit disappears.

Youth has a habit of being amazed at the folly of older persons.

## Some Other Attractive Features of the New Hotel Deming



HANDSOMELY EQUIPPED CIGAR COUNTER AND HUMIDORS FOR CIGAR STOCK.



SANITARY WHITE TILED BARBER SHOP IN BASEMENT OF HOTEL DEMING.

## RACING RICHES GONE; PLUNGER TURNS THIEF

Poverty Stricken Man Arrested for Petty Robbery in Flatbush Is Soon Recognized as Frank England.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A sunken-cheeked, poorly-dressed man skulked out of the home of Mrs. William Howard at 808 Church avenue, Flatbush, and was seen by Patrolman Hill of the Parkville station.

"What were you doing in there?" Hill demanded.

The man did not reply but ran. Hill following. The fugitive leaped aboard a Church avenue car, but Hill also caught it, so the other man jumped off and ran again. For two blocks he kept the lead; then he stopped and said in a hopeless way, "I guess you got me good this time."

In the police station he gave his name as Frank Dent. Captain Coughlin came in.

"Why, this is Frank England," he said. "Frank, how'd you get down to this?"

"I'm broke and hungry and I did it to get something to pawn for food," said England, and he wept.

In his pockets were a few pieces of jewelry which Mrs. Holland said were her property. England was locked up on a charge of robbery.

In 1905 Frank England, a Brooklyn trolley conductor, had a day off. He went to the Gravesend racetrack. His entire capital on arriving there was 75 cents. He bet it on a race with one of the cheap field bookmakers. He won; bet his winnings; won again and so on through the afternoon. He went home with several hundred dollars.

He resigned his job with the B. R. T. next day, and in a month was recognized as one of the most daring plungers on the eastern racetracks. His fortune soon estimated \$250,000, run up from that original 75 cents.

He invested in real estate. A house at 231 Cumberland street was pur-

chased and deeded to his wife. His family lived there in luxury.

At Saratoga that summer he won \$30,000 on Schoolmaster. Next he flattened the purses of the bookmakers in Washington. So lucky did he become that it was suspected he was betting on fixed races and detectives were set to watch him.

He laughed at first, saying, "I never spoke to a jockey in my life and I don't want to. I get information about the work of horses in my own way."

England planned to retire from the betting ring and devote the rest of his life to his family, but the gambling craze was too strong for him. He still was on the top wave of prosperity when racing got its death blow in this state. Other tracks were open and he turned to them, but in recent years his luck turned. Gradually he lost everything. He said when arrested he was homeless. What had become of his family he would not say.

### ABUSING WIRELESS SYSTEM.

So many false messages have been received by wireless at Lloyd's of late that steps are now being taken to remedy this evil. One proposal is that all ships equipped with radio-telegraphic apparatus should be made to report "All well" once or twice every twenty-four hours, while another suggestion is that each of them should have a secret password, known only to their captain and the chief of wireless stations.

The result of the scares is not only a good deal of unnecessary anxiety, but heavy loss to underwriters, who are, in fact, beginning to doubt the accuracy of serious messages. For instance, in the belief that the news of the foundering of the Empress of Ireland was a recurrence of recent canards, the overdue market at Lloyd's was found willing to write the risk of total loss at the nominal figure of two guineas per cent, at which a fairly large business was done, with the result, of course, that a heavy liability was incurred.

A few weeks ago a German steamer was reported abandoned in the Bay of Biscay, and reinsurances were effected at eighty guineas per cent, but it subsequently transpired that she had gone to the assistance of a vessel in distress. Another case was that of the Pacific Mail company's liner

Siberia, which was said to have stranded between Yokohama and Hongkong, but which was all the time safe in port. That misleading message cost underwriters about £20,000.

### Some Financial Difference.

She—I have set my heart on a wedding trip around the world.

He—I thought you had set it on marrying me.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## NEW YORK TO CALL COPS BY PUSH BUTTONS

Novel Plan To Be Tried By Which Any Citizen May Signal for a Policeman.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Push a button and call police. This is the very newest, not to say oddest, development in the effort to make New York's police force the most efficient in the world. This new method of summoning the guardians of the city's peace is to be introduced at first in only a single precinct, but the plan is to extend it eventually all over Manhattan. The system is made possible by the

use of green flash lights fixed to iron posts distributed all over the precinct. Formerly these lights could be flashed only by the sergeant on the desk at the police station and were used merely to call in some man whom he desired to see. Now, however, any citizen, by pressing a button attached to the telephone boxes in the precinct, can start the lights flashing and summon the nearest officer. The lights, too, will be visible by day as well as by night. It is believed that this new system will combine the advantages of the old "fixed post" system, which required the policeman always to be at one point, with the "patrolling" system, which will allow policemen to move about their beats. There are two possible drawbacks to the system, however, the first being the ubiquitous small boy, who can make life miserable for the officer by continually flashing the lights. As the punishment will be heavy, however, for turning in such a false alarm, little more trouble is anticipated than with fire alarm calls. The other possible flaw in the

system has to do with crooks; since one by pressing the button might call an officer to one end of his beat, while his partner was pulling off a job at the other end. But with the large number of policemen at hand it is thought that the system will work out satisfactorily and that New York will eventually be able to summon policemen as easily as it now does a bell boy in a hotel.

### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

William had not been in the other world long when George Wood called on the promise of his widow.

"Do you love me, sweetheart?" asked George.

"Yes, dear," cooed the widow.

"Better than anybody on earth?" persisted he, after the foolish manner of lovers.

"Yes," she answered, "better than any one on earth; but, George, don't ask me about heaven."—Judge.

### YOUR HOUSE IS NOT REALLY ON THE MARKET

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Central



Union

## Business Men Who Solicit Business by Telephone Sell More!

They give customers an opportunity to get what is especially desired, when it is to be had.

They first make themselves useful, then valuable, then indispensable, by this sort of attention.

With the Long Distance Telephone, the radius of trade can be lengthened almost indefinitely.

Moreover, the volume of business transacted by each firm or individual may be increased without limit.

The Long Distance Service makes endless openings for hustlers.

## Bell Telephone Service Accessible Throughout The Hotel Deming

Receivers Central Union Telephone Company  
F. H. KISSLING, Manager  
Main 464

## Some Wizards of the Grill and of the Kitchen Range



CHEF AUGUST WEBER OF THE HOTEL DEMING AND HIS ASSISTANTS.