Fest-Gedicht.

Von Theodor Kirchhoff.

Ich sehe im Geiste ein prächtiges Haus!
Hoch steht es im grünen Gelände.
Weit ab vom städtischen Lärm und Braus
Erbauten es deutsche Hände:
Daß hier das Alter, der Sorgen baar,
Geschützt von jeglicher Noth und Fahr,
Eine glückliche Heimath es fände.

Dort hinter den Hügeln und Bäumen liegt
Die Bai mit schimmernden Wellen,
Die schmeichelnd sich an die Goldstadt schmiegt,
Doch es fegen die rauhen Gesellen,
Die Oceanwinde durch's goldene Thor;
Naßkalte Nebel mit grauem Flor
Verhüllen den Himmel, den hellen.

Da können bei prangenden Blumen nun
Im Garten auf Stühlen und Bänken
Behaglich, zufrieden die Alten ruhn
Und früherer Zeiten gedenken;
Da können sie wandeln mit stützendem Stab
Die sonnigen Pfade wohl auf und ab,
Und den Geist in Träume versenken.

Sie alle kamen über das Meer
Vom entlegenen deutschen Strande
Voll glühender Hoffnung einst hierher
Zum californischen Lande:
Das Glück zu erjagen mit frohem Muth,
Zu suchen des Reichthums schillerndes Gut,—
Die goldenen Körner im Sande.

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Da kam vom Himmel ein Sonnenstrahl
In's dunkelnde Erdenleben,
Der nimmt hinweg die Sorgen, die Qual,
Wird Frieden und Ruhe geben:
Es wollen die deutschen Männer und Frau'n
Ein Heim für die Alten, die Greise bau'n
Im Lande des Goldes, der Reben.

The main street of a quaint German village stood in the Mechanics' Pavilion last night.

Being fair time the little town was ablaze with light and life and beauty.

Not only were the villagers out in force, but many visitors in picturesque garb traveled from abroad to visit the fair and take part in the festivities, which constituted the great event of the season.

The German Old People's Home was in need of funds to carry on the institution for the care of the aged and infirm, and young German people as well as others with money to spend in a good cause responded nobly.

The Grand Historical Kirmess opened with a rush, and promises to net a small fortune for the home before the week is out.

The scene was one of dazzling beauty and brightness on the main street of this quaint German village during fair time.

Bands of music played at both ends of the street, which was bustling with business on both sides and in the middle.

Each store front, in which all sorts of articles were exposed for sale, was decorated with wonderful designs in colors, and still more wonderful legends in German.

Groups of soldiers, sailors, turners, cowboys and Turks, with their fair ones, stood around and chatted in the shade of the tall, potted palms or strolled to and fro in the busy street.

Bismarck, King William and Von Moltke were there with other celebrities.

They smoked cigars, told stories and "blew in" their money against the roulette wheel and never missed it.

Everybody spent money and appeared to be glad when it was gone.

Mrs. Caroline Koester.

Every inducement was offered the male population to reduce its surplus.

There were restaurants, side shows, museums, relic repositories and a postoffice where postage could be secured at reasonable rates.

The stores did not depend on transient trade for business, but had sprightly drummers out on the road.

Pretty girls in gay costumes elbowed their way through the crowd selling all sorts of wares in the interest of charity.

Little misses in blue, with "Post" on the front of their glittering caps, rushed here and there in frantic haste with important letters fresh from the painted postoffice in one corner.

Electioneering girls were out stumping the village for Harrison, Baby McKee, Cleveland and Baby Ruth, selling ballots to test the popularity of the candidates at 15 cents a vote.

Boutonnieres bobbed up into your face at every turn, and tickets for this and tickets for that were peddled with commendable persistency.

One squad of bewitching little maidens sold cigars along the highway.

Wonderful cigars they were, too, with red bands or corsets about the middle, stowed in a highly ornamental box with the picture of a princess on the lid.

These retailed at the villainously low price of "two bits" each, and found scores of buyers at even that figure.

From every point of view the fair promises to eclipse all previous efforts in that line, judging from the opening.

All the booths are not yet completed.

When they are that street will be the busiest place in San Francisco.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

Thousands of People View a Magnificent Spectacle.

A dense mass of people crowded in front of the stage on the western end of the Pavilion, where shortly after 8 o'clock last night three bells were sounded as a signal that the inaugural services of the Altenheim fair were about to take place.

