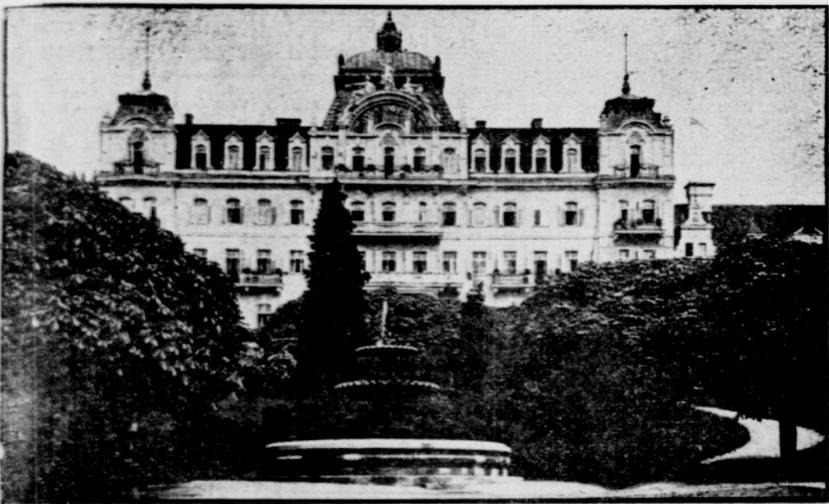


VICHY GOLF CLUB, WITH HOTELS DU PARC AND MAJESTIC.

Established in 1808 at Vichy by Professor J. B. Bombardier, these splendid links are one of the longest in Europe—2,208 yards. A few sand bunkers and a river that has to be crossed several times form the principal obstacles. The turf is excellent, while the course is but ten minutes' walk from Vichy town or three minutes by a motor boat which crosses the river. The links are patronized by international amateurs from all parts of the world. The season lasts from April 1 to November 1, during which time the leading hotels, the Hotel du Parc and the Majestic Palace, are filled with visitors. The illustration shows the picturesque Club House, also the Hotel du Parc, with its beautiful annex, the Majestic, which is the leading house in the centre of France. These hotels possess every up-to-date detail of comfort and luxury known in modern hotel construction; the sanitary plant was installed by Mott of New York. The luxurious restaurant is pure Louis XV. The manager, Mr. Alletti, devotes his personal attention to the comfort and pleasure of his guests, and the number of American visitors increases each season.



HOTEL WEIMAR, MARIENBAD, AUSTRIA.

With every modern requisite for the enjoyment and luxury of the most fastidious visitor, the Hotel Weimar at Marienbad is reputed to be the highest class hotel in Austria, and is the home of King Edward of England during his annual stay at Marienbad.

Situated at the upper edge of the beautiful park, it commands an uninterrupted view of the town and springs, while escaping the annoyance of the dust and surging crowds of visitors. The grounds in the rear consist of park-like country, with health giving resinous fir trees, the odor of which permeates the rooms and atmosphere. Adjoining the hotel stands Goethe's House, which is a fine example of picturesque ancient Austrian architecture.

VIRTUES OF CARLSBAD

Famous Austrian Resort Long Greatest of Spas.

WATERS CURE MANY ILLS

Characteristics of the Sprudel and the Diseases It Will Relieve.

Carlsbad, famous for centuries as a health resort, lies in the German part of the Austrian Empire, in the northwestern corner of Bohemia, beautifully situated in a valley high above the level of the sea and surrounded by forest crowned hills. Entirely aside from the medicinal character of its famous springs and baths, Carlsbad has always been exceptionally free from disease. The virulent outbreaks of the plague in the Middle Ages, ravaging all other parts of Bohemia, passed it by, and it has never been attacked by an epidemic of any dangerous disease.

Carlsbad attracts thousands of visitors in the season every year, who either do not take the cure at all or take it simply by way of diversion and without feeling any real need of it. The climate is so pleasant and even, the air is so healthy and bracing, that this is not difficult to account for. The

municipality does everything within its power to make a stay pleasant, providing much music, an excellent little theatre, where light operas and plays suitable to the summer season are produced, and other attractions.

