



Hotel de Paris, Trouville, built 1910.

HISTORIC GRAND HOTELS

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Plaza Athenee, Paris, built 1913, enlarged 1919.
Bill is made out to Mr & Mrs Rudolph Valentino.

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"Chambermaids in front of a call-board in a German luxury hotel, 1930".

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THE GRAND TOUR: CAIRO & BANGKOK



Shepherd's Hotel, in Cairo, Egypt, 1841. Destroyed by fire of 1952.
"One of the most famous hotels in the world". Famous for its grandeur.



Oriental Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Opened in 1887 (Country was then Siam).
Its famous Author's House stayed in by Joseph Conrad, Noel Coward and Somerset Maugham.

THE GRAND TOUR: SINGAPORE & HK



Raffles Hotel, Singapore, opened 1887. Named after Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, founder of colonial-era Singapore. Famous for its Long Bar and the Gin Sling cocktail..



The Peninsula Hotel, Hongkong, opened 1928. "Finest Hotel East of Suez". Famous for its fleet of Rolls-Royces and once a haunt of Hollywood Film Stars.

LONDON GRAND HOTELS



Ritz Hotel, opened 1906, famous for its Palm Court and "Tea at the Ritz".
One of the earliest steel-framed London structures.



Midland Grand Hotel, completed 1876 for the Midland Railway Company.
Fronts St Pancras Railway Station.

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LONDON GRAND HOTELS



Grosvenor Hotel, opened in 1929. First London Hotel to have a bathroom for every bedroom.
Once famous for its Great Room, originally an ice-rink.



The Langham Hotel of 1865, with 100 water-closets and 36 bathrooms.
Said to have England's first hydraulic passenger lift.

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EUROPEAN GRAND HOTELS



The Grand Hotel, Stockholm, opened 1874. 300 rooms.



Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam. Opened 1865.
451 rooms. Has a canal pier for boats.

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Principe e Savoia Hotel, Milan. Opened 1927. 301 rooms.
Famous guests include Queen Elizabeth and The Duke of Edinburgh.



Hotel Alfonso XIII, Seville. 1929. 147 rooms. 6 banqueting halls.
Built for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929.

EUROPEAN GRAND HOTELS

Grand Hôtel de l'Europe, Salzburg



Vergrossert und vollständig umgebaut nach den Entwürfen des Herrn Professor Dr. Max Fabiani, Wien.

Appartements mit Privat-Bädern.
45 HP.-Mercedes-Automobil. Abend-Konzerte.

Prospekte auf Verlangen.

Unter persönlicher Leitung des Besitzers Georg Jung.

Grand Hotel of Europe, Salzburg, 1866.
Advertised private Baths and a 45 hp Mercedes.



GRAND HÔTEL DE CANNES

The Grand Hotel in Cannes opened in 1864.
Demolished and rebuilt 1958.

EUROPEAN GRAND HOTELS



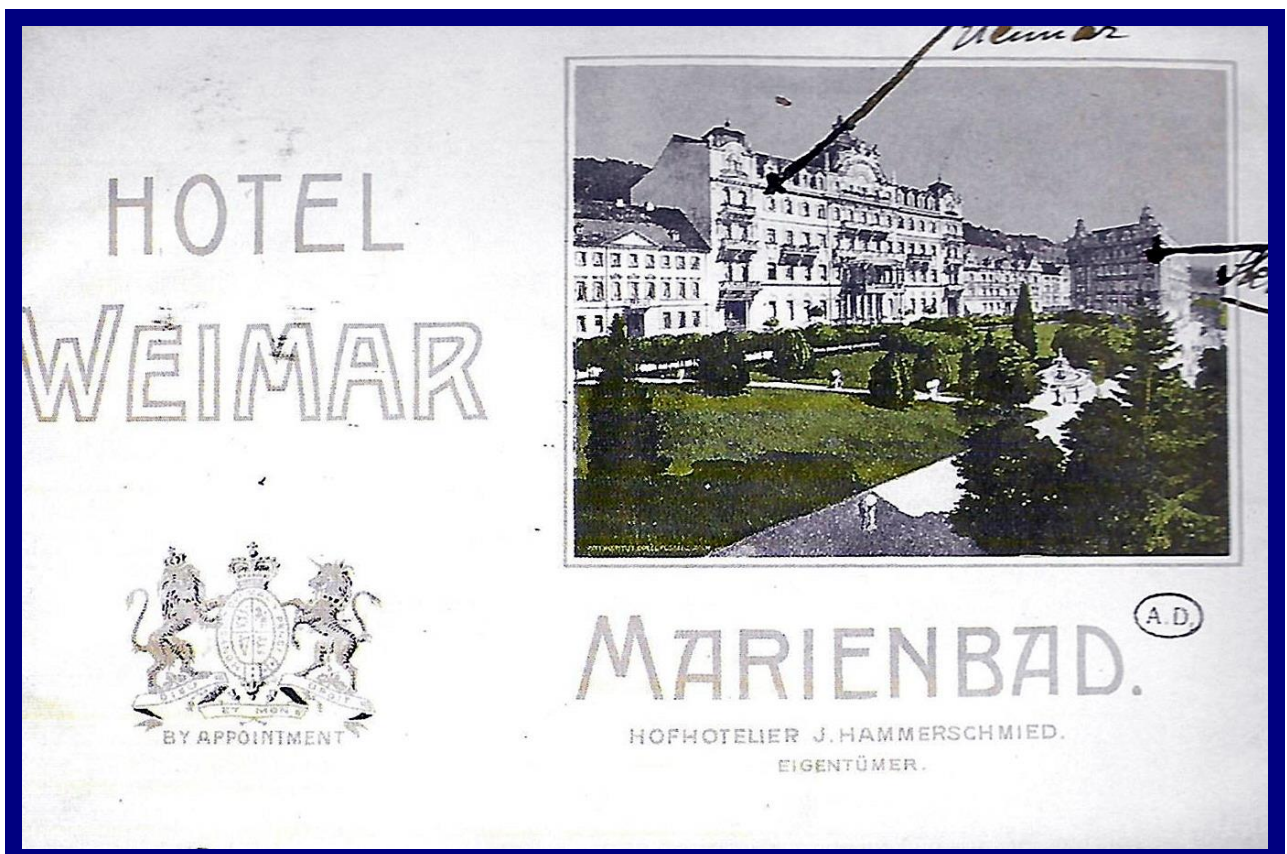
Hotel Bristol, Paris, built 1720, hotel from 1878. (Edward VII at the window).
Famous Hollywood guests include Charlie Chaplin and Rita Hayworth.

