

SEEN AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Notable Specimens of Architecture on the Grounds at the Great Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

Located near the lake shore, south of the main lagoon and of the area reserved for the foreign nations and the several States, and east of the Woman's Building and of Midway Plaisance, is the Government Exhibit Building. The buildings of England, Germany and Mexico are near by to the northward. It is classic in style and bears a strong resemblance to the National Museum and other Government buildings at

tends from the rotunda to the east end, and that of the Department of Justice from the rotunda to the west end of the building. The allotment of space for the several department exhibits is: War Department, 23,000 square feet; Treasury, 10,500 square feet; Agriculture, 23,250 square feet; Interior, 24,000 square feet; Postoffice, 9,000 square feet; Fishery, 20,000 square feet, and Smithsonian Institute, balance of space.

others smaller. All of these trunks are left in their natural state, with bark undisturbed. They are contributed by the different States and Territories of the Union and by foreign countries, each furnishing specimens of its most characteristic trees. The sides of the building are constructed of slabs with the bark removed. The window frames are treated in the same rustic manner as the rest of the building. The

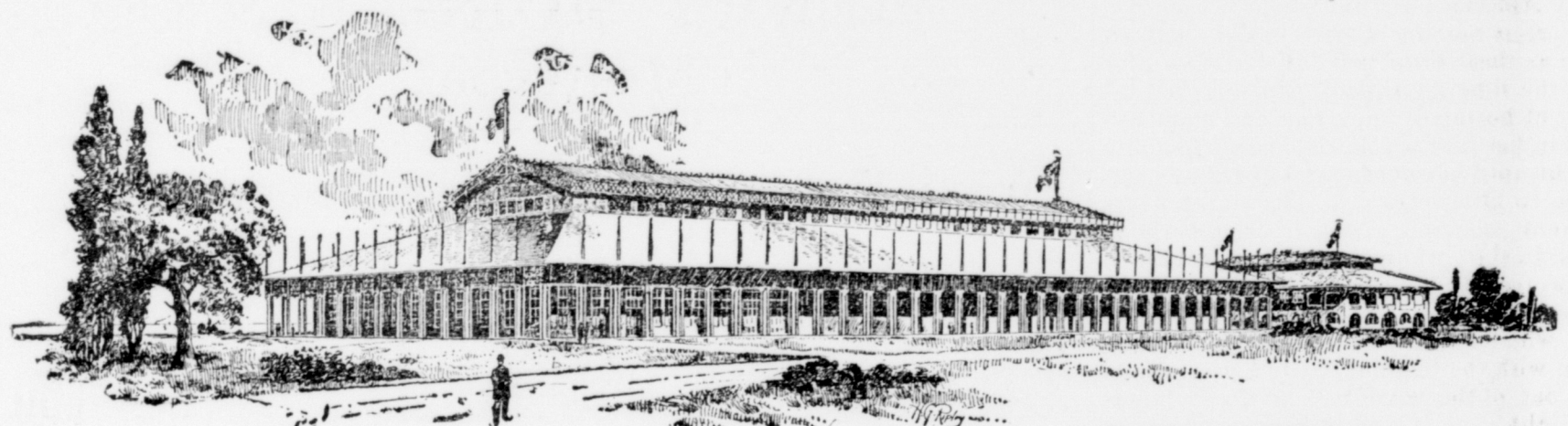


THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

Washington. It covers an area of 350 by 420 feet, is constructed of iron and glass, and cost \$400,000. Its leading architectural feature is an imposing central dome 120 feet in diameter and 150 feet high, the floor of which will be kept free from exhibits. The building fronts to the west and connects on the north, by a bridge over the

In this building will be exhibited the original standard surveyor's chain, authorized by act of Congress, May 18, 1797, for executing surveys of government lands. The chain was made by Benjamin Rittenhouse of Philadelphia, in 1797, and is still in the same hard wood box in which it was sent out by the manufacturer.

main entrances are elaborately finished in different kinds of wood, the material and workmanship being contributed by several prominent lumber associations. The roof is thatched with tan and other barks. The visitor can make no mistake as to the kinds of tree-trunks which form the colonnade, for he will see upon each a tablet upon



FORESTRY BUILDING, World's Columbian Exposition.

lagoon, with the building of the Fisheries exhibit.

The south half of the Government Building is devoted to the exhibits of the Post-office Department, Treasury Department, War Department, and Department of Agriculture. The north half is devoted to the exhibits of the Fisheries Commission, Smithsonian Institute and Interior Department. The State Department exhibit ex-

The Forestry Building is in appearance the most unique of all the Exposition structures. Its dimensions are 200 by 500 feet. To a remarkable degree its architecture is of the rustic order. On all four sides of the building is a veranda, supporting the roof of which is a colonnade consisting of a series of columns composed of three tree-trunks each 25 feet in length, one of them from 16 to 20 inches in diameter and the

which is inscribed the common and scientific name, the State or country from which the trunk was contributed, and other pertinent information, such as the approximate quantity of such timber in the region whence it came. Surmounting the cornice of the veranda and extending all around the building are numerous flagstaves bearing the colors, coat of arms, etc., of the nations and States represented in the exhibits inside.

MASONS AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

All The Degrees of The A. A. Scottish Rite to be Exemplified.

One of the most notable gatherings at the World's Fair says the N. Y. Despatch, will be the meeting of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, on September 19th. It will probably be the largest and most representative assembly of Scottish Rite Masons ever held in the world. The Committee on Invitations has sent out to every Supreme Council in the world requests for a representation at the session of 1893.

