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# AUTOMATIC VAUDEVILLE

**CONTAINING 1,100 ATTRACTIONS**

White City Amusement Park, 63rd Street and South Parkway, Chicago, IL (1905)

The Mechanical Theater—here the spectator may obtain a full evening's entertainment for a few pennies. There are more than eleven hundred devices for the entertainment of young and old housed in this most beautiful structure, which is located on the east side of the o-rounds on the "Board Walk," just south of the White City College Inn. For a few pennies the visitor can see some of the world's best scenes as viewed from a swiftly moving train, or see hundreds of humorous stories told by moving pictures. Several hours can easily be spent in this attraction, and then the spectator will not have exhausted the many forms of amusement to be seen there.



Automatic Vaudeville

One of the strongest features of the Automatic Vaudeville is the fact that it is educational in a great degree. Every person has read of the famous Flatiron building in New York and the various historic places in Europe, but very few have been fortunate enough to have seen them. In the Automatic Vaudeville they can be seen, and for one cent the sightseer can almost literally take a trip to New York and view the well-known places there, see the great crowds moving about and the hustle and bustle.

Also, for the infinitesimal sum of one cent, they may hear popular music from the latest comic opera or musical comedy. The songs which everyone is whistling on the streets can be learned at no cost. Moreover, these songs and ballads, as reproduced, are sung



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by the best artists. Imagine being able to hear Patti or Melba for one cent. The machines used in the Automatic Vaudeville are the best that have yet been invented

and nothing of the true value of the music is lost through the transmission. Again the visitor may have some favorite recitation which he would like to hear again. He can find it at the Automatic Vaudeville. Operas, musical comedies, speeches by well-known orators, recitations, and in fact every variety of entertainment is included within the scope of this attraction.



Interior View of the Automatic Vaudeville

Would you know if your lungs are weak? You can find out in the Automatic Vaudeville. There are scores of machines which are carefully and minutely tabulated to show the exact condition of the visitor. The use of this machine will be as comprehensive and complete as an examination by an expert physician. In exchange for other pennies the spectator can test his lifting capacity, his hitting ability and the strength of his grip. Not only may he find out his strength and his weakness, but he can find a cure for them. It is a well-known fact that electricity is a cure for many weaknesses, and in the Automatic Vaudeville he will find many devices for receiving electric and magnetic treatments which are of great benefit.



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There is no limit to the fun and entertainment which any person may obtain from this attraction. That it is pleasing and interesting is well evidenced by the great crowds which have swarmed into it since the opening of White City. A great deal of its popularity has been due to the great scope of the amusements provided for visitors. There is hardly a form of amusement which cannot be obtained for one cent. The machines are of the latest patterns and contain all of the recent improvements.

The Automatic Vaudeville continues to draw great throngs of visitors, and its popularity is increasing each day.