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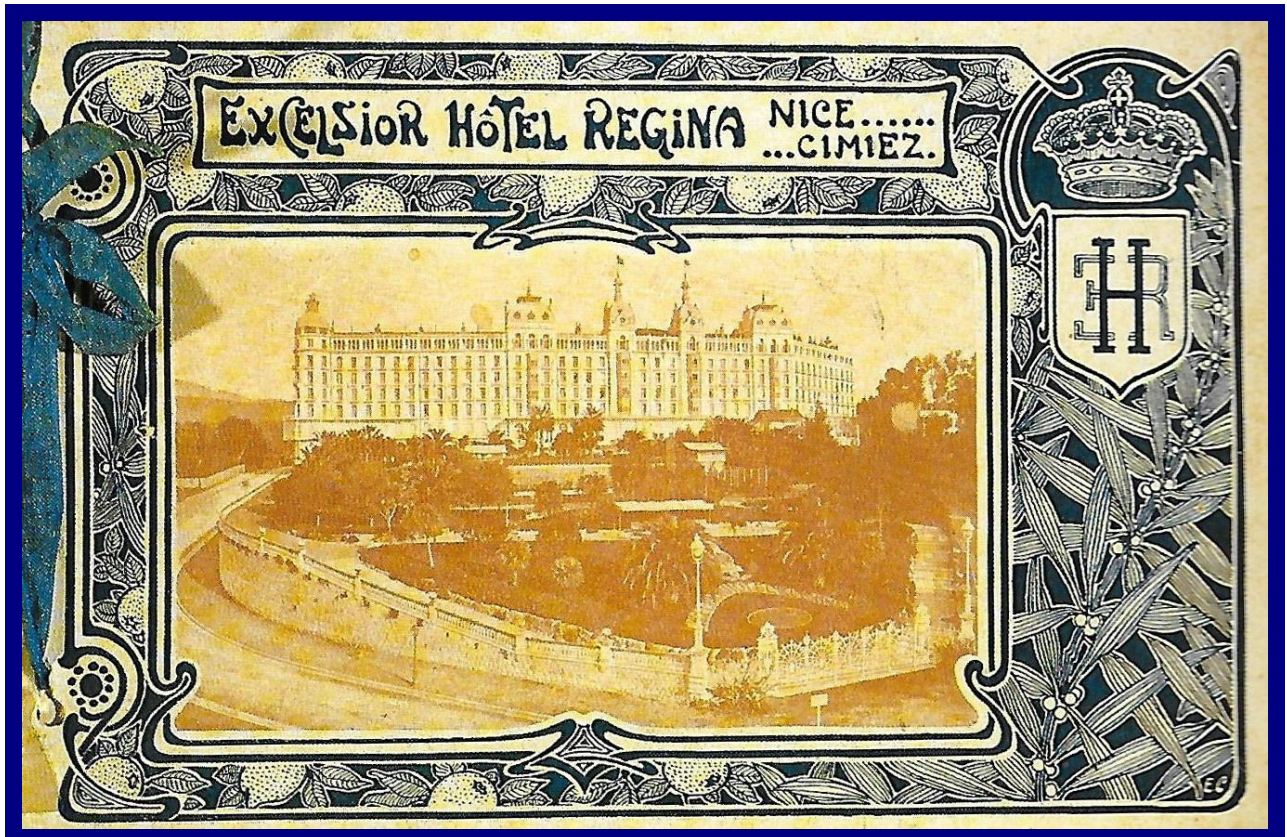


The Hotel Continental and Hotel of the Ocean, on the Sea Wall, Ostend (both built 1890).



Hotel Weimar, Marienbad, Czechoslovakia. Built 1904. A Spa Hotel.

EUROPEAN GRAND HOTELS



Grand Hotel Excelsior Regina, Nice, Built 1897.

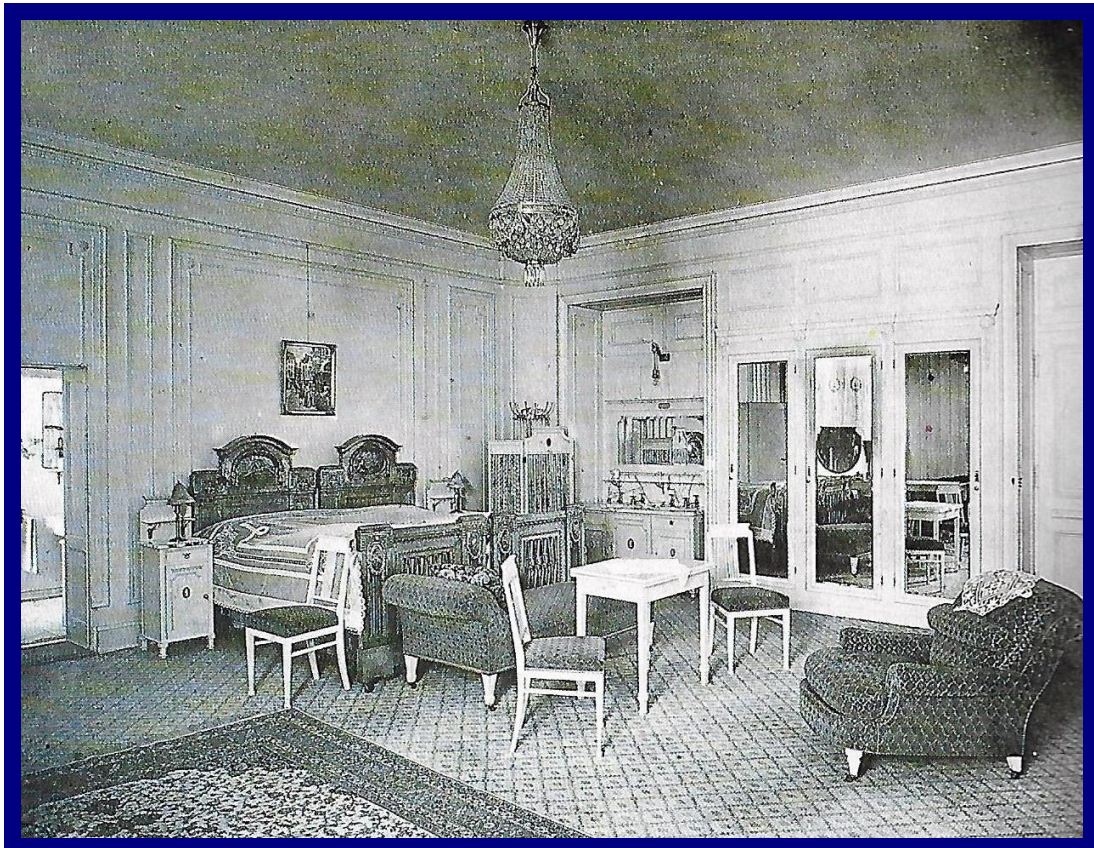


Hotel San Remo, Italy, built 1872.

BEDROOMS IN GRAND HOTELS



Hotel de Crillon, Paris, built 1765, became hotel 1909, with fireplace.



Hotel Meurice, Paris, founded 1817, enlarged 1830 & 1907.

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BEDROOMS IN GRAND HOTELS



Hotel Adlon, Berlin, 1907, 305 bedrooms



Hotel Esplanade, Berlin, built 1908, with fireplace.

