

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

### Items Picked Up in a Rambles Through Jackson Park.

The Condition of the Fair a Week After the Opening—Some of the Nights That Amuse—Fakes and Fakirs.

(Special Chicago Correspondence.)

WITH the expiration of the opening week the Columbian exposition has lost much of its incompleteness, and, although there is much yet to be done, still the grounds are in such shape as to permit of a most enjoyable and profitable stroll among the great white buildings. The number of visitor per day during the week has not been large enough to crowd the grounds, and the going has been constantly improving so that the discomforts of the first day have almost entirely disappeared, and a visit to the fair is now much more pleasurable. Each day brings forth some new attractions as the exhibits are unpacked and installed and fresh features of interest are constantly being added about the grounds.

The electric fountains and search lights have been completed and are now in operation at night and the displays are perfectly dazzling. The gilded statue of the Republic and the dome of the Administration building glint in the flashing light and the whole city of white is flooded with splendor. These displays undoubtedly surpass anything of the kind ever witnessed before, and their magnificence will be one of the greatest wonders of the fair when completed. The search lights are stationed on the Agricultural building and by their aid the whole country for miles around can be illuminated. In addition to these there are many great arc lights which lend their brilliancy to the scene.

Those portions of the fair which still remain unfinished are now receiving the attention of a doubled force of workmen, who are putting forth every effort to bring them to completion. Day and night the work goes on almost unceasingly, one force relieving the other at regular intervals, scarcely losing a moment, so eager are the exhibitors to reach the completion of their tasks and have everything in shape as soon as possible.

The exhibits are still coming in from every direction, and as fast as they arrive they are seized upon by their owners and conveyed to their respective departments. In most of the large buildings great piles of boxes await their turn to be relieved of their contents, and as fast as they are taken away others arrive to take their places.

When one views the immensity of space that is to be covered by the exhibits of all kinds it seems an interminable task to fill it, and it hardly seems

Besides the electric light displays at night there is another big attraction in the grand musical concerts which are furnished by the exposition band. An elaborate programme is prepared each day and some of the numbers are fairly entrancing. The band occupies a large pavilion in the grand plaza east of the Administration building, and when it is performing the surrounding space is usually black with people. Among the members of the band are some of the best musicians in their respective lines in the country, and their director, Prof. Liesegang, is an acknowledged leader among the musicians of Chicago.

In a stroll about the fair grounds there are many sights to be seen that are extremely amusing. To behold a diminutive specimen of manhood, with spectacles on his nose, all bowed up behind one of those trundling chairs, trying to propel a two-hundred-pound woman with near-sighted eyes and an irascible temper is something well calculated to stir up pity in the bosom of a professional executioner. And when the ground was wet and soft and the

definitely flirts his accordion-like publication under your nose and in stentorian tones invites you to part with your hard-earned ducats. These are of a harmless order, and should you patronize them you will get some value for your money, but there are those who will fleece and rob you at the slightest opportunity. Light-fingered gentry are scattered through the crowds, and unless a good watch is kept up for them they are apt to get familiar with a person's valuables on very short notice. There are also innumerable side-show attractions and "fake" enterprises to separate the unwary stranger from his money. The oleaginous individual with a tough mug and uproarious apparel warbles his seductive tale of wonders to be seen in some two-by-four stall or wagon, and all for "the small sum of a quarter of a dollar, twenty-five cents, two dimes and a nickel." They are all running what they call a "suckers' game," and any money invested with them is simply a purchase of superfluous and unprofitable experience.

**SPECIAL DAYS IN THE BIG SHOW.**  
So far as possible States will get the Dates They Ask For.

The first state and society days at the fair were booked recently by the ceremonies committee. These special days are expected to greatly increase the attendance at the exposition, as they will be made the occasion of reunions of various kinds. Such days proved to be very popular at the centennial. The first day assigned is May 17, when visitors from the state of Washington will swoop down on the grounds and have things their own way. Maine folks are coming on June 2, and on July 26 the commercial travelers of the United States will take possession of the grounds. Utah day is July 24. Wisconsin will rally at the park on May 23. The Independent Order of Foresters chose August 12 and the Colored Peoples' association August 17. North Carolinians are coming August 31. The New York crowd will be here September 4. Colorado comes five days later. Kansas has asked for two days, September 15 and 16. Nevada asked for October 31, doubtless ignorant of the fact that the exposition closes the day previous.

