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Dal Sig. Dott. Cav. Vincenzo Postiglione.

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Pignola, 28 Marzo, 1897.

DOMENICA,
30 GIUGNO, 1901.



“ VILLA IGIEA „ GRAND HÔTEL WINTER AND SPRING FIRST CLASS HEALTH RESORT

Acqua Santa, sides of Monte Pellegrino - PALERMO (Sicily - Italy).

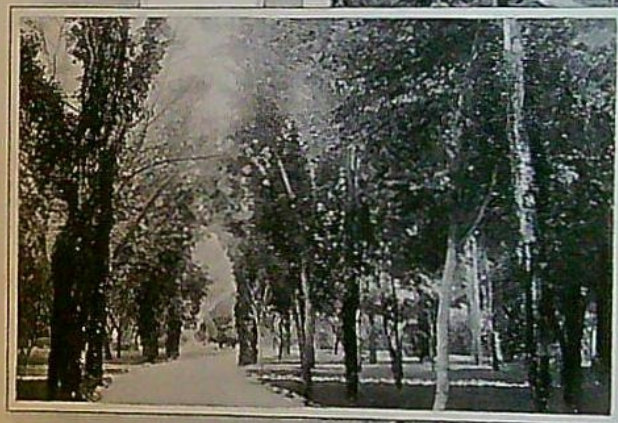
« The VILLA, rising in a noble park is equal in accomodation to the largest hotels of continental capitals and its appointments are luxurious and rigorously hygienic in every detail ».
THE LANCET - Jan. 27, 1900 N. 3987.



« It would be difficult to imagine in climate and situation a resort better suited to its purposes. »
Palermo, Jan. 8, 1900.

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The location of the « VILLA IGIEA » Grand Hôtel.

The *Villa Igiea* is situated at the Acquisanta, in the neighbourhood of Palermo; but, though in the country, it is only fifteen

minutes drive or row from that gay, lively, scrupulously clean, modern, and comfortable city, the capital of Sicily; of the lovely island called the *Pearl of the Mediterranean*, of which Goethe speaks as *the land where the orange blooms*; celebrated for its « eternal spring », Schneegaas - *Sizilien*, for the beauty of its original

landscape, for the richness of exceptionally interesting monuments from all ages, especially of Greek temples, theatres, and various other buildings, which are in such a large number as

are « ... not to be found even in the Peloponnesus or in Greece besides, » (J. W. Paton - *Picturesque Sicily*).

The *Villa Igiea* lies in the centre of a beautiful green peninsula, running out into the sea towards the south; sheltered from



the north by Monte Pellegrino; and almost entirely surrounded by blue, calm, waters.

Its position, is really privileged, as commanding the view of the Bay of Palermo, one of the finest in all Italy. ... *there are few spots upon the surface of the globe, more beautiful than Palermo* — J. A. Symond while the Park, extending for many acres around, is full of pines, orange, lemon, palm, olive, and many other semitropical evergreen trees; rich in roses and various other flowers, blooming in the open air, and which « flourish all the winter, in every hedge of that sweet Sicily » (Paul Bourget — *La Terre Promise*).

Enjoying all the advantages of life on the sea, — so highly recommended by modern doctors — *Villa Igea's* position has, in addition, the benefit of the healthiest out-door country life at any time of the year.



Palermo and Sicily as a winter resort.

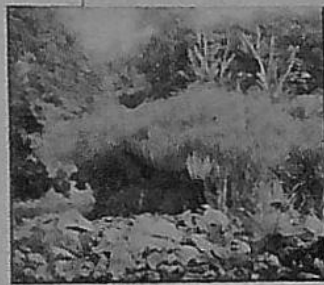
Ager non Siciliæ modo sed Italiae pulcherrimus.

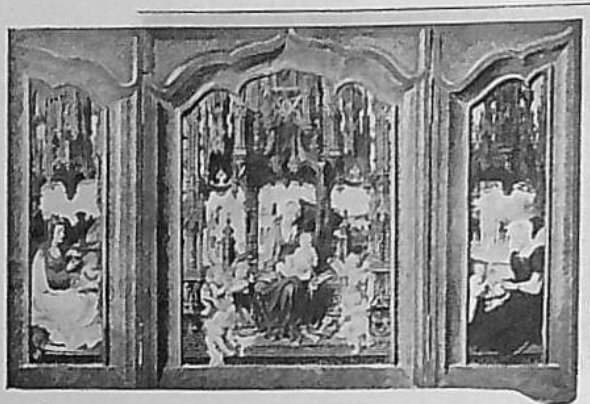
FOZZELLO.