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GRAND HOTEL BATHROOMS

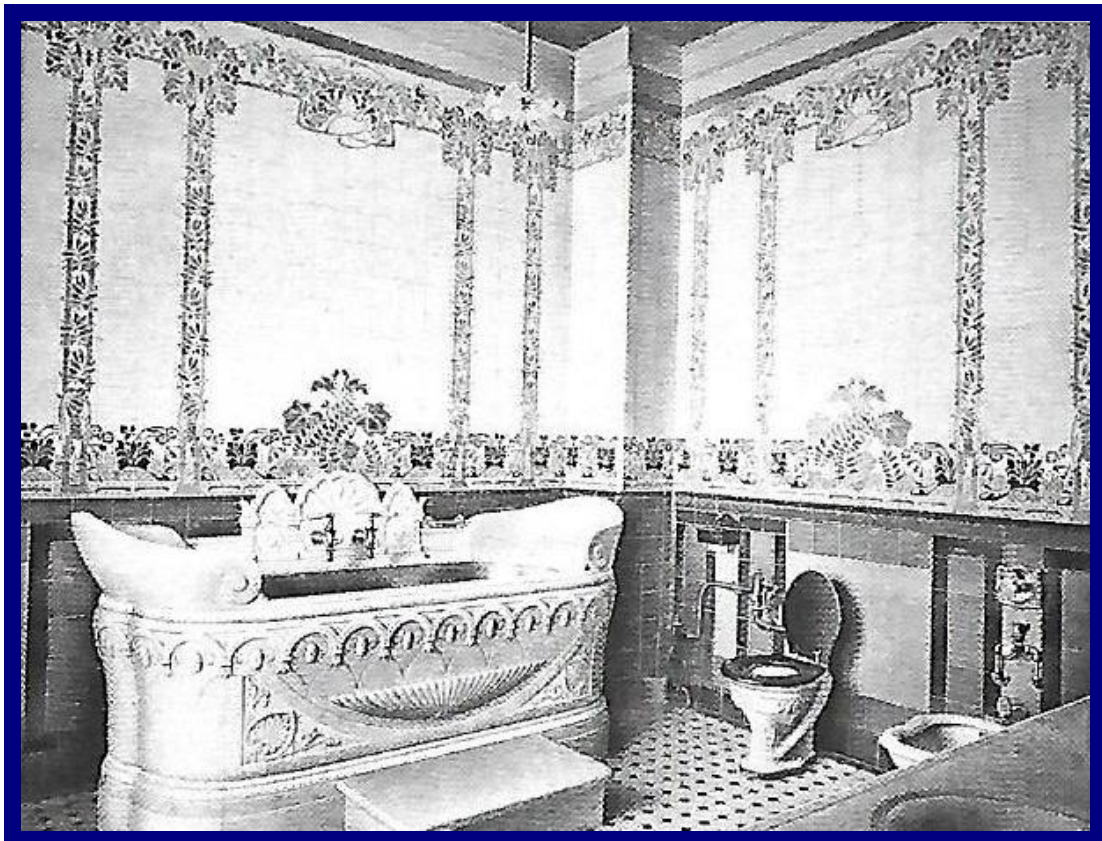


Savoy Hotel, London, built 1889, enlarged 1904. Heated corridors, 70 bathrooms.
"Electric light everywhere and at all times. No gas. Large and luxurious lifts".

GRAND HOTEL BATHROOMS



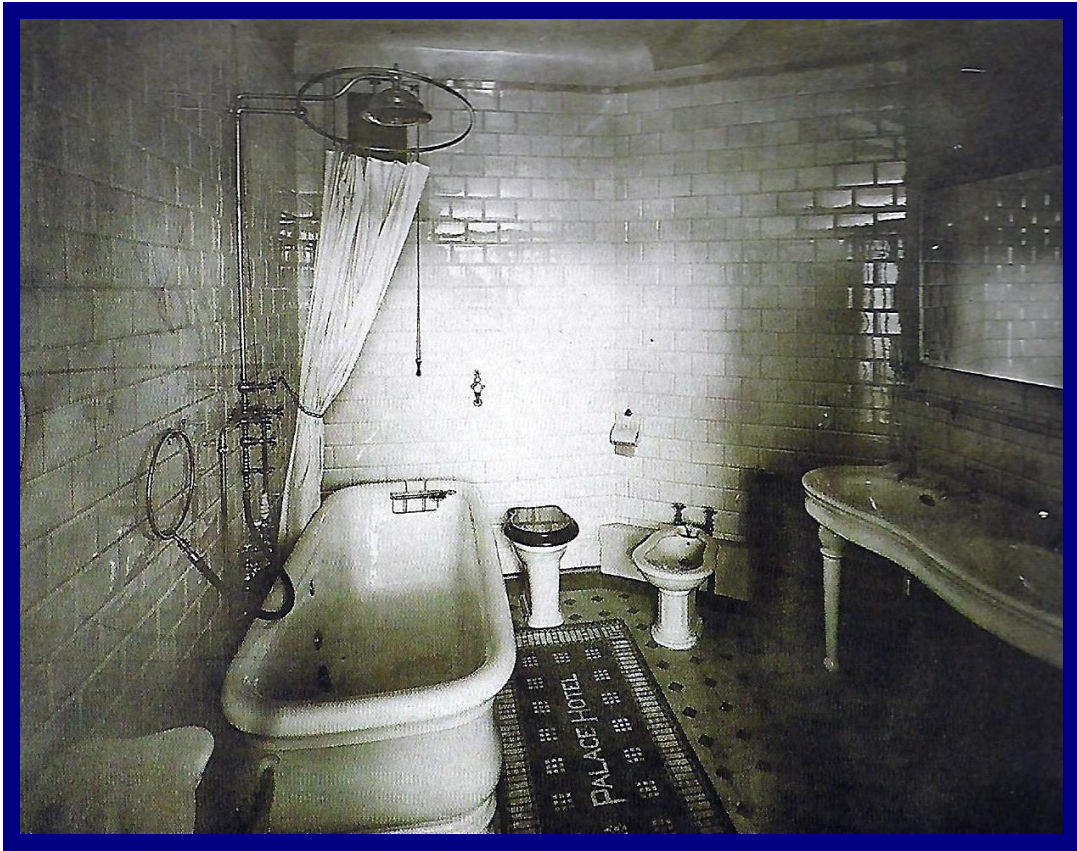
Hotel Majestic, Paris 1908.



Hotel Majestic, Paris, 1908, but with a bath from a former residence of Queen Isabel of Spain.

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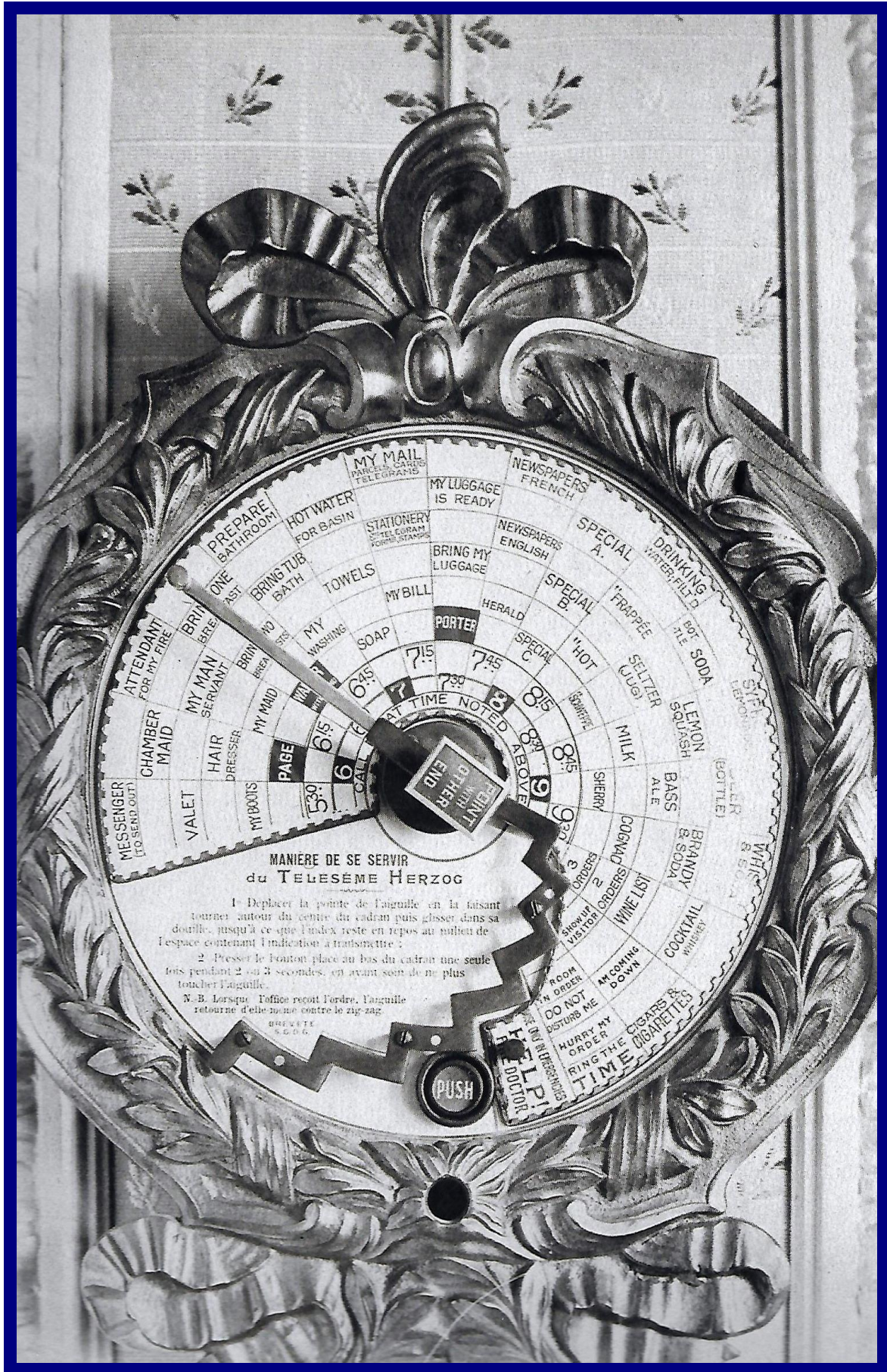


Palace Hotel, Madrid, 1910.



