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FURNISHED ROOMS.

A list of nearly all the houses in Baltimore displaying the sign "Furnished Rooms" was made; the number amounted to a little over 1600.

796 places were investigated. It was found that-

622 cater in one way or another to immorality. Of these

196 allow only one man to call (see below)

426 are open - that is, allow more than one man;

of these:

47 are quiet bawdy houses

31 admit couples not known to the proprietors

26 admit couples who are known

34 sell beer or whiskey

6 call in girls from outside

119 are respectable, including

33 that admit men only

55 are doubtful.

Three women and three men investigators were employed in this work. Many of the houses were visited twice, each time by a different investigator; thus enabling the Commission to keep a check on the work.

In the group of 196 that allow only one man, the girl is

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supposed to be living with her husband, although the landlady knows that she is not married. The girl is not permitted to bring in any other men. She is instructed to tell the people in the house, and, in case of trouble the police also, that she is married; and if the police discover that she is not married to assert most positively that the landlady, when renting the room, was told by the applicant that she was married. Several of the landladies told the investigator that she should not she was not married; and suggested that she come back in a few days and in the meantime it might be possible for her to get married.

In the 426 which we call "open", we class those houses that allow a girl to bring in different men at different times; that is, she is not restricted to the same man. In addition to this some of the places allow many other privileges, as the following will show:

1. 47 are quiet bawdy houses; they have a number of girls living in the house who receive men as they do in a bawdy house, but in a more restricted manner. It is not usual for strangers to go to these places, the customers being limited almost entirely to friends and acquaintances of the girls.
2. 31 admit unknown couples; that is, neither the man nor the woman is known to the landlady, nor is it

required that they bring any kind of letter or introduction.

3. 26 admit couples who are known; the landlady or some one in the house must know either the man or the woman.
4. 34 sell beer or whiskey; some keep the liquor in the house; others send out and buy it when requested; they all charge advanced prices - the high-class places a dollar for two bottles of beer; the less pretentious 50 cents for two bottles; and the commoner ones 25 cents for a bucket of beer.
5. 6 call in girls from outside. When a man comes to the house the landlady telephones for some girls she knows; at times the landlady makes an arrangement with a certain girl to meet a certain man.
6. A few of these places do all of the above; that is, they keep girls in the house, have them on call, admit all couples who come and sell the liquors desired.

In the group of 119 respectable places, we found 86 landladies who admit women, but receive none whom they believe or know to be questionable; their refusal was regarded by the investigator as perfectly sincere.

Thirty-three (33) admit men only. These do not take wo-

to men live in their houses , nor do they permit men to bring them in.

In the group of 55 classed as doubtful, the landladies refused to allow any privileges of any questionable procedures; but the investigator was not convinced of their sincerity.

Keepers of Furnished-Room Houses.

Most of these places are run by middle-aged or older women. Some are married and are living in the houses with their husbands; others are not married, but are living with men; many are widows. Scattered through the section are houses which have been opened by former madams of houses of prostitution and assignation houses. These have been established for the express purpose of running places as nearly like their former ones as they dare, and many of them are practically houses of prostitution. Whenever the madams are driven from their former avocations they immediately turn to the establishing of furnished-room houses.

There are four women who live outside the furnished-room house district in private homes, but who own several of these furnished-room houses and run them through care-takers or house-keepers. One of them is quite wealthy and owns six places.

A number of landladies offered to introduce the investigator to "some very good men" after she had rented the room. Some of them told her that they had at present a list of several

men who were on the lookout for suitable girls. One woman stated that a man rooming in her house had threatened to leave unless she would procure for him a satisfactory girl to room with him.

Many of these women act as procuresses in almost every way; they procure girls for bawdy houses; procure them for all kinds of immoral purposes; procure them to live with men for a short time; or to live with them permanently. They induce working girls to come to their houses to meet men and they arrange rendezvous for men and women in various ways. Many of these women on account of their being considered respectable are far more dangerous to the morals of the community than are the madams of houses of prostitution.

Some of these houses specialize in procuring girls and women for men during the day. Certain girls and women, some of whom are working down town, go to these houses during the midday or lunch period, where they met men by appointment. Formerly several of these were situated on Courtland and St Paul Streets, in easy access to the business district.

It was quite amusing to find, in the course of the investigation, how many keepers of furnished-room houses were so moral and pious. After a long talk about their own goodness and after advising the girl to depart from the error of her ways, they would return to the business proposition and agree for an additional two dollars to allow the girl almost any privilege.

One woman said that she is a good Christian woman but

has her living to make.

Another said: "You may do what you please outside, and if you are very careful a little inside, but you know I am a respectable woman and have a preacher come to see me every two weeks, when I am too unwell to go to church.

Another told the investigator that she might have one man, but no more; for "one will send your soul to hell fast enough."

Several of the houses were found under the charge of girls from 18 to 22, who said that their mothers were away from the city for a while. These girls seemed conversant with all the ways of such houses and spoke quite openly to the investigator about the privileges which their mothers would allow.

We found in some houses an interchange of business or more properly an interchange of inmates. For instance there is a woman living on Fayette Street who telephones to a house on McCulloh Street when she needs more girls; and the house on McCulloh Street in turn calls girls, when needed, from Fayette Street and also from a house on St Paul Street, extended.

The investigator found two girls, 18 and 20 years of age, respectively, who were boarding in a furnished-room house, or at least had their rooms there. The landlady told the investigator that a man had offered her \$3 if she would make a rendezvous with one of these girls for him. She said she did not mind doing this but was afraid of getting into trouble.

A few houses are run by men, notably one on Lexington Street kept by a young man. He has girls on call. He promised the investigator that if she would take a room in his house he would furnish her with a number of men; ~~and~~ he gave her the names and addresses of a few who frequent his place. This man is also a pervert and has men coming to the house to practice perversion. He sells beer and whiskey.

Benevolent Association. We obtained a list of the furnished rooms recommended to young women by a benevolent association that aids women, and investigated the houses. We found that four allow privileges of one sort or another. In such houses and in contact with such people, a young unsophisticated girl might easily be led astray. It behooves all of the societies to know the exact nature of these places and not to take the word of some old woman as to her respectability.

Prices Charged . These places rent rooms for a short time or for all night. Several of the landladies advised the investigator to ask always for a room for the night and said that the couple might leave whenever they desired. The usual price is \$1 for an hour or two, or \$2 for all night. Some rooms rent for as little as 50 cents; some others from \$2 to \$5.

Furnishings . Almost all the places are very cheaply furnished and the majority are poorly kept. A few of the places

visited were neat and clean, the bed linen fresh, the washstands white and scrubbed, and so on. Others showed an unswept room and evrything in a very filthy condition.

The investigation has shown that the furnished-room houses, as a class, are almost as harmful as the houses of prostitution, and in some instances are more so. Some of the landladies connive at and cater to almost all kinds of immorality. A number of them keep girls on call; others have girls living in their houses; some procure girls to meet men on the outside; and not a few will admit mere children with men. The community should keep a close watch over furnished-room houses and put definite restrictions on them.

The following interviews were held with landladies who will rent a woman a room and allow her to have one man^{to} visit her for immoral purposes.

The interviews have been reproduced as nearly verbatim as possible.

Aug. 14, 1914.

--- W. - - - Street.

E. V. L. showed the third story front room for \$5 a week, including board, with the privilege of receiving one man, who could be passed off as the husband. She would give each of them a key, so that the man could go right up into the room without waiting

around to ring the bell. She said the couple who had just moved had been with her nearly four years and they had had the hall room also, where the woman's child slept. She had passed this couple off as man and wife all that time, even her husband not having known the truth until about three months ago. The woman worked at the --- but her lover did practically nothing. She went to Philadelphia to spend her vacation, and while there was offered a better position; so she had packed and sent off the trunks that morning. E. V. L. said also that she had had two girls, employes at -----'s, who came in stiff drunk every night at 2 or 3 o'clock. They went to such extremes that she was compelled to get rid of them. She had a great many table boarders, among them the Rev. - - -. "He is not the crank people say - in all the years I have known him he has never mentioned religion to me." E. V. L. formerly lived in one of Mrs. R.'s houses; and while she was moving from there a window was accidentally broken, and Mrs. R. had her arrested. Justice S. postponed the case until she could get witnesses. She asked her boarders to appear and the Rev. - - - also spoke to some of them, twenty-six went up for her, and the Rev. - - - escorted her to the station.

Needs money badly.

Dec. 18, 1914.

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. M. X. said that she does not allow men to go to the

girls' rooms - she has a parlor for them to entertain their friends in. When told that that would not do, she asked how much the applicant usually paid; when told "\$7 a week and more if everything were satisfactory", she showed the third story front room for \$7 and the second story for \$8. She said, "I do not want it thought that I run a disorderly house for you will be the first I have ever allowed this privilege but times are hard and I have two very old aunts and a blind and dumb brother living with me, so I must do the best I can to make ends meet." She offered also to turn her parlor into a bedroom if preferred, and if the applicant would pay enough money to make it worth while. She would not allow more than one man to call and would not of letting the applicant bring a man there if she did not live in the house. "I have lived here seven years, " she said, " and have had trouble with the police only once. That was during Centennial week, when two girls under age, from Hagerstown, rented a room from me. They came one day and the next day the policewoman took them away - they were held for White Slavery with two men." That was enough for me, I never want to get mixed up with the police again."

Very Religious but Practical.

August 8, 1914.

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. F. T., who owns and runs a millinery shop and furnished room house, showed the second story front room and the room

back of it and insisted on having both taken - the one at \$4, and both at \$5. She asked, "Don't you notice the rare atmosphere in my rooms? I have consecrated my house to God, and you would feel as though you were in Heaven when you live here. I am a good Christian woman but of course have my living to make; and if I wait until decent people come along to fill my rooms might wait a long time - I know I'll be sure of my money every week because you have a good honest face and fast women always pay better than others. I will allow only one man for laying up with him will send you to Hell fast enough without you having a hundred more. I will pray for you and after all that was better than working long hours in a factory day after day. Will tell other people in the house that your husband travels, and that is why he does not come home every night. Of course I don't care what you do on the outside; but if I let you bring other men in the neighbors would notice and complain - most of them own their own property."

--- W. - - - Street
The ---- House.

Mrs. L. G. showed the second story front - a dirty-looking room for light housekeeping for \$2.50 a week. "You can have one man but am afraid to allow more, " she said, "I am poor and I'd like to make the extra room-rent; but the police might back up the patrol and cart everybody to the station. Besides the disgrace, it would cost me lots of good money to get out again, there-

fore I allow each girl only one man, and I don't think I can be raided for that because every woman is entitled to have one man." She said she would certainly not allow the applicant to bring a man to the house if she did not live there. "I do not know you and I do not say you are, but you might be one of them vice cops or you might pick one up."

Police seem stricter on her than on others.

March 1, 1915.

---- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. F. X. had rooms for \$1.50 and \$1.75 a week. She allows one friend, but the girl must be very careful not to let the police get wise or they would raid the house and she would have to pay a heavy fine. The friend must be passed off as the husband ; otherwise she would be afraid. "It seems mighty strange;" she said, "that the police are so much stricter on some people than on others, but that is the way."

Has to overcome husband's objections.

Oct. 14, 1914.

---W. - - - Street.

Mrs. P.R. showed the third story back room which would be vacant soon. She said at first that she would allow no privileges ; but she invited the applicant into her room to talk. She said she had had a girl there who had been allowed the privilege of receiving one friend, "but she got so bold I had to make her

her move. My husband became so disgusted with this that he told me to allow no more privileges. A policeman told me my house was too nice for me to keep such girls." Later on she said: "At first I suspected you of being an investigator, but after conversing, I of course knew you were not. I am a New Yorker and a wise gazaboo whom nobody can fool. You may have the room with the privilege of one friend. I will tell Mr. P. R. that your husband travels around small towns and that is why he will not be here every night. I have several Poli players rooming with me and would not want them to know you entertained a man in your room."

July 27, 1914.

--- E. --- Street

The - - -

The daughter showed four different rooms. At first she said she would allow no privileges, but later on said that the applicant might have one man provided she was sure that he was in no way connected with the authorities or vice people, so that she would not get into trouble. "I was at first afraid to tell you that I allow one man because the party who has just gone out had acted like a stool pigeon and I thought you were the same, but later knew you were all right."

April 1915.

--- E. - - - Street.

No one answered the bell at --- - - - but finally a young man, seemingly intoxicated, came from --- and asked what

was wanted. He showed the first floor rooms for \$2.50 a week and a kitchen with one of the rooms for \$2.75. He said the police are too damn strict now for him to take a chance on allowing all the guys to come there - "one is all right because you can tell the bulls he's your husband." he asked who the lover was and whether he was a rough neck. When told "a waiter at Back River," he said: "I guess the gink is all right, I suppose I know him, for I know nearly all of them. Send him to talk to me and if I find him on the level will make satisfactory arrangements with him. I am not much on telling my business to skirts because none can be trusted; so send your pimp around and between us we will fix everything to suit. I am just a little careful to keep out of trouble with ^{the} coppers." When asked his name, he said, "Just tell your man to call at --- and ask for Henny." In the hall there was a large basket containing about two dozen empty beer bottles.

March 26, 1915.

--- E. - - - Street.

Mrs. M. showed a second story front room for \$2.50 a week; the room was arranged for light housekeeping and was very dirty, as was the entire house. She would allow one friend, "but the police are so damn strict I would be afraid to let more come - better arrange to see the rest on the outside - maybe later things will get better and they can come to the room. I have been here

fourteen years and have never seen things as rotten as they are now - a lady must be afraid to breathe. No wonder, such a damned no-good police board; they have ruined every policeman, you cannot touch one with graft any more. They come around every week taking the names of everybody in the house and they know just how many rooms each house contains, so they know just exactly whether everybody going in and out belongs there or is just slipping in to see some girl in the house. Old M---- is wise to the police tricks and they won't get anything on her; neither will any of those brilliant vice crusaders. Some of those pests live in the neighborhood I have heard, I don't know just where and I don't give a damn; they can all go to hell where they belong. They just raided an old bitch in the next block - served her right for getting caught." She would not give the name of the person whose house was raided, and said she did not know it.

Hard on Crusaders.

April 3, 1915

--- W. - - - Street.

Miss D. said that her rooms were filled -she had moved from next door not long before. She advised the applicant either to tell landladies she was married or to say nothing about company and just sneak the men in for awhile. She feared that it would be difficult to get a room anywhere just now if the landladies were told that there would be men callers. "The police," she

said, "have just been around notifying all rooming housekeepers they will close them up in twenty-four hours if they see anything crooked. This is because the anti-vice bill has just been passed. I think it would be a damn sight better if the two doctors who are at the head of it would attend to their practice and let poor women who do not bother them alone. I have been in this line of business since I was 18, I am 38 now, and never in all that time has the business been so bad and the police so strict. Of course it is not the fault of the police, it is the fault of the idiotic vice crusaders who, under cover, do worse than the people whom they call bad." She had one room vacant but it had been promised to some one from Philadelphia. "However", she said, "if you are not suited call on Monday and we might be able to think out some way to have just one sweetheart call."

Dec. 23, 1914

--- W. - - - Street.

The grimy looking housekeeper showed a dirty middle room for \$2.50 a week - everybody must furnish their own heat. "This house," said the housekeeper, "is owned by Mrs. S. - - - Street, who has given orders to let no more men go to girls' rooms, but I will take a chance if promise is given to have only one. Had a girl here who used to bring in about ten a night besides her regular; and one night after the regular had gone out, the girl brought in another girl with two or three men. One man who was

drunk, went to bed and refused to get out before morning; he said he had paid and intended to remain. When the regular returned there was an awful fight - the police had to come, pull the man out of the bed and throw him out. The Sergeant came back and made the girl and her lover get out immediately. Since then the house has been watched continually, and as much as I'd like to make extra money, I dare not risk it. Besides there is an old crank of a minister living down the block who watches everything and the police would not be near as bad if it were not for that damn fool. But they are afraid of getting fired if they don't attend to their duty - I have never seen the minister guy, I am just telling what Mrs. S. and others have told me."

Girls should be allowed to have company.

March 19, 1915

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. M. Y. showed the third floor back for \$3 a week. She said she did not care how much company there was, but she couldn't allow but one gentleman to call because the police were so strict. "They had a plain-clothes man around a long time finding out people's business and now they put a uniform on him. It is all right to have one man for I will say he is the husband. I had a woman named L. C. R. here for a long time and her lover, H., but they occupied separate rooms - adjoining; they cursed and fought at all hours of the night and I had to put them out. L. used to steal every thing she could get out of other people's rooms, even

to the soap. She came there a few nights ago about 2 A. M. and begged me to take her back; but I would not for she would be sure to get into trouble sooner or later. You may as well allow girls to have company because they sneak them in if you don't. Had two theatrical girls in the parlor who pulled two men in through the front window - but I said nothing to them just laughed it off; what would have been the use after they were there. I admired the girls' truthfulness in acknowledging it."

Former Madam.

August 14, 1914

--- W. - - - Street.

The house is run by G. Y., who formerly had a house on Raborg Street. She said she was married about a year ago to the man who had been her sweetheart for nine years; that he works for S. E., pawnbroker, sometimes, but is in bad health and is not able to work much. She has a good many roomers, she said, and makes \$100 a month out of which she pays \$61 rent. "You can have a room with the privilege of one man," she said; "but you must pass him off as husband. Tell the police that you told me you were married, which will clear me in case of trouble. The police watch me pretty closely because I used to live on Raborg Street." She said she intended opening another house on M- - - Street in the near future and would put a housekeeper in the present house. She wouldn't have to be so careful up there, where she was not ^{so} well known

and she intended opening a quiet bed-house.

The following interviews are with landladies who will allow a woman, renting a room to bring in as many men as she wishes.

Must Fool Her Husband.

March 10, 1915.
--- --- Street.

Mrs. W. N. showed the third floor back for \$6 a month. She does not care how many men come - "everybody to their liking." When asked if the rooms were not worth about \$8 with this privilege, she replied; "Do not tell my husband about the extra two dollars; just slip them to me and you need not let him know anything about your business."

July 8, 1914
--- - - - Avenue.

W. R., madam, charges \$2 a week. A girl may take men to her room. N. H. N., the "\$50 Kid", boards here. N. G. N. is about 21 years old. Dr. F. M., of the ----- Hospital, keeps D. S. here "but is now tired of her." W. E. receives men in her room and has no other means of support.

Sept. 25, 1914
--- - - - Street.

The house is run by a woman named N. N. The rooms rent for \$4 and are a great deal better furnished than the average. It

is probably either a "sporting house" or a "bed-house." When privileges were asked, the woman pretended not to know what was meant, but it could easily be seen that she was bluffing. Finally she said she had at first been suspicious of the investigator, taking her for a policewoman or one of "them infernal vice cranks." She does not care whether people are married or not, but prefers to be told that they are, in order, that in case of trouble, she should be clear. "It will be all right, however; but have nothing to say to the other girls or men in the house." She would give two keys, one for the sweetheart, one for the roomer. When asked for the privilege of having more than one man call she said she was very tired at night and did not know who went in and out, and that after they became better acquainted they could very likely come to terms. She pays \$60 rent and has to take in a good bit of money to make anything. "Everything is so strict in this town now that I have to watch every move carefully."

Very Careful.

Sept. 25, 1914
--- - - Street.

A third story room was for rent for \$2.50 a week. The woman stated that the investigator might have all the men visit her that she wanted, provided she will let her take the bed out and put in a folding cot, as she does in all her rooms where girls

bring men, since it looks better if the room appears to be a sitting room. "Of course, you can open it and do as you please when you have company, and nobody will be any the wiser ; but it is best to be on the safe side, with all these vice cranks nosing around now, who have put the very devil in the heads of the police."

Oct. 9, 1914
---- - - - Street.

Mrs. B. N. Showed the first floor front for \$4. "You can have your sweetheart, also other gentlemen callers if sure you can get them in without attracting the attention of neighbors and the police. You can have all the beer and good time you want ; just to be quiet about it and let nobody know - which will keep us both out of trouble. This town is going from bad to worse and a woman don't have a chance to make herself a dollar any more with out being scared to death of being caught and costing her maybe a couple hundred dollars."

Jan. 15, 1915
--- - - - - Street.

A Jewish woman answered the bell. She said that her rooms were filled but that she might have something in a week. "Certainly a girl can entertain her friends in her bed-room, I know of no better place to entertain them. She advised going to ----
- - - -, where the landlady was "all right."

Feb. 26, 1915

---- - - - Street.

