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I.

GENERAL FACTS AS TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO.



Chicago, "The Phoenix City of the West," "The Garden City," "The Windy City"—for all these titles are hers—is situated on the southwest shore of Lake Michigan, in latitude $41^{\circ}, 53', 6.2''$ N., and longitude $87^{\circ}, 33', 1.2''$ W.—being 85.4 miles distant from Baltimore, Md., the nearest point on the Atlantic Coast line, 911 miles from New York, and 2,417 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The City of Chicago, incor-

porated March 4, 1837, comprised "the district of country in the County of Cook, etc., known as the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, township 40 north, range 14 east, also the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, all of fractional section 3, and of sections 4, 5, 8, 9 and fractional section 10 (except the southwest fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ thereof, occupied as a military post, until the same shall become private property), fractional section 15, sections 16, 17, 20, 21, and fractional section 22, township 39 north, range 14 east." Since then there have been twelve extensions to the city limits. The city of to-day has a lake frontage of about twenty miles, inclusive of the parks at either extremity of the city; this, with a river frontage of forty-one miles affording fine harbors. Its mean elevation is twenty-five feet above Lake Michigan and 582

feet above mean sea level. But sixty years old, and yet second city of the United States in point of population, and seventh in the same respect in the entire world, the Wonder City of the World has become the cynosure of the entire universe, especially, in view of the vast World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, that eighth and greatest wonder of the world, as it has well been called.

With becoming dignity the World's Fair City will greet her visitors; to none will she yield the palm for hotel accommodation and excellence; her railway facilities are beyond cavil; she is the railway center of the entire Republic; while her verdant parks and magnificent boulevards, when they earn for her the title of "Garden City," provoked (on a sight of the Michigan Avenue Boulevard) even that laughing philosopher, Max O'Rell (himself no mean traveler), to declare that it was "the finest street in the world." A forest of lofty buildings, a seething hive of human industry, such is Chicago of the present day; risen rejuvenate from a holocaust more severe than that which an historian of old tragically described in tersely saying, "Between a great city and none, but a single night intervened."

To the tourist and traveler she has much to exhibit in addition to the greatest Exposition ever seen; the purpose of the following pages being to summarize the material, and shortly to indicate the most noteworthy sights, separating wheat from chaff, and so presenting a *resumé* of the city and its surroundings in an accurate and easily accessible manner.

The Origin and Meaning of the Word Chicago.—An erudite and painstaking correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* traces the word as the locative case of a Cree Indian word meaning, primarily, "at the place of the skunk"; derivatively, equaling strong, mighty, and great; and particularly, applied by the Indians to the present city, on the drowning, at some remote period, of an Indian chief of that name in the mouth of the present Chicago River.

Well named the strong or mighty, as her history shows.

Location.—The World's Fair City stands upon a site originally one of the most unpromising to be found anywhere. A broad swamp, threaded by sluggish bayous, rank with skunk cabbage, wild garlic, and other unsavory weeds, certainly could