

On the Town

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# A Meal to Remember - - - And This

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**H**ARVEY'S Restaurant here in Washington has just added another chapter to the saga of a world-traveling gourmet and hopes it won't be the end of a fascinating association.



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In 1894 James Otis Watson, of Fairmont, W. Va., then 19 years old, spent two days

"seeing the sights in the east"—West Virginia then apparently being considerably to the west—and wound up at the end of an adventurous jaunt in the Nation's Capital.

"We had spent most of our money before reaching Washington," Watson relates, "and after buying tickets home at two cents per mile, plus the cost of a double berth and setting aside 10 cents each for the porter, we had left about one dollar and a desire to go to Harvey's, which we did.

**A**FTER studying the menu, we found that we could purchase an oyster fry containing 13 oysters. We matched for the odd oyster.

"After a long wait we called the head waiter who said that it was a special order and took considerable time.

"This we did not understand until later when the waiter appeared with a very large oyster pie. We immediately explained our financial situation, particularly since we had learned that the oyster pie was three dollars.

"The waiter was extremely courteous and stated it was their fault for mistaking oyster pie with oyster fry and said

that since he would have no customer for the order asked if we would accept it with the compliments of Harvey's.

"We accepted with pleasure and I've always gone to Harvey's whenever the opportunity was possible. In all my travels over the world I have never had better service or a more remembered meal."

**W**ITH this background Harvey's management was just a little nervous last week when it learned that Watson, now president of the Kentucky and West Virginia Coal and Mining Co., and a member of the Associated Harvard Club, was coming back to town. One of his first stops, naturally, was at the historic dining spot.

No oyster fry or pie was on the menu but the restaurant's guest for more than 60 years was visibly satisfied with the seafood entrees put before him.

