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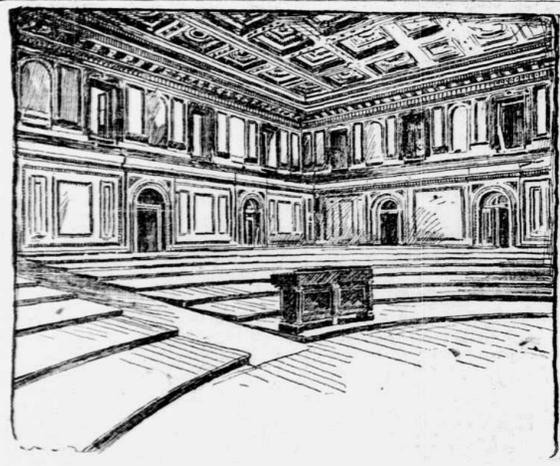
Retains Its Flavor in a Highball.



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It **TASTES** Old
because
It **IS** Old.

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INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WORK DURING RECESS

Improvements in Progress at the Capitol.

LARGE APPROPRIATION BY CONGRESS

Comfort and Convenience of the Members Consulted.

SCENES OF ACTIVITY

Brawn and muscle are having their in-
ing at the Capitol. During the coming six
weeks which intervene before the opening
of Congress the activity of the 500 work-
men engaged in making the big-domed
structure fit for the reception of the coun-
try's statesmen will equal any night-and-
day legislative hustle ever exhibited by an
expiring Congress. To predict that the
work can all be completed in time would
get by now, as they are stacked in huge
piles in the corridors of the Senate wing.
Books, desks, lounges and chairs are in
sight in all directions, while painters' scaf-
workers' benches and tile and iron-
workers' paraphernalia fill the committee
rooms, cover the roof and are spread on
the ground.
Nevertheless there is a serene though
very busy individual who will tell you if
you are fortunate enough to intercept him
in his rapid flights from one section of the
work to another that everything will be in
readiness when it is time for the Fifty-
seventh Congress to assemble. This indi-
vidual is Mr. Elliott Woods, acting archi-
tect of the Capitol, and it is perhaps with
pardonable pride that he points out the
many architectural improvements which
are now nearing completion in all parts of
the great building.
The last Congress placed at the disposal

eries instead of the continuous benches, as
before.

A revelation is also in store for members
when they step into the cloak rooms under
the galleries. The big, old-fashioned wood
fireplaces have been removed and six small,
modern grates with marble mantles take
their place. The barber shops which occu-
pied the corner cloak rooms on both the
republican and democratic sides are to be
placed in the basement in the room for-
merly used as an employees' lunch room.
In the new barber shop an eight-foot-high
wooden partition will be all that will sepa-
rate the members of the two great par-
ties as they meekly submit to the "pull"
of the political razor.

The House pages, who were formerly pro-
vided with seats and electric enunciators
in the cloak rooms, will be arranged for in
the two rear corners of the hall. An elec-
tric push button from each member's desk
will connect with an enunciator on a table
in each corner, from where the boys will
answer the calls.

Present Stage of the Work.
The present stage of the work in the
House is shown by the photograph. The
new floor is complete, but the desks are
not in place. The new desks are of a dif-
ferent pattern than the old ones, being con-
structed in sections. In the front row two
desks will be joined, and the sections will
increase in length in each row back, until
in the rear row nine desks will be joined.
This style of desk has been adopted both
for appearance and economy of space.
The large panels in the walls of the House
have been redone in gray-figured damask.
The ceiling and skylights, which contain
the insignia of the states in water color,
have been washed with soap and water which
has taken off several coats of cigar smoke
and dust and made them as fresh as new.
The lobby back of the hall of the House
many thousand dollars are being spent in
the redecoration of the ceiling. In these
decorations gold leaf forms the background,
and its lavish use has been restricted. Ar-
tists are retouching the floral designs
which embellish the corridor between this
lobby and the hall of the House. Several
thousand dollars are being expended in the
decoration of the Speaker's private office,
located at the east end of the members'
lobby. The decorations are being done un-
der the direction of Elmer E. Gurnsey, who
is well known for his work in the Library
of Congress.

Rearranging Committee Rooms.
By the use of the new committee rooms
which will be made available at the coming
sessions through the completion of the
work of remodeling the vacant space left
by the removal of the Congressional Library,
a rearrangement of the committees of the House
has been accomplished. In this rearrange-
ment the two important committees, the com-
mittee on public buildings and grounds,
and the committee on appropriations, have
been provided for handsomely. While each one
of these committees remains in its old loca-
tion, additional rooms have been allotted to
each. To do this the office of the sergeant-at-
arms has been removed to the basement floor,
directly under the main floor. This will
give the ways and means committee the en-
tire suite of three rooms on the east side of
the House.