The officers of the society, the executive committee of the fair and several hundred vocalists, selected from the various German singing societies, occupied the platform.

Next to President Rosenbaum stood Mayor Sanderson.

Ritzau's orchestra played the overture and the monster chorus sang "Honor, My Lord, to Thee," after which President Rosenbaum delivered an oration in the German language, of which the following is a translation. He said:

As the first president of the German Altenheim it is my pleasant duty to welcome you and to express my gladness that all the work, toil and care expended on our undertaking has found so beautiful and substantial a reward.

I desire to thank all present for the interest they have taken in this charity, and I especially thank all those who are active in furthering this festival by their personal assistance.

The joyful enthusiasm with which the holding of this festival has been indorsed is the best testimonial to the advisability, even necessity, of the founding of an old people's home.

For forty-two years our German co-citizens have maintained their usages and customs in the home of their adoption—California. And therefore it became meet and proper to arrange for the building of a home in which our aged fellow-citizens of both sexes can find a refuge when their means will not permit them to end their days without care elsewhere.

In the home we propose to establish everybody can, under certain conditions, find comfort and ease, and every possible care will be taken of the inmates.

The idea to hasten the carrying out of our project by the holding of a festival was a happy one, and through the praiseworthy efforts of our ladies this idea has been admirably carried out.

For weeks thousands of skillful hands have been busy establishing a bazaar which does honor to the participants, the whole city of San Francisco, aye the great State of California.

In years to come it will be said that the honored ladies were instrumental in bringing this grand German fair about, as is still said that fifteen years ago there was held a similar fair to this for the benefit of the German Hospital.

At that time it was believed that German benevolence had reached its highest point.

When we consider that since that time German immigration has materially diminished and that our youth gradually becomes more and more Americanized, it is extremely gratifying to see that our German-American youths take so deep an interest in this festival.

This fact proves clearly that our children, although living in America, gladly follow the advice of their parents, and acknowledging their origin, are always willing to assist joyfully and vigorously in the carrying out of an idea for the common good.

The word "German" is no longer applied as a slur, as it was twenty years ago.

It is now quite fashionable to speak German, and in most of the refined American families our mother tongue is being taught, because it is acknowledged that German is the language of the thinker.

Let us, therefore, stand by our language and our costumes, for it is through them that we have now the recognition of our native-born fellow-citizens.

I repeat that in the name of the committee in charge, and in the name of the directorate of the Altenheim, you are heartily welcome to "the German Historical Fair," as this festival is officially called.

It is the endeavor of those who are the active workers on this occasion to present to you pictures of German national costumes, scenes and usages, which will doubtless be of interest not only to the Germans, but also to others.

Among those who have kindly volunteered their services every German society, every class of society and every creed of this city and of the surrounding towns are represented.

If this celebration results in our gaining a sufficient surplus to enable us to hasten the laying of the cornerstone of the Altenheim, you will surely rejoice in the consciousness that you contributed your mite, be it in coin or in labor.

Let us inaugurate this festival in good old German style, for we are about to carry out the noble idea, "He who honors the aged honors himself."

In the name of the lady who is the president of this fair, I declare the festival now open.

Mr. Rosenbaum spoke fluently and with a clear voice. His remarks were well received, and when he closed there was considerable applause.

He was followed by Mrs. C. Bundschu, who in a masterly and very effective manner recited a poem written for the occasion by Theodor Kirchhoff.

Mrs. Bundschu's patriotic words had hardly died away when, headed by a brass band, the German Kreiger Verein and the shooting section of the Red Men marched into the hall some 200 strong.

Mayor Sanderson was the next speaker. He said some very complimentary things about women in general and German women in particular, and praised the object of the fair.

There was more music and then came the great feature of the evening, the grand march, which was very gorgeous.

The Kreiger Verein had about fifty men costumed in the garb of the warriors of every century and period in the German history, from the time when the ancient Germans' only clothing consisted of hides and skins to the present day.

There were court jesters, burgomasters, students, hussars, peasants, Indians, negroes, Turks and many other nations represented in that parade.

There were also all the ladies in their merry and gay colored dresses of all kinds of fancy shapes. Viewed from the gallery the parade was a magnificent spectacle, a living historical panorama, a kaleidoscopic display of colors, and in short a grand and rare sight such as never before has been seen in this city.

The procession was led by F. Hess, who was the grand marshal, and it moved twice around the big hall before it disbanded.

