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Our World's Fair Letter.

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The Fair will soon be a thing of the past; and altho' the place shall know it no more, it will live in the memories of the nation for generations to come. The Fair has been a magnificent success in every particular. Surely every one has been benefitted by a careful comparison and study of the exhibits of different nations.

Of the fifty-five foreign nations having exhibits here, probably the most complete is that of Germany. Near the center of the Manufactures building is one of her principal exhibits. Passing through the massive ornamental iron gates, for the manufacture of which Germany is celebrated, and turning to your left you come to a wonderful work of art in bronze,—a statue of Frederick the Great, with his officers and guards, probably fifty in number, a correct portrait. Here is the most beautiful scene to be found in the whole Fair. It is a representation of Berlin. The immense porcelain and tile production made especially for this occasion, the vast spiral porcelain pillars, the rich carved ivory, the famous Dresden ware, in front a beautiful little fountain; and far up in the gallery stands a magnificent statue of Germania. This is one of the largest pieces of bronze, and is loaned by the Emperor, this being the first time it has been on exhibition. It will be taken back to Berlin, and will adorn the German Reichstag. The German building, on the Lake front, has been one of the most popular of foreign buildings. It will probably remain in Chicago. There is also an extensive exhibit in Machinery Hall. Powerful crushers, practical bread and cake makers, grinding machinery, and many other useful suggestive machines. There is also the exhibit of Krupp, in a separate building erected by himself, in which we find the great Krupp gun and other wonderful machinery. The German village, on Midway Plaisance, has also been a popular resort. Here two imperial court bands gave concerts every day. It is said that the value of the exhibits of this nation exceeds $12,000,000.

An important exhibit is the French. Here the æsthetical is prominent. Rich fabrics, royal furniture, gorgeous vases, French china of elaborate design, bronzes massive in their proportions, tapestry of unsurpassed beauty, statues, laces, gloves, dolls, and many other things.

In Great Britain we find the largest display of china, furniture (both ancient and modern), fabrics of all descriptions, and other manufactured articles form the greater part of this exhibit.

Russia comes to the front with a fine display of furs; also bronze, fine enamel ware, and malachite. In Norway, the large wooden snow shoes, fine skates, fastened permanently to the shoes, wood carving, enameled goods, and agricultural implements interest you.

Of course all the ladies have been to see the fine lace in Belgium, and the Delft ware in the Netherlands.

The Swiss have on exhibition some of the smallest time pieces ever invented. The wood carving here seems to be without a peer, music boxes, too, to your heart's content.

The Italian exhibit, in the different buildings, is worthy of a careful examination. Statuary, painting, mosaics, wood carving, and laces abound.

South American countries show woods dye stuffs, and medicinal plants and herbs. Brazil has a beautiful building, one entire floor of which is devoted entirely to the exhibition of coffee.

Of the Asiatic countries, the best comes from Japan. Besides the buildings on Wooded Island, there is a large display in the Manufactures building, and in the art gallery. A mighty witness is here found for Christianity. A whole nation has been civilized, and have been led to adopt manners and customs of our own country. Ceylon, Siam, China, Korea, Persia, Johore and Java have exhibits well worth studying.

Of the far-away countries, New South Wales is the most enterprising. With an immense display of wool in the Agricultural building, a rich exhibit of minerals in the Mining building,—in fact, with extensive exhibits in all the large buildings,—besides a building of her own, she challenges our admiration.

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