The removal of the committee on Rivers
and harbors to the old quarters of the
committee on coinage, weights and meas-
ures gives the appropriation committee a
three-room suite on the west side of the
House. Both of these suites will be hand-
somerly decorated and furnished. In fact,
the escape work has been completed in the
rooms of the appropriation committee,
and the new furniture has arrived and oc-
cupies a considerable space in the rotun-
da, awaiting the representative of the
manufacturer to unpack it.
The naval committee is to have a three-
room suite in the new section, as will also
the committee on public buildings and
grounds, into whose old room the sergeant-
at-arms has moved. The committee on
coinage, weights and measures will have a
new room.
The House committee on the District of
Columbia has been handsomely provided
for in the new quarters, having been as-
signed to a large and handsomely decorat-
ed room on the southwest corner of the
new section, with windows commanding a
view of Pennsylvania avenue.
The work in the new committee rooms
and also the corridors leading to them
has been done in most lavish style. In
order to harmonize with this new construc-
tion, the main stairway leading into the
rotunda from the west entrance of the
building, has been reconstructed in white



OLD LIBRARY WHERE NEW COMMITTEE ROOMS ARE.

marble, with marble panelings on the sides,
making it the most attractive interior
stairway in the building. The floor
around the air shaft north of the rotunda,
through which that section of the Capitol
was formerly heated, has been relaid in
mosaic. The two huge open-air shafts on
each side of the new committee room
room, which forms the center of the new
construction, have been walled with white
glazed bricks. Two new elevators have
been placed for the use of representatives
and senators in the new section, and the
twenty-eight rooms forming this addition
to the committee space of Congress will
virtually form a colony by itself.

Work on the Roof.
The roof work of the Capitol is one of
the important improvements and is costing
more money than any other one section of
the architectural changes. There is at this
time grave doubt, however, whether this
work will all be completed before Congress
 convenes. The delay is on account of the
failure of the contractors for the structural
iron work to fill their contracts. Architect
Woods has a very large file of letters from
the American Bridge Company, which has
the contract for this work, making excuses
for the delay. The steel strike is made to
bear the bulk of the burden in this line,
as all the material is not in sight.
A novel way to obtain evidence regarding
the progress of this work is being carried
on by Mr. Woods in this connection. He
has daily photographs taken, showing the
progress of the work. The work on the
Supreme Court roof is farthest along, and
the work of reproducing the ceiling of the
chamber, and in these shops the sections of
ceiling were used as models and plaster
casts made of them. It is expected that
when these casts are fitted in place the re-
sult will be the desired reproduction. How-
ever, the superstructure of the roof is of
iron this time instead of timber, and the
work of reproducing the general contour
has also been a matter of considerable
architectural maneuvering.

There is as yet only a temporary roof
over the new committee rooms, and when
this part of the structure is completed an
other floor will be added for which as yet
no use has been designated. This space will
extend over the entire western portion of
the central section of the building, and both
senators and representatives have suggested
that this would be an ideal place to place
the House and Senate restaurants in one
magnificent establishment.
In Stairway Hall.
A false ceiling of plank has been placed
in Stairway Hall, supported from the roof
by trestle work, the statues have all been

boxed, and everything is in readiness for
the work of re-roofing the hall. This work,
it has been decided, will be begun as soon
as the iron arrives, and will be carried to
completion without a stop. Mr. Woods es-
timates that the hall will again resume
its normal condition about the middle of
January. While the work is in progress
all that will be seen of the hall will be a
narrow passageway running through it.
This will be well lighted.
The telephone exchanges of the House
and Senate are being consolidated directly
under the rotunda, thus giving an im-
proved surface to all parts of the building.
The only other important piece of work
that is being done at the present time is
the renovation of the Senate document
room and House reference library. The
documents have all been removed from the
corner and the books from the latter. New
fireproof shelving and bill cases are being
put in place, and when the work is com-
pleted both the appearance and the safety
of these rooms will be greatly increased.
Very little work is necessary in the Sen-
ate chamber or committee rooms except
general cleaning, and this work is pro-
gressing satisfactorily.

Falls Church News.
Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.
FALLS CHURCH, Va., October 19, 1901.
At the meeting of the Royal Helpe-
rian Church, held yesterday afternoon,
the following were elected officers for the
ensuing term of six months: Miss Susie
Davison, leader; Miss Bessie Rice, vice
leader; Miss Elizabeth McGowan, secretary;
Miss Lula Mankin, treasurer.
Mr. E. A. Kimball has commenced the
erection of a residence at East Falls Church.
The town council has accepted the offer
of the Village Improvement Society to do-
nate \$25 to mark the street corners, and
has appropriated a like amount for the
work.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist
Church met at the residence of Mrs. W. R.
King, East Falls Church, yesterday after-
noon.
The lookout committee of the Christian
Endeavor Society had special services at
the home of Mr. W. R. Stewart last night.
The president, Mr. Percy Tripp, and secretary,
Mr. W. R. Stewart. Special music was
rendered.
Mr. Geo. C. Birch is preparing to build a
residence on his lot.
Rev. A. A. Davison of the Presbyterian
Church will commence a series of sermons
tomorrow night on the street corners, and
Miss Annie Kaufman of Richmond died
Thursday at the Institute for Feeble-Mind-
ed. Her remains were sent to her home for
interment.
Nathaniel McKay has requested the Com-
missioners to remove a vault in the park-
ing space in front of 1511 K street north-
west, so that curb can be set. He has been
referred to the officer in charge of the
Washington aqueduct, as the vault incloses
a valve controlled by the authorities of the
aqueduct.