The drill corps of the American booth gave a pleasing exhibition on the stage, and the Turners were put through a wand drill by H. C. F. Stahl, and then everybody dispersed to have another look at the booths and to spend some more money.

GLIMPSES OF FAIRYLAND.

The Booths and the Ladies Who Managed Them.

"Who of the many ladies made the best display?" or "Which booth had the prettiest girls?" were questions which were asked of thousands of people who were in the Pavilion last night, but they were questions which could not be answered for the simple reason that each display was the equal of the other and the girls, why, they were all pretty.

Each of the many departments was, in its own way, a charming bower and each are in charge of a number of as charming women and handsome young ladies as can be found in any cosmopolitan city.

If first impressions go for anything the writer, who turned from the Larkin-street entrance to the right and made a tour of the floor, certainly was put in excellent humor when he visited the first booth, where he received the greetings of the ladies of the Verein Arion, as happy and gay a crowd of women and girls as ever entertained a fastidious visitor.

The married ladies were all in black and gold, but the girls wore most charming La Tosca costumes and Leghorn hats.

The Arion Booth had a menagerie, a minstrel show and a circus all combined, and it was tastefully and appropriately decorated.

A little perfumery-stand stood in one corner and lots of the sweet-smelling wares were sold by sweet-looking damsels.

The personnel of this booth were: Mesdames W. Westerfeld, J. D. Stange, C. Lux, L. Wegner, O. Tum Suden, T. F. Obermeyer, the Misses E. Dittmer, Tillie Brohaska, Mamie Sievers, Lillian Piest, Emilie Meussdorffer, Anna Oesterman, Johanna Hadenfeld, Victorine Rappin, Alice Rockwitz, Charlotte Keschmeyer, Adele Brand.

Fisher girls from Naples or the Western Addition, or somewhere else, attired in Italian fashion in green and black, with nets and nettings, full of shining silver and gold fishes, allured the spectators next. They had a fish pond full of all kinds of knick-knacks, and for a small sum were ever ready to cast lines and catch for their visitors articles which were either useful or ornamental.

As a companion to the fish pond, and right on its border, there was a soda fountain to be found, and a bevy of young Hebes clad in shrimp pink, trimmed with green and black velvet, served the effervescent fluid.

The fish pond and soda water were in charge of the ladies of the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein. They were:

Mesdames J. Stappenbeck, H. Schlusselmann, Assmann, Cordes, M. Ducker, Lichau, B. Grave, H. Iburg, W. Nicolai, Volkmann, F. Sachs, E. Maas, Gerbes, M. Schwerin, Hinz, J. Dittman, H. Heckmann, C. Zissig, J. Thierbach, R. Lorentz, Lester, K. G. Schwartze, A. Algettinger, Hadenfeldt; the Misses K. Assmann, J. Graves, T. Volkmann, E. Hufschmidt, J. Meyer, A. Sachs, K. Ousdt, S. Petersen, M. Meyer, R. Flathmann, H. Eggert, M. Ousdt, H. Iburg, M. Grave, L. Lester, D. Medau, E. Medau, M. Thomas, E. Eggert, M. Eggert, A. Assmann, J. Nicolai, L. Schwerin, Enestine Casselmann, Anna Schilling.

A bewildering variety of embroidered, knitted, crocheted and other articles, partly useful and partly ornamental, were displayed and offered for sale in the Altenheim booth.

All these more or less costly samples of women's ingenuity were donations, and each bore the name of the donor. The motto of the booth is "For young people and old these fancy goods are sold."

The Altenheim ladies were:

Mesdames Huldah Hilderbrandt, H. Stettin, C. Bahls, C. Friedmann, C. Honig, G. Proll Sr., W. Proll Jr., L. Bald, T. Dierks; the Misses G. Schlessinger, L. Wefelsburg, G. Oelrichs, A. Hencke, C. Feldmann, O. Levy, Meyer, Marie Suter, L. Hemme, Millie Suter, J. Bald, Nathan, Bieslauer, Hagemann, L. Hessler, A. Rosenbauer, E. M. Harriman, L. Fetz.

"Cigars we have here, the very best kind, by purchasing some much pleasure you'll find," was the salute with which a number of dark-eyed beauties in Spanish costumes allured the dimes and quarters out of the pockets of the lovers of the weed.

The girls did a big business in their red and yellow decorated stand, and many men who never smoked in their lives bought cigars just to have a few minutes' chat with the vender.