Hotel Esplanade, Berlin, 1908.

COMMUNICATIONS IN A GRAND HOTEL



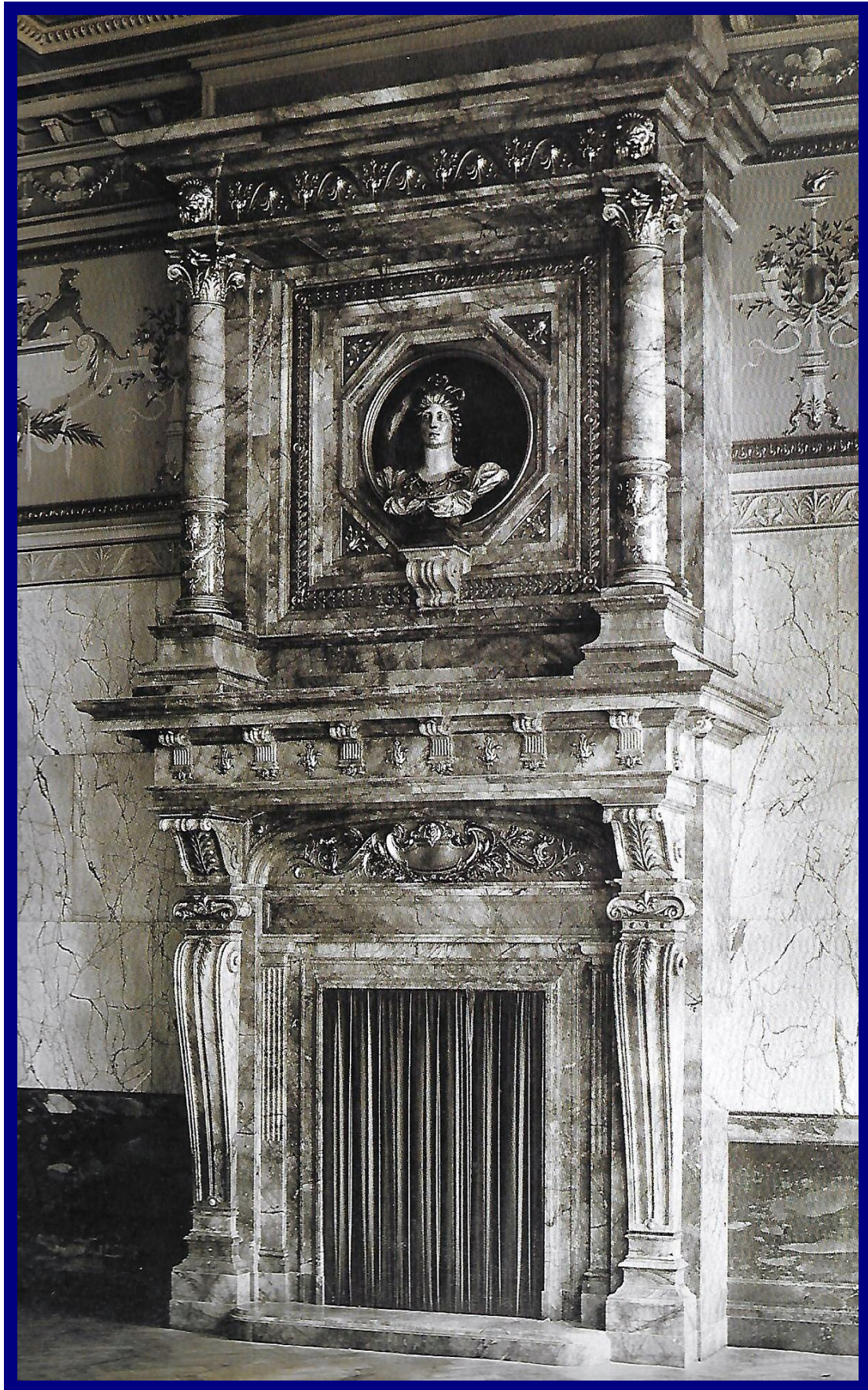
The Herzog Telesème (multiple telegraph) in the Elysee Hotel, Paris (built in 1898).

HEATING IN A GRAND HOTEL



Hotel Adlon, Berlin, built 1907, monumental chimney piece with fire.
Hotel destroyed in the war.

HEATING IN A GRAND HOTEL



Hotel Metropole in Brussels, Reception Room Chimney piece, enclosing radiator (?). Built 1894. At some date fitted with steam heating, electric lighting, lift and telephones.

HEATING IN A GRAND HOTEL



Danieli Hotel, Venice. A 14th century palazzo converted to hotel 1822.
Sitting room with radiator fitted in fireplace.

LIGHTING THE GRAND DINING ROOM



Original building converted to hotel 1909: Crillon Hotel, Paris, Dining Room.

LIGHTING THE GRAND DINING ROOM



1862: Grand Hotel, Paris, Dining Room (continued on next page).

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KITCHENS IN GRAND HOTELS

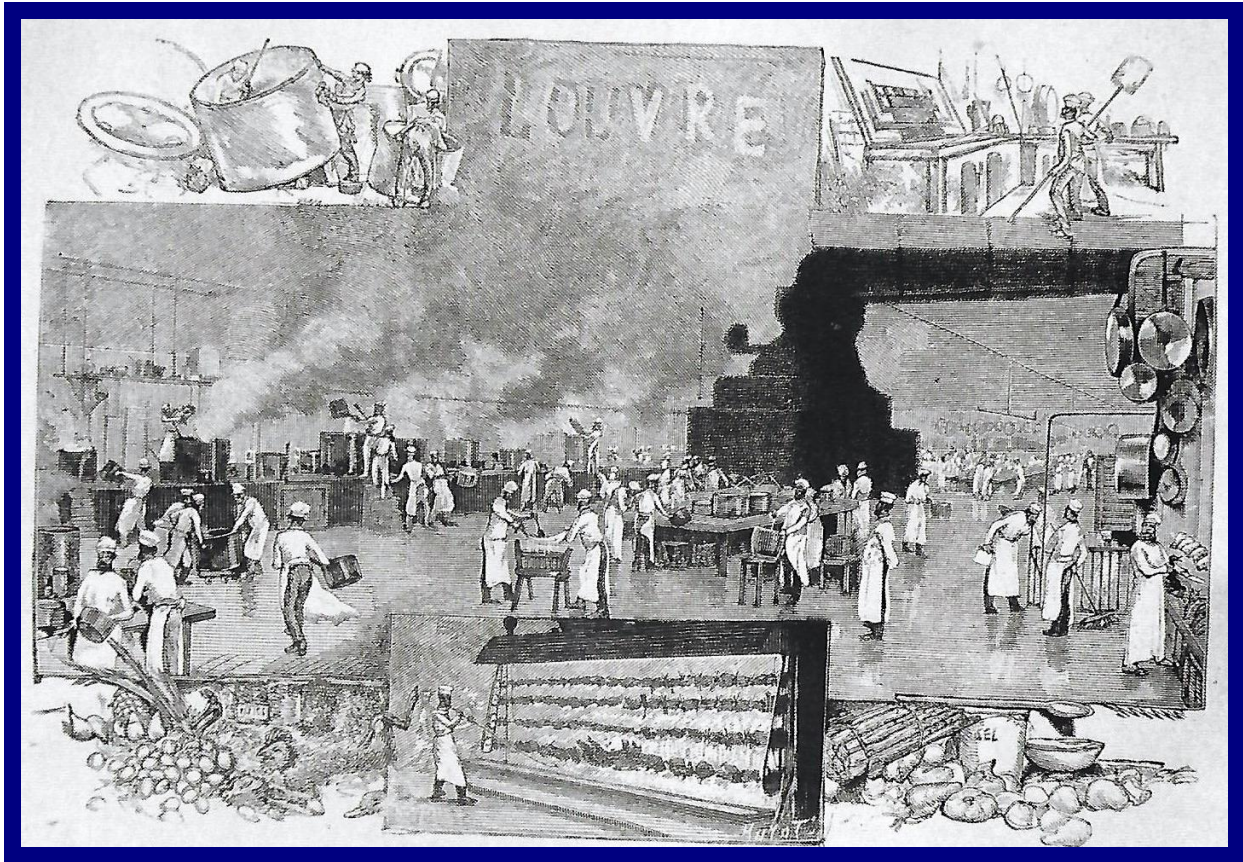


Kitchens in the Astoria Hotel, Brussels (Built in 1900).