Secretary Culp, of the ceremonies committee, says this is only the beginning of the assignment of special days. "We have received many letters on the subject," he said, "in which inquiry was made in regard to the days that could be secured by states and societies. At present it is difficult to make assignments for the reason that the applicants do not say in all cases the days they desire. Naturally we will endeavor to give them the days they want, for the state boards are supposed to know at what period of the exposition they can bring the most people to the fair. All of them are anxious to make the biggest showing possible for their states, and we will help them in any manner possible."

### EXQUISITE WAX FLOWERS.

The Work of a Self-Educated Farmer's Daughter.

A bit of work of which the ladies in charge of woman's work in the Illinois building are particularly proud is a case of wax flowers of exquisite workmanship, although the grouping is by no means artistic. It is the work of a young girl in Williamson county, whose opportunity for any development of love of the beautiful has been exceedingly limited. Her life has been passed upon a farm and her time has been filled with the arduous duties which are the lot of a farmer's daughter of the poorer class. Only once did she ever see any formation of wax flowers by anyone else, but that once did for her what months of training often fails to accomplish for many of her more fortunate sisters. The material used is the refuse wax from the comb, heated and bleached by herself, while the coloring is done with rough paints. The tools used are a penknife and hairpin. The result is marvelous. Lilies of the valley, fuchsias, dahlias, honeysuckles and roses attest the delicacy of touch and love of the beautiful—nature's rare gift to this humble farm girl.

### REFUSED PASSES.

Papers That Have Maligned the Exposition Unknowingly Reject Courtesies.

The papers that have been for the last two years maligning Chicago and the world's fair have learned that for once they have been checkmated. The papers that exhibited the most malignant spirit have been the ones to make the first demands upon Maj. Handy for passes. Their requests would probably have been granted had common civility been displayed; as it is they may be compelled to spend their money at the exposition gates.

Maj. Handy's department has for many months been sending all over the country a mass of descriptive matter concerning the fair. This matter has invariably been refused by the papers that have opposed the fair, and the envelopes have been returned unopened. When the notifications concerning passes were sent out, Maj. Handy directed that they be inclosed in the same sort of envelopes used for the tissue. The ruse worked well, and as a result probably a dozen papers have cut themselves off from passes.

The world's fair will indulge in an electric star at night. Calculations and experiments have shown that the bright particular electric star will throw its rays to a distance of 100 miles, many times the extent of power possessed by any other light, ancient or modern. Throwing its enormous concentration of 300,000,000-candle-power light from a height of 250 feet on the roof of the Manufactures building, the big lamp will shed a dazzling path of light in all directions.

Two GIDDY young men were strolling through Midway Plaisance the other day, when they saw a Turk short distance ahead of them. "Do you see the Turk?" said one of them. "I am going to have some fun with him." So presently he said to the Turk: "Well, old Fezzly, how's your liver?" And the Turk replied, in perfectly good English: "Much better than your manners, sir."

Not Truly Brave.  
O, fiercely fought he in the wars!  
His courage oft was noted,  
And three times he for gallantry  
Was honored and promoted.

Where bullets flew as thick as fleas,  
And almost as annoying,  
Well to the front he bore the brunt  
When death with men was toying.

The shriek of shells no terror brought,  
Though comrades fast were falling,  
He stood alone in trenches strewn  
With carnage most appalling.

He smiled on death with a scornful smile,  
And fear and he were strangers.  
When blood flowed free, he laughed in gloe,  
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Yet still some fine, discerning soul,  
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It is not always we are stirred  
By loving voice or helping word;  
But something deeper in its power  
Has gently thrilled the passing hour,  
And won some secret heart, may be,  
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—M. O. Page, in Union Signal.

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### MUDGE—"Women are queer creatures."

Yabsley—"What is the matter with you now?" Mudge—"Why, all the old women I know insist that I am making a mistake in remaining single, and all the young ones seem to think the other way."—Indianapolis Journal.

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