The corps of cigar venders was composed of:

Mesdames S. Bachmann, J. Bowmann, B. Broemmel, C. von Hoffmann, A. Michaelitschke, F. Roedlog, W. Steinhart, F. Barthen; the Misses Schwabacher, B. Bachmann, E. Cook, B. Goldmann, M. Kutz, B. Plagemann, B. Fielschhacker, L. Cahen, R. Haber, F. Lewis, M. Lewis, S. Silberberg, W. Shiek, A. Schlageter, S. Loupe, F. Ettinger, J. Michaellischke, C. Wand, E. Borden, B. Naugrheun.

The most imposing and by far the largest structure on the floor is the "Rath Haus" (the City Hall).

It is built after the style of the old German municipal buildings, where the burghers and sedate citizens used to congregate.

The Rath Haus has evidently sublet its various apartments, for in one corner a quack doctor has an office. He calls himself Dr. Ami and dispenses harmless pills.

An arbor leads to the wineroom and the beer-cellar, both of which are unique and perfect copies of the old German institutions of that kind.

The waiter-girls in the beer department, which has a garden attachment, and is decorated in fine style, wear the Bavarian and national costume, and they are charming enough to drive any man to drink—beer. Their names are:

Mesdames L. Oesterreicher, P. Spreckels, A. Victor, C. Arents, H. Sevening, W. G. Fricke, W. Kramer, W. Vogel, A. Rasmen, F. Fisher, A. Schroder, A. Mayrisch, W. Alfs, A. Wilhelmj, I. Holsinger, C. Mangels, M. Schroeder, N. Heinson; the Misses A. Spreckels, E. Pollak, E. Kochins, L. Fischer, L. Durein, D. Schroder, D. Mohns, B. Ahrents, F. Fjord, M. Fjord, A. Boehmer, M. Linderman.

Across the arbor entrance is the wine room, one of the most costly fitted up apartments in the whole fair. It is a perfect antique gem. The paintings, mottoes and stained glass windows are masterpieces of art.

Martin Luthur's great saying:

Who loves not wine, woman and song
Will be a fool all his life long.

Decorates one wall, and other quotations handsomely decorate the seen everywhere.

This department also has a garden, and a most charming spot it is indeed.

The fair distributors of the beverages are all in Marguerite costumes and they look very sweet.

These enticing handmaidens are:

Mesdames Fred Siebe, Otto Mueser, Charles Duisenberg, J. Adelsdorffer, W. Frank, W. Winterberg, G. Sutro, C. Baumgartel, B. Flye, B. Zifferer, Charles Bach, A. Repsold, E. Steitzner, W. Irelan, E. Brune, Charles Gross, Wolf; the Misses A. Duisenberg, O. Speyer, M. Siebe, B. Fuller, E. Schmidt, A. Adelsdorffer, H. Bastheim, Helen Bastheim, Barth, M. Kuhne, A. Lichtenberg, C. Sardarini, E. Dannenbaum, J. Adelsdorffer, C. Rosenblatt, H. Hinrichs, Hertha Meyer, L. Holler.

"German Imperial Postoffice" is the sign displayed over another corner room in the Rath Haus, and a lot of official looking, extremely active mercuries are forever finding letters for everybody at so much a letter.

These pseudo mail clerks are a lot of clever girls in dark blue uniforms with gold laced caps, which have the letters "Post Amt" above the shield. Their names are:

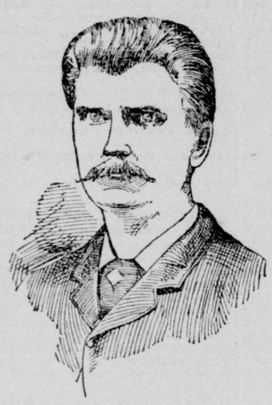
Mesdames E. Michels, Bopple, Joost, Thyarks, Hammerschmidt, Eisele; the Misses D. Fuendeling, Stroecker, Hildebrandt, E. Neidler, Golly, H. Neidler, Fluntiz, Sorge, Brooks, Hammerschmidt, Ehrenpfort, K. Fuendeling, Thiemann, H. Fuendeling, L. Eisele, Fortriede.

Uncle Sam has the next inning in the shape of an election booth decorated in the national colors and presided over by a number of lovely females in campaign uniforms and fatigue caps.

There the visitors are asked to vote for the most popular of the four Presidential candidates and for Babies Ruth and McKee.