Mrs. C. A. Showed the third story front for \$2 a week, and offered to fix it up for light housekeeping for \$3 a week, for she knows that "sporting women do not like to dress and go out for breakfast, their morning meal consisting usually of a cup of coffee and a cigarette. I do not care how much company comes but must be careful and not let my mother-in-law know that more than one man comes. I, myself, am a good fellow and expect you to be one in return. The police and the vice crusaders have a hell of a chance getting anything on me or anything out of me concerning anybody else. Some time ago a plain clothes man came asking for a girl who was in my house, and I told him I did not even know her. I then put the girl wise and she beat it." The officer asked also whether she could give him the names and addresses of women in the neighborhood who run disorderly houses or lodge young girls. She of course told him "No." "The police," she said, "ought to be ashamed of themselves to look for such information, because policemen are as crazy after girls as anybody else; and the policewomen are a disgrace - no self-respecting woman would have such a job." She had had another young girl in the house who used to come in drunk nearly every night "and whoop and holler at the top of her voice; sometimes she would come home in an automobile which attracted much attention; besides there was nothing in it for me - the girl never handed me any coin, so I got rid of her. I have

no booze in the house, because my husband would drink it all up; but you can rush the duck." Her husband used to be a horse trainer, "now he gamble a great deal and is nutty about cards." She said, "Don't be afraid because the house number is 13 - that is good luck."

Daughter interviewed.

Sept. 30, 1914
--- Street.

The daughter of the proprietress showed the third story front for \$3.50 a week, and stated that her mother does not object to girls' entertaining men in their rooms provided everything goes on quietly.

Jan. 29, 1915
--- N. --- Street.

Mrs. T. Y. stated that her rooms were filled but that she could put the applicant in with some one until a room became vacant. When told that a private room was wanted, she said that one could be obtained at No. --- until she had a vacancy. She would give three meals a day for \$3.50 a week or two meals a day for \$3. a week. She said, "Certainly you can have gentlemen come your room; the only people who object are the women who can't get a man themselves. I don't blame any girl for not wanting to entertain in the parlor, because some other girl is always around trying to snatch your men away. It is best to take them to your room for if you have any worth anything these days you must certainly

nurse them along." At No. --- to which Mrs. T. Y. had directed the investigator, the landlady said, "Mrs. T. Y. has quite a few sporty girls in her house and almost anything goes there. You will see for yourself what kind of joint it is after you've been there a short time." A few days later, in the morning the investigator walked up and down for about half an hour in front of Mrs. T. Y.'s and saw two couples come put who looked as if they had spent the night there. One man had a satchel, and he said to the girl with him, "Some night, Kid, wasn't it?"

Hates Vice People.

July 20, 1914

--- N. ----- Street.

Here the housekeeper showed the parlor for \$3, later coming down to \$2.50. She said, "You can bring in all the men you please," and urged taking the parlor, since "it would be easier for the men to slip in than if they had to go upstairs." She "would not ask a certain amount of room-money from each man, but would leave the amount to your judgment and honesty." She advised care being especially anxious to keep the police ignorant. She said, "By all means don't let that doctor who lives near Hynson, Westcott's get anything on you or he will send you to the cut for life. He is the leader of the vice gang and one of the meanest men who ever lived." When asked further about him she said she did not know what he looks like and didn't care, but she has heard enough about him.

August 18, 1914

--- N. - - - Street.

The woman who runs this house formerly had --- W. - ---. She has a daughter of 13 and a boy of 16. She said that some years ago her husband, in a jealous rage, shot her. Her rooms were filled but she expected to have three rooms vacant a little later on. "You may have your friend to your room, but it will cost 50 cents a week extra. You can also bring in other men, provided you know them and have them slip in alone;" but she cautioned care in not letting the police see any one enter her house with a man. She will charge \$1 for each extra man. The woman said she must make all the money she could in order to keep herself and children. In the parlor there was a girl, with a man who looked like a pimp they had a kettle of beer between them and were cursing each other.

Does Not Find Respectable People
Satisfactory.

Oct. 21, 1914

--- N. - - - Street

The woman stated that she should have two rooms on the third floor - kitchen and bedroom vacant the following Saturday, for which she would charge only \$3.50 a week. She allowed all the company wanted. She said, "I am sick and tired of poverty stricken people living on the ragged edge of respectability in my rooms and never have the rent on time. The devil with respectable people in future - it's somebody who can pay the rent promptly

that I want."

Must be Careful of Vice Spies.

August 18, 1914

--- N. - - - Street.

The woman said: "You can have your lover as often as you want and also bring in other men. I am not here for my health but for the money I can make. You will have to be careful and not let any of the vice spies or the police on for we would both get into trouble. I used to make plenty of money, but the vice cranks put this town on the bum forever. The hell with them all! But I will still get mine and won't be foolish enough to let them know either. They are easy to fool; all you have to do is to give them a little bull and they believe it."

July 24, 1914

--- N. - - - Street.

The landlady said, "It is perfectly all right to live here with your lover." She showed the second story front for \$5, including board. At first she said she would allow only one man to come but after conversing a short time she told the applicant she liked her and would let her bring in as many as she wished, provided she knew them to be all right. "The officers on the beat are very nice," she said, "and I know will say nothing if you come in sober and don't overdo the thing." Concerning the room money she said, "We won't fall out, for I know you will treat me square

and I will do the same." She ended by saying, "We will go to Highlandtown and Back River to pick up men. When we meet some good we will take them home. "

A boy about 5 years old was there and the woman said he boarded ~~xxxxxx~~ there with his mother.

Feb. 17, 1915

--- N. - - - Street.

Mrs. L. Y. showed the second story front for \$6 a week. She has no objection to entertaining in the room, but of course, would expect good behavior. She suggested curtaining off the part of the room containong the bed, though she said she herself would not go to that expense, but thought the applicant might like to have it appear more like a parlor than bedroom. She would rather have the rent by the month, which would be a saving for the tenant, for she would let it go for \$25 a month. She was very anxious for the room to be taken and said she would treat the applicant right.

April 9, 1915

--- E. - - - Street.

Mrs. F. N. lives here. She had the fourth floor front for \$1.75 a week or \$7 a month, but preferred to be paid monthly. She said that on the 18th of the month she must pay \$42 rent or get out. Her room was very barren with no floor covering at all and a rather dirty bed. If the roomer remained two months and paid in advance for the third month, she would then cover the floor,

she said: "Certainly you can have company, but be careful about it, because there was a girl here sometime ago who had four men in her room at a time. I went upstairs and finding the four men and the girl pretty drunk and carrying on dreadfully, put the men out at once, but allowed the girl to stay until morning. The policeman came and warned me to be more careful or there would be trouble. The officers are very nice though, and do not bother around here unless things are carried to extremes. I would not want anything like that again, for it might cause trouble, but I have no objections to men coming one at a time." When asked if room-money would not be required in addition to that given by the one sweetheart, ^{she} said that it would certainly be agreeable to her because she needed all she could get, having four small children. The room-money was to be not less than \$1 "and all over that you can get." The woman runs also a cleaning place on the -----Street side of the house.

March 10, 1915

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. B. Z. showed two rooms on the second floor which she would rent together or separately, asking \$4 for the two and \$3 for the front room alone. She said, "You can have all the company you want whether you take one or both rooms. I've just got rid of an old cranky wretch of a woman who talked about everybody who has men friends and drinks booze, and I want no more people

like that in my house. I myself drink beer whenever I feel like it and would drink good old whiskey only it makes me too drunk." Continuing she said she thought more of a girl who is truthful about the way she makes her living than one who works for a few dollars a week and runs around on the sly at night. "yet those are the girls who are considered decent by such persons as Dr. ----- for instance. Thank goodness! this state got rid of -----, and if it has any sense or gunch about it, it will get rid of Dr. ----- too and mighty quick at that. He wishes to do no good; it is only notriety he is after; he talks and runs poor, fallen, homeless women without money into the streets, but just ask him for a dollar to get a night's lodging and food and see how quick he will put his hand on his pocket so tight that the money will never come out again. Leave the women where they are and neither men nor women are compelled to go there! Those who are inclined to do that sort of thing do it anyhow no matter how tight a town is closed, - the only difference is that it goes on all over the city in closed towns and only in certain districts in open cities."

Very hard to pay \$28 rent and run a
respectable house.

March 19, 1915
--- W. --- Street.

Mrs. S. T. showed the first floor front for \$4.50 a week. She said she knew the applicant was a widow by the sad

expression of her face and the black clothes, and that she could sympathize, for she had been a widow for twelve years. She was willing to have men entertained in the room knowing applicant would not abuse the privilege. Her boarders were chiefly working people and she said she tried hard to keep up the reputation of her house, but that it was very hard for she had to pay \$28 rent.

Does not require certificate pinned on,
but must have baggage.

Mrs. H. B., divorced, said her children would not help her. She has a daughter in Atlantic City, but would not say where or how she earns her living. One of her lodgers, a young man, whom she found very congenial, she said, had been drinking. She insisted on the investigator coming, promising that every thing would be strictly home-like and on the "Q. T." She assured the investigator that she had a mother's heart and would provide well for her friends. "No one who comes has to have a marriage certificate pinned on, but it was necessary to come with baggage and as husband and wife." She advised always saying that the husband was a traveling man since the police could not be trusted, but she thought when a girl pays for her room, of course it is her own. She said the girls in her - - - Street house where she formerly lived, told her it was none of her "damned business where they got their money or how they used their rooms."

July 25, 1914

--- - - - Street

This house is run by Mrs. F. K., who showed every room in the house whether occupied or not. She said if applicant preferred one that was then occupied by a man, she would ask him to move into another; and if he did not like that he could move out altogether. The law had become so strict that she had been afraid to rent rooms to couples for a little while. She complained that the police watch her house, back and front, every night. She said that the applicant might live there with her lover and also bring in other men, but it would be best for her to come in first and leave the door unlocked for the man to sneak in a few minutes later. The charge would be \$1 room-money for every man. She said a salesman for ----'s had the second story front and had been begging her to get him a girl ever since he had been there, promising her a couple of dollars for her trouble. She has introduced several to him but they did not suit, all being too thin. She seemed to be sure he would be more than satisfied with the applicant and was certain of the money at last. Once he had packed up his things and threatened to leave because she had not got him a suitable girl. She showed the room to verify the statement. She wanted applicant to take this man's room and have him take the one adjoining it and was glad to get a girl in the house who would make a good hustler, for her landlady had just raised her rent from \$35 to \$40 and she must make something on the side

to make it up.

Does not mind contact with her children.

March 12, 1915

--- N. - - - -

Mrs. K. N. showed the parlor for \$8 a month. She is an ignorant Jewess and had a time trying to understand what was meant by "company." She finally understood, and said, "Oh, you are one of them fancy ladies and you want men to come here and give you money." She said it would be all right but thought the room ought to be \$10. She supposed it would be a lot of help to her because she had a nine ~~months~~ ^{weeks'} old baby and other children and applicant could give her clothes for them and buy them something occasionally. She insisted on applicant taking off her hat and admired her hair, which she said was bleached. Then she asked the investigator if she would bleach her little girls' hair after she moved in.

July 24, 1914

--- W. - - - Street.

The landlady, L.R.R., was very anxious to secure the applicant as a lodger and insisted on her taking the front parlor and the adjoining room, connected by large folding doors. "If you had two rooms," she said, "you could have your lover in one and use the other yourself and say that that was his room. You can have both rooms for \$6 a week and probably a little cheaper

if you will answer the bell." She said she had two most disreputable girls on the third floor, but that they would not bother the applicant. The police officers told her they could remain if they acted half way decent, but that both would be locked up if caught soliciting on the streets. She stated that her former housekeeper had taken nearly all her roomers from her and had opened a house of her own. She said: "you will see what good business there is and I am sure you will buy the house from me in the near future." She said she has four houses and has to leave three in charge of housekeepers who always cheat her.

April 3, 1914

--- W. --- Street

Mrs. H. S. stated that her rooms were filled but that she expected a vacancy the next week; for the man in the third floor front had been on a drunk for two weeks, and had sold all his clothes, so probably could not pay for the room. She said: "You certainly may have one friend, and if you can sneak others in without the police knowing it, all right; but we will have to go easy at first, because they may raise the dickens. My Lord, girl, you must be dippy to want to bring men here for a room when you don't live here. No indeed, you are paving the way in to the can for me." Officer ----- is a friend of Mrs. H. S.'s, but he does not work in her neighborhood now, his beat being above --- street.

April 3, 1915

--- W. - - - SStreet

Mrs. S. N. said she was sorry that the room were all filled, but told the investigator to come again if she were not suited in a few days. "The house belongs to Mrs. Q. R., and I am the housekeeper," she said, "Mrs. Q. R. is all right to work for, but she does not pay her housekeepers a damn cent - just gives them a few rooms to live in. I look out for myself though, as I receive the rent first and then hand it to Mrs. Q. R." winking as she said this. "I wish I had a room for you because we could work together pretty well. We'd just have to be a little careful. Hell with the police and reformers, It isn't the hardest thing in the world to fool a brass-buttoned bull." She said that a housekeeper was wanted at --- N. - - - Street, and advised applying for the position. She said Miss W., of - - - Avenue , owns the house and is easy to work for; she pays the housekeeper \$1.50 a week besides giving her several rooms.

Has Political Protection.

Feb. 5, 1915

--- W. - - - -

M. Y. said she was sorry her rooms were filled because she should like to have a good fellow in the house whom she could make her pal; those who were there were not her kind. She expects to rent a larger house and "just go, some; I don't ^{want} to get out of ---'s Ward, however, but it is a great pity it only starts

west of - - - Street. If it only started down at - @ - or - - - Street, I would make things hum. He is a friend of mine and one worth having, because he is The ----- and no piker." M. Y. hustles the --- House every night and usually takes her men to I---, --- - - - Street. She takes only a few "selects" to her own home. She asked the investigator to come to the ---- House. "If the fellow at the door refuses admittance" she said, "ask for me - nobody refuses me anything."

Thinks Vice People Easy To Fool.

Feb. 12, 1915

--- W. - - -

Mrs. A. Y. stated that her rooms were filled but that she expected to have vacant a two-room flat, and that on the 1st of April she was going to open a house next door, and would then have plenty of room. She likes fast women - that is, the "right kind"; they are always less trouble than these "so-called respectable ladies, and a damn sight better pay." All she wants is carefulness, so as not to let the "bulls catch on to our business; they are a stupid lot and easy enough to fool. I hope the men are not picked up on the street, because they are cheap and quite a few are fly cops; it is best to get them in cafes and hotels and pick out the good ones and keep them for regulars." She told the investigator to be sure to keep in touch with her, because there would be something doing when she has both houses.

Former Madam

August 6, 1914

--- W. --- Street.

This house is said to be owned by the Chinaman who conducts a laundry on the first floor. The third floor is occupied by a respectable family named Y; and the second floor by Mrs. S's daughter, who formerly ~~lived~~^{was} on Raborg Street and she lives now with a man (whom she asserts is her husband) and a little daughter about 10 years old. She is said to have a few men call who formerly visited her on Raborg Street. It is said that a number of girls sneak in to see the Chinese on the first floor.

Feb. 17, 1914

--- W. --- Street

Mrs. M. Y. showed a filthy second story back room at \$1.50 a week. She said it was all right to have one man - "the damn police and nobody else can stop that; but if a woman has more than one they could interfere." She was afraid to allow more than one, but if there was anything worth while in it she might take a chance. When told that one dollar would be paid for each extra man, she almost jumped for joy; she said she wanted to get a farm anyway, and if she could get by, it would be a great help to her. As ~~visit~~ you are rather decent looking I will treat you to a bedspread, and you will be the only one in the house who has one. The Health Department ordered all bath tubs out of the houses in this block because the people used them as

toilets. Some people in my house use a sink in the hall for that purpose quite often, but you will not have to mix with the others." She also stated that Mr. G., the policeman, had told her that if people came as man and wife, all right; and if a girl comes and says she is not married but has men friends, all right too, but the men must leave the house by midnight.

Feb. 10, 1915

--- W. - - - Street.

The house is run by Mrs. R. N., who has --- W. - - - Street also. Mrs. Y. L., who was in charge, showed the second story middle room for \$1.75 a week, including the privilege of receiving one friend. It would be all right to bring in other men, provided she was slipped something - anything from a quarter up; but of course, Mrs. R. N. must not know she was making this extra money. "I think," she said, "that Mrs. R. N. is doing the same thing at No. ---, but, of course, that goes into her own pocket. You would have to be careful not to let the policemen get wise or the house would be pinched. The regular joints have nearly all been closed by a few cranky nuts and the men must take the girls some place. It has always gone on and always will, if they have to go in alleys.

April 12, 1915

--- - - - Street.

Mrs. C. N. showed the parlor for \$6 a month, - it con-

tained a dirty cot and two chairs. The beautiful inlaid floor was so dirty that it would have to be scraped to get it clean. A woman living upstairs joined in the conversation. Mrs. C. N. is willing to allow company, but said that fast women formerly lived there and on this account the police come around several times a week, asking who lives in the house. She would tell the police that the applicant is a rich widow who doesn't have to work, and since the room is next to the front door men could slip in without being noticed. The woman from upstairs kept telling her she would get into trouble, but she said she knew what she was doing. "Come at night," she said, "but do not tell my husband more than one friend is going to call. I will give you a key, and you can have keys made for your friends, so they can come right in."

Girl in the house gives information about
Hollywood Park.

August 18, 1914
--- N. --- Street

The madam was out and one of the roomers, an Irish girl, showed the second story front room. She knew it would be all right to have one man, but would not like to say if more might come. She urged the applicant to take the room, and said, "We can have a good time picking up fellows on the street, at Hollywood, and at ----'s ----. It is not at all necessary to tell the landlady your business; just simply sneak men in, she can't watch

the door all night. I am not such a fool to hand any madam room-money when I can get out of it." She said she had worked at Hollywood, cashiering in the dance hall until Sunday, when S---- had come running to the pavilion and had told the waiters that the police were coming. He made them throw bottles, glasses and everything containing booze over-board, but ten minutes after the police had gone, beer was flowing more freely than before. S---- made all couples get out of their rooms at the hotel, and told them they might go back after the police left. The girl had a baby 18 months old whom she had a notion of putting in an asylum, for it was too much trouble. She said she has a lover, but intends giving him the throw-down, as she has another in view whom she likes better.

Must come during day.

March 12, 1915.

----E. - - - Street.

Mrs. B. showed the second floor front room for \$3 a week. She said she did not care how many men called, but that as her husband would object it would have to be arranged that they come in the day time while he is at work. "You can give me something every week, whatever you think is right," she said, "I pay \$25 a month rent, and a little extra money is a great help. I had a girl here who had several men visit her and I told Mr. B. they were her brothers ; so she did not kick much."

Many of these places have several girls living in the house, ostensibly as roomers or boarders; but in reality such a place is very similar to a house of prostitution. Most of the girls have special friends, but they receive any one else who may call. Some of them, when business is dull, go to various places to solicit. The following have been selected as typical instances:

July 5, 1914

--- N. - - - Street.

The place is run by a negro woman, but is patronized entirely by white men. There is a store in front.

Jan. 22, 1915

---- - - - Street.

Mrs. S. T. showed three rooms. She stated that she allows girls to have one friend but is afraid to allow more. A girl in breakfast-cap and kimona was at the telephone and was calling some man all kinds of endearing names, and begging him to come to see her. She said to Mrs. S. T., "What do you think of him? He says he isn't feeling well enough to come to see us."

Later in the day a Mrs. U. on - - - Street, was visited and she said, "Mrs. S. T. runs one of the worst joints in town and she was only bluffing if she said she allows only one friend, because what goes on there is a plenty."

Former Madam.

August 14, 1914

--- S. -----.

M.F.N. who formerly had a house on - - - Avenue lives here with her sister, D.D.T. D.D.T. has a young man of twenty keeping her. He is the manager of the ----- House. He spends two nights a week with her, but M.F.N. says she can call the ----- House any time and get him. She threw him down for a bell boy at the - - - Hotel sometime ago; but finding that the former had the most money, she took him back. She said that her sister and their friend M., hustle the streets and Hollywood every night. At Hollywood they get a room right at the ---- unless the man is exceptionally good, when they take him home. N. makes from \$20 to \$25 every week. M.F.N. said that the applicant might bring a man there for a room if he were a real good one and need not fear that she and her sister would take him away from her. She explained that they had to be especially careful because a man and a woman, friends of her lover's - supposed to be man and wife - were living there, but expected to stay only until they could get another place. "If you meet my lover here," she said, "never breathe that I said you could get a room here, nor let on that I hustle on the side; for he is very jealous and I'm afraid he would leave me." She has her twelve-year old brother with her, whom she says her sweetheart has offered to keep and educate. She stated that W.B.E., her sister's pimp, came there often trying to

get something out of her. "He went through everything M. had when she set him up in the saloon business ; and then he threw her down."