The following is a copy of the circular of invitations:

"The eighty-first Annual Session of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, will be held in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, U. S. A., commencing on the third Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 1893, to which you are cordially invited to be present.

"This being the year of the world's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, it is expected that members of your Supreme Council will be visiting the city, and the hope is expressed that each one of the brethren will so arrange his visit as to include the month of September, when Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32° Gourgass Chapter, Rose Croix, 18° Chicago Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Van Besselaar Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., Thirty-third and last Degree will be in session, so they may witness the conferring of all the degrees from the fourth or secret Master's Degree, to the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

"If any other inducement could be offered our illustrious brethren of other Supreme Councils to participate with us in this, the eighty-first Annual Session of this Supreme Council, than the cordial and fraternal invitation herein extended, it must be found in the Annual Address of our M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander, the Hon. Henry L. Palmer, which is as follows: "Our meeting might be made the nucleus of a World's Congress of Scottish Rite Masons for fraternal and social intercourse, for receiving and communicating information, for making acquaintances between brethren at a great distance from each other, and by friendly intercourse and exchange of fraternal courtesies strengthen and make closer the bonds of brotherhood between Scottish Rite Masons of the different nations. We would gladly welcome to our Supreme Council the members of any or all of the other Supreme Councils with which we are in correspondence."

"And now dear brethren, may we expect you to be with us at that time?" "We fraternally ask Grand Secretary General to inform each thirty-third Degree Member of his Supreme Council of this invitation, and write the Chairman of this Committee of the acceptance of the same and the names of the illustrious brethren who expect to be present."

In addition to the fraternal greetings that will make this session enjoyable and the forming of new friendships and cementing more closely the old, many questions of vital importance to Scottish Rite Masonry will be presented, and the result of the conference of the Councils of the World, will, without doubt, be of great interest and benefit.

ELLEN'S LETTER TO IRELAND.

The New York Fire Department is Called to Help Her Post It.

Ellen O'Connor was visiting Maggie McGuirk at Ninetieth street and Columbus avenue yesterday, and sat down and wrote a letter home to Ireland. Then she went out to post it.

"Put it in a red box," sung out Maggie McGuirk.

"Indeed, and I've been here long enough not to put it in a green one," retorted Ellen.

This was at about 1:40 yesterday afternoon. Ellen did not find a red box on Columbus avenue until she got to Eighty-first street. The box was on a lamp post, and had a handle on it. She paused, and read under the handle:

TURN HANDLE TO RIGHT
UNTIL DOOR OPENS, THEN
PULL INSIDE HOOK, ONCE ONLY,
AND SHUT THE DOOR.

Ellen turned the handle to the right and the door opened. A little bell rang inside the box. "That's a purty, swate little bell," said Ellen to herself, "but where is the slot to drop me letter in?"

Then she saw there was an inside door and near the door a hook. "Pull the inside hook she recollected. She jerked it.

The door did not open, and she tried to jam the letter in a crack of the door. Off in engine house No. 56 in eighty-third street, in 40's Engine house in sixty-eight street, in 22 Truck's house, in the offices of Chief's of Battalions 9 and 10 and the station of Insurance Patrol No. 4, rang out the numbers of the box; 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1—643.

A crowd of boys was running up to the box, Engine 56 came tearing down Columbus avenue, a boy sang out "It's de tree sixes," and at sight of the crowd, and as the door of the box swung to and Ellen read above the handle "Fire Alarm Telegraph Station," she became conscious that something was wrong.

"Howly Mother! May the saints have mercy!" she shrieked, and fled up the stairs of the elevated station.

Capt. McNamara of Engine 56, a Chesterfieldian in manner, jumped off the engine and asked where the fire was.

"There isn't any," volunteered a man

who had seen Ellen at work at the box, "but a woman tried to mail a letter there, and she has just run up the stairs."

Capt. McNamara and the man ran up the stairs and out on to the platform, where they found Ellen, frightened and trembling. She looked scared when she saw Capt. McNamara's uniform, and the Captain thought she was going to faint.

"Now, now my dear woman," he said, "we are not the police. We are not going to hang you or send you to State prison. Now, now, my dear woman, don't be alarmed, but just tell me why you undertook to ring that box."

Assured by the Captain's benign expression, she wailed: "Hu-hu-hu. Oh I-I-I thought it was a mail box where you put your letters to go to Ireland, and so I was trying to get it in the box."

"Yes I understand," said the Captain: "This gentleman told me all about it. But don't get scared now; now, that will be all right. We won't hurt you. I will just keep you here till the Chief comes up, and I'll tell him about it." Then the Captain led her down the stairs to the street, where a crowd of 400 people had gathered.

Ellen seemed as though she might faint, especially if talked to harshly; so the Captain led her over to a drug store, where two kindly old ladies took charge of her.

In the mean time the other two Companies, the Insurance Patrol, and Chiefs Duane and Short had come hurrying up for the fire. The Endicott apartment house was in their thoughts.

Chief Duane jumped out of his wagon, but Capt. McNamara told him not to exert himself, as it was all a mistake. Then the Chief went over to where Ellen was standing, trembling. Two burly policemen standing near did not comfort her. But she kept up her strength and repeated her story.

"I'll pay for it," she volunteered, bravely. They didn't collect, but let her go.—N. Y. Sun.

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