"Vote early and often" is one of the many significant advices written on the walls of this booth, which is in charge of the following ladies:

Mesdames Blanca Paulsen, H. L. Wagner, K. Pischl, Charles Dickmann, H. L. Read; the Misses Roeding, Fisher, Frauenholz, B. Joost, G. Meyer, M. Plagemann, H. Hufschmidt, Fleishhacker, F. Siebe, C. Siebe, Heuer, E. Heuer, Von Oterendorp, Westerfeld, Luhrs, C. Meyer, Von Kapff; Messrs. Charles Dickman, F. O. Cramer, C. Rothe, C. von Oterendorp, J. Zskany, E. Stauf, A. C. Adler, W. P. Sullivan Jr., Vogel, Volkmann, A. Bach, A. B. Cameron, H. Gundlach, E. Schmidt, Dr. W. Dohrmann, F. Dohrmann Jr., Dr. Bryant, A. Frauenholz, I. Feigenbaum, F. Weiss, L. Brown, H. L. Read, Staude.



H. C. F. Stahl.

What to many is doubtless the most attractive booth is in the shape of a Turkish mosque, an elegant building of the Moorish style of architecture, which, with its cupola and towers, looks for all the world as if it had been transported from the Orient.

This is the Turkish booth fitted up in the interior with lavish splendor and true oriental luxury.

Costly rugs and curious weapons adorn the walls, soft carpets cover the floor and repose-inviting divans take up every bit of space in the cozy nooks and corners.

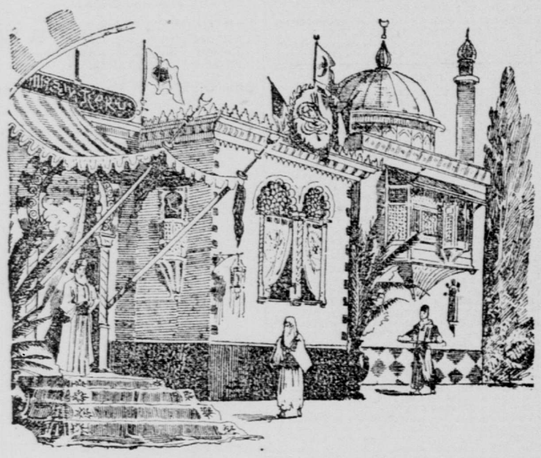
Colored glass lamps shed a somber light and on a little platform maidens wearing gay-colored turbans, wide trousers and fancy jackets go through all kinds of mystic dances.

It would be a decidedly weird place, that bit of Turkey, were it not for a few bits of humor which in supposed Turkish characters are inscribed on tablets conspicuously displayed.

"Allah is a Lolla," and "Sallim. I like him," make the visitor smile, and when he takes another look at the Zuleikas and Fatimas who coquettishly pirouette and pose on the stage he wishes he was a sultan.

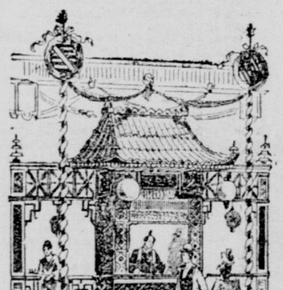
The Turkish girls are:

Mesdames Charles Bundschu, Claus Schilling, L. Lisser, Solly H. Walter; the Misses L. Frauenholz, A. Frauenholz, E. Gundlach, B. Gundlach, D. Herbst, T. Rothe, M. Phillips, L. Schwarzschild, B. Mayrisch, M. Schilling, I. Strauch, A. Volkmann, A. Strauch, E. Wagner, B. Habich.



THE TURKISH BAZAAR.

The May drink-bowl, from which pretty girls in white with garlands of "Waldmeister," the plant which lends fragrance to the wine in the bowl, ladle out the drink so dear to the palate of the average German, is the next attraction, and then comes the roulette table, where blonde and brunette gamblers of the fair sex take your money and put it into the charity fund.



The Tea Bazaar.

The May bowl and roulette are in the hands of Mesdames A. Aronstein, A. Eisenstein, Henry Meyer, H. Sheeline, J. Lievre; the Misses Adele Aronstein, A. Sheeline, L. Gerst, R. Adler, E. Samson, D. Meyer, A. Taussig, R. Lowenberg, H. Mandel, L. Liebes, A. Lippet.