Run by Former Keeper of Assignment House.

July 25, 1914
--- W. - - - -

This house is run by N. C. E., who formerly had a notorious assignation house in the --- block - - -, which she was probably forced to leave by the police. She is now going by the name of R. Her mother and her sister live with her - they are all three immoral. They have another girl with them who said she had "lots of good friends". This girl came to the door dressed only in a transparent night gown. She introduced F., N's sister. F. was attired in a thin kimona open in front. When asked for privileges they said they should have to ask N., who was away at Rehoboth. They knew she did allow privileges to girls when she knew they would be careful and not tell anyone. The investigator told them that she and N. were pretty good friends, whereupon Mrs. R. (N's mother) said, "All right, but be careful in picking up men that you do not know, for the vice crusaders have agents out who pick up girls just to see where they take them to get a room. The Western district is worse than any other, and they watch my daughter's house in particular, because she had trouble on S----- Street. We're getting ours on the quiet and are fooling both the

police and the vice people. Both sets are the dumbest people on earth to fool." She offered the second story front for \$3.50 a week and \$1 room-money for each man.

Typical Bed-House.

April 14, 1915

--- S. - - - Street.

Mrs. C. N. showed the third story back for \$5 a week ; the third story front for \$7 a week ; and later she showed every bedroom in the house. Her house is exceptionally well furnished. In one room there was a bowl containing what seemed to be bichle-ride. Mrs. C. N. said she could not take a girl in and allow her privileges unless she knew her well, therefore a strange woman must say she is married whether she is or not. She asked, "When do you want to move in?" When told "Friday", she said, "You can easily get married by that time." She said also that she had had trouble through girls talking about their business and she had to be careful with whom she deals. "After you are here awhile and we become better acquainted everything will be O. K." she said. There were three girls in the house ; their faces were made up and one wore a blue silk kimona. Mrs. C. N. said she has some swell race-horse men stop with her, and she winked as she said it. She owns the property and intends to stay there. "No damn fools need attempt to get me out, for it would be useless."

April 7, 1915
--- - - - Street.

A. C. R. showed a second story back room for \$2.50 a week. She was planning to move to --- E. - - - Street the following Tuesday. She begged the investigator to take a room promising to see that her trunk was moved free of charge to --- E - - - Street. At first she said she would allow only one man friend, but later on she said: "I am sure that you're a good fellow who will not squeal ; so you can have all the men you want come to your room if they can be trusted." For this she would charge \$1 room money. She continued, "The police do not bother me; all you have to do is to treat the old sons of bitches nice and not be too bold and everything is O. K. I would not move, but these houses will be torn down in June. If it were not for that, no damned vice crusader or any other son of a bitch could put me out. I mean to plant myself in No.--- and I defy anybody to put me out. I've got three girls with me and none of them are angels. They are going with me. One in particular, M., is a hell of a good sport-she used to live on Raborg St. She works by the day now, and at night also; her lazy lover seldom does anything." She thought the applicant might be able to do well with her, for she has several bartenders rooming with her who were "in a position to send some pretty good men around at times." She wanted a deposit for the room because she needed for moving, "all the dough" she could get.

She explained that there was a back entrance at No. --- which the girls' men could all use. "Just leave it to little Annie to fool them." Happening to glance at the bed in the room, she fell to cursing like a maniac,, saying that either a "damn bum" who had slept there for several nights, or "one of the whores" upstairs who came down and spent a short time with him each night, had stolen her beautiful red two dollar comfort. . When asked if she sold "booze" she said, "I will tell you later when I know you better." She had read in the "Star" that all disreputable houses would be closed in thirty days and said she was glad of it for then she and other non-registered houses would make more money.

Feb. 19, 1915

--- N. --- Street.

This is next to the - - - - House. It is said to be one of the toughest places in town. The people acted very strangely. A colored girl was scrubbing the steps leading to the second floor, with the front door open, when the investigator walked into the hall and asked about rooms. She looked the applicant over from head to foot, then said: - "I'll see the madam. I don't think she's up yet, - it's rather early." (It was 11:15 A.M.) The servant went into a room, and presently a disreputable-looking woman about 48 years old peeped out - then slammed the door to, after saying something to a person in the room. As she came out

she stared at the investigator and turned up her nose as she went upstairs. The colored girl came back into the hall and said her madam had only one small room vacant on the second floor. When asked if it could be seen, she said, "Wait;" and went back into the same room. The woman who ran the house again stuck her head out, looked the applicant over, and finally said:- "I'll show you the room." She was very ordinary looking and was attired in a bath-robe and breakfast cap. The room was small and quite dirty looking; the price was \$2.50 a week. When asked about having privileges, she said the police were strict and she could not well allow more than one man friend. Just then the colored girl came to the door and said to her mistress, "Somebody wants you at the door this very minute." The woman went out for just about a minute; the colored girl closed the door and somebody held the knob from the outside. When the woman came back her attitude had changed entirely. She asked the investigator where she lived, when told --- block ----- Street, she said, "Well, if you come here and have one man, of course, I won't ask you to show your marriage certificate; I don't know who in the hell you are and I don't give a damn. When asked her name, she said, "Mrs. C.S., and, by God, don't forget that it is Mrs." When asked if she were related ^{to} K. C. S., she became furious. A few of the things she said were that she was no damned whore, that she had no whores or bastards in her family, that her husband was a prominent business man

in this town, but of course, "I don't suppose that cattle like you ever heard of him. I want ^{you} to know that a dirty bastard used-out - - - - - Street-whore cannot ask me if I am related to K.C.S., not can have a room in my house if you pay \$20 a week, furthermore I'll throw you out so you'll break your God damn neck if you do not get out." This is only part of what she said, the rest being too vile to write. The investigator went next to see Mrs. S. Y., at No. ---, who said that what had happened at Mrs. C. S's was in line with the woman's usual conduct and that she had been in trouble very often for running a disorderly house. She said also that Mrs. C. S. often had common women bringing in any number of men, and that there would be more trouble if it were not that C. S! "sorta stands in" with some of the officers. Of course she "could not prove it and would not want it repeated."

Officer No. --- was standing at the time on the corner talking to a colored man and the investigator asked him whether Mrs. C. S. was crazy or just uncivilized: He said: "I should say not, she's all right." The investigator told him that she was looking for a room. He asked in the most sarcastic tone, "Well, where are you from?" Then he suggested --- - - - Street. When the investigator turning to go, thanked him, he said "You're welcome" ; then, under his breath, "and keep your change." He muttered something else to the negro and both laughed aloud, the officer very derisively. His entire attitude was that of a coarse

man talking to a drunken prostitute.

Feb. 5, 1915

--- W. - - - Street.

S. S. S. stated that he was running the house for a mother and daughter, who were away until spring, "but you need not let their return worry you, because they are the best fellows in the world and everything goes. The third story front will be vacant next Monday because the lady in it is goody-goody and not a good fellow, so I told her to get out. I will have no Sunday-School people in the house. You can have all the company you want and all the booze you want, just so your friends are able to walk down the steps and fall down and break their drunken necks. I have some fine fellows coming here, - a doctor and several lawyers. I'll introduce you; they are always asking for new girls and I know you will do well. We have splendid parties real often; I do the cooking and I have plenty of booze and plenty of beds, - so what else could anybody want?" He told the investigator to be sure to come around Sunday, when he would show her the room. "I know we'll get along fine," he said, "for you look good to me."

Sporting House.

Dec. 30, 1914

--- W. - - -

A woman who said she always has charge of the house when the madam goes out showed two rooms, - the parlor for \$4 a week and

a room on the second floor for \$3. She said the applicant might have her lover and as many other men as she wanted, and urged her to take the second floor room, saying that it would be more convenient because close to the bath room, where the men could wash. She thought the applicant would have to furnish towels; but would find the madam very nice and reasonable about such matters as well as about arrangements in regard to room-money for each man. "All the madam wants is to be treated fair."

Very Disorderly House.

August 12, 1914

--- W. - - - Street.

The house is run by M. N., who moved in on August 6th. She formerly lived in the --- block W. - - - Street. "The damn bulls," she said, "are running after me already, but the hell with them, I will do to suit myself. They watch me because I got a tough name through knocking around with a bum by the name of D., who is now supposed to be a waiter at ---'s. I have a classy lover now," and to prove it she showed his picture in the day's issue of the Star. His name is L. P. H., and he is supposed to be living on - - - Avenue, but spends most of his time with her. (While she was talking he opened the front door, and she introduced him.) She said the applicant might have a room there with her sweetheart, and might bring in all the men who had coin enough to pay for the use of the room. She went into the yard

and showed the back gate, saying that the men should be instructed always to come in this way through --- Street, for it is nice and dark and there is not much chance of being seen. She said also, "We can rush the growler and when we get a quarter or fifty cents, never to return the change, as every cent helps these days." Another woman in the house, whom she called M., has a little son about 6 years old. The N. woman said that M. is a good girl and can get the "mazuma." She said also that her sister (now in the hospital with a broken arm) and her two small children live with her. There are three small children in the house. Both women seemed quite drunk, and they said they had had about thirty pitchers of beer. There was a young man present who was buying the beer, and M. said, "Make up to him; he is good for a couple of dollars - he and his woman have lived with me for several years." Because M.'s little boy would not get out of her way she cursed him and called him a vile name.

Very Tough House.

Dec. 28, 1914

--- W. --- Street.

The house is owned and run by L. R., who owns --- Street also. She said she formerly had another house on the north side of --- Street and --- Street. She showed the second story front for \$4 a week, coming down to \$3.50. She said, "Certainly you can have all the company in your room you want and it

is nobody's damn business." I have two girls in the first floor front at No. --- who have chauffeurs coming to see them every night and also coming in for lunch. Besides these, the girls have all the company they want and I'd like to have some son of a bitch come and say something about it, - I'd tell them a thing or two." Speaking of an acquaintance, she said: "Mrs. V. L., at ---, is the commonest thing that ever walked in shoe leather; she used to live on Raborg Street and has lived with seven different lovers and the Lord knows how many more. She says she is married now, but probably is not and even if she is, there is another man in the house who has been her lover for seven years. She also has several girls in her house who are as tough as they come. Yes, Rev. --- does eat there sometimes, but what is he? - nothing - and he better not come sticking his nose in L. R.'s business. Very likely he is friendly with the L. N. woman, like the rest of the men. He was at the Western when I had Mrs. L. N. arrested, but he did not open his face; any way my brother came to the station and made me drop the case because he did not want me to disgrace myself mixing up with such trash as the L. N. woman and her crowd. She had about thirty students as witnesses whom she boarded a week free for lying for her. If you take my advice you will stay away from No. --- because anybody who goes there isn't much. Another thing L. N. better pay Mr. --- for the bill of about \$40 for meat which she beat him out of."

Sporting House.

Jan. 13, 1915

--- W. ---- Street.

A girl in a silk kimona and a breakfast cap answered the bell. She called the landlady, who said her rooms were all filled. When asked if she allowed company in the girl's room, she said, "What's the use of telling you? I have no room for you, and a person must be very careful what he says and to whom he says it." She said she has several girls in the house who make good money; and when asked what they did she smiled and said, "they work nights." A second girl in a bright kimona and with a cigarette in her hand passed by on her way upstairs. The place had the appearance of a sporting house.

The following are selected as examples of the houses which admit couples that are strangers to the landlady; that is, neither the man nor the woman is known to her, or is required by her to register or to be provided with baggage.

August 25, 1914

--- ---- Street.

Mrs. R. B., who runs this house, said that a girl might have her lover and as many other men as she wished, provided they came after dark, so that the neighbors could not see them. She is a "respectable married woman" - she and her husband run a grocery store on ---- --- Avenue ; she just bought this house and must "do something to make up the money." She said also

that a room could be had there at any time with a man provided he paid \$2 room money.

June 10, 1914

--- N. ----- Street.

The house is kept by Mrs. L., who showed a large room for \$4. a week; a smaller one for less, and a hall room for \$1.75. She said there was no objection to any amount of company, for the house was perfectly safe; the night officer on the beat himself often sending couples there. He had said to her, "Indeed, Mrs. L., there is no use in your not doing business as long as your place is respectable." She puts lights out at 11 p.m., and gives the guests keys, if only for the night. She locks the inside door - "so that it will look like you live there when you come in." She mentioned some of her roomers; the manager of the ----- has a room on the third floor; the fireman of the ----- lives there ; the manager of the ----- brought friends there because it was more "home-likes."

Mrs. L. has two children; but she seemed not to want them to notice what was going on. "As long as you behave respectable you can come any night," she said, "\$1.50 per couple. Come early I don't want anyone coming too late." Most of her patrons are hotel people, - her girls bringing men who are staying at the hotels. She makes no extra charge when there are a number of men, for, she said, though she is in the business for money, she wants to earn it in a "respectable way." She said she had been in the business five

years and had never had any trouble; but that a woman on the other side of the street had kept an awful place and just had to get out of the business.

August 6, 1914

--- S. - - - Street.

This house has been run by D. L. for years. She is better known as B. S., the latter being a fictitious name assumed by her husband to use on the stage, but used by him until his death. She said she had never had trouble with the police, but that they had looked through the house the night they raided B. A. next door. She said, "I used to sell as high as seventeen cases of beer a week, but I sell none now. I average from \$50 to \$80 a week room-money, and if ever I took in less than \$50 a week I will shut up the shack immediately. She charges 50 cents and \$1. She said that B. F. who formerly had a house on Raborg Street, and two of her girls who still live with her at -- -- -- Street, hustle the streets and they used to bring their men to her house but she stopped them from coming because they get the ~~room~~-money from the men and then run away without giving anything in return. Then the men would refuse to get out of bed and would raise the dickens, threatening to get the police and the vice people after me. I would try to explain that I was not responsible for what the women had done, but the men could not see it that way, so to avoid trouble I do not allow B. F. and the two girls to come here any more."

There are houses which admit only couples that are known to the landlady; that is, either the man or the woman is known, and is able to vouch for his or her partner. These houses are seclusive, and are frequented by well-to-do people. We have selected the following as typical instances:

August 11, 1914

--- N. - - - Street.

P. G. L., who formerly had a house on - - - Street and also on - - - Street, runs this house. Any one can get a room here with privileges, and can also get a room with a man for a short while provided he is "all right." P. G. L. said she was making just about enough to get along nicely on from girls she knew, who brought men there. She took her sign in, she said, because ^{her} people "know where to find her."

August 11, 1914

--- - - - Street.

R. M. E., who formerly lived on - - - Street and then on - - - Street, lives here. She conducts a small grocery store which her father had always had, but which she was running while he visited another daughter. She owns the property and has two rooms filled with stored furniture. She said the vice report was to go in on September 15th, and if the houses reopened, then she was going to open up immediately. If not, she would try to get a house on -----, "for that -- ----- and his bunch got B.F.S., of

--- Street, a beautiful home there and I intend to have
 our there also." She said she lets in only a few couples she
 knows well, because years ago she had run a bedhouse at the same
 address and she was afraid the police would get wise if she were
 not very careful. She told the applicant to come up any time she
 had a good man, but that she would not accept less than \$2 for the
 room. "Come in the private door," she said, "and let the man come
 through the store." She stated that B.F.S. has another lover be-
 sides F.P.A., a very wealthy man, but she would not mention his
 name. She said the vice crusaders need not laugh up their sleeves
 at her because they closed her up, for she was fooling them all and
 was getting hers. She showed the mortgages of both houses signed
 "paid", and said, "You see I have been getting mine or I could not
 have paid off both mortgages after losing over \$3,000 on ---
 Avenue in Washington and \$500 in the grocery store in town."

Madam Promised to Procure Men.

March 3, 1915

--- W. --- Street.

Mrs. N. N. said that two rooms would be vacant by night -
 the second floor back and the parlor. She took the investigator
 up to her room and looked her over, saying she thought at first she
 was a stool pigeon. She complained that she could not make expenses
 even by running a strictly respectable house, and said that she rents

only to couples that she knows. At first she said she would allow only one man come to the room; but afterward, becoming more confidential, she said the applicant might have all the men she wanted if she knew they were all right; and that she would have to pay not under \$1 room-money, and as much over as could be got out of the men. She promised to introduce a number of men. She insisted on the applicant's coming the next day, and promised to have a certain man there. "He pays only \$1," she said, "but you'd better make it. He is such a very intimate friend of mine that he never wants to pay for the use of the room. But you should positively refuse to see him under \$1.50, and then slip me the fifty cents." Every once in a while she would become uneasy and say, "Now there is nothing back of you, you are not trying to pump me to get me into trouble, are you?" "But in case you are a spy," she added, "I can get out of it any way because I will say, yes, that I said every thing you reported, but had said it to see what you would say." She introduced her son, a chauffeur, who stands at the - - - Hotel, and said that he would bring applicant "some worth while guys". "If you meet any men today," she said, "just bring them around and I will rent you a room. Remember I will not accept less than \$1 for room money. Be careful not to attract any more attention than is necessary. I have no fear of the police, but the neighbors who continually make complaints. Of course the officers must listen to them. The policemen have come in telling me to pay no attention

to the cranky neighbors, but go ahead and make myself some money, if I do not somebody else will. One of the officers also said if certain parties didn't stop meddling in my affairs and stop complaining about me he would see that they would have to move instead of me. It is usually \$100 fine for the landlady and about six months for the couple caught, but as far as I'm concerned I'm not worried because I stand in with the police, too much ; I stand ace high, and if they caught you with a man I guess I could fix it for you. I don't know who you are and I don't give a damn but I think you're a good fellow."

Very Well-Known Assniation Housekeeper.

July 20, 1914

--- W. ----- Street.

This is M. L. K's place and used to be one of the best known bed and call houses in the city. The investigator was told that Miss M. L. K. takes only male boarders and married couples ; but it is known from other sources that she rents rooms to friends of whom she is sure. They generally arrange that the woman enters by the front door and the man by the back way. She is extremely careful, and unless both the man and the woman are well known they are not admitted. She intends going on quietly in this way with the hope of being able to "run wide open" some time in the future.

Jan. 11, 1915

--- Street.

Mrs. G. N., the divorced wife of I. G. N., runs a furnished-room house here under her maiden name, C. Y. She said, "It is perfectly all right to have one friend call and also others but I would prefer to have them call during the day, because it is not half as suspicious looking as it would be at night." She has boarding with her, a man by the name of H. D., who is a "very particular friend" of hers and she does not want him to know she does any crooked work. He is out until about 5 p.m., so does not know what goes on during the day. She lent him money to invest in a business proposition, which failed; so she said she must jolly him along and try to get at least some of it back. She has a few very select couples come to the house and does not rent a room for less than \$2. She used to sell beer to a few intimate friends, but has cut it out; for when the time came to pay the bills there was sure to be an argument and she lost money. She would not talk business at all with the investigator until told she had been sent by a friend, Mrs. L. N., No. --- W. --- Street. She then said, "Mrs. L.N. had called up to tell me you were coming and that I need not be afraid, because you are all right. She said Mrs. L. N. had promised to call her up to meet some \$5 men but had not done so - "probably she is afraid I will take them away from her for good."

Former Madam.

August 3, 1914.

--- W. --- Street.

This house is run by Mrs. W. R., who formerly had a house on --- Street. She went by the name of G. while on this street. She has now two of the girls living with her who used to be with her on --- Street - one named F-----, who formerly went by the name of F----, and the other M-. They are both kept women, F----- being kept by a wealthy Jew; and they also have men who formerly visited them on --- Street calling on them. They go to the German restaurants, meet men, and bring them home. Both M---- and F----- make good money on the side without their sweethearts knowing it. Mrs. R. used to run ----'s Hotel on ---- Street and knows a number of men from there. She also has officers of German steamers coming to her house. She owns two houses on Josephine Street. She rents to couples if she knows them very well, but does not permit them to enter together, the woman usually coming in from the front and the man from the back street.

August 6, 1914

--- - - - Street.