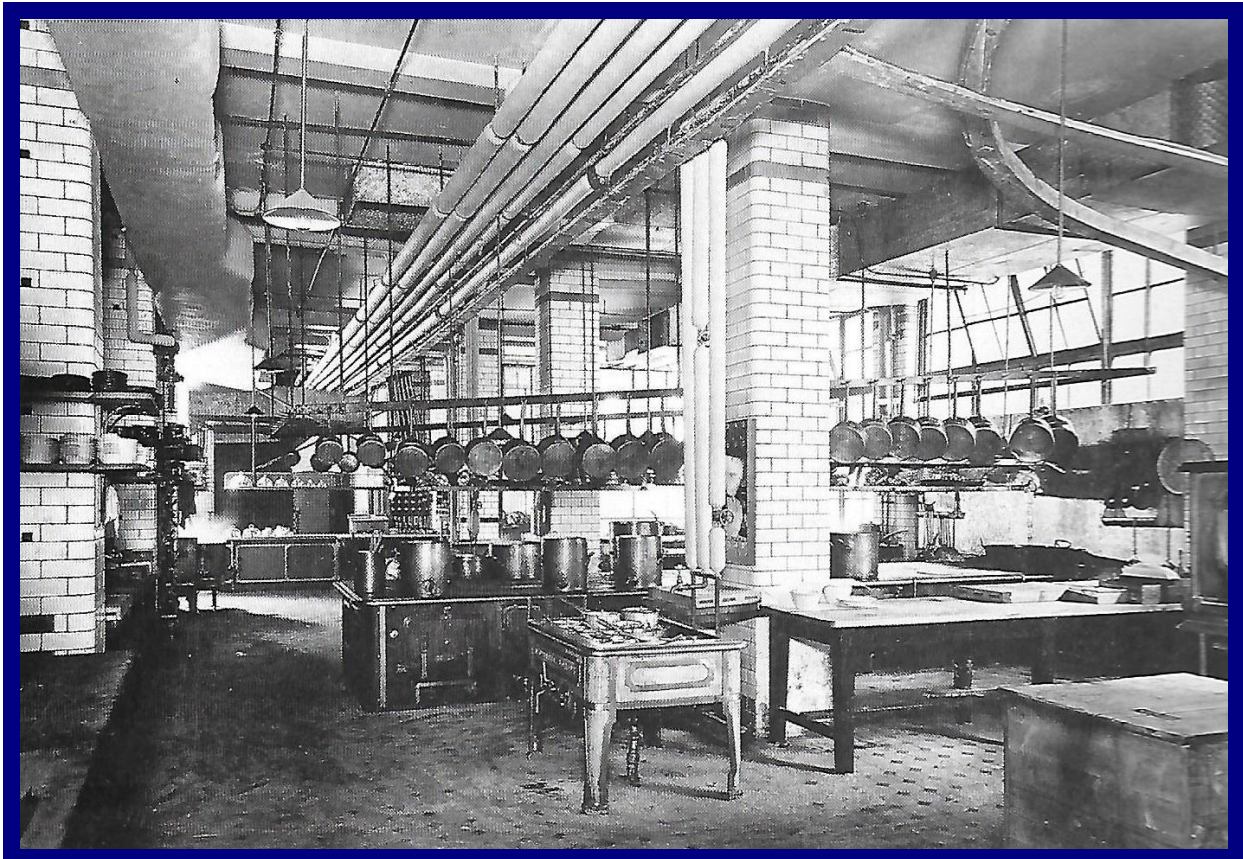


Photo titled "A Team of Cooks" (Hotel and date unknown).

KITCHENS IN GRAND HOTELS



Kitchens in Grand Hotel du Louvre, Paris (Built 1855).



Kitchens of the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool c.1914 (Built 1840, rebuilt 1861 & 1914).

GRAND HOTEL STORE ROOMS



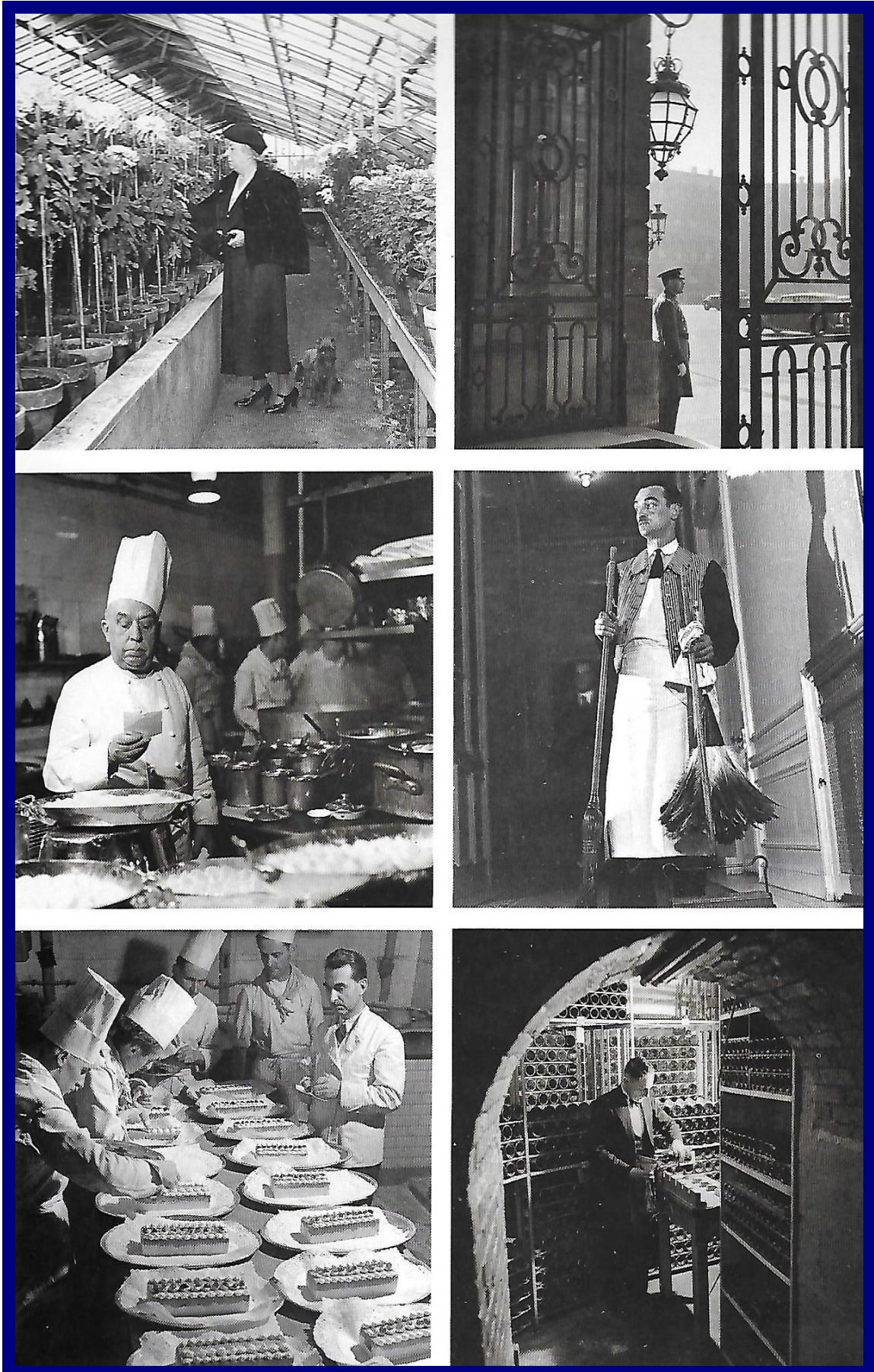
In the Main Stores of the Ciga Hotel Chain in Venice.