Crossing over to the south side of the big hall a booth, built in imitation of a rose bower, is in charge of the ladies of the St. Peter and St. Paulus Verein, who look charming in Alsatian costumes. This booth is decorated in blue and white and here fancy articles for gentlemen are sold by the following-named ladies:

Mesdames B. Dreyer, B. Grave, F. L. Gantz, L. Kreling, F. Garrissere, Charles Fischer, H. Partmann; the Misses Florence Garrissere, L. Schiller, E. Kronenberg, L. Guntz, L. Ganz, G. Kronenberg.

The Oakland ladies have an embroidery and fancy-goods booth, all draped in green and white and full of handsome wares and handsome women. The names of the latter are:

Mesdames J. Durst, C. A. Nordhausen; the Misses L. Jurgens, C. Siebe, H. Schmidt, I. Lang, A. Stuttmeister, B. Schober, E. Sauvin, F. Klump, E. Budde.

Twenty little Japanese maids "just from school" in twenty delightful Japanese gowns dispense tea in an imitation Japanese tea-garden out of the daintiest Japanese cups.

The "garden" is decorated in the Mikado style with fans, umbrellas and screens, and the cute Yum-Yum's receive their guests with the most bewitching smiles.

The Japanese tea booth is in the hands of: Mesdames C. Mau, G. Rau, the Misses H. Althof, C. A. Nordhausen, J. C. Rurd, L. Fischer, R. Samm, G. Fugel, N. Sohst, G. Ilse, J. Breling, G. Bennett, M. Harding, L. Schlund, M. Folkers, L. Westphal, H. Muhr, M. Ilse, E. Ilsen, E. Breling.

There is one place where, although it has a very artistic display of tempting wares in the fancy and furnishing goods line, nothing is for sale.

It is a grand lotterie, and if any one desires to spend his money here he will have to shake dice and try to win a prize. The coaxers in this booth are very bright and good-looking. Their names are:

Mesdames J. Regensburger, Isaac Hecht, L. Gottig, W. Haker Sr., F. Hess, E. Romer, L. Wiel, W. Frew, I. Frecht, C. Leichter, Charles Kohler, E. Geidermann, G. Tourny, E. Engelbrecht, Claus Mangels, W. Speyer, W. Wolf; the Misses M. Gottig, C. Kohler, L. Frank, A. Michalitschke, Wred-, Adler, Bosquet, A. Greenbaum, K. Lichtenberg, I. Regenburger, M. Fechheimer, E. Schnoor, M. Schultze, V. Jordan, H. Walker, S. Hymana, A. Hymana, F. Schilling, D. Saalburg, G. Lichtenberg, O. Gottschalk, A. Sohncke; Messrs. H. Bendel, E. Romer, C. Kohler Jr., R. Herold, C. Leichter, E. Huter, A. Michalitsche, Mangels Jr., Franz Jacoby.

Back of these fancy goods booths is the grand restaurant, in charge of the Jewish Ladies' Society, who have selected as nimble a corps of waiter-girls as ever served a cup of coffee or handed round a plate.

They call their eating-house "The White Swan," and they wear the costume of Upper Baden, a province of Southern Germany. They are as follows:

Mesdames Charles Fechheimer, Henry Kronthal, Sarah Blum, Simon Blum, H. Maier, W. Westerfeld, A. Franklin, A. Liebenthal, Ph. Torsch, C. Vorrath, A. Schwabacher, E. Maass, Ph. Haupt; the Misses Rothschild, J. Bloomingdale, M. Brooks, C. Hesselmayer, H. Son, M. Furley, Franklin, B. Witt, J. Saalburg, H. Frank, E. Goldmann, E. Lehman, O. Walzmann, H. Fechheimer, J. Hoffman; Messrs. H. Herrich, W. Westerfeld, R. Landmann, F. Eisle, Charles Zinkand, Krause.

Leaving the restaurant one has to don overcoats and furs for one enters into the frigid regions of the frozen zone by visiting the North Pole icecream parlors.

The entrance to this cold place is guarded by a big polar bear, but the girls, who are all dressed in red, white and blue, have smiles of welcome so warm and sunny that they almost melt the delicious confectionery they have for sale. The icecream ladies are:

Mesdames J. H. Struckmeyer, Anna Maas, V. Wrede, C. Dibbiee, R. Vath, E. Beck, J. Meyer, Charles Maier, K. Seipel, E. C. Koppen, C. Heer, M. Haub, M. Schoen, C. Schneider; the Misses C. Maas, M. Hess, D. Dibbiee, E. Maier, E. Seipel, A. Seipel, L. Heer, C. Rhode, J. Beck, L. Meyer, M. Reimers, R. Rommel, V. Huppert, J. Marks, M. Fisher, E. Fisher, S. Rhode, L. Maier.