House run by M. N.; she has a girl living with her by the name of E----- whom she claims to have adopted; also has a girl, M-----, who formerly lived with D.A., both girls allowed to see men. Mrs. N. said: "I am only letting in people I knew well but I am damned sick and tired of that business and intend to let in every

body who comes along. I went to Annapolis to the Governor's home with the intention of telling what I thought of him for showing partiality - letting some women run whore houses and not allowing me - but was told he was not at home. I also wrote to the President of the Police Board demanding he issue orders to the Western District to let me alone telling him I was living respectably -- informing him I am an invalid, otherwise I would have called personally; if he did not believe it he and his whole bunch of square heads could investigate my house. Some time ago two plain clothes men went through and asked everybody a million questions, they were stung, however, as nobody happened to be here. Any time they catch me they will have to get up early. Captain ----- with one of his men came here in plain clothes and I hollered at them to get away from my door, that there was nothing doing, pretending I did not know them and the ruse worked - the officers said they felt pretty well satisfied I was doing nothing if I turned them down thinking they were trading men. I have ^{been} going along quietly doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances, being able to do so through Policeman ---, who unfortunately has injured his leg -- of course I must be extraordinarily careful while he ^{is not} ~~was~~ on duty ; I do not know the officer who is taking his place well and will not trust him." She also stated that she simply curses everybody who displeases her in any way, regardless of who they are or what position they hold, and said that she gets away with it because she

can work on their sympathy with her invalid game. She told the applicant to come around as she had several good men whom she wanted her to meet. She seemed to have a great many colored people around, men, women and children. Her language was of the vilest, every other word an oath.

July 30, 1914

--- E. - - - Street.

This, one of the best known bed houses, is run by K. H., who is conducting the business quietly, letting only her best-known couples in and sending the others to C. K. A chauffeur said he took one of her old couples there recently and stopped the taxi in front of the house. She called him down, saying that the police would find out she is doing business when she had received orders not to.

August 6, 1914

--- N. - - - Avenue.

M. Y. stated that she runs this house and another one also, but that she has no girls living with her. She said, "I have lived here and conducted this sort of business for 27 years, and have never had any trouble with the police. I let no strangers in, if I know one of the couple, it is all right. I have more couples, who have been coming here for years than I can accommodate. I have several who have come regularly for the past 25 years. I have only two bedrooms but could easily use eight or ten -- on some

nights having to turn as many as six or eight couples away. I send them around the corner to C. K. and B. M., on - - - Street. I do not know how much money I take in , as I have never kept a book." Mrs. M. Y. charges some couples 50 cents and others \$1, according to the length of time they stay and how prosperous looking they are. "Mrs. S. on - - - Street has opened her house again," Mrs. M. Y. said; "but I do not know whether she intends conducting a couple house or keep girls. C. K. has the best couple house in town, and takes in over \$100 a week." While the investigator was talking to with Mrs. M. Y., Officer --- passed and M. Y. asked him if he thought Mrs. S. would take a boarder; he answered that Mrs. S. had been given permission to move into her house on condition that she do absolutely no business of any kind.

July 23, 1914
--- Street.

This is a well-known bed and call house, run by a woman named B. She formerly had a house on --- Street, back of ---'s wall, when she conducted the business openly; but she is now operating on the quiet, letting in only couples that she knows well. A chauffeur who used to bring her couples said she had told him he could bring no one there any more, unless it was some of her old trade, because she would not take the chance of having some of the "sneaky vice hypocrites getting in on her."

Young Girl Arranges For Immorality.

July 27, 1914

--- E. --- Street.

The daughter, a young girl about 17, stated that her mother had gone to Europe and that she is in charge of the house. Her father helps with the cooking. All of the rooms were filled. Privileges are allowed, provided everything goes on quietly. The mentioned a girl who had formerly roomed there with a man and whose other lover found it out and came there and smashed things up. Her father rents rooms for a little while to several girls who bring men there regularly; but no one is allowed to have a room that way unless well known. The girl said they have only one room, her father's, for that purpose just now, but that when they formerly lived at ---, they had a large house and had done a good business, "that is, before the authorities got so strict."

In the investigation of the houses we found 34 in which beer and whiskey are sold. Some of these places keep the liquors in the house, and others send out and get them when requested. Most of them are open, and resemble houses of prostitution. The following are examples:

March 17, 1915

---- - - - Avenue.

Mrs. G. S. showed the third story front room for \$3.50 a

week. She advised taking the little adjoining room so as to make an apartment, especially, "if you should have a great deal of company"; she would rent both rooms for \$6, or would rent a less expensive third story front at No. ---, which she also runs. If one room is taken she will allow company, but prefers that men do not remain all night, "because it looks suspicious to have men going out in the morning." She recommended quiet and caution, "For in the second story front are two doctors who are rather cranky and I would not have them know for the world." She is from West Virginia, and regrets coming to this "Hell of a town with its cranks and cheap men." She has practically no friends here "because the men are all so damn cheap; the best the Baltimore men do is to buy me something good to eat." She is used to getting \$20 and \$25 for the night. She has sunk her money in these two houses and, of course, must stay. Her West Virginia friends keep her going, she said, though she sees them only once in two or three months; "but they certainly do hand over when they come." She said she had just received \$100 for two days from one of these friends, and that another had bought her a \$48 suit at O'Neill's. She does not have "booze" in the house but just telephones for it when anybody wants it, and of course, makes a little on it for her trouble. She admits "just a very few select couples," and she begged the investigator not to breathe this to a soul, "because if I got into trouble in this town I never would get out."

She has been here two years.

Feb. 1, 1915

----- Street

The investigator had called here before but without results. Later, having been informed that it was a wide open house, she called again. Mrs. L.N., who runs the house, was not in. A little girl named L. Y. answered the bell, and called a woman named C.A., who has charge when the madam is out. C. A. either intoxicated or under the influence of dope, very gruffly asked what was wanted with Mrs. L.N. When told it was personal business, she said, "Oh, prunes! that's the way with some bitches; get right up in the air!" Then she shuffled off into another room and banged the door as hard as she could. The little girl said Mrs. L.N. could be found at No.---- or No.---- N. ----- Street. Mrs. L.N. was found at No.---- N. ----- Street. She stated that C.A. drinks and was angry with her about an argument they had in regard to making C.A. housekeeper at the - - - - houses. These houses Mrs. L.N. had just bought from Mrs.K.N., who had run them for years, making in that time about \$20,000. Mrs. L.N. said, "Certainly you can have one friend and all you can get besides; but I'd rather have you on - -,- -,- Street, for the police watch on ----- Street but not - - - - - Street." She planned to put C.A. in No.----- and expects her to run it and No.---- "on the level," while her daughter, Bv-----, watched C.A. She rents rooms on

- - - - - Street to couples for short stays, provided she knows them or if some one who she knows is all right has sent them. When given Mrs. L.M's name as reference, she said it would be all right, bring a man any time. She would charge \$1.50. The price was to be the same when living there, "unless some men might like to pay \$2." She does not keep beer on hand, but when the girls expect somebody who buys beer, they let her know and she gets it, usually selling two bottles for 50 cents; "but, of course, if you have men who pay \$1 for two bottles, just put me wise and I will soak them." She did not wish her daughter, who is at H-R's, to know that anything crooked was going on, "because she is a very good girl and pays \$4 a week board - but them little \$4 won't keep me, and I must make money some way." Her husband, who lives at No. --- N. --- Street, conducts a store and furnished room house, but will not give her any money because she is "not a wife to him" - She consults him only in regard to business and cannot stand him ~~any more~~ as a husband any more - "he is too dirty and runs around with his trousers pinned, no buttons on them." They had a quarrel some time ago because she would not sew buttons on for him. She ended with - "He likes the girls, though, and if he isn't too dirty for you, you are welcome to go to see him."

Sells Beer - claims political protection.

Jan. 22, 1915

--- - - - - Street.

Mrs. B. E. showed the second story back and the third story front for \$3 a week each. It was three o'clock in the afternoon and in the third floor front a woman was still in bed. She said, "What in the hell do you want? You know I didn't go to bed till late and I want some sleep." Mrs. B. E. said, "Don't mind her she has only used the bed for the night." Mrs. B. E., who is a widow, has as many as eight or ten men come to see her some nights. At first, in the interview, she was rather reserved; but later became confidential. She said she has beer and wine parties every night, but did not sell beer for she was afraid to sell it, so her friends brought it with them (but she showed a cupboard in her room in which there were two or three cases of beer). She promised to introduce some swell men but wished it understood that H. and J. must be let alone, for "they are my lovers and I put out one bitch for trying to keep them away from me." She said the vice people and police have as much chance of catching her "as a snowball in hell anyway they can do nothing with me for I have strong political friends backing me - a city councilman is a very intimate friend and he always puts me wise to every thing." She advised taking the back room, "Box," said she, "you can see some sights in the first floor back room on - - - - Avenue, where two girls occupy a room. They strip to the skin every night and then stand at the back window and beckon to people who look at them to come over."

Sells Beer

Jan. 16, 1915

--- Street.

Mrs. H. S., the landlady, was told that her friend, Mrs. L. N. had sent the applicant. She invited her in and stated that her rooms were all filled with men then, but she thought they would soon leave as they were from Washington and were working here on a new apartment house. She said she should be very glad to let the third story front for \$7 a week, including board with the privilege of having one man friend come; and she was perfectly willing also to let other men call. She said the applicant would have to be careful and sneak the other men in when her lover was not around, since he does not like a girl to have more than one "friend" and he was afraid she might get into trouble if the neighbors and the police saw so many men coming there. Of course, she "would have to be paid \$2 or not less than \$1.50 room money for each man." She said she always has beer on hand and sells it at the rate of 2 bottles for \$1. "If the man is a cheap guy" she gives three bottles for \$1 but does not like to sell it so cheap. When told that the applicant's friends were married men who could not afford to get into trouble, but that not one was cheap, she said that that was fine, and that such men were the kind she likes to deal with. She said, "J.H.R.'s girl, L. P., has lived in my second story front quite a while and J.H.R. pays \$10 a week for her - the silly fool! The girl's room and board are only \$7, but

for \$10 she can also have her lover, P.L., whom she really cares for. Of course that dolt of a J.H.R. does not know this, so he hands over the ten every week." When P.L. calls, L.P. entertains him in another room, so that if J.H.R. comes in unexpectedly he does not catch her.

In the third floor there was a girl named B. who had "hustled" at Mrs. L. N.'s, she was paying Mrs. H. S. \$7 a week and half of the telephone bill "for she uses it more than any one else, and Mrs. L. N. is always calling her up." B. made \$35 at Mrs. L. N.'s one week - "so she must do a good business." Mrs. H. S. went there with B. several times but had not met any men to suit her. She related this incident: "One night I met an old countryman who bought a good bit of beer and did nothing but slobber all over me. I intended to spend the night with him. Mrs. L. N. kept giving me the wink and whispering how good he was, but when I told him my price was \$7 for the night, he almost fell off the chair. And then he offered me \$2, saying he had to pay for the room."

Sells Beer - Procures Men.

Feb. 5, 1915

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Mrs. F. S. was very reserved at first but later became confidential. She said, "You know they have a number of lady detectives around this town rubbering into people's business.

At first I thought you were one, but see now I was mistaken."

She stated that she would allow one friend to go to the room; and others also, but of course, the others would have to pay room-money about \$2. She usually has beer and "if you are sure the men are all right, I will sell them two bottles for \$1. She said that her daughter, H.M., really runs the house but works at the --- during the day, and that even do they have a pretty hard time getting along, for Mrs.H.M.'s husband from whom she is separated, does very little for her and the two small children, so they must make a living as best they can. Mr. M. boards at --- W. --- Street. He is an investigator for the B. & O. but "runs up all his money." She is from -----, she said she knew some fine men who come over to see her, and she offered to put the applicant next to them. When questioned about the police, she said they did not bother her, though they had come to her when she lived on --- Street, warning her to be sure to do no crooked work.

Feb. 17, 1915

--- N. --- Street.

This is T. Y.'s Cafe. The investigator rang the side door bell and a waiter or bartender came who stated that they only rent rooms by the night, not by the week. When asked if a room could be had with a man, he asked the applicant if she were a stranger in this town. Upon being told, "Yes;" he said, "Sure bring him around." He suggested getting a room to live in on

- - - Street, saying "all are rooming houses west of - - - ."

Furnished Rooms Run in Connection With Restaurant.

Feb. 17, 1915

--- N. - - - Street.

There is a Greek or Italian lunch room on the first floor, and the man who runs it rents out rooms. There were several ordinary looking Greeks in the place and when the proprietor was asked about a room they all began talking about the applicant, making eyes at her and beckoning for her to come to them. The proprietor showed a dirty second floor room for 50 cents a night or \$3 a week. He said: "You can have all the men you want, even if you don't live here. Just bring them around." He insisted upon closing the door of the room and did not want to let the investigator out. When she turned to go, he grabbed her by the shoulder and said, "Stay here!" pointing to the bed, "I've got money, I'll give you some." He took a handful of change out of his pocket. He promised the applicant that if she came there to live she would not have to pay room-money for all the men, because he had taken a fancy to her and would treat her fine. He said he had no booze, but he always laid in plenty and certainly would sell it at two bottles for a quarter to men who called. Furthermore he said he kept the side door locked so the police couldn't sneak in, but that he gave a key to everybody who roomed there.

Landlady Belongs to Social Service Club.

Feb. 10, 1915

---- W. = -- Street.

Mrs. B. M. showed a little second floor back room for \$1.50 a week. She said she had no one but men in the house, so that the police couldn't bother her (giving the impression that they had forbidden her to take women). She would allow one friend but if the applicant made a business of going out with men it would be better to get a room elsewhere to live in, but bring the men to her house. The charge would be \$1 every time a man was brought, whether for all night or just a little while. She said the girl should come in first and the man a little later, in case it was at night the girl could telephone to her to find out what room to take. "In the morning hide your money under the pillow or wherever we arrange," she said, "but be sure not to let the man see it, for he would be apt to swipe it." Mrs. B. M. said she belongs to a club which is bitterly opposed to such business, "but the devil with them, what they don't know don't hurt; and anyway I suppose there are plenty as bad as I am." The Club is the --- House and I go there quite often." She probably makes a business of renting rooms to couples, because she said, "Sometimes when nobody calls up to let me know they will be here I go to bed early." She advised going to Mrs. W.'s ---- W. ---- Street, a cousin of hers; to get a room, "But don't tell her of arrangements being made to bring men here. It would have to be a wise gazaboo to find out

my business." She said she does not handle beer, but gets six bottles for a quarter and lets people she knows have it for 50 cents, thus making a quarter on it.

April, 5, 1915

--- W. --- Street.

The house is run by M. N. N. The investigator met a girl named M., who "hustles" streets and cafes and she stated that she takes her men to Miss M. N. N.'s. The investigator was there on Sunday night in reference to a room, when a couple arrived to whom Miss M. N. N. said: "you are late tonight. I was afraid you wouldn't be here." The man said, "Oh, we are sure to be here once a week anyhow - shall we take the same room? Bring us two cold bottles." M. N. N. is said to have done a large "couple business" some years ago at No. --- - - - Street, but now lets in only those she knows well.

Jan. 23, 1915

--- W. ---

This house, as well as Nos. --- and ---, are run by M. R., who showed a first floor front room at \$2.50 a week without gas, and \$3 with gas. She said "you can have all the men you want." She has several girls who hustle in all of her houses, and when the man pays them \$1.50 they give her 25 cents room money out of it. A Lithuanian girl passed the hall and Mrs. M. R. said: "She makes awfully good money. When a man calls to see any girl and

she is busy, I always ask him to wait, saying the girl has just slipped to the store for a few minutes and in this way I avoid trouble and do not knock the girl out of any money.

"The police officers are very nice to me," M. R. continued, "because I am nice to them, and slip them something occasionally. Nearly every Saturday night they come here and I have a little lunch for them with something to drink. Sergeant --- was moved last week and I am sorry for he was very nice and used to come in the same as Sergeant --- and the others do. The reason Mrs. L.N. and others have trouble is because they do not treat the officers right -- you can't have an officer treat you nice if you are stingy. Captain ----- has been here several times to rubber, of course, but I put everybody wise, so everything went on fine while he was here. They were drinking beer in front of him, but I had put the girls in the house wise and told them how to act." Mrs. M. R. has in her house a girl, who is friendly with the Chinese. She was caught in a Chinese joint and the police spoke to M. R. about the girl. Mrs. M. R. said she promised to make the girl live in the same house with her, so the police let her remain.

Several of the landladies had a list of girls on whom they call when needed. They either telephone them when a man comes in or they make an appointment for them to meet a man on certain evenings. The following are examples:

Will Introduce Men.

July 28, 1914

--- W. --- Street.

Mrs. F. T., the landlady, showed the second story front room for \$4.50 but came down to \$4, with sweetheart allowed and also other friends, "provided you are careful not to let the police get wise." She said she has a few good men there whom she would introduce. While the investigator was there some one called up on the telephone; the woman called him Charlie, and told him that no girls were there then - "F----- was here until 2 o'clock but things were so slow she left." She told him to come back any way, and she would have a girl for him by the time he got there.

Disorderly House and Procures Girls.

August 17, 1914

--- --- Street

Mrs. K. L. lives here. No one came to the door, so made inquiry was made at No. ---, and the woman who answered said that some one was at home at Mrs. K. L.'s, because she heard sounds.

She advised against taking a room there, saying it was not a fit place for a respectable girl, for they all get drunk every day and were often so noisy that the police have to go in to quiet them. She said ^{she} is the only person in the neighborhood who even bids the woman the time of the day. The investigator went back to Mrs. K.L.'s and she herself opened the door. She showed the second front for \$3. She allowed the privilege of a sweetheart, but said, "just pass him off as husband." She also allows other men provided they are known, but said that her roomers would have to be ever so careful and not let the police get wise, for they watch her house very closely. During the Democratic Convention she had two men rooming with her and she called up "two chickens -M.R.R., a beautiful girl about 17, and a girl named G., for these men who were so pleased with them that they gave me \$3 just for getting the girls." She saw "the lousy policeman watching her house." He had spied the girls coming in, so she would not allow them to stay, but all four got a room elsewhere. "A few minutes after they left," she said, "the Sergeant came and almost took my head off, hollering at me, telling me he would let me off this time, but if he ever saw those girls enter my house again he would send me over. I called him 'Officer' and he again hollered at me so roughly that I almost got nervous prostration. He said he was not an officer, but a Sergeant and he wanted me to address him as such. I think he was trying to scare me into giving him graft; but I don't intend to give any

of them anything." The driver of the --- wagon, whose wife died some time ago, came to her shortly afterward begging her to let him bring his affinity to her house a couple of times a week; he said he was willing to pay any price for the room, but she was afraid to take him for fear he might at some time get angry and report her. She said: "It is best not to fool with such people for at first they are willing to pay, then they want your room for nothing just so they don't blow on you." She likes her beer and whiskey and thought "we could have a mighty sociable time together." She said, "We will go to Westport and Hollywood and get ourselves plenty of nice men." She thought \$2 wouldn't be too much room-money for each man considering the bedclothes, the towels, and the risk. She has to young men rooming with her who are "good fellows" for she "gets tired of old guys all the time and likes young ones sometimes."

Both of her roomers at the time were in the basement fixing up some furniture which had accidentally got broken. Her breath reeked of whiskey. The floors were covered with cigarette stumps and several empty beer and whiskey bottles were lying about.

Probably Procuress.

August 20, 1914
 --- N. --- Street.

A woman showed the middle room and a small back room on the first floor, both for \$4 a week and included the privilege of having one man friend call. She would allow "all the men you

want," and would not ask a definite amount for room-money, but thought she should be given at least \$1 for each man. She is the housekeeper; a man runs the house. She was very anxious to rent the rooms, saying that the extra room money would be such a help, for she has a sick husband and an eight months old baby. She explained that some pretty good men come there; one had called recently and insisted on having a 16-year old girl whom he saw there, offering to pay the "chicken" \$5 and \$2 for the room. On being refused, he offered to give her \$3 if she would let him have the girl, but she was afraid of getting into trouble, "as the girl was so young." She said that she did not "care a damn about the girl," but that Jail did not look good to her especially in the hot summer! The girl mentioned was in the hall with another girl of about 18 or 19; the housekeeper said they were both from out of town, the older having enticed the younger to leave home and come to Baltimore with her. Both are employed as waitresses in ----- Hospital. While the investigator was interviewing the landlady, a disreputable-looking woman was seen three times going out for beer, and each time she returned, she invited the girls into another room. She also asked the housekeeper each time to have "some butter milk." The second time, the housekeeper said, "you need not make out it is butter milk, - this girl don't mind; she is some sport herself." The room the housekeeper wanted

to rent contained a folding couch instead of a bed. This she said was a good thing, for in case the police did come in, it could be just slapped shut and there would not even be a bed in the room.