GRAND HOTEL WINE SUPPLIES



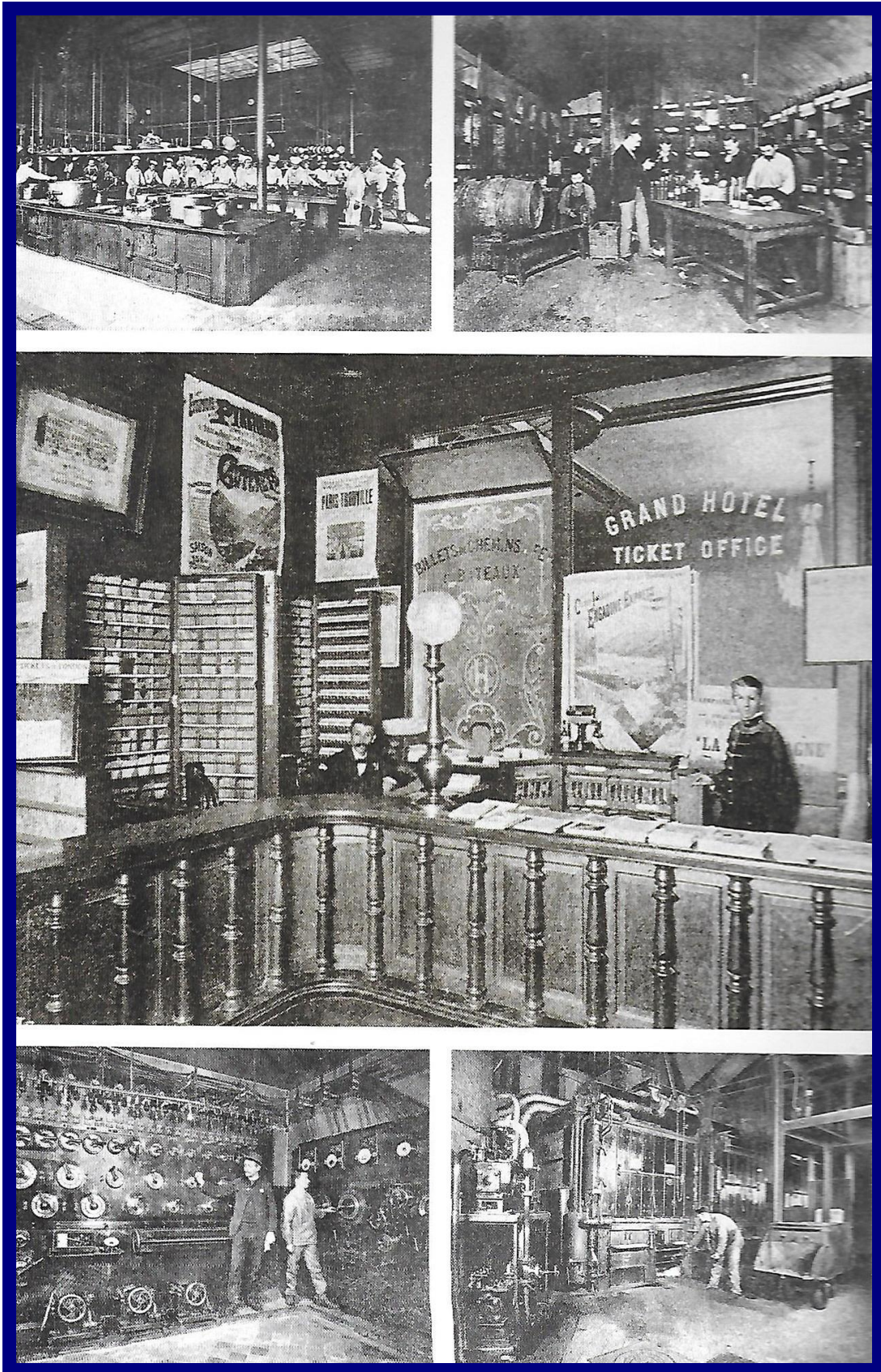
The Bottling Plant and Wine Cellars of the Ciga Company (Hotel Chain, Venice).

SERVICES FOR HOTEL GUESTS



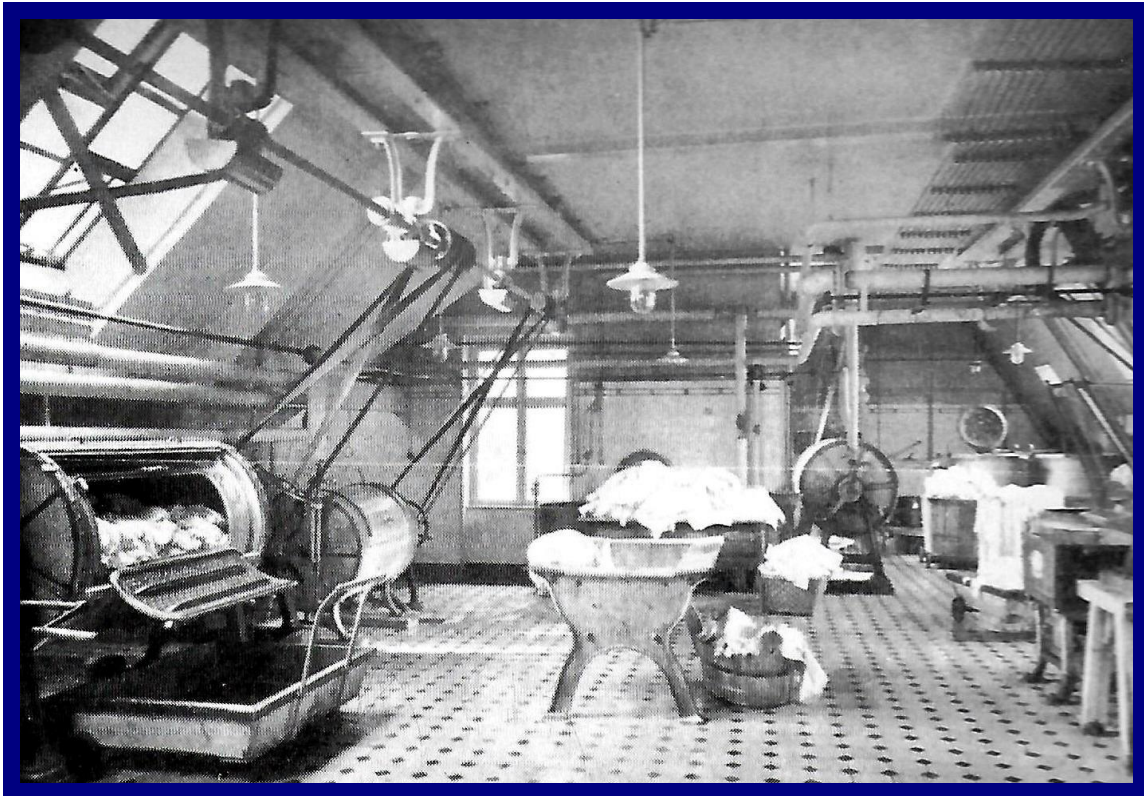
Page boy, cooks and wine-waiter at the Paris Ritz. (Built in 1704, converted to Hotel 1898).