(The finest spot not of Sicily but even of Italy).

The mild climate, exhaling invigoration upon every gentle breeze, perfumed by the sweet breath of pine woods, palm groves, and orange trees, grants to the dwellers in the land plentiful enjoyment of life and health, throughout the winter, such as in other places is not afforded, in so lavish measure, even in spring.

A. J. C. Hare, in his « *Cities of South Italy and Sicily* » refer to the place in which Palermo lies, under the ancient well deserved name of *Conca d'Oro* — « Golden shell »: « *The situation of Palermo is wonderfully beautiful; the town is surrounded by a vast garden of orange and olive trees which fills the Conca d'Oro.* » This golden shell is ever warmed by brilliant sunshine, beaming from a clear dark blue sky, through the ambient air, and rendering Palermo « *the best*





*winter residence in
Europe* (D. Tiel-
bels - *Official Hand-
book of Health Re-
sorts*).

Palermo's average
temperature, in
winter, is 56° Fah.

Average of sunny
days, equal with that
of the best climatic

stations at the same season of the year.

Preferable to the Riviera, being warmer in winter; while snow, fog, cold winds and storms — not rare in the so called *Côte d'Azur* — are, here, actually unknown.

Healthier than Egypt, because the climate, little less warm, is not variable, as the alternations of temperature between day and night, so injurious to delicate people and constant in Cairo, do not occur here.

The Lancet, July 3 1897, N. 3853.

Free from such disadvantages as fevers, and epidemic diseases of any description; blessed with a healthy climate, perfect cleanliness of the natives and their abodes and the exceptional purity of the Scillato fresh water, recently brought into the town, Palermo is remarkable for its record of general good health.



Amusements.

Within the « Villa Igica ». — There are easy and pleasant walks in the immediate vicinity of *Villa Igica*, among long avenues of magnificent oak trees, blooming oranges, or the characteristic prickly pears; yielding views of the *Conca d'Oro* and the Bay.

At the distance of a half an hour walk, or fifteen minutes drive, the Park *La Favorita* is attained; and hence, through lovely country roads, in about three quarters of an hour, is reached the beautiful shore of Mondello.

A band plays every afternoon on the large terrace before the main building; a concert is held, in the central hall, every Thursday night; popular songs, accompanied by mandolin and guitar, are given during dinner, every Sunday evening.

There are lawn-tennis and golf grounds; yachting by sail and steam in the 320 tons yacht *Igica*.

In the town. — In the same direction as *La Favorita* lies the town itself, where are many beautiful public parks, and the grounds of private villas, generously thrown open to visitors. Among the former are the *Giardino Inglese*, the *Villa*

Giulia and the *Orto Botanico*, beautifully planted, and kept in order; while, among the latter, the *Villa Florio*, the *Villa Tasca*, the *Villa Trabia* and many others are more than remarkable.

In the Morning, interesting visits may be paid to the Museum, the *Cappella Palatina*, the Cathedral, all containing real treasures of art; to many other churches, palaces, and Saracen castles; or spent in the short excursion to *Monreale*, by electric car or carriage — through the road commanding the *Conca d'Oro* — and visiting the celebrated cathedral and cloister, in which are found the finest mosaics in the world.

Monreale is reached by electric tram car, in about twenty minutes, or by carriage in an hour.

In the afternoon, may be enjoyed a drive on the Promenade of the *Via della Libertà*, thronged with elegant carriages; or to the

Marina, a splendid quay on the sea.

In the evening, there are: the Opera, at the splendid Teatro Massimo; the *Opera Comique*, at the Politeama; the Italian Drama,



at the Teatro Bellini; Ballet, Operette, Café-Chantant, in different places, as the *Olympia*, the *Alhambra*, etc. etc.

Excursions in Sicily. — Excursion in the island and its surroundings can be undertaken, in comfortable 1st and 2nd class carriages, by rail, to places where remains of the former Greek and Phœnician inhabitants can be inspected, as Solunto, Girgenti, Segesta, Selinunte, Taormina, Syracuse, etc. — By yacht, to the Æolian islands, and the coasts of Sicily. — The yacht *Igiena* is a fine 320 ton vessel, built expressly for the *Villa*.