House run by Pervert and Procurer.

Feb. 10, 1915

--- W. --- Street.

The investigator spent Monday afternoon here from about 12 to 4:30 P. M., in which time she bought three rounds of beer at 25 cents a round (2 bottles for 25 cents). C., the proprietor, showed her a middle room which he has fixed up as a parlor - "a regular whore parlor," he called it; and he asked whether he hadn't "a regular madam's taste." He has four rooms that he rents to couples. He said that lots of men come there for girls and that sometimes he sends down to N. M. L. for girls. He was very anxious for the investigator to live in his house because he has only one other girl there. N. B. R., who runs the Cafe ---, comes there and also sends him men. F. C. X., --- Building, comes there often, also a saloonkeeper, H. N. by name. C. said that he is running the house for a woman; but when asked the name he hesitated so long before he said "B.", that the investigator did not believe him. In the course of the afternoon a man, E. by name, came in; and he said that the house belongs to C. who uses the "woman gag" as a stall to keep him out of trouble. "E. isn't much good - just one of N.'s lovers," said C. "but you may get \$1

out of him and for Christ's sake slip me a quarter of it if you do."

C. told the investigator that he is a thoroughbred; that he does not care much for ladies; he had lived with a man T. N., Manager of the -----, for three years and that T. N. had done him out of \$500, for which he is now suing and that F. K. is his lawyer and F. is T. N.'s Part of the \$500 was for house rent for T. N. and some of it was to pay for the expenses at ----- when they were on sprees. T. N. gets \$150 a week, the great part of which he wastes on "faggots" and "fairies" of which his "-----" ----- " is always full. C. said he is crazy about T. N. and had always been treated right by him excepting when B. L., a female impersonator came to town, when T. N. would be constantly in the latter's company, which would drive C. to distraction with jealousy. He showed the investigator several of T. N.'s pictures, one of which he kissed and while playing sentimental pieces on the graphophone, he cried, saying "Oh, T., dear, come back to me." "Please go to the ----- and look T. N. up" he said to the investigator "and tell him that my hair is turning gray and that I am sick for love of him - maybe that will bring him back." C. also said he used to live at Dr. R's, - - - Street, a friend of his and T. N.'s. Another sweetheart of C.'s is a man named H. of whom T. N. used to be jealous. In the midst of the conversation a tall man passed the window, and C. jumped up, saying, "There goes a fellow I am wild about; I have tried in every way to attract his atten-

tion, but have failed. I adore tall, slim, dark men." He showed a check from T. N. to W. F., which W. F. was ~~then~~ to pay him. C. stated he is going to run a genuine whore-house; and that a man wanted to live with him in the house; and that he told him he could if he would pay the rent. The man said he was willing to pay something, of course, but not so much, whereupon C. refused to be his sweetheart because he is tired of being a sucker.

Sporting House.

August, 6, 1914

--- W. --- Street.

The house is owned and run by Mrs. L. N., who says she no longer takes women roomers. She has one girl, M., living in the house whom a great many men come to see. For those who do not like M. she calls up other girls. She has had trouble with the police several times, but both police and vice people can go to hell, she says, for she owns the house and will do to suit herself. She is letting in only people she knows. Among the men who call are Captain ---; a man who has a large business in Walbrook; Professor --- and P---, a lawyer. She says she has a Hebrew friend, a Mason, who is very influential, and can easily get her out of trouble.

The following would allow no privileges on account of being afraid:

March 29, 1915
-- E. --- Street.

Mrs. M. showed the second story front room for \$1.50 a week. She would ^{not} allow company in the room. "I do not object," she said, "and there was a time when one could allow it without fear of the police. I have been here twelve years, and nobody has ever been taken out by the police; I do not want it to happen now, for they would close my house, which is my living. You will have to manage to see the men on the outside. The police took a couple out of the house three doors above last week, and there was enough trouble about it to put anyone on their guard. About a week ago they also raided Mrs. L. N. of ----- Street; so I couldn't possibly allow men, as much as I'd like to help."

April 5, 1915
--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. B. showed the first floor front room for \$3 a week. She said she only wished she could allow girls to have company, but that the police were so awfully strict that she was afraid to take a chance. "The officers have just been around," she said, "since the vice scoundrels passed the anti-vice bill giving strict orders to take in nothing but men and married couples. I have been in this house for ten years, and have no trouble with the police, -

it always depends on what sort of men the officers are and how you treat them." She said she had only one woman in the house and knew positively she was married:

--- W. - - - Street.

The investigator rang the bell several times; finally a woman came, and asked what was wanted. When told, she said: "We don't rent rooms." When told some one had sent the applicant she asked her to wait a minute. She then went back and spoke to some one, and another woman peeped out at the applicant and said, "No, don't let her in; just tell her we won't rent rooms," which was done.

July 20, 1914

--- - - - Street.

The landlady said she had been ordered to rent no more rooms to women. "I used to do a splendid business," she said, "but since the dirty bums of vice crusaders got busy this town has not been fit to live in. We are so near --- Station that we are watched very closely." She gave the address of a friend, Mrs. W. N., --- W. - - - Street, and said, "Say Miss Jennie sent you and I know that all privileges will be granted.

The following claim to be respectable:

March 26, 1915

- E. - - - Street.

Mrs. E. Showed the fourth story front room for \$4 a week, or \$8 with board. She allows nobody to entertain in a bedroom - the dining room may be used for that purpose.

"My house is my livelihood," she said, "and I must keep its reputation up."

July 21, 1914

-- E. - - - Street

Madam C. conducts a private millinery shop and also rents rooms; she seems to have a very respectable house. She takes gentlemen and couples whom she knows to be married. She would positively allow no privileges and would not have a woman in her house unless she knew her to be thoroughly respectably. She showed the second story front room for \$4 a week, with the privilege of entertaining company in the parlor several nights a week. She said that at the opening of the season her place is always filled with buyers, a great many of whom she knows, having been in the business for years.

Feb. 22, 1915

-- N. - - - Street

The people who have a lunch-room here rent out a few rooms. The landlady showed the third story front room for

for \$3. She said that the applicant would be welcome to entertain any friends in the parlor but that she would not think of allowing men to go to the bedrooms. She was very much surprised at being asked for such a privilege, for she thought that ^{any place} where it is allowed could certainly not be considered respectable.

June 13, 1914
 --- N. --- Street.

The landlady said that her parlor might be used for the girl's company; and that if the applicant was accustomed to the bedroom, she should have to give her a couch. When an understanding of the requirements dawned on the woman, she could not get the investigator out of the house quickly enough, and told her she supposed she was better suited where she was.

Feb. 22, 1915
 --- N. --- Street

Mrs. C. showed the third story front room for \$3 a week. She said: "I would under no consideration allow a lady to entertain masculine company in her bedroom. The parlor is at their disposal. I am a good Catholic and do not encourage vice in any way, and allowing men in a single woman's bedroom is certainly encouraging vice.

April 1915
 --- - - - Street.

The landlady showed the second story front room for \$7 a week with board. "You may have all the company you want in the parlor," she said, "but not one man in the bedroom. That is a dreadful thing; and if you take my motherly advice you will never do it again nor live where it is allowed, for the house would certainly be questionable."

Women Who Own a Number of Houses.

April 17, 1915

----- Avenue.

Mrs. N. lives here; she stated that she owns six houses. She has sold several others and later on will sell several more, but has never rented the houses; she furnishes them for light house-keeping and places a housekeeper in each. She does not pay the housekeepers, but gives them a few rooms, and they are told when a roomer leaves to give the room a thorough cleaning for which they receive a quarter. Whenever a ^{new} tenant moves in again they receive a quarter. Rooms are rented to couples only when they say they are

married. Of course the housekeeper cannot demand to see the certificate.

The investigator made a proposition to her to keep a house for her and rent rooms to couples. "That sounds mighty good to me", she said, "but I am scared to death of the police, who know nearly every house I own and would be sure to get after me even if the housekeeper took the entire responsibility. Then, too, my rooms are for housekeeping and are not suited for a regular bed house. I think it is a square deal to be offered half of what is made, but I am really afraid. Some years ago I should not have hesitated, but the reformers have put the dickens in the heads of the police now, and so it is different. I should not be surprised if some of my housekeepers are doing a little crooked work, but then I know nothing about it."

April 9, 1915.
--- - - - Avenue.

Mrs. N. lives here, and said that she owns several houses. She puts housekeepers in to run them. "I would not think of renting", she said, "for it would not pay as well. I have instructed each housekeeper to do no crooked work, and if I found one doing so I would discharge her. Of course if couples claim to be married and are not, that is not the fault of the housekeeper she must take their word. I would not think of letting a housekeeper have a couple house even if she would give me more

than half the income. I do not pay any salary in the smaller houses, I give the housekeepers a few rooms. In the larger houses I pay them from \$1.50 to \$2. Well, it was a hard winter and the poor devils need it."

April 1915.

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. S., known also as Madam C., Spiritualist, owns four or five houses. She would rent the ----- house for \$25 and --- - - - - for \$40, and --- - - - - for \$45 during July and August, and after that \$55; the furniture at --- must be bought, however, at \$900 - \$600 in cash, the balance on time. She said that from \$50 to \$60 a week can be made on theatrical trade, not counting the money made on couples. "You could have some theatrical folks to bluff the police anyway," she said, "and make every son of a bitch register. Do not sell beer for less than two bottles for \$1; also keep the price of rooms up to \$2 for a while. I have couples coming here to whom I will show a room; the man asks the price and I tell him perhaps \$4 or \$5. He will then give me \$2, saying he will pay the balance in the morning. Of course I know what that means, so I go about my business and the couple stay maybe only one hour."

A P A R T M E N T S.

An extensive and detailed investigation was made of 118 apartment houses, comprising mainly the small apartments and private residences which had been transformed into apartment houses ; only a few of the larger ones were included. One hundred and eleven were found questionable ; that is, they agreed to rent to persons who were professedly immoral and who stated that they would use the apartment very quietly for questionable purposes.

The information was obtained by interviewing the owner, the agent, the tenant, or the janitor who had charge of the renting. When a real estate agent was interviewed he was told that the woman who wanted the apartment wished to receive one or two men for immoral purposes. Only one of the agents flatly turned down the offer. Some clearly agreed to it ; and others evaded the question, but did not refuse to rent the apartment.

We cannot expect a landlord to look into the personal character of his tenants, nor to keep an oversight on their conduct after they get into an apartment. But ^{when} he knows that his property is being rented to persons who will use it for immoral purposes, we are constrained to think that he has only one interest, - to get as much money as possible.

It would seem that he is perfectly willing to be a party to the shady business provided that he is paid for it and that it can be kept quiet. It resolves itself into a transaction which is concerned strictly with the money and not in any way with the moral principle. We were not surprised to find this state of affairs existing among many of the smaller property-owners ; but we were surprised to find it true of two men, each of whom owns large apartment houses ; one of these not only agreed to the tenant's business, but recommended certain rooms which would be more secluded from the remainder of the house and consequently more desirable for her purpose.

The following interviews, coming as they do from managers of high-class apartments, have been selected:

J. O. N., agent for apartments---, ---, ---, was told by the investigator that she wanted an apartment, in which she expected to receive one or two men. He said, "You have come to the wrong place ; I never rent my apartments to such people or for such purposes, so there is no use in discussing it any further."

C. H. T., owner and manager of ---- Apartments, told the investigator that the only restriction he would make was that there must be no loud noises that would disturb the other people in the house. The investigator gave him to understand clearly

what she wanted. He marked off a list of apartments on the first floor, which he thought would be very suitable and more convenient than those on the upper floors.

C. M. G., manager of a number of apartments, was told by the investigator what she wanted. He neither assented nor refused ; but, continuing writing at his desk, suggested to the applicant to go and look the apartments over, and said that if she found one that suited her he would require the best of references. He would not commit himself any further than this.

S. K. R., owner and manager of several apartment houses clearly understood what the investigator wanted. He told her that it would be all right ; that the apartment would be hers, and that if she would be perfectly quiet and not let any of the tenants "get on to her", he would make no objections. He telephoned to two of his houses inquiring about vacant apartments; and he seemed very anxious to make arrangements.

It must not be understood that we went to see all of the agents who represent the largest apartment houses. We attempted to do so, but repeated efforts at a number of offices failed to secure for the investigator an interview with the man actually in charge. We did not conduct our investigation through clerks ; therefore the above does not cover all of the large apartment houses.

Interviews with Janitors of
Apartments.

In almost all cases the janitors told the investigators that they might use the apartments without restriction as long as it was done quietly and with care. They told the women investigators that they might bring to their apartments a few men who might stay as long as they liked; and they told the men investigators that they might bring a few girls, but must make no disturbance. Most of them told the investigators that they, the janitors, would take care of them and that the tenants would be expected in turn to take care of the janitors - that is, to tip them liberally.

A few instances are given:

- - - Apartment House, --- North - - - Street. The investigator, a woman, was told by the janitor that no one would bother her; that she might do as she wished, and that no restrictions other than keeping quiet would be imposed. The janitor said that men and women tenants give parties in the house which lasted until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. The women have parties for their men friends and the men have parties for their women friends; the janitor goes out for drinks and renders other service. He concluded by saying that the investigator's men friends might come to see her at all hours and remain as long as they wished -

it was nobody's business but their own.

The janitor at the - - - Apartments told the investigator that recently there had been complaints and new rules had been made; but that if a tenant would keep her mouth shut he could take care of her and her friends might come to see her just as before.

The janitor, apartment house - - -, told the investigator that she might have one or several men come to see her and stay just as long as they pleased, provided they made no noise; he would not object and no one else would know anything about it.

The janitor, apartment house - - -, told the investigator that she might receive gentlemen and do anything she liked if she would keep quiet; and that there were two other girls in the house who entertained their friends for days at a time.

Instances such as these could be multiplied and diversified from our records; but the foregoing are sufficient to show how the business is carried on.

Interviews with the women and men who have
charge of small apartments converted
from regular residences.

These persons were interviewed and were told plainly by the investigator that she was immoral and had men come to her apartment for immoral purposes. It is hardly necessary to give a detailed report of these interviews because the landladies, almost without exception consented to the proposed arrangement provided that the tenant and her visitors were quiet and discrete in their behavior. A few landladies felt that they should get an increased price for such an apartment, because they thought that they should have some compensation for the injury done their consciences.

A number of interviews follow:

The landlady in an apartment house on - - - street told the investigator that she might have a room and see one or two men friends, but not more, as it would cause comment.

Mrs. S. T. rents a large apartment in - - - apartment house; she sub-rents to some of ^{her social} friends a few rooms for immoral purposes. This is done, she asserts, purely from friendly motives - but she receives a little money on the side; this, however must be clearly understood to be merely incidental to the trans-

action.

The landlady at --- --- Street, makes no objection to girls receiving men in their bed-rooms provided they do not make any noise and provided further that they give her \$1 for each man.

The landlady at --- --- Street, said that the investigator might do as she pleased as long as she used some discretion and did not create the appearance of disorder. She said she did not want any drinking parties given but that she did not object to anything within reason.

July 9, 1914

--- N. --- Street.

M----- S----- rooms here with another girl. Both are street walkers and take men to their flat on the third floor. Their price is \$2 but \$1 will do.

August 3, 1914

--- N. --- Street.

S----- K--- and M--- B--- have a flat here; both formerly had houses on Watson Street. The K--- women kept #--- and M----- kept #---, both on Watson Street. A pilot first kept the K--- woman (who was also known as S----- H-----.) He then discarded her for M--- B--- and it is said still contributes to M-----'s support. These women pay chauffeurs, especially those standing around a certain hotel, to introduce them to men. The drivers

run over to tell them when they have a man who wants a girl, and one or both women go over. Sometimes they slip the man into their flat, sometimes drive around a while, and sometimes go down to Highlandtown. They sell beer, whiskey and champagne, it is said. The K--- woman had R. W., who runs a liquor store, ---- and ---- Streets, at her rooms not long ago and saw to it that he had a big bill for drinks. The second floor of the house was formerly occupied by two kept women. A girl names A - - -, who had been on Watson Street with M--- B---, was at one time kept by A--- F---, a pilot.

Sept. 30, 1914.

- - - - - Street.

The landlady showed two rooms to be rented as a flat for \$3 a week. These rooms were very dirty and contained only a few pieces of dilapidated furniture. "You may have all the company you want, both men and women ; a flat is different from one room - no matter what goes on, nobody can say anything about it," the landlady said. She considers hers a respectable house. When going upstairs the investigator saw a girl, attired in a kimona and stockings only, sitting on a man's lap and smoking a cigarette.

Oct. 5, 1914.

- - - - - Street.

Mrs. D----, who owns the house, showed a second and third floor flat for \$10 a month, without heat and gas, and \$13 with heat and gas. She does not care how many visitors come - that is none of her business. She objects to children but not to men, advises calling the regular friend the husband and would far rather have persons of that kind for they always mind their own business and pay their rent promptly.

Oct. 7, 1914.

----- Street.

----- Apts.

An apartment of four rooms for \$35.50 (Dr. L---, landlord), was shown by the colored janitor, who said, "Certainly you may have all the company you want and do just as you please, only be careful not to get too noisy and annoy others." He said that the flat on the fourth floor also was vacant, but that the one on the first floor was better suited for the purpose. He advised against going into detail with Dr. L----, he need not know; the janitor would see that everything was all right - when he is treated right, he treats people right in return ; he has been janitor for four years, and what he says pretty much goes ; the people in the house are not meddlesome and would not interfere.

Oct. 7, 1914.

---- - - - Avenue.

A two room second floor flat was for rent for \$6 a week. The landlady stated that she does not allow girls who have but one room to entertain men in their room, but that with a flat it is different - the extra room is a protection against appearances ; that nothing would be said if company were entertained in a quiet way; that she is a Northern woman and not so narrow-minded as these silly Baltimoreans, especially these vice cranks she reads about.

Oct. 12, 1914.

--- - - - Avenue.

Mrs. M. G. has a first-floor apartment for rent for \$37.50 a month. She stated that she did not care how much company came or what went on just so it would not be too noisy; that she should not want others in the house disturbed, especially in the night, when she supposed most of the company would come; that she would not interfere with the business nor make the applicant move because of it.

Feb. 22, 1915.

--- N. - - - Street.

Mrs. W--- showed two unfurnished third-floor rooms at \$7 a week. She does not care how much company comes or what is done up there as long as everything goes on quietly and the visitors go home when it is time to go to sleep. "If they stay very late", she said, "just tell them to make no noise when going out so that I and my family won't be wakened from our sleep. Gentile people are so noisy."

Jan. 18, 1915.

---- - - - Avenue.

An unfurnished flat was for rent for \$9 a month. The daughter of the man owning it said, "You may have all the company you want. It is nobody's business how many men come ; they can enter by the side door and they'll bother nobody and nobody will bother them." She mentioned also that a saloon, a cigar store and a florist were across the street - everything convenient.

---- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. B. D., --- - - - Avenue, owns this house. Mrs. L. M., who had the cigar stand on the first floor, showed the rooms, and stated that Mrs. B. D. would allow no children but that she does not care if lots of company come ; that, of course, she would not like anyone to run a public house, but to have gentlemen call on the quiet would be all right ; and that as long as there was not too much noise, she would never say anything to Mrs. B. D. How her tenants make their living does not concern her - she does not know much about such things, she says, but she has heard that the poor girls have been driven out everywhere and must live somewhere ; just so her tenants and their company respect her and her husband - for they are old and respectable - everything is all right.

April 10, 1915.

--- W. - - - Street.

The landlady, a Jewess, stated that her flats were filled but that she expected a vacancy in a few days. She advised the applicant to wait - "You may have all the company you want" ; she said: "No questions are asked in my house and I do not allow one tenant to interfere in another's business. When the police come around I tell them I have only respectable people and that settles them. Nobody gets any information out of me, no matter if it is the Mayor or the Governor ; so that anyone living with me need not worry.

April 5, 1915.

--- W. - - - Street.

Mrs. W.--- E--- showed flats for \$3.50 and \$4 a week. Personally she has no objection to company, "but one is not boss in their own home any longer - the vice association and the police are the bosses" - so she does not see how she can possibly allow more than one man. She asked if those beside the regular visitor pay extra room-money and when told that they pay from \$1 to \$1.50, she said she thought this a fine plan and that she would talk it over with her husband who might think of a way to arrange it.

March 24, 1915.