SERVICES FOR HOTEL GUESTS



Grand Hotel, Paris, built 1862 (Later views from top: kitchens, wine cellar, ticket office, plant rooms with electricity generation- electric light backed up by 4000 gas jets).
Hotel statistics: 800 bedrooms, 65 reception rooms, 600 staff, complete with hydraulic lift & telegraph system. Kitchens could cater for 2000 diners.

LAUNDRY & BARBERS SALOON



Laundry with Washing Machines & Steam Boilers, Hotel Adlon, Berlin (Hotel built 1907).



Barbers Saloon at the Hotel Cecil in London, 1911 (note the plumbing).

GRAND HOTEL TRANSPORT



Guests arriving by Hotel carriage at the Vittel Palace in France, c.1900.

TRANSPORT TO A GRAND HOTEL

3 Avril 1910

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NAVELLO, etc., etc.

Robert COQUELLE, Rédacteur en Chef

LES SOUVERAINS A MONTE-CARLO



S. A. R. GUSTAVE V, Roi de Suède, arrivant à l'Hôtel de Paris, sur Automobile Benz.

Photo NAVELLO

Arriving by Benz automobile Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo in 1910.

GRAND HOTEL TRANSPORT



Carriage in front of London's Metropole Hotel, 1910.



Hotel Riche-Mont omnibus (possibly Geneva, built 1875).

GRAND HOTEL DINING

DINING ROOM
GRAND HÔTEL DE LA PAIX
GENEVA



The memorable occasion when the Court of Arbitrators held its sittings at Geneva in 1872, to decide upon the «Alabama» claims, the arduous labours of the Court were not unfrequently interrupted by dinners of economy or hospitality, offered by Switzerland to the guests. The farewell banquet given to the members of the Court by the Conseil d'Etat of the Canton of Geneva, was amongst the most brilliant and successful. It was held in the Hotel de la Paix of Geneva;

The large room as well as the spacious and beautiful under hall being splendidly decorated for the occasion. M. Charret, President of the Conseil d'Etat and Chairman of the evening, thanked the Arbitrators for having honoured Geneva by selecting it for the place of meeting, whilst Count Sclopis, as President of the Court reciprocated the compliment by thanking the people of Geneva for their kind welcome. The above scene represents the guests at the moment when the Count is delivering his speech.

Banquet given to the Alabama arbitrators by the Geneva Conseil d'Etat, Saturday 7 September 1872.
Count Sclopis reading his speech.

The Grand Hotel in Geneva in 1872 (built 1865).



Dinner at the Paris Ritz, date unknown (the Hotel opened in 1898).

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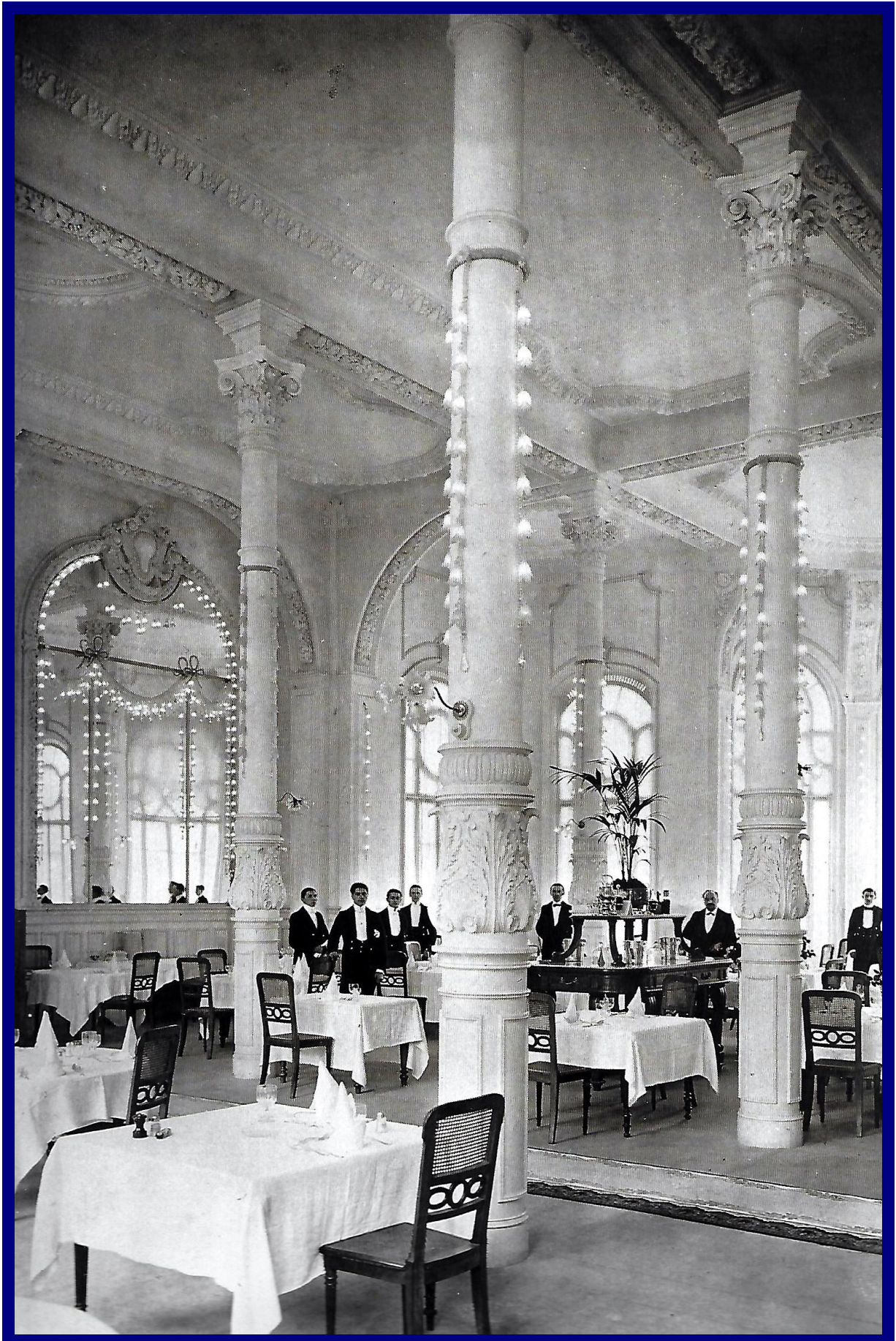
Menu card of the Grand Hotel in Turin, from 1908.

