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A GREAT FINANCIAL CENTRE, WHERE THERE ARE MORE RESTAURANTS THAN THERE ARE BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Club life among the lunchers is distinctly a Wall Street district institution. Born of necessity, it will probably not be found in existence anywhere else in the world. While it is not confined to the financiers and their assistants, still the idea got its impetus in that camp. They might be styled "feeders" in a broad sense, for they play their part in the cooperation of the operation. In the Wall Street district there are from 600 to 6000 members, all "active," and, needless to add, everyone convenience possible is supplied and sufficient food prepared daily, for every member and guest of the potlatch along with his irritation fee. Likewise is the lunch served with all expedition, and instead of a topsy-turvy, hour-scurrying, clang-bang, rushing nerve-racking lunch hour in stuffy quarters they are able to eat in peace and tranquillity in the sunshine. Among the clubs with this unique feature and innovation are the Lawyers' Artwork, Drug, Fulton, Merchants', Insurance, Mariner's, Hardware and the Athletic Association.

RAILROAD AND BANK LUNCHES.

Another "first aid to the hungry" has been established by the large railroad companies. Large dining cars are run in these buildings, and all the walls and tables are served with noon lunch. The service and bill of fare in these places are said to rival those of the best restaurants in the larger cities. A dinner and special feature offered in the noon luncheon line is that furnished by several of the larger banks. They are equipped with large dining cars and the service is First Class. The meals are served gratis to the employees. Take the National City Bank, for instance. In its own building a dining room was arranged on the top behind an elevet-floor parapet, where it is not visible from the street and therefore does not affect the appearance of the institution. The facilities for serving meals consists of a private dining room with seating capacity for eight, an office dining room where twelve may be served, an outdoor home garden, seating 140, and a women's dining room, seating 70. In all, more than four hundred employees take their noon lunch in these dining rooms.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE RESTAURANT.

While lunch hours are abolished the custom of staying the customary "lunch hour" very much, if not altogether, endures in Wall Street and all over the place. And they are very much among all of it and are soon back at their work. In this way much valuable time is saved, and there is a great amount of social activity. And it is no small item, by any means. Adding a half hour to the service of 400 employees each day means 12,000 hours, or 140 working days, for a working week. All this is true, too, of the National Bank of Commerce and the larger downtown financial houses. The Stock Exchange has its own dining facilities, and it is a social and exclusive institution. None of them is afraid toollel guests. Of course, the lunchers are provided with the fact that the members may save time, and they like to eat with the "real gentlemen and not be 'Free handers.'" They have a saying among themselves that their etiquette during strenuous sessions does not strike a high boiling average, as the say they wait for an extra minute at 9 a.m. tent foodfeedub.

TAKING CARE OF THE STEREOTYPES.

Several provisions have been made for the female contingent of the Wall Street district. For example, there is the Prison Club, an institution located on the same block of a stone imposing structure in Broad street. Two flights of stylish stairs bring one into comfortable quarters. A Turkish coffee house, a large dining room, club design on the walls, make up for any shortcomings of entrance and decoration. If it is during the hour that one visits the Prison Club, a n.tрудered, for in the collection of four or five hundred girls will be found every type one ever saw in life, except the devoted chatter! Sounds like a composite puppeteer meeting, Methodist bazaar, and old ladies' club, all combined. A portion of the large estate collection was added. The club offers its girls an enthusiasm they could not find elsewhere in that section.

RESTAURANTS FOR ALL CLASSES.

At the Five Points of the district is found a branch of one of the most luxurious restaurants in the world, with the same clientele which can well afford to patronize its upstairs place after business hours. Several of the leading cafes and restaurants have lunch counters, but the most popular of all is the Wall Street district where certain standards are maintained. One can find almost any kind of refreshment in the district or within a half block of the great canyons. From a penny ice cream sandwich to a ten cent order of pheasant liver more than an inch thick run within the radius of half a block. A popular recreation for the young hopefuls of the district is a "Three Cent" restaurant situated at the corner of Pearl and Water. Twelve frog's legs for three cents, a taste of garlic with your meal and an onion, the key of the game. Scrambling for a point of vantage on the steps of the " Benny

..." where suitable rooms for dinner parties are obtained for one cent, including the thing at the templating pastry of the season. It is there that the high cent of liv- ing continues to be de-fined.—**New York Herald.