--- E. - - - Street.

L--- H ---, a barber, showed three rooms on the first

floor for \$7 a month. He stated that he is a most agreeable landlord, that he would fix everything in tip-top order, and that he, himself, would be a daily visitor. "The more girls here the better," he said; "I shall be pleased to be Sultan of the Harem. This house has two entrances which will be very handy in the business. Everything goes with me - I will not interfere, no matter what takes place. I love to have young ladies for tenants. I have a house on - - - Street, in which a girl who is an usher at the - - - Theatre has a room - she is some good fellow."

April 9, 1915.

--- W. - - - Street.

Miss M. showed three unfurnished rooms for \$10 a month. "It is none of my business," she said, "what goes on in the rooms, as long as they are paid for. If you chose to see a couple of dozen men a day why should I interfere as long as I am not called on to entertain them. Lord knows I am good, because I make my living by sewing and by renting flats and rooms. I am sorry you are not what you ought to be, but not renting a few rooms to you will not remedy matters ; so you may as well rent of me as anybody else. I hope you and your friends will not get too boisterous - not race up and down the steps at 3 and 4 A. M. ; if you come in or go out, please do it quietly. Remember, I am Miss M.", with emphasis on the "Miss."

July 25, 1914.

--- N. - - - Street.

The investigator was told by the landlady that she had the renting of the house next door, in which the last flat had just been rented. When asked if privileges were allowed, the woman replied that she did not care as long as things are not overdone ; that she did not live in the same house, therefore, could not be held responsible for what went on.

August 18, 1914.

--- N. - - - Street.

A four room flat was for rent - an Italian girl answered the bell, and said that it did not matter whether a tenant was married or was merely living with a man, but that she did not think her father would stand for having more than one man calling.

Parties in Apartment Houses.

In the study of the apartment houses and their tenants, one thing has come very clearly to the front ; that is, the great frequency of what is called "parties". The male tenant invites two or three girls and two or three men to his apartment for

the day, or the evening, or the night, or for two or three days. In the course of the entertainment they drink a great deal ; in fact, none of the parties would be at all successful without the mellowing and stimulating effect of alcohol. As the influence of the liquor waxes, the merry-makers are not at all careful as to their appearance, and follow the example of the primitives, dispensing with most of their clothing. Sometimes, indeed, both the gentlemen and the ladies remove all of their clothing and run about the rooms in an intimate and friendly way, much the same as did some of our forefathers.

The participants in these revelries intersperse their hilarity with unrestrained and promiscuous sex relations. When all of this is carried to the point of exhaustion and the alcohol gets in its soporific effect, they lie down quietly in their beds and sleep, always of course a lady and a gentleman together ; and sometimes, when things are crowded, a gentleman and two ladies - one on either side of him. The next day they depart, thinking they have had a glorious time.

A few instances will serve as illustrations:

F. R. E. said he has two bed-rooms and a living-room in his apartment and that frequently he gives parties with several boys and girls and has plenty of places to sleep. He said that sometimes his place is a little crowded and that he is thinking of renting a whole house where he can entertain in larger compan-

ies.

S. G. and J. W. M., who live in the - - - apartment, have very exciting parties there which last from Saturday until Monday.

M. R. E., in the - - - apartment frequently takes several girls to his apartment where they have very elaborate and protracted parties.

L. G. R. said she has been to a number of parties in - - - apartment given by Mr. C.; she ~~has~~ met a very young and pretty girl there about 19 years old, of whom Mr. C. is very proud on account of her youth and beauty, and with whom he has sex relations. Three other young women whom she knows attends these parties.

T. C. L. has an apartment in - - - apartment; he gives parties which last until near morning. A number of girls and men attend; they drink whiskey, smoke cigarettes and dance to the music of a vietrola until they are worn out; then they go to bed and have immoral relations.

Mrs. H. R. N., Miss R. M. N. and Miss L. S., in company with three men - one a doctor, and another a lawyer - went to the - - - mansion, where they remained from Saturday until Monday. They drank quantities of liquor, went about the house perfectly nude, and had promiscuous sex relations.

H. M. T., who lives in - - - apartment, frequently gives parties which last all of Saturday night and most of Sunday.

Miss G. P. L. and Miss M. C. E., in company with two other girls and about the same number of men, had a house party at the old - - - Mansion. They had a great deal to drink, went about the house with very little clothing on during the day and slept with the men at night, in addition to having intercourse with them during the day.

Dr. C. Q., a dentist, has an apartment with three friends at --- - - Avenue, and they give parties which from two to eight girls attend. The girls run about the rooms in their underwear and indulge in immorality at will. He said that frequently they have very young girls, who he felt were pure, but who were intent on getting into a fast life. He and his friends were willing to have intercourse with them whether they are pure or not.

S. P. E., a real estate broker, with his nephew and two other men, invited five girls to a party at S. P. E.'s house. It lasted from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning ; all the girls ran about the house perfectly nude, dancing and singing, and they had intercourse with the men in the different bedrooms. They drank two cases of beer, two quarts of whiskey and cordials, and smoked innumerable cigarettes.

Miss H. S., with two other girls and some men, goes to the house of M. K. Y., when his parents are away, and remain all night.

A. R. Y. told the investigator that she had gone to an apartment, - - - avenue, where three men lived and they had great parties. These men have a large automobile and a motor boat, in which they give parties. One of them has a prosperous insurance business; he is a bachelor.

The above material has been selected merely to illustrate this custom of giving "parties", and is by no means all of the data which we have on the subject of immorality in apartments, which has come prominently forward in almost every phase of the investigation of clandestine prostitution.

Men living in apartment houses who take girls
to their rooms for immoral purposes.

It is a very usual thing for bachelors in well-known apartment houses to take girls to their apartments and spend half or all of the night with them. This is done with the knowledge of the janitor and many times with the knowledge of the owner.

We found three instances of men who keep a second apart-

ment ready just for this purpose, - that is, the man never goes to the place except for a rendezvous with a woman with whom he can spend the night.

The following are examples:

L. K. R., - - - apartment house, has two rooms - one fitted up as a bed-room and the other as a "den". He has a "regular girl" who spends two nights a week with him ; and, in addition, he has other girls. His rule is to enter the apartment first and the girl follows in ten or fifteen minutes. The next morning she leaves by herself and he joins her at an appointed place for breakfast.

Miss K. N. goes to the apartment of G. S., a banker, when his wife is away ; this is a beautiful apartment in one of the most prominent apartment houses.

J. H. L., a man who has a prominent position with a large corporation, lives in - - - apartment house. On a certain night he had a young girl, 19 years of age, in his apartment and she remained until very early in the morning. The janitor went out and bought a quart of whiskey for them. He received a 50 cent tip for this service.

H. F. R., - - - apartment, keeps a woman and brings her to his apartment at all hours. He brings in other girls as well

and nearly every night there is some woman present.

P. S., of - - - apartment, frequently brings a woman in with him late at night, and she sometimes remains until morning. The manager of the apartment house knows this and has threatened to take the apartment away; but this has not been done and the man does not change his habits.

Dr. P. R. N., in the - - - apartment house, brings women into his apartment late at night and they remain until morning.

G. H. Y., a prominent attorney, lives with his family at the - - - apartment. When his wife is away he brings Miss J. H. S. to his apartment and she spends the night with him. G. H. Y. tips the janitor heavily.

E. M. N., a married banker, in - - - apartment, brings women to his apartment late at night from the - - - club. Sometimes both he and his companion are drunk; the woman remains until morning.

E. R., invited Miss N. F. A. to go with him to his apartment in the - - - apartments; he said that this is against the rule of the house, but he tips the old night janitor, who obligingly sees nothing.

The apartment rented by H. M. N., one of the managers of

an insurance company, is used by two of his friends for immoral purposes; they have a key and take girls there at specified times.

C.M.S. invited a girl to go to his apartment for immoral purposes and promised to give her a pair of ebony candlesticks and a marble pedestal.

C. F. R. invited Miss N. P. N. to go to his apartment at --- N. - - - street, for immoral purposes. He said that he frequently takes girls there and that his friends also take girls to their respective apartments. There has never been any interference by the owner or the janitor.

K. R. has an apartment on - - - avenue, in which no one lives, but which he uses when he wishes to take a girl to a very private place. This man is a bachelor and lives in a large down-town apartment house; but he is afraid if he takes girls there it might become known.

H O T E L S.

The parlors and the dining-rooms of certain hotels are being used to a considerable extent as meeting places for men and women and as soliciting places for women. The investigator found that in one of these hotels there are nearly always a few women in the parlor who are waiting to be "picked up." The investigator talked to ten of these women, whom she met from time to time; and they told her that they regularly lounge about this parlor and solicit men.

Some of the soliciting is done at the other leading hotels, but very little in comparison; so we must conclude therefore that the management of this particular hotel either encourages or winks at this traffic.

At this same hotel five girls said that they had slipped upstairs in the elevator and gone to men's rooms, and that nothing had been said to them about it.

Three of the smaller hotels which cater largely to commercial travelers go just as far as they dare in the matter of immorality. They require baggage and registration for a couple; but they have allowed men to bring in women, though the clerk knew that they were not married. The waiters at these places, as stated elsewhere, have offered to arrange a rendezvous between a maid and a guest. Hotel #3 of this class is worse than the other two.

It allows women to slip up to men's rooms; does not object to questionable women hanging about the dining-room, the parlor and the lobby and picking up men; and with any plausible excuse they allow a man and woman to get a room. In other words, while they do not openly solicit immorality they connive at it as far as they dare.

Several of the hotels in the third class, some of which are not far from railroad stations, will allow women whom they know to be prostitutes to bring strangers there.

Of one of the hotels, a girl said that all a man needs is a check for baggage, which he asks the clerk to hold for him for a while. When he comes down the clerk returns it to him.

At another one of these hotels the porter furnishes an old dress-suit case. A girl said that she does not need baggage because she knows the clerk and she can get in all right.

At another place the man was instructed by a girl to say to the clerk that he had left his baggage at the station.

One girl said that several times she had gone with different men to one of the smaller down-town hotels; and that though she felt sure the clerk knew her, he had never said any thing.

At one of the best hotels in the city an investigator, a woman, went as an experiment, with a man to his room. They or-

dered several drinks and remained there for a while; nothing was said to them. At another time a rich young fellow asked the investigator to go to the hotel with him, and said he could get a room upstairs. She questioned this but he repeated it, saying that he knew the head clerk very well and had done the thing before.

At many third, fourth and fifth-rate places almost anything ^{is} allowed, provided the applicant knows the way to act and the proper method of asking.

The following are interviews obtained at a number of hotels investigated:

July 20 - 1914
A----- Hotel,
--- W. ----- Street

"Absolutely no privileges are allowed; in fact, no rooms are rented to questionable characters - things are not what they used to be. We will not accommodate a couple unless they have baggage; we should like to let you have a room, but can not afford to run the risk of having our license taken away."

August 20 - 1914
M----- Hotel
--- W. ----- Street

"We introduce girls to men only if we know them both; we should be afraid to take a chance on a stranger. After you have been here several times we shall be able to introduce some nice men. We charge \$1.50 for a couple for the night. You will have to have baggage, and you must not bring more than one man each night; but you may come back at night if you have been here in the course of the day. The law is very strict now, and we must be careful of every move."

August 4 - 1914
----- Hotel
L. & W. Streets.

"You may have a room here, but you must be careful; you may also get a room at any time with a man if a little baggage of some kind is carried. You can meet some pretty good men right here sometimes."

August 20 - 1914
----- Hotel,
E. & N. Streets.

The investigator, a woman, called at the side entrance. The proprietor came to the door and invited her in. He said he was very sorry that he could sell her nothing to drink, but that she looked good to him and he would treat. He treated to two glasses of beer and insisted on going into a darkened dining room. He stated that after September 1st he could and should have plenty of women coming to his place; that he had procured the license only on condition of running a stag place until September; that he had some influential friends working for him and from next month on he was going to have "some joint." "You may bring men here," he continued; "but always carry a little baggage and of course register as husband and wife, which will let me out with the law."

August 20 - 1914
The ----- Hotel
E. & N. Streets.

A boy about 17 stated that the boss was out. He said: "You can get a room here with a man if you have baggage. Certainly you can get a room and bring in several men in the course of the night - other women do. Rooms are from 50 cents up, but a couple can not get one under a dollar."

August 24 - 1914
The ----- Hotel
----- Street.

The proprietress said that she takes men only, and is allowed to run the place only on that condition. "I have had it," she said, "about four years and I run it as a lodging house for men only. I have a house on Centre street where you could rent a room but you would have to be decent and could have no men coming. I can have nothing wrong going on there because that old Dr. Walker of the Vice Society lives right up the street, and he would have a fit if he found any thing wrong going on in his neighborhood."

July 23 - 1914
----- Hotel
--- E. --- Street.

"We cater chiefly to theatrical people; if you are very well known you can get a room for a little while. I should like to rent you a room with privileges but I am afraid; for the law is strict at present."

August 14 - 1914
----- Hotel
--- ----- Street.

One of the waiters said: "You may bring in all you want, but be careful not to pick up any fly cops. Have a little baggage and, if coming the third or fourth time, be careful not to let the officers see you." While the investigator was there two officers came in and had refreshments.

Oct. 24 - 1914
----- Hotel
--- & ----- Streets.

The investigator said to one of the waiters: "I have a flat on Madison Avenue; another girl lives with me. Will you send men up or call me to meet them? I will treat you right." The man said he certainly would for he often had men asking where they could get some nice private girls; he was sure we could do a pretty good business. The investigator spoke also to one of the clerks- W.W.- about it, and he said he would send men and come up himself; he asked particularly if the other girl is "chicken."

August 14 - 1914
Hotel -----
--- & --- Streets.

The woman said she would allow no privileges; that she runs a decent respectable hotel.

July 21 - 1914
----- Cafe
--- & --- Streets.

"There is a small dining room for ladies, but do not rent rooms. The female trade is comprised mostly of women from Raborg street and girls living in furnished rooms in the immediate neighborhood. "Once in a while you can pick up a good man there."

Oct. 2 - 1914
----- Hotel
--- Street.

The investigator was shown a private dining-room on the second floor by a colored waiter; she noticed about five of these rooms, all of them occupied by men and women; in one a young girl was sitting on a man's lap - she had a glass of beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other. The waiter said, "No, we do not rent rooms. Certainly girls can meet men here; several are downstairs now who

want girls, and I am treated right, I will watch the door and see that nobody intrudes. I will call you up whenever a good man wants a girl." He sent up an elderly man who said his home is in pikesville and that he frequents ----- Hotel several times a week.

At --- Hotel, --- Street, the investigator, a man, was told by the waiter that he could secure a girl for him and send her to his room.

At --- Hotel, --- Street, a number of guests who are more or less familiar with the clerk can take girls to their rooms without registration and keep them for several hours. In some cases they remain all night.

SALOONS AND CAFES CONNECTED WITH
PROSTITUTION.

An investigation was made of a large number of the saloons in Baltimore City. In a number there were found in the rear rooms, unescorted women who could be "picked up." A few of the saloons had special rooms. In a number, in the central portion of the city, there were always to be found from 15 to 30 prostitutes, chiefly street walkers, who had come there to meet men. The chief traffic of these places is connected with this kind of prostitution, the saloons serving as meeting places for the prostitutes and their prospective customers.

Some of them had private dining-rooms attached. In one, near the center of the city, there are a number of private dining-rooms on the second floor; these can be secured by a couple and they can remain undisturbed as long as they like. The investigator went to one of them in company with a girl. He was put in a room near the door. After a while he asked a waiter if he could get a more private place; the waiter then took the couple down the hall and gave them the end room, and assured them that they would not be disturbed and that nobody would come near the place.

In another saloon the same couple went upstairs, and, after buying something, asked the waiter for a private room. The

waiter looked the investigator over and was apparently not satisfied at first; later in the conversation, however, he said that if the couple would come back in about an hour he would give them a room. He told the investigator to come upstairs and ask for Walter.

At another place, a waiter was asked for a room. He said that all arrangements for rooms must be made with the clerk in the office. Upon insistence, the waiter finally decided to give a room without consulting the clerk. This place has been under police restriction for some time and is supposed not to receive women patrons.

At another cafe and saloon, the couple were told that they could not procure a private dining room for fewer than four persons; but the waiter said that he could give a screened-off place which would be fairly private.

At -----'s Hotel, the waiter readily agreed to give a room. No registration was required and no questions were asked.

At -----'s, the investigator was evidently suspected; for the bartender came upstairs and very sullenly told the couple he had nothing for them.

At -----'s, rooms were formerly rented to any one who applied; but lately the proprietors have been very careful and have rented rooms only to persons whom they knew.

At - - - - , private dining-rooms may be obtained; but lately the proprietors have become very careful.

The private dining-rooms that are rented for single couples are the most harmful kind, for many girls will go to these semi-respectable places who would not dare to go to the more questionable ones. With the privacy and the alcohol the conditions become seductive in the extreme and many girls commence their immorality in these places. They should not be tolerated. No hotel or saloon should be allowed the privilege of having such rooms.

SALOONS.

A detailed investigation was made of the saloons in the city by several investigators and a number of them were repeatedly visited.

We found that there were 47, including some hotels, which had rear rooms attached in which there were regularly found a number of unescorted women.

In 28 the investigators were actually solicited by the women to go to their rooms ; some of these suggested a room attached to the saloon ; others to a room outside and a few to their own apartments or homes.

In 20 saloons there were assignation rooms attached, that is, the couple went directly from the saloon upstairs.

As was found in the County, many of the bartenders in the City asked the investigators if they wished a girl and at other times they offered to introduce a nice girl to them, and some of them offered to send the investigator outside to the address of some girl. A few of these men expect pay for this, and one told the investigator that he had just made \$5 from such a transaction.

The class of girls frequenting these places are usually prostitutes or street-walkers. Occasionally there are to be found working girls who go there to supplement their income, and in some cafes there are found a number of "charity" women.

A few saloons offered a private room, usually called a dining room which can be procured for a couple. Drinks and food are served and privacy is guaranteed.

Our investigation has shown that alcohol is connected with immorality at almost every turn and that it is the greatest single factor which artificially increases vice. It is, of course, impossible not to serve drinks to men and women, and a large number to be sure do not abuse the privilege, but the community should recognize that certain restrictions are most advisable.

-----'s Cafe, --- East ----- Street. This place is run by a man named M. L. ; there is a hotel in connection with it and they rent rooms for prostitution, provided they know one of the parties. They have a large entertainment room in the rear in which there is singing and instrumental music ; there are usually a number of unescorted women present and it serves conspicuously as a meeting and solicitation rendezvous. This place caters largely to prostitution.

H. E., --- ----- Avenue. In the rear room of this place there are frequently a few unescorted women, who are drinking. The investigator was not able to make any date with them but he feels sure that they are of the questionable class.

-----'s German Cafe, ---- West ----- Street. F. M. M. is the proprietor. This is a very popular place for drinking women and there are usually a number of them present in the rear room. The investigator was solicited by several ; there are no rooms attached.

While at -----'s Cafe the investigator met A.H.L., --- ----- Avenue, whom he knew to be a prostitute and at another time he was solicited by a woman named L. E. to go to a room at ---- West - - - - Street.

Hotel, corner - - - and - - - Streets, provides an entertainment of piano and singing in the rear room - there are usually men and women in this room drinking, and unescorted women and couples are coming and going most of the time. The women are street-walkers mainly. Formerly it was a very tough place and was restricted by police orders. The proprietors are now running it very quietly and say they have no rooms upstairs; however they do admit whom they know well.

-----'s Cafe, --- West - - - Street. There is a large room on the first floor and another room on the second floor, where there are usually men and women drinking. It is a rendezvous for prostitutes and other immoral women. On one occasion the investigator counted eight unescorted women, and he was solicited by a girl, J.S.R., who asked him to go to the Hotel - - - and said that her price would be \$1 and the price of the room \$1.

The - - - Cafe, --- West - - - Street, has a very large room on the first floor in which there are usually a great many men and women drinking, especially on Saturday evenings. A number of the women were recognized as prostitutes. The patrons are entertained by a cabaret show. In the summer there is an open garden in the rear of the Cafe. There are no rooms attached to this Cafe.