The coffee-stand is a cozy retreat where excellent Mocha can be had. It is in the hands of the following ladies of the St. Marcus Ladies' Society:

Mesdames O. Kloppenburg, W. Mengels, B. Renlein, C. Wanz, Himmelman, Hacke, Kempf; the Misses H. Becker, Vorrath, Wuthrich, Antz, Schroeder, Andres, Groeninger, Gloots, Goetjen, Schade, Winters, Hartman, Von Issendorf, Hildebrandt, Ducker, Walters, Kuener, Wolters, Hutapf, Park, Eisert, Henken, Rehn, Hollwis.

A mysterious museum where all kinds of hidden wonders are on exhibition after one has paid the entrance fee has a small army of seductive peasant girls employed to lure the unwary inside to see the show.

They all belong to the Walhalla Rebecca Lodge, and their names are:

Mesdames Helene Roeber, M. Peters; the Misses M. Mesenburg, A. Weichhart, D. Schwertn, A. Hildebrandt, A. Nibbe, E. Nibbe, H. Hencken, S. Asmus, E. Ludemann, T. Haub, D. Becker, G. Hencken, J. Gerbes, L. Iburg, E. Nicolai, C. Hemmer, M. Heckmann, S. Gross, M. Campe, L. Bohn.

The souvenir booth is peculiarly attractive and will be more minutely described later on. Everything in the booth is of Renaissance (fifteenth century), except the ladies.

The latter are quite modern, barring their dress, which corresponds with their surroundings.

A handsome souvenir programme, compiled by Dr. Emil Stoessel, is sold in this booth.

The souvenir dispensers are:

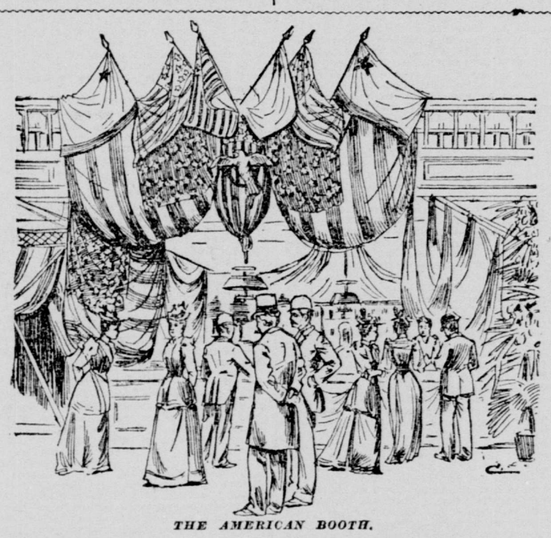
Mesdames W. Westhoff, H. Kreutzmann, W. Freese, W. Haker Jr., George Haker, E. Michels, A. C. Koster; the Misses P. Ehrenberg, M. Hinz, A. Joost, T. Joost, O. Schucking, B. Plagemann, E. Plagemann, E. Kreling, M. Wolters, E. Meussdorffer; Messrs. Max Schmidt, W. Haker Jr., George F. Haker, E. Michels.

There is also a panorama booth, in charge of the Ladies of the Red Cross, under the presidency of Mrs. M. Schaefer. The ladies in this booth are:

Mesdames M. Hillebrand, A. Heim, D. Dorn, F. Laukes, A. Goetz, D. Stein, L. Schuck, C. Thomas, K. Jugel and V. Wrede; the Misses K. Schraul, P. Duebringer, K. Stein, J. Horn, K. Wagner, K. Sauter, L. Sauter, G. Rippstock, B. Jung, F. Krueger and A. Mueller.

The beautiful Temple of Flora, which occupies a prominent place in the center of the hall, and in which courtly ladies in evening dress sell bouquets and boutonnieres, will receive attention some time during the week; for the present it must suffice that the elegant and charming priestesses in that temple are:

Mesdames A. Rosenthal, M. Esberg, F. D. Stadtmueller, J. C. Meussdorffer, W. Lichtenberg, A. Rosenbaum, H. Sadler, M. Philipp, E. C. Friber; the Misses H. Volkmann, A. Tobriner, A. Sadler, N. Stadtmueller, H. Sutro, L. Strauch, I. Triest, F. Meyer, R. Fechheimer, H. Bach, R. Steinhart, M. Schulte, F. Walter, R. Fraenkel, Ch. Lichtenberg, H. Schulte, S. Sweet, H. Mayrisch, M. Lichtenberg, R. Dulsenberg, E. Hecht and H. Meyer.