The hills surrounding the town are covered with a luxuriant growth of fir, pine, oak and beech, and the piney atmosphere, of course, is decidedly helpful to those who like outdoor life a part of their cure. Carlsbad has a resident population of about fifteen thousand persons, and entertains something like sixty-five thousand visitors every year in the season, which lasts from May 1 to November 1. But the place is charming out of the season, in a peculiar way; the waters are just as beneficial as when the fashionable throng is present, and as enough hotels stay open all the year round to insure accommodations there is always to be found at Carlsbad a certain number of persons taking the cure, no matter what the time of year.

From Berlin Carlsbad can be reached by through train in seven hours and a half, from Dresden in five hours, from Paris in nineteen, from London via the Dover-Calent Channel passage and a through train from Ostend in twenty-five or twenty-six hours, and from Vienna in eight hours.

Carlsbad, as a health resort, holds out hope of cure or relief to sufferers from chronic stomach troubles, from bowel diseases and troubles, and to sufferers from certain affections of the liver. Some kidney affections can be relieved and cured, as can troubles of the bladder and spleen. Persons suffering from local troubles will find relief in the treatment prescribed, and rheu-

matism and gout are likely to yield to the treatment, to a certain extent at least.

Carlsbad should not be visited for medical purposes without the advice of a physician, of course. Care should be taken to secure recommendation to a good doctor in the town itself, and implicit obedience to the medical authority is absolutely essential. Much harm can be done to a weakened system by injudicious use of the waters and by improper eating and drinking while the cure is being undertaken. Strict dietary rules are prescribed, and must be followed, if any benefit is to be derived, for it is certain that a system broken down and weakened by disease or neglect of proper living cannot be reinforced and built up again without strict adherence to a proper schedule of life and diet such as the doctors at Carlsbad always prescribe with minute particularity, taking every case as it appears upon its own merits.

The waters of Carlsbad spring up from the bowels of the earth literally, having their origin in ancient geological processes. Being hot springs, they erupt in jets, rising with the pressure, and laying an incrustation of the openings have at certain times in the past become so clogged up with a shell known as the sprudel-schale that damaging eruptions have occurred, spreading ruin in their path. The openings of the sprudel spring are now cleared of the shell at periodic intervals, and there is, as a result, no danger of a repetition of the disastrous eruptions, the last of which was in 1834. Incidentally, this sprudel shell is cut and polished and made into many small articles, which serve as souvenirs of Carlsbad and the cure, and their sale has come to be

An important source of added revenue to the busy natives of the town.

Carlsbad was known as early as the twelfth century, probably, as a place where the waters had medicinal virtues, but it was not until the reign of Charles IV, in the fourteenth century, that authentic traces began to appear in history of the famous spa. Charles IV founded Carlsbad as a watering place, and as such it has grown ever since in reputation and stability.

The first visitors' list of Carlsbad, containing the names of 134 families, was prepared in 1756, and is still to be seen. Many famous names of history have appeared on the lists in the intervening years, and famous personages from all parts of the world are to be seen there every spring and summer, recuperating from the winter's activity and preparing to resume their busy lives in the autumn with restored health and vigor.

With the beginnings of the reputation of Carlsbad as a cure the town began to grow. At first the patient used the sprudel spring simply as a bath, and stayed in the boiling water until his skin became actually sore. This was a barbarous and useless method of using the springs, of course, but was of general prevalence for years at all hot springs. The patients grew tired of it after a while, however, and in the eighteenth century bathing was given up almost entirely, and excessive drinking of the waters was substituted. This was not much better, of course, but was still an improvement.