- - - - - Cafe, --- North - - - - Street. There is a large cafe room in the rear of the saloon and another on the second hall; in addition to this there is an open garden. This is an especial rendezvous for prostitutes, many of whom stop here late in the evening on their way home from the river resorts. There is very little open solicitating, but a great deal is quietly done. The bartender acts as go-between and procurer. A colored waiter approached the investigator at this place and offered to introduce him to a girl. The cafe is a "hang-out" for professional prostitutes. The investigator saw two young girls about 20 years of age at the place who were very much intoxicated. The investigator was solicited by a number of girls at the - - - Cafe. The solicitating was done openly and with the knowledge of the bartender, F.K., who offered to introduce the investigator to a girl who he said was "private." She proved to be a chorus girl in a burlesque company.

On another evening the investigator heard a man, named B. N., say to F. K.: "I have a couple of suckers on here from Washington; dig up three girls for us." F. K. replied that he would get them immediately. When he left, B. N. said to the investigator: "Those guys have a big bank roll and we will milk them dry." F. K. returned in about 20 minutes with three girls; he introduced them to the men and the three couples left. F. K. laughingly remarked to the investigator: "I'll get a five-spot out of that

deal."

-----, --- North - - - Street. Like the - - - - Cafe, this place is frequented by street-walkers and all classes of prostitutes. The investigator was solicited by four women on one evening. He met here a woman, J.N.L., who is well known for her preverted practices. The other girls who solicited the investigator are street-walkers and live in furnished rooms.

The - - - Cafe, --- East - - - Street, is a large cellar room under the - - - Theatre. Only the most disreputable class of women frequent this place. Some of the actresses may be seen there after the theatre hour. It is a dirty, badly-kept, foul smelling place. Entertainment is given by a negro singer and a piano player. A number of pimps are to be seen there every evening.

While in the cafe the investigator was introduced by the bartender to two girls, A.J.E. and P.H.S. A.J.E told him that she was born in England and that she had been in this country about four years; that at first she had had a position as a servant, which she kept just one month, which was enough of that kind of stuff for her; so she began running around. P.H.S. asserted that she was a stenographer and that she was 24 years old. She said she was ruined by her employer soon after she graduated from the business college. "I soon saw that I could make money easier

by running around," she said, "so I detrimined not to sit on a stool all week for \$12." The bartender said that the management in no way interferences with open soliciting. The girls are not connected with the cafe and do not get a fake-off; but "old man W.H." lets them go the limit, for they bring him business.

The investigator was solicited by O.M.N., --- West --- Street, and by a girl who wanted to go to --- Hotel. Another girl, A.J.E., wished to take the investigator to Hotel --- ; and he met a woman, E.W., who lives at --- Street.

On another evening at the same cafe, the investigator met M.L.R., who wanted to take him to a furnished room, --- North --- Street; she said that as this was her own room, there would be no room-rent. While sitting in the cafe the investigator was approached by a colored waiter, who said that if the customer was looking for a girl, that he, the waiter, could fix him up. The investigator said that he was and the waiter introduced him to a girl. The investigator became friendly with the bartender, who later took him out on Raborg Street. The bartender seemed to know all of the women and was conversant with the facts concerning them.

The --- Cafe, West --- Street, has recently been arranged as a dance hall. Every evening it is visited by prostitutes, street walkers and kept women and a large number of

young girls between the ages of 16 and 19. They all drink and dance. On several evenings a number of the young girls were seen about 11 P. M. to be distinctly intoxicated. No rooms can be obtained at the hotel, but we have several instances where men have slipped girls up to their rooms.

This is one of the worst places in town, owing to the fact that it is considered fairly respectable, and that a large number of young girls frequent it. The proprietors were prosecuted at one time for selling to minors; but they still continue the practice to a considerable extent. The license should be revoked and the place closed.

---'s, --- West - - - Street. The rear rooms of this cafe is frequented by both men and women. The investigator counted four unescorted women who were drinking - their ages ranged from 20 to 45 years. Rooms upstairs may be secured for prostitution.

F. S. E., --- North - - -. This is a very quiet place, but a number of women usually may be found in the back room. The investigator was not openly solicited, but a girl A. E., give him sufficient encouragement to follow her to a place where she openly solicited him. She gave her address - --- - - - Avenue ; and her price - \$2.

A. P. R., corner of --- and --- Streets. A rear room is attached to this saloon where unescorted women congregate. One, a girl named Ray, solicited the investigator to go to a room at --- West - - - Street. Her price was \$2; perversion for the same price.

- - - - 's Saloon, --- North - - - Street. In the rear room of this place a woman named Elsie solicited the investigator to go to a room at --- - - - Street. Her price was \$3. There is a hotel over the saloon, but no information regarding renting rooms for immoral purposes could be obtained.

- - - - 's Cafe, --- West - - - Street. The large cafe on the second floor is visited by women and men; it is a mixed crowd, but the majority of the women are questionable looking and some were recognized as prostitutes. A woman, L.S.Y., solicited the investigator to go to -----'s Hotel, --- North - - - Street.

-----'s, --- North - - - Street. There were several unescorted women in the rear room; one of these, named May, solicited the investigator to go to a room at --- North - - - Street; her price was \$3. Another woman, named Mollie, solicited the investigator to go to - - - -'s Hotel. Her price was \$2, and price of room \$1.

The - - - - , --- North - - - Street. Attached to the saloon is a cabaret show. The proprietors complained that the police were so strict with them that they could make no money. The investigator believes that prostitution is carried on in the balcony and back of the stage.

- - - - 's, --- West - - - Street, formerly rented rooms for assignation - at least appearances indicated it; but owing to police restriction very few women are seen about there now.

- - - - Cafe, West - - - - Street, C.B.N., proprietor, is frequented by a tough class of men and by street-walkers and prostitutes from Raborg Street. The men are boisterous and fights are frequent.

The - - - -House, --- North - - - Street. The patrons are entertained with singing by men. A fairly large number of uncortorted women may be seen in the rear room. It is a rendezvous for prostitutes and street-walkers, a number of whom were recognized. The place has a bad reputation, and several indictments against the proprietor are pending. Nearly all of the women who go there have one purpose - solicitation.

--- --- Cafe, --- North - - - - Street. The investigator was solicited in the rear of this hotel by a woman who

wished to take him to Hotel - - - - ; her price was \$2 and room rent \$1.50.

----- 's Cafe, --- East - - - - Street, is a rendezvous for male perverts. One of these men, G.M.Y., of --- North ----- Street solicited the investigator to go into the lavatory, where he could do a perverted act. He urged the investigator to make an appointment with him.

- - - - Cafe, --- West - - - - Street. Several prostitutes were seen in the rear room, and the investigator was solicited by one of them.

- - - - , --- East - - - - Street. In the rear room a woman named Mag solicited the investigator to go to a room up- and room rent \$1. stairs. Her price was \$1. ^ Several rooms over the saloon are used for assignation purposes.

- - - - 's, --- West - - - - Street, since the police restrictions have been enforced, has been run very quietly. There is a rear room in which women solicit; a room upstairs may be obtained for immoral purposes. The investigator met a girl named Margaret, who told him she could get a room over the saloon but that she preferred going to her own room. Her price was \$2.

-----'s, --- West - - - - Street. Three unescorted women were found in the rear room of the saloon; one of these, a girl named Irene, solicited the investigator to go to a room over the saloon. Her price was \$1 and the room \$1.

J. W. Y., --- South - - - - Street. In the rear room drinks are served to women; and on the second floor there is a room which is sometimes used as a cafe and drinking place. Not many women frequent this saloon, but nearly always a few may be seen. The rooms above the saloon are rented for immoral purposes.

-----'s corner of - - - and - - - Streets. Occasionally women are found in the rear room of this saloon, but not more than one at a time. Usually no women are present, but the room is filled with men playing cards. The place is a rendezvous for pimps, white-slavers and disreputable foreigners.

There were 47 saloons in the city which were found to have regularly a number of unescorted women in the rear of the saloon.

It is not meant to incriminate a cafe or saloon on account of there being unescorted women present ; neither is it meant to imply that the women are questionable because they are not escorted. The following saloons, however, did not bear a very good reputation, so we took it for granted that a woman who would frequent these places without an escort was, to say the least, questionable. It was proven in a number of them that many of the women did go there for the purpose of solicitation and the investigators found a number of street-walkers and prostitutes from the regular houses among the women present. The names of the women that appear are known to us to be prostitutes. The following is a list of them in detail:

- 4/5/13 - 9:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- St. No unescorted women.
- 4/11/13 - 8:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- St. No unescorted women.
- 5/24/13 - 4:30 P.M. 9 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Violet X. is one of these women.
- 5/9/13 - No unescorted women.
- 5/15/14 - 4:15 P.M. 6 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 35. Mrs. L. X. ----- Ave. is one of these women.
- 7/24/13 - 9.30 P.M. 9 unescorted women ; Ada X. is one of these women.
- 2/24/13 - ----- Saloon, ---- Sts. Grace X. of --- W. ---- St. was there soliciting.
- 4/17/13 - 8 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- St. No unescorted women at this place this date.
- 5/14/13 - 3:30 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 30 to 35 years. The address of one of these women is --- W. ----- St.
- 5/22/13 - 3 P.M. 7 unescorted women ; apparent ages 26 to 40. Vera X. --- W. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/27/13 - 3:30 P.M. The name of one woman in this place at this time is Julia X.
- 6/24/13 - 11 P.M. No unescorted women at this date.
- 6/28/13 - 11 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 40 years.
- 6/30/13 - 5 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Blanche X. is the name of one of these women.
- 4/13/13 - ----- Saloon, ---- St. 7 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 years. Irene X. was one of these girls.
- 4/17/13 - 4 unescorted women.
- 5/17/13 - 11:50 P.M. 7 unescorted woman ; apparent ages 20 to 40 years. Caroline X. is one of these women.
- 5/21/13 - 10:10 P.M. May X., 26 years of age, of --- W. ---- St. was in this place at this time.
- 4/7/13 - 11 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- St. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 19 to 22 years. Bessie, a singer, was one of these.
- 4/26/13 - 10:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- St. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 45 years.

- 4/12/13 - ----- Saloon, --- W. ---- St. 5 unescorted ; Clara X. was one of these girls.
- 4/26/13 - 5 unescorted ; Grace X. was one of these girls - home address --- W. ---- St.
- 5/18/13 - 8 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 19 years. Sallie X. --- ---- St. is one of these women.
- 4/12/13 - ---- Saloon, --- W. ----- St. 3 unescorted ; Mary X., --- W. ----- St. was one of these girls.
- 4/23/13 - ----- Saloon, -- N. ---- St. 1 unescorted woman, named Ruth, an inmate of Belle X's house of prostitution at ---- St.
- 4/29/13 - 9 :50 P.M. - 11:10 P.M.- no unescorted women present.
- 5/6/13 - 10:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- E. ---- St. 8 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35. Lillian X. is one of these women.
- 6/2/13 - 3 P.M. No unescorted women present.
- 6/2/13 - 5 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Grace X. is the name of one of these women.
- 4/29/13 - 9:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- E. ---- St. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 25 years.
- 4/29/13 - 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 22.
- 5/20/13 - 9:30 P.M. /----- Saloon, ----- Ave. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 25. Marie and Sarah are two of these women.
- 5/9/13 - ----- Saloon, -- N. ---- St. 2 unescorted women. Emily X. --- N. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/22/13 - 4:50 P.M. ----- Saloon, -- N. ---- St. 2 unescorted women ; Leity X. --- N. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/16/13 - ----- Saloon, --- E. ---- St. 7 unescorted women ; apparent ages 23 to 35. Olive X. --- W. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/27/13 - 9 P.M. 6 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 40. Phyllis X. is one of these women.
- 5/27/13 - 3 unescorted women ; Alice X. is one of these women ; apparent ages 20 to 25.

- 4/29/13 - 9:30 P.M. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 30 ;
Elsie is one of these women.
- 5/2/13 - 4:15 P.M. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 ;
Ruth is one of these women.
- 5/5/13 - 11 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; Mary X. is one of these
women.
- 5/6/13 - 11:30 P.M. 8 unescorted women ; Daisy X. is one of these
women.
- 5/9/13 - 9 P.M. 6 unescorted women ; Daisy X. --- E. ---- St. is
one of these women.
- 5/10/13 - 11 P.M. 7 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35.
Louise and May are two of these women.
- 5/12/13 - 5:30 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 30.
- 5/13/13 - 3:30 P.M. 7 unescorted women ; apparent ages 21 to 25.
- 5/21/13 - 9 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 19 to 30.
- 5/23/13 - 9 P.M. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 23 to 28
years. Lucy X. is the name of one of these women.
- 5/21/13 - 7:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- St. 2 unescorted women ;
apparent ages 20 to 24 years. Flora X. is one of these
women.
- 5/12/13 - 8 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- N. --- St. 2 unescorted
women ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years.
- 5/22/13 - 5:25 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- St. No unescorted women
seen in this place.
- 5/3/13 - ----- Saloon, --- W. ----- St. 15 unescorted women ; ap-
parent ages 18 to 35 years. Rose X. --- N. ---- is one
of these women.
- 5/9/13 - 3:30 P.M. 3 unescorted women.
- 5/9/13 - 3 unescorted women ; Minnie X. --- ----- St. is one of
these women.
- 5/10/13 - 9 P.M. 5 unescorted women.
- 5/14/13 - 11 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 35.
- 5/15/13 - 11:15 P.M. 6 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 40.
Bessie X. and Janet X., --- N. ---- St. are two of these
women.
- 5/31/13 - 3:30 P.M. 15 unescorted women.
- 6/18/13 - 3:30 P.M. 8 unescorted women ; apparent ages 24 to 40
years ; Julia X. is the name of one of these women.
- 6/9/13 - 10:30 P.M. 7 unescorted women.
- 7/11/13 - 3 P.M. 11 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 50 years.
- 7/14/13 - 3 P.M. 6 unescorted ; apparent ages 25 to 50 years.
Myrtle is the name of one of these women.

- 7/22/13 - 4 P.M. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 40 years. M. X. is the name of one of these women.
- 5/13/13 - 4:15 P.M. ----- Saloon, -- N. --- St. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 30 years. Tilly is one of these women.
- 5/2/13 - 9:15 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- N. --- St. 2 unescorted women.
- 5/14/13 - 10-10:30 P.M. 2 unescorted women. Rhea X. ----- Ave. is one of these women. Also Cora E. and May X.
- 5/3/13 - 5:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- W. ----- St. 20 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Mildred, --- ----- St. is one of these women.
- 4/29/13 - 9:10 P.M. No unescorted women here at this time.
- 5/2/13 - 10:45 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 18 to 30. Clara X. and Mary, ---- St. are two of these women.
- 5/14/13 - 8:20 P.M. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 30 to 32. Bella X, ----- St. is one of these women.
- 5/16/13 - 9:45 P.M. 6 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35. Mrs. C. X., --- W. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/21/13 - 10:45 P.M. 3 unescorted women apparently from 20 to 35 years of age. Nettie X. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/26/13 - 11:45 P.M. 2 unescorted women ; Clara X. is one of these women. Apparent ages of these women are from 20 to 50.
- 5/23/13 - 8:50 P.M. 3 unescorted ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years. Jennie X. is the name of one of these women.
- 6/28/13 - 11 P.M. 9 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Mildred and Elsie are the names of two of these women.
- 6/5/13 - 9:30 P.M. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 45 years.
- 4/29/13 - 8:50 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- St. 2 unescorted women, one outside ; apparent ages 20 to 35 years. Leigh is the name of one of these women.
- 4/29/13 - 9 P.M. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years.
- 5/6/13 - 8:40 P.M. 7 unescorted women ; Rosa X. is one of these women.
- 5/17/13 - 11:30 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 18 to 35. Cecelia X., ---- St. is one of these women.
- 6/5/13 - 9 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years. Carrie X. is the name of one of these women.
- 6/5/13 - 9 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years. Hannah X. of --- E. --- St. was one of these women.

- 5/17/13 - 4:35 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Ave. 3 unescorted women ; apparently 19 to 30 years of age. Annie X. of --- N. ---- St. is one of these women.
- 5/2/13 - 4 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 1 unescorted woman. This woman's name is Irene, apparently 20 years of age.
- 5/6/13 - 3:45 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- W. ---- St. 3 unescorted women ; apparent ages 20 to 30 years. Elsie X. is one of these women. She is from --- N. ---- St.
- 7/19/13 - 3 unescorted ; apparent ages 22 to 35 years. Anna X. ----- Ave. is the name of one of these woman.
- 7/22/13 - 11:40 P.M. 5 unescorted ; apparent ages 22 to 40 years. Lizzie is the name of one of these women.
- 5/24/13 - 11:12 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 1 unescorted woman; apparent age 25 to 30.
- 6/28/13 - 11:30 P.M. No unescorted women present at this time.
- 7/22/13 - 10 P.M. 4 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 to 35. Edna is the name of one of these women.
- 6/4/13 - 11 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 2 unescorted women ; Annie X. ----- Ave. is one of these women.
- 6/18/13 - 10:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- St. No unescorted women at this place at this time.
- 6/18/13 - 10 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 4 unescorted women; apparent ages 18 to 35 years.
- 6/19/13 - 11 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Ave. 1 unescorted ; apparently 25 years of age. This woman's name is Louise.
- 6/2/13 - 9 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Ave. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 22 years. Molly and Ella are the names of these two women.
- 5/31/13 - 9 P.M. 5 unescorted women ; apparent ages 18 to 30 years. Carrie is the name of one of these women.
- 7/8/13 - 9:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- N. ----- 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 22 to 30 years. Alice is the name of one of these women.
- 7/15/13 - 4:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- N. ---- St. 2 unescorted women ; apparent ages 25 years. Emma is the name of one of these women.

- 7/10/13 - 11:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- W. ---- St. 5 unescorted; apparent ages 22 to 35 years. Margaret is the name of one of these women.
- 7/11/13 - 11:45 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- W. ---- St. 3 unescorted; apparent ages 25 to 40 years; Irene is the name of one of these women.
- 7/9/13 - 8:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 2 unescorted; apparent ages 20 to 40 years. Ray is the name of one of these women.
- 7/15/13 - 3 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- N. ---- St. 3 unescorted; apparent ages 20 to 30 years. Elsie is the name of one of these women.
- 7/7/13 - 11 P.M. -----Saloon, ----- Ave. 2 unescorted; apparently 25 years of age. Alice and Mary are the names of these two women.
- 7/15/13 - 11:45 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- Ave. 2 unescorted; apparently 25 years of age. Macy is the name of one of these women.
- 7/9/13 - 9:45 P.M. ----- Saloon, ----- Sts. 1 unescorted; apparently 23 years of age. Mollie is the name of this girl.
- 7/11/13 - 11 P.M. ----- Saloon, -- S. ---- St. 2 unescorted; apparently 22 to 35 years. Jessie is the name of one of these women.
- 7/8/13 - 11 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- N. -- St. 1 unescorted; apparently 25 years of age. May is the name of this woman.
- 7/17/13 - 9 P.M. 4 unescorted; ages 22 to 40 years. Mollie is the name of one of these women.
- 7/10/13 - 9 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- E. ---- St. 4 unescorted; apparent ages 25 to 40 years. Madge is the name of one of these women.
- 7/16/13 - 9:40 P.M. ----- Saloon, --- W. ---- St. 1 unescorted; apparently 26 years of age. Lina is the name of this woman.

In 28 saloons there was actual solicitation ; a few of these were to go to a room attached to the saloon, but most of them were to go outside. The following list gives them in detail: (many of these appeared in the previous list)

----- Saloon, --- East ---- St.

- 5/16/13 - 11:15 P.M. One women solicited the investigator to go to a furnished room, ----- West ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$1 and she has her own room.
- 5/27/13 - 9 P. M. One woman solicited the investigator to go to the ----- Hotel, North ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 5/ 5/13 - 11 P. M. One woman solicited the investigator to go to the furnished room, --- North ---- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room was her own.
- 5/ 2/13 - 4:15 P.M. One woman solicited the investigator to go to the Hotel ----, -- North ---- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.50.
- 5/ 6/13 - 11:30 P.M. Eight women solicited the investigator. The price of one woman is "anything."
- 5/ 9/13 - 9 P.M. Two women solicited the investigator to go to a furnished room, --- East ----- St. Price of woman \$2 and she had her own room.
- 5/10/13 - 11 P. M. Four women solicited the investigator to go to a Hotel -- North ---- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.50.
- 5/12/13 - 3:30 P.M. One woman solicited the investigator to go to a Hotel, -- North ---- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 5/ 6/13 - 10:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- East ----- St.,
One woman solicited the investigator to go to a Hotel, --- North ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.50.
- 4/29/13 - 9:30 P.M. ----- Saloon, ---- East ----- Street.