THE AMERICAN BOOTH.

The last but by no means the least of the booths is the candy-stand. All the pretty candy girls are dressed as goddesses of liberty and there are so many of them that they form a beautiful and animated group in their finely decorated inclosure. Their names are:

Mesdames J. Schwerdt, F. Verdenhalven, J. M. Buehler, N. von Bergen, B. Meyer, H. Herzer, Harter, Peterson, Heitmuller, Foge, Schroeder, Frish, Henken, Joost, F. Habenicht, F. C. Werner, Browning, Strehl, Jurgens, Schrader, Hillebrand, Hinz, Schumann, Erikson, Schmidt, Herm, Bendel; the Misses E. Herzer, C. Hildebrandt, M. Schafer, E. Meier, Frisch, Hammen, I. Hencken, K. Campe, I. Craemer, A. Strehl, C. Strehl, Habenicht, L. Surgens, J. Kurzeler, E. Buehler, M. Heitmuller, M. Schwerdt, E. Kraeger, A. Reimers, B. Buehler.

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Names of the Ladies and Gentlemen Who Are Managing the Fair.

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Gas and light committee—F. Hufschmidt, W. C. Hildebrandt, O. Muser, Charles Rehn.

Delegates—H. C. F. Stahl, Dr. H. Muhr, Charles Trautner, C. Erb, C. Canubley, J. Herbst, C. Hensel, Philo Jacoby, W. Ehrenpfort, H. Ehrenpfort.

Musical directors—Professor Fischer, Rigger, Friedrichs, Werner, Riehl.

THE FRUITVALE HOME.

Purposes of the Institution and Rules Governing Admission.

The Home for the Aged, which is to be built in Fruitvale, will consist of a main building, the plans for which have already been designed and approved of, and a number of cottages.

The grounds will be improved and provided with all that is necessary to make the life of the old people who will live there as pleasant as possible.

Particular care will be taken as to outdoor facilities, for in the fine climate and well-chosen locality it is expected that the years of the inmates will be prolonged by their being enabled to pass much of their time in the open air.

California has a very large number of well-to-do Germans who are ever ready to transplant some of the best features of the land of their birth to their present home.

Altenheim's (old people's homes) are found everywhere in Germany, and they are the cosiest and most comfortable institutions possible.

The Fruitvale Home will be open for everybody without class distinction. It is to be for the purpose of admitting respectable men and women, who, after many years of struggle with the world are anxious to spend their declining days in peace and comfort, away from the turmoil of everyday life and free from all care.

The payments to be made are graduated according to the means of the applicants, and if a deserving applicant is entirely without funds, some wealthy citizen will pay his admission fee or else he will be admitted free.

It is believed that no applications of the latter kind will be made, because there are a very large number of aged Germans in this State, who although not rich enough to live in comfort and idleness to the end of their lives, have a little money laid by, quite sufficient to purchase them a membership in the Fruitvale Home.

Out of this class of people and out of wealthy men and women, who prefer the restful companionship of others to living alone, the inmates of the new home will be recruited.

The by-laws of the association state in reference to admission of inmates that "Persons of German descent and of both sexes shall be admitted to the home and shall receive good and comfortable lodging, good board and clothing, in case of sickness treatment and nursing, and after death a decent funeral."

Every applicant whose admission is approved of must make a contract signed by him and by the president and secretary of the society, but the society reserves the right to discharge the inmates within six months after their admission and the latter have the right to recede from their contract within the same period of time.

The conditions for admission into the home are:

The applicant must have lived ten (10) years in California, but the board of directors has the right to make exceptions to this rule.

Women must be over sixty (60), men over sixty-five (65) years old. Exceptions to this rule can only be made in cases of extreme weakness of the applicant, provided he or she is at least fifty-five (55) years old.

The applicant must be unable to make a living. Must not be afflicted with a disease disagreeable for the other inmates.

Must be of good character and have led a peaceful and active life.

It is the duty of the agency and admission committee to ascertain all these points and gather all the necessary information and certificates.

Article X of the by-laws says "no distinction or preference shall be made of members or inmates of the home on account of their political or religious creed."

Divine service or other religious acts shall not be tolerated in the home except in cases of sickness or death, and only at the request of the inmate.

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