It was not until the end of the eighteenth century that the waters of Carlsbad were chemically analyzed for the first time, and with that analysis began the scientific use of the waters, in a judicious combination of bathing and drinking. The first step was to limit the amount of water drunk, and all physicians soon came to realize the importance of such measures. Now the treatment is very exactly prescribed, and in addition to certain definite baths and the drinking of a definite quantity of water every day, at specified times, diet and exercise are carefully ordered. The bracing air is made a part of the cure, and it may properly be said that the visitor to Carlsbad to-day gets from the cure every bit of relief that it is capable of offering to his malady.

Carlsbad abounds in hotels and lodging houses, and while many of the latter are excellent, the visitor will do well to patronize a good hotel. He should do so at least, on his arrival, and until he has decided on his abiding place. There are reasons for this, because of the local laws. Carlsbad is in Austria, and Austria is a very formal country. Tourists besiege the trains and seek to lure the traveller away to their own boarding houses. And if he sets foot inside and stays for a night to see what fare there is, he must pay for a week's lodging, even if he leaves the place in the morning. That is the law, and it may not be escaped.

Prices are not excessive. They vary according to the season, of course, and still more according to the location of the places to which resort is made. In June and July there is likely to be a certain amount of crowding, and the visitor in those months will do well to arrange in advance for his rooms, particularly if he wants quarters at all elaborate. There is no need to be at one's meals in the hotel where one sleeps. Rooms may be had with or without board, and the tourist who wants to wander around the surrounding country all day can depend on the numerous good inns and restaurants around the town and in its environs.

The letting of rooms is ordered in Carlsbad by law, and the prospective tenant has the right to demand the production of a copy of these regulations from his landlord. If he writes for rooms he can ask the landlord, either of hotel or private house, to send him a copy of the rules. Arrangements for rooms are made at private houses only by the week, or for longer periods, but at hotels the traveller may stay from day to day, leaving when he pleases.

The municipality of Carlsbad imposes certain taxes on all visitors, whether they take the waters or not. These are the cure and music taxes, and the proceeds serve to maintain the bathhouses and spring colonnades and to provide for the concerts which are given frequently free of charge. These taxes are imposed in three classes, and are not heavy. Children and servants pay a reduced impost. These taxes are not levied on persons staying less than eight days, but the day of arrival and the day of departure are reckoned as full days.

The official tax collector sees to the payment of these taxes as soon as the visitor arrives. If the visitor leaves the town before eight days have elapsed, however, he can secure a refund of the money paid, upon production of the official receipt given by the tax collector at the time of payment. This receipt must be kept carefully, for no refund will be made if it is lost.