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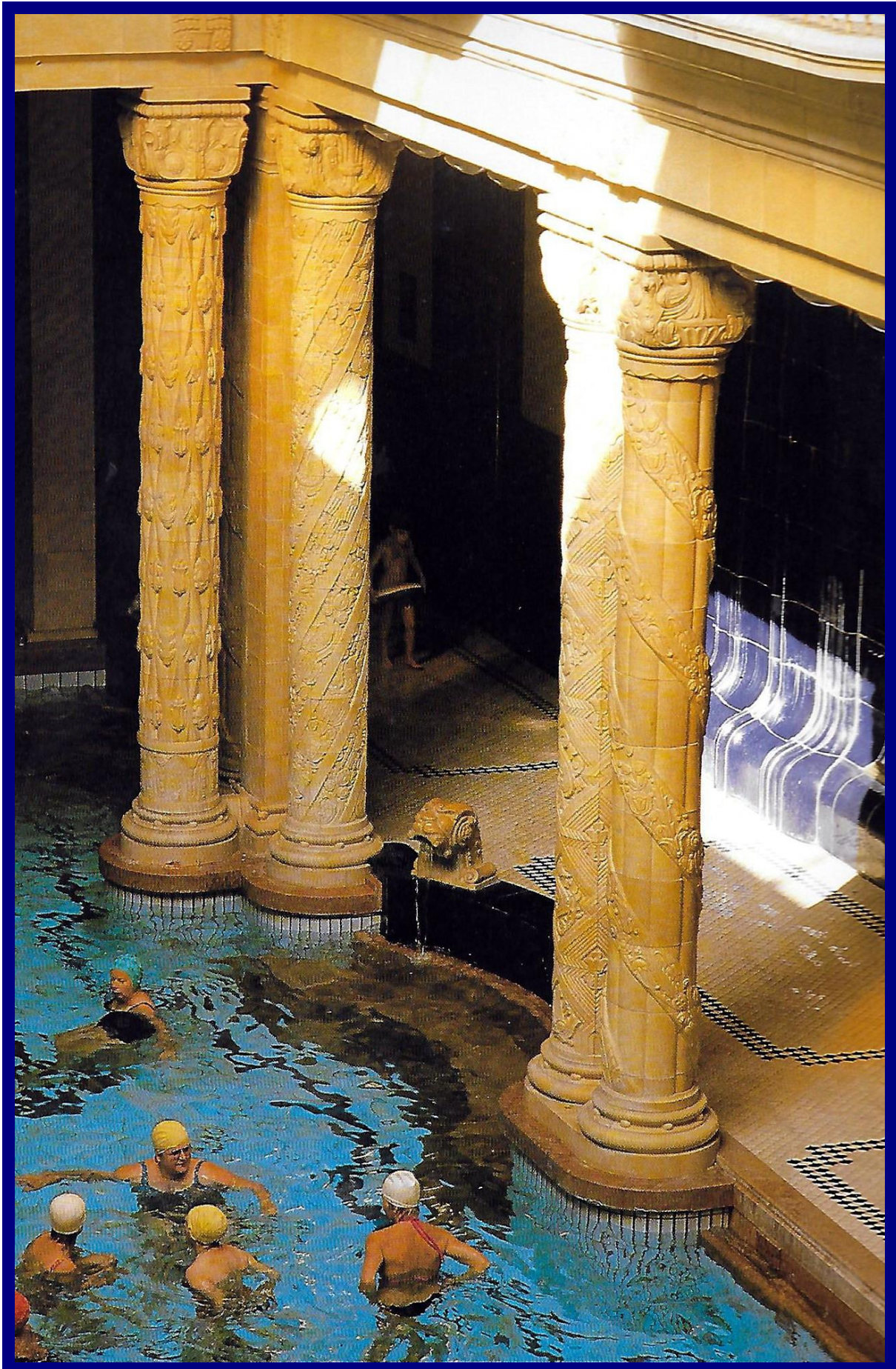
Dining Room of Hotel des Reservoirs, Versailles, France (photo of 1897).

GRAND HOTEL DINING



Dining room of Ceres Pavilion (rebuilt 1905), later in Grand Hotel in Vittel, France (built 1912).

RECREATION IN A GRAND HOTEL



Swimming pool at the Hotel Gellert in Budapest, opened in 1918.

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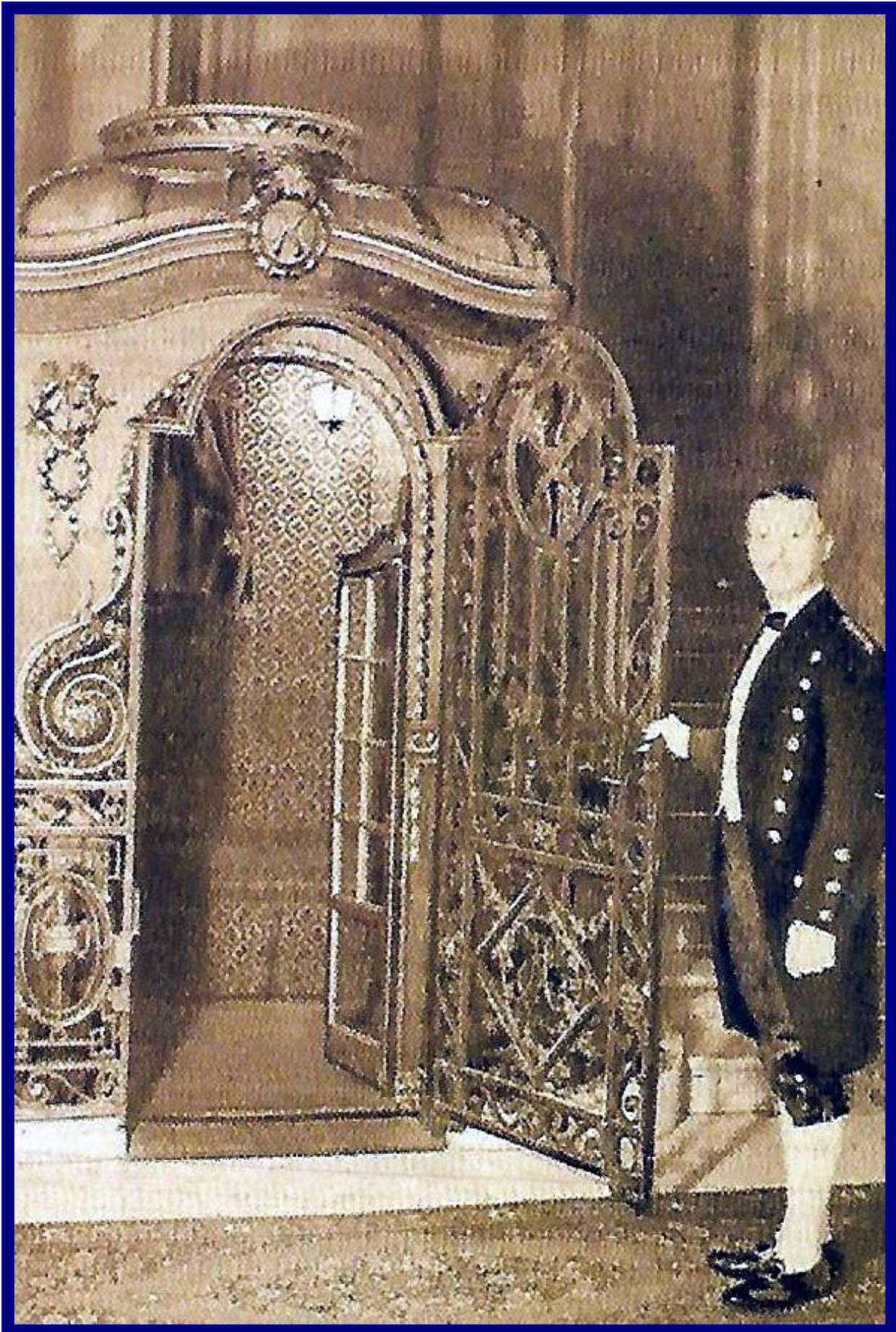


The King of Sweden (2nd left) and Guests at tennis, Hotel Beau Site in Cannes where it is said the first hard courts were developed in about 1881.



Luggage label for this Grand Resort Hotel, built in 1925.

A GRAND HOTEL ELEVATORS



Guest Lift and Attendant at the Hotel Le Meurice, Paris (the hotel dates from 1835).

A GRAND HOTEL ELEVATORS



Guest Lift with Attendant and Passengers in the Hotel Le Meurice, Paris.

DEPARTING A GRAND HOTEL

HOTEL STADT ROM LEIPZIG
GOETZKE

Die schönste Lage an der Promenade, gegenüber dem neuen THEATER und in unmittelbarer Nähe der Post.

Près des Stations des chemins de fer pour DRESDE, BERLIN, HAMBURG, Cologne et Frankfurt M.

Adjoining the DRESDE, BERLIN, HAMBURG, Cologne and Frankfurt M. Railway Station.

Zimmer No. *10*
Fol. *497*

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On leaving a Grand Hotel a departing guest could be surrounded by staff for the tradition and expectations of receiving tips (pourboire).