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NEW YORK, May 23 (Special).—This city, in which one-half the Jewish population of the country resides, is about to witness the opening of the first large hotel intended solely for Jewish patronage in the United States, an experiment that, if successful, is to lead to a chain of similar hotels in other large cities.

The structure, built at a cost of $3,000,000 by Max Bernstein, once an immigrant boy from Russia, is at Delancey and Chrystie streets, at the entrance to the Manhattan bridge, which connects the ghettos of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and is expected to attract not only a local patronage but to draw Jews of the orthdox school from all parts of the United States when in New York on business or pleasure.

More than 4000 persons, Jews from all parts of the world, are shareholders in the enterprise, which originated in the mind of Bernstein when as a boy he slept in what is now Schiff park, opposite the site of the new hotel, and dreamed of building a hostelry exclusively for Jews and with a kosher cuisine, that should equal any of the hotels catering to gentile patrons. The hotel, which boasts among its features what are said to be the largest and most elaborate Turkish and Russian baths in the world, has been named Libby's by Mr. Bernstein in memory of his mother, who died a year after he came to this country and whose name has been identified with every business undertaking in which he has been engaged.

The new hotel will open on May 18 with elaborate ceremonies in which officials of the city, state and nation will participate, together with prominent Jews who have been invited from every part of the United States.

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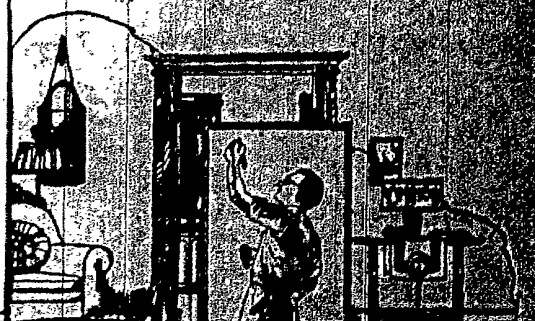

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