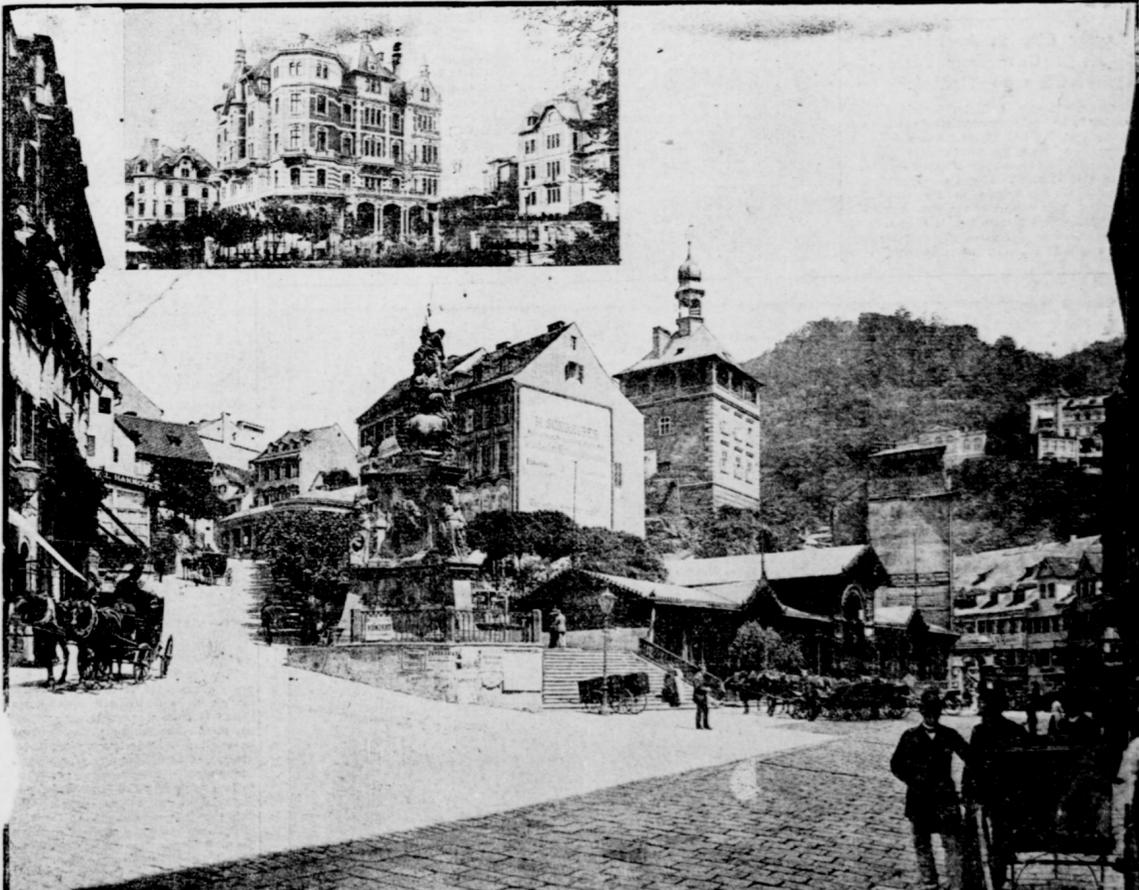
KOPP'S KONIGSVILLA, FRANZENSBAD.

Franzensbad is one of the best patronized of all the health resorts of Europe, and is famous for its many cures. The peculiar quality of its mud baths has made it a favorite cure for diseases peculiar to women. At Kopp's Konigsvilla Hotel one meets the best of American and European society.



GRAND HOTEL KAISERHOF, BAD-NAUHEIM.

This beautiful hotel is situated directly opposite the springs and new Bath Houses, so that visitors require no carriage to reach them, thus saving much expense. The hotel is surrounded by lovely garden, park and lawns of 4,000 square metres. There are 160 bed and sitting rooms, and suites with private bath, etc. All details of hygiene and sanitation are scientifically perfect. Steam heat throughout. Vacuum cleaners. Beautiful open air Palm Terrace, where the famous hotel orchestra plays during dinner and luncheon in the open. The primary condition for a satisfactory "cure" is freedom from annoyance and care, and at the Kaiserhof no pains are spared to assure such conditions; personal interest is taken in every visitor, who has only to express a wish in order to receive immediate attention. Season April 15th to October 15th. Tennis courts and billiard tables are a feature of Nauheim.



PICTURESQUE CARLSBAD, WITH SAVOY AND WEST-END HOTEL AND VILLAS.

Thanks to that famous hotelier, Mr. Aulich, Carlsbad possesses a thoroughly modern hotel, with Parisian cuisine and perfect service. Previous to the opening of the Savoy and West-End Hotel and its private villas, Cleopatra, Carlton and Hohenberg, where beautiful suites and single rooms may be had, the opening of Carlsbad ended the middle of August. Now until the end of September the Savoy is the centre of gaiety and filled with the people one meets at other seasons at the Continentals or the Savoy at Cairo, etc. Situated at the edge of the health-giving pine forests in the highest part of Carlsbad, the views from the Savoy are charming, and the pure, invigorating air fills one with the joy of existence. The Savoy is under the personal direction of Mr. Aulich, whose Imperial Hotel at Nice, and the Hotel Astoria opened in October last on the Place de l'Étoile, Paris, form a chain of hotels unrivalled by others. During the months of May and September special reduced rates are given. King Edward often motors from Marienbad to lunch at the Savoy.