THE LAST OF "BARLEY MOW."

One of the Last of Old Drury Lane's
Fragments to Disappear.

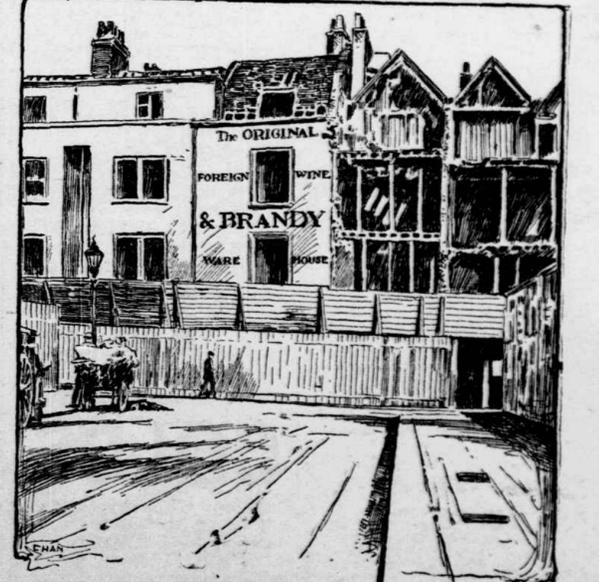
LONDON, October 5, 1901.
Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.
When the destruction of the ancient
"Barley Mow" public house, now in pro-
gress, is finished one of the last fragments
of Drury lane as it was in the good old
days will have disappeared. This ancient
tavern, forced now to make way for pro-
spective "model dwellings" and other mu-
nicipal improvements, dates back to the
sixteenth century. When it was first built
its name was more in keeping with its sur-
roundings than it is now, for in those days
the "lane" was a lane, and there were
broad meadows on each side of it. Instead
of faded shops and dingy lodging houses,
Probably little history was made in the
"Barley Mow" itself—although it was the
scene of many an orgy of the Duke of
Marlborough's roystering swashbucklers
and of their successors—but material for
whole pages was for many a year to be
gathered in its neighborhood. Near by, in
the sixteenth century, stood the house of
the Earl of Craven, hero of many a con-
tinental campaign, who was knighted by
Gustavus Adolphus as he lay in his blood
beneath the walls of Creutzenach. In the
lane, too, lived the Earl of Aylesbury, the
Earl of Stirling and the Marquis of Argyll.
Where now the coterie clatters down
Covent Garden market with his donkey and
King's and the Phoenix Theater. Often,
too, the idlers of the "Barley Mow" must
king," as Charles II rolled along in state
to the old Drury Lane Theater, where Nell
Gwyn was queen of fun. In those days
men's hands were on their sword hilts as

mean was making a speech at the house of
commons, and when he was interrupted by
a motion that the session should adjourn,
so that the honorable members might go
to the fire, made an angry retort and then
walked-out of the chamber.
It was after the fire that fashion began
to desert the lane. After the exodus of



In Drury Lane.

the aristocracy the neighborhood got to be
a sort of Grub street, and shabby wights
with manuscript rolls in hand replaced the
periwigged dandies. At the time of Addi-
son and Steele the street had evidently be-
come what it has been for years, a district
of ill-repute and of poverty, for the "Bar-
ler" tells of outrages having taken place in
its crooked alleys. A woman by night or a



THE BARLEY MOW.

often as was the case with the Three Mus-
keteers across the channel, and gallant
fought brave because his coat was out of
fashion or because the jingle of the other's
spurs disturbed him.
Probably it was too hot for comfort in
the "Barley Mow" on the night when the
original Drury Lane Theater burned down.
and undoubtedly the old tavern rocked, as
did all the other buildings in the neighbor-
hood, when the great leaden cistern on the
playhouse roof fell in. The Thames was
like a river of molten brass for miles, and
people out in the distant suburbs read the
time by their watches at midnight. Sher-

"dun" by day fared badly there, and no
doubt the host of "Barley Mow" often
wring his hands over the departure of the
good old days.
As a "congested area" it is a slum no more.
out of existence. The great new street
from the Strand to its sister thoroughfare,
Hoborn, will sweep right through the dis-
trict, and when the London county coun-
cil's "model dwellings" have replaced the
hovels which are now being torn down the
name of "Drury lane" will cease forever to
be linked with those of Whitechapel and
Seven Dials.