- Saloon, ----- Ave.
5/20/13 - 9:30 P.M. Five women solicited the investigator to go to a room over the hotel for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.
- Saloon, ---- West ----- St.
5/28/13 - 4:30 P.M. One woman, Violet X, solicited the investigator to go to a room for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 7/24/13 - 9:30 P.M. One woman, Ada X, solicited the investigator to go to a Hotel for immoral purposes. This hotel is located at -- North ---- St. Price of woman \$3 and room \$1.
- Saloon, --- West ----- St.
5/15/13 - 11:15 P.M. Two women, Bessie X and Janet X, solicited the investigator to go a room for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2.
- 7/14/13 - 3 P.M. One woman, Myrtle X, solicited the investigator to go to a room, --- West ----- St. Price of woman \$2.
- Saloon, --- West ----- St.
5/14/13 - 3:30 P.M. One woman solicited the investigator to go to a furnished room, --- West ---- St., for immoral purposes. The price of this woman is \$2. She has her own room.
- 5/22/13 - 3 P. M. Vera X solicited the investigator to go to a furnished room, --- West ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 6/30/13 - 5 P.M. One woman solicited the investigator. She said her price was whatever he wanted to give her. Price of room \$1.
- Saloon, ---- North ---- St.
5/21/13 - 7:30 P.M. Flora X solicited the investigator. The price of this woman is \$2 and room \$1.

- 5/16/13 ----- Saloon, --- North ----- St.
- 9:45 P.M. Mrs. C. A. X. solicited the investigator.
The price of this woman is \$3 and she has her own room.
- 5/26/13 - 11.45 P. M. Clara X. solicited the investigator.
Price of woman \$1.
- 5/12/13 ----- Saloon, --- North ----- St.
- 8 P. M. One woman solicited the investigator to go
to the ----- Hotel, --- North ----- St., for immoral pur-
poses. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.50.
- 5/13/13 ----- Saloon, -- North ----- St.
- 4:15 P.M. Tilly X. solicited the investigator to go
to a room over the saloon, for immoral purposes. Price
of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 5/ 3/13 ----- Saloon, --- West ----- St.
- 5:30 P.M. Mildred X. solicited the investigator to go
to a house of prostitution, ----- St., for immoral pur-
poses. Price of woman \$1.
- 5/ 2/13 ----- Saloon, N. W. corner ----- and ----- Sts.
- 4 P.M. Irene X. solicited the investigator to go to
a room over the saloon.
- 5/ 6/13 ----- Saloon, ---- West ----- St.
- 3.45 P.M. Elsie X. solicited the investigator to take
her wherever he wished to go. This girl was "charity."
- 7/22/13 - 11:40 P.M. One woman, Lizzie X., solicited the inves-
tigator to go to a room, --- West ---- St. Price of
woman \$3. She had her own room.
- 7/22/13 ----- Saloon, West ----- St. and North ----- St.
- 10 P.M. One woman, Edna X., solicited the investigator
to go to a room, --- North ---- St., for immoral purposes.
Price of woman \$2 and she had her own room.

----- Saloon, ----- North -----.

7/8/13 - 9:30 P.M. One woman, Aline X., solicited the investigator to go to a room, --- Avenue. Price of woman \$2. She had her own room.

----- Saloon, --- North ----- St.

7/15/13 - 4:30 P.M. One woman, Emma X., solicited the investigator to go to a room, --- East ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2. She had her own room.

----- Saloon, --- West ----- St.

6/10/13 - 11:30 P.M. One woman, Margaret X., solicited the investigator to go to a room upstairs, over this saloon, for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2. She had her own room.

----- Saloon, ----- West ----- St.

7/11/13 - 11:45 P.M. One woman, Irene X., solicited the investigator to go to a room over this saloon. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.

----- Saloon, ----- and ----- Sts.

7/9/13 - 8:30 P.M. One woman, Ray X., solicited the investigator to go to a room, - - West ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2.

----- Saloon, ----- North ----- St.

7/15/13 - 3 P.M. One woman, Elsie X., solicited the investigator to go to a room ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$3. She had her own room.

----- Saloon, ----- Avenue.

7/7/13 - 11 P.M. Two women solicited the investigator to go to a bawdy house, --- South ----- St. Price of woman .50 ¢.

- 7/15/13 - ----- Saloon, ----- Avenue.
- 11:45 P.M. One woman, Macy X., solicited the investigator to go to a room over this saloon. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.
- 7/11/13 - ----- Saloon, ----- South ----- St.
- 11 P.M. One woman, Jessie X., solicited the investigator to go to a hotel over this saloon. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 7/9/13 - ----- Saloon, ----- and ----- Sts.
- 9:45 P.M. One woman, Mollie X. solicited the investigator to go to a Hotel, over this saloon. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 7/8/13 - ----- Saloon, --- North ----- St.
- 11 P.M. One woman, May X., solicited the investigator to go to a room, --- North ----- St. Price of woman \$3.
- 7/17/13 - 9 P.M. One woman, Mollie X., solicited the investigator to go to the Hotel ----, for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and room \$1.
- 7/10/13 - ----- Saloon, --- East ----- St.
- 9 P.M. One woman, Madge X., solicited the investigator to go to a hotel, upstairs. Price of woman \$1 and room \$1.
- 6/16/13 - ---- Saloon, --- West ----- St.
- 9:40 P.M. One woman, Lina X., solicited the investigator to go to a room, --- West ----- St., for immoral purposes. Price of woman \$2 and she had her own room.

Twenty saloons were found with assignation rooms attached. These saloons either were run under the guise of a hotel or they had some private rooms above the saloon which they rented; usually this kind had the sign "furnished rooms" on the front of the house. The rooms could be procured through the bar-tender and a woman could be taken up directly from the saloon or brought in from the outside. The following is the list:

- Saloon, ----- East ----- Street.
- Saloon, -----, ----- Avenue.
- Saloon, ----- West ----- Street.
- Saloon, ----- West ----- Street.
- Saloon, ----- North ----- Street.
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- Saloon, ----- North ----- Street.
- Saloon, N.W.Cor. ----- & ----- Sts.
- Saloon, ----- East ----- Street.
- Saloon, -----, ----- Avenue.
- Saloon, West ----- and ----- Sts.
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----- Saloon, --- West ----- Street.
----- Saloon, --- West ----- Street.
----- Saloon, ---- North ----- Street.
----- Saloon, -----, ----- Avenue.
----- Saloon, ----- and ----- Sts.
----- Saloon, ---- South ----- St.
----- Saloon, ---- East ----- St.

Around the following saloons there were a number of women which stated that they practiced perversion:

<u>Saloons</u>	<u>Names of Women</u>	<u>Perver- sion</u>	<u>Price</u>
5/20/13 ---- Saloon, ----- Ave.	<u>Mamie X.</u> <u>Sarah X.</u>	Yes	\$1.00
7/9/13 ---- Saloon, --- & --- Sts.	<u>Ray X.</u>	Yes	\$2.00
5/23/13 ---- Saloon, ---, ---- St.	<u>Jennie X.</u>	Yes	\$2.00
6/5/13 ---- Saloon, --- North --- St.	<u>Hannah X.</u>	Yes	Not extra

T H E A T R E S .

Several of the burlesque shows, particularly the ---- Theatre, need to be modified in character. When a performance sinks to a strictly sexual level, with conversation and action that are not only suggestive, but positively vulgar, it should be prohibited. It is not expected that a city shall be prudish; but it is important that a theatre be restricted when it tries to its utmost to stimulate sexual feeling in the men and boys present. This is just what a number of theatres do and just the purpose for which they exist.

Such exhibitions are not confined to cheap variety theatres, but may be found in many of the best play-houses in the city. The sexual appeal is not continually made, to be sure, as in the variety burlesques, and it is much more veiled; but the intention of the players is exactly the same. The effect of all this on men and women and particularly on immature boys and girls is unmistakable. It lowers their sense of modesty, blunts their finer moral feeling and directly tends towards immorality.

It is our opinion that the effect of the theatre in a community is very powerful ; that it should be properly censured and directed by the municipality; and that nothing should be allowed which would injure the immature citizens of the community.

M O V I N G P I C T U R E S .

An inspection of nearly all the moving-picture places in the city was made by investigators and by members of the Commission. The following points were noted:

A great many children, nearly all of them unaccompanied, go to these places. A little boy or girl of any age, whether escorted or alone, may buy a ticket and go in.

A number of questionable women and men use these entertainments as a meeting place. A careful inspection will show a great deal of quiet soliciting. One of our investigators saw a woman change her seat several times in order to get near men whom she thought she could pick up. Respectable young women have complained of the advances made to them by men in some of the dimly lighted places. They say also that men sitting next to them often lean against them and put their arms around the back of the chairs.

In the investigation of prostitutes it was found that the answer to the question: "Where do you go for amusement?" was almost universally answered by: "To the moving pictures." This shows that a number of these women are present most of the time; though they do not claim that they are there to pick up men, but simply to be amused at small cost.

The character of the plays in a few cases was decidedly objectionable; but for the most part it was not, and in many cases the educational feature was of value.

In a careful inspection by one person no plays were seen which were considered to have directly immoral tendencies. The objectionable features noted were those of the melodramatic type - train robberies, burglaries and murders - certainly not suitable for young boys. In one moving picture there was a scene in which some little boys were acting as pirates; they finally captured an old man and took him to an island, where they beat him, put him into an old box, and left. This was objectionable and harmful.

Ventilation. Some of the places are ventilated; the majority are not. The atmosphere is almost stifling and in the summer time most unpleasant; the fans give the feeling of a certain degree of coolness, but the air is foul. All of the places should be examined by the proper authorities and adequate ventilation insisted upon.

Lighting. Formerly many of the picture-theatres were very dark and all of the lights were turned out during the performance. Now they all have sufficient light for spectators to see one another, and to prevent many of the things that formerly happened. In most of them the lighting at present is satisfactory; in a few it is still inadequate.

DANCE HALLS.

These halls are usually conducted by private persons who charge a certain admission fee. In some of them instruction is given, and the managers call the dances "their regular dancing classes." The girls go to these places unescorted, either in pairs or singly. It is the customary thing for them to dance with any of the men present - no introduction is necessary. The dancing is continued until midnight - sometimes later.

A careful investigation was made to see what the crowd did on leaving. The greater number of the girls went home alone, as they had come; but others went away with the young^{men} they had met. Some of the couples went to hotels to have something to drink; afterwards either returning to their homes, or - though not as a rule on first acquaintance - going to furnished-room houses. Others walked about the streets for a while and then went home, sometimes in company with the men they had met, and sometimes merely escorted by them to the street-cars.

Many of the girls who frequent dance halls are young - the majority not over twenty. They arrive at the dance halls entirely unchaperoned, and no one has any control over them after they get there, they may stay as long as they like and go where they please afterwards. It is evident that many of them begin

their immoral life under the influences connected with these places. There is here a vital and crying need for supervision, by which much good could be accomplished.

A few dance halls are run in direct connection with saloons and hotels. This adds to the danger a hundred-fold, for the dance, taken in conjunction with the surroundings, with the influence of alcohol and with the later fatigue, weakens the will of both men and women and makes them less resistant and an easier prey to pernicious influences. No municipality should allow alcohol to be sold at these places, either regularly or temporarily.

The following are conspicuous examples:

The hall connected with the ----- Theatre is a rendezvous for questionable women and a meeting place for a large number of young women and girls. Here are found girls from 16 to 20 years - many of them dancing in the most suggestive manner, or sitting at the tables drinking cocktails and high-balls between dances. Several of the girls were seen to drink as many as four cocktails in an evening; they left the hall noticeably intoxicated. The place is a regular recruiting station for immorality and affords practically all the necessary surroundings to aid a girl in going wrong. The hall should be closed; it has no right to exist, and is of no earthly use except as a source of income to the proprietor.

----- Hall is on the second floor, with a saloon below. On a single evening there the investigator counted 135 men and 65 women. Of this number there was a large proportion of boys between 16 and 21 years and girls about the same age. Most of the girls appeared to be working girls and were plainly dressed, though many were powdered and painted. Many of the boys visit the place to get acquainted with girls, with the expectation that immoral relations will follow.

----- Dancing Academy is frequented by a higher type of working girls - those in stores and offices. Among the men are a number of students from the various universities. Some of the dances watched were very boisterous, and in one of them, when the opportunity was presented, the girls were pushed, squeezed and held in the roughest way. A few couples became very suggestive in their movements, but most were not objectionable. Toward midnight things had taken on a decidedly sensual aspect, and many couples on the floor were dancing in as close position as possible. Several of the men, while doing the stooping or kneeling part of the dance, were seen to pass their legs under the skirts of the girls; this to be sure was not often seen, but was at least twice noticed by the investigator. When the hall is closed at 12 o'clock, after all these suggestive dances, the girls are in a specially receptive mood for any proposal leading to further contact or immorality; and it is beyond question that many start

on their downward path from this place.

----- Hall is frequented mainly by girls and young men who work in factories. The dancing for the most part is unobjectionable; but the forming of acquaintances under no restrictions is very objectionable. Many of the girls are even younger than at the other places - 15, 16 or 17 years, in most cases. Occasionally alcohol is sold, but that, as a rule, is when some private society or organization rents the hall.

The Cafe at Hotel -----. In the main dining room, every evening and particularly on Saturday night, a large number of young women and men may be seen drinking and dancing. At nearly every table they drink cocktails, high-balls or beer. It is the usual thing for everybody to drink, and if anything is ordered to eat the waiter asks: "What will you have to drink?" Towards midnight many of the girls, who look about 20 years of age, are noticeably intoxicated.

At the ----- Hotel there is dancing every evening which continues until about one o'clock; the crowd for the most part ^{is} made up of young people, some of whom are very ordinary looking; a large number drink between dances.

To sum up and recapitulate:- First: The dance halls are dangerous from the fact that very young girls are admitted and that there is no inspection or chaperoning - they can do just

as they see fit. It is the custom in these places to dance and talk to strangers, which gives a certain type of degenerate men an opportunity to select a girl whom he desires and make her acquaintance. We have evidence to show that this is done over and over again.

Second: The connection of dance halls with saloons is pernicious and should not be allowed.

R E S T A U R A N T S.

Chinese Restaurants. An investigation was made of all the Chinese restaurants. It was discovered that most of them cater to and are frequented by immoral men and women.

The waitress connected with these places are all immoral; one of them stated that the waitresses must have sexual relations with the Chinese proprietor in order to hold their places. None of the Chinese restaurants have assignation ^{rooms} attached. We believe that all of these places should be kept under stricter surveillance than they are now.

Greek Restaurants. The two ~~Greek~~ restaurants run by Greeks are on ----- street near ----- . They have a number of foreigners and disreputable men hanging about. The ----- Lunch room is kept by one of these men, who has rooms over his restaurant which he will rent for assignation purposes. He has tried to induce women to come there and live, promising to send men up to them. He stated to an investigator that he could arrange a rendezvous with a girl for him.

The waiter in the other Greek Lunch room, on ----- st., told the investigator that she could bring a man there and after getting something to eat in the dining-room, she could go ~~back~~ to the rear room with her friend and not be disturbed. The same statement was made to another person; on this occasion the waiter

said that frequently girls bring men there and they are allowed to use the back room. The charge for this is from 50 cents to a dollar.

S U M M A R Y.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

796 furnished-room houses were investigated. Several methods of investigation were employed: a woman made inquiries about renting a room for herself with the privilege of bringing in one or more men for immoral purposes ; a man and woman inquired about renting a room for a short time or for all night ; a man made inquiry about getting a room for himself and a woman for a short while.

Of the above number 622 are willing to cater in some way to immorality ; 196 allow a woman to receive only one man ; 426 allow a woman to receive more than one man,- that is, if she is living in the house, she may bring men to her room, with the understanding that the visits are for immoral purposes. Included in the above 426 open houses are 47 that are quiet bawdy houses ; 31 that admit couples not known to the proprietors ; 26 that admit couples if one of the pair is known ; 34 that sell beer and whiskey, some keeping it in the house, and others sending out to get it on request ; 6 in which the madams have a list of girls on whom they can call when they have a customer. Of the remainder, 119 were respectable and 55 were doubtful.

These places usually admit a man and woman for a short while - one to two hours - or for all night. Many of them advise that the man and woman do not come in together ; some have side doors or back gates. The usual prices charged are \$1 for a short while and \$2 for all night. Some are cheaper ; others are more expensive. No questions are asked in most of them, nor is registration or baggage required.

The places are run by middle-aged or older women, many of whom are widows or divorcees. Recently a number of madams from the red-light district and some assignation-housekeepers have opened furnished-room houses. In a few instances a girl was found in charge of the house, for the reason that the mother or the father was away. In two or three places the girls were not more than 18, but they seemed entirely conversant with the kind of business conducted by their mothers. A few houses were run by men, one of whom is a well-known pervert.

APARTMENTS.

From our investigations and from information secured in various ways regarding the high-class apartment houses, we have obtained the impression that most of the agents will not let an apartment to a woman whom they know to be immoral, though a number of them do not object to rent to single women, who allow men to remain in their apartment all night, or to single men who

allow women to remain all night, provided it is done very quietly and no complaint is made by the other tenants. Most of the janitors agree to this and will aid in it if they are paid.

Two managers of high-class apartments were willing to rent rooms to a woman who told them openly that she wished to receive a few friends very quietly. One went so far as to advise a certain apartment on the ground floor as being suitable for the purpose.

In one large apartment house we found a number of kept women, and a number of men who entertain women in their rooms over night and sometimes have parties in which two women and two men remain from Saturday until Monday. The managers may not know about this ; but it is all done so openly that we do not see why it has not come to their notice.

A large number of owners and agents of small apartments will agree to rent an apartment to a single woman with the privilege of receiving a few men for immoral purposes, provided it is done with such circumspection that the other tenants do not find it out.

HOTELS.

The leading hotels are careful about the admission of couples and exclude those that they consider doubtful. Some of

the second-rate and third-rate houses admit couples that they must know are questionable ; and in one of the houses several women have obtained rooms with men though the clerk has known that they were not married. In another house the admission of couples is so loose that we are constrained to believe that the management caters to it.

SALOONS.

There are a large number of saloons with rear rooms attached in which men and women are served with drinks. In 28 of these places the investigators were actually solicited by women to go to some place of assignation. Some of the saloons are frequented by street-walkers and other immoral women who go there purposely to pick up men. The management knows this and caters to the traffic. The bar-tenders in certain saloons offer to procure women for men.

In 20 saloons there are assignation rooms attached, to which a couple may go directly from the saloon. These places admit couples without their first going into the saloon.

There are a number of saloons which have private dining rooms for single couples, where drinks and meals are served. A man and woman have simply to ask a waiter for such a room ; the couple are left strictly alone and can remain as long as they wish provided the waiter is tipped. The room is furnished

with a table and chairs ; the door may be closed or not. These places are very popular and are used as a rendezvous for presumably respectable girls and men.

THEATRES:

There are several burlesque theatres in which the exhibitions are just as vulgar as the police will allow. For the most part the performance is an appeal to the sex instinct. Many of these theatres are frequented by boys, on whom they undoubtedly have a harmful influence. The plays in some of the high-class houses are more veiled, but beneath the disguise the same purpose is apparent.

MOVING PICTURES.

The pictures in most of these places are not objectionable. Very few were considered immoral by the investigators ; some of them, scenes of robbery and murder, should have been censured.

The lighting formerly was poor and many of the places were dark ; but now it is much improved. The ventilation is not good and the fire escapes in many of the places are inadequate.

Street-walkers and prostitutes frequent some of these places and pick up men.

We have numerous examples of unwarranted liberties taken by men in moving-picture house,- such as rubbing against women, putting their hands on them, etc. This was done particularly when the lighting was poor.

DANCE HALLS.

Unescorted girls go to these halls and dance with young men and boys whom they do not know. Acquaintances are made in this manner which later lead to a rendezvous. A few of the halls are run in connection with saloons, and liquors are freely obtained by the girls and boys.

In consideration of the age of the girls and boys who take part in the dances, some municipal oversight should be given.

RESTAURANTS.

Several very cheap restaurants were found to have rooms attached that could be procured by couples for immoral purposes.

Key to Chart of Furnished Room Houses.

Green - - houses that admit a number
of strange men or couples - - 426

Red - - - houses that will allow a
woman to bring in only one
man during an evening - - - - 196

Yellow - "respectable" houses - - - - 86

Black - "doubtful" houses - - - - - 55

Numbers not underscored - - houses that
admit men only - - - - - 33

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FURNISHED ROOMS - Cont'd.

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