The journey to Sicily.

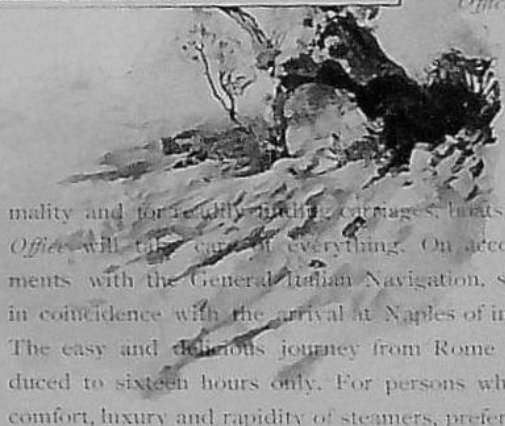
From London Paris and Berlin to Palermo: Express international train to Naples; from Naples to Palermo, ten hours by steamer. Beautiful steamers, lately built, with every comfort, luxurious fittings, clean, well served and rapid; bearing satisfactory comparison — in proportion with their size — with the best English liners.

By rail from Naples: Thirteen hours to Messina, crossing the Straits in ferry boat; four hours from Messina to Palermo.

Villa Igiena's comfort and different attractions would be almost useless if the new health-Resort had not direct, easy and rapid means of communication with the greatest European centres; if it

were not provided with all what is required to get travellers free from every care and trouble connected with the journey and stay in Sicily.

Convinced of this necessity, *Villa Igiena's* Direction has, consequently installed proper offices and services, connected with the great European express-offices and navigation-lines for Sicily. So it will be sufficient to telegraph to the *Bureau « La Sicile » Place de l'Opéra, Paris*, to get any information and direction; and afterwards to the *Igiena Office, Naples*, to secure a good steamer-cabin, and dinner ready on board; to get rid of every custom house formality and for readily finding carriages, boats and guides; as *Igiena Office* will take care of everything. On account of special agreements with the General Italian Navigation, steamers departure is in coincidence with the arrival at Naples of international expresses. The easy and delicious journey from Rome to Palermo is so reduced to sixteen hours only. For persons who, in spite of all the comfort, luxury and rapidity of steamers, prefer to avoid crossing the



sea. *Igea Office* offers the same help for the journey by rail, providing for good sleeping-car places, whilst the luggage is forwarded by sea, arriving at *Villa Igea* even before the travellers to whom it belongs.

Besides the Post and Telegraph Offices, the Bank service and Information Office within *Villa Igea*, travellers will find a special Office for delivering railway and steamer tickets, registering luggage, and performing every other formality.

This travelling-Office connected with the sicilian Grand Hotel, takes special care, for trips in Sicily. Besides every information required for excursions to Sicilian monuments, *Villa Igea's* guests will find at Girgenti, Siracusa, Taormina, experienced local guides — belonging to the hotel — who will previously provide for any arrangement needed, from meals to convenient accomodation, if a longer stay is required by travellers. — Besides these arrangements, for persons who care to visit Sicily's inland, the great attraction for *Villa Igea's* guests are the archeological excursions made in commun, arranged by the Direction. Parties are formed, now and then, guided by professors in archeology, who will make the trip not only useful and interesting, but merry and jolly by out-of-door lunches amidst classic

ruins, popular songs sung by natives in the picturesque costumes of the different countries.

This kind of little aristocratic and refined Cook Office, guided by skilled persons, intended to secure the most complete comfort and enjoiment exclusively to *Villa Igea's* guests, imparts to the stay in the delicious sicilian establishment the character of a kind hospitality in a prince's castle, more than that of a transitory hotel's residence. No other hotel in the world,

in fact, can, for instance, dispose for its guests of a yacht of 320 tons, for trips in the bay of Palermo, to Messina, Siracusa and Tunis. With all these attrac-

tions, worthy of the *Pearl of the Mediterranean* original beauty, *Villa Igea*, shall become, necessarily, the favourite Winter Resort for cosmopolite swallows. — But the greatest advantage, for which Sicily certainly holds the first place — and the competent

Journal of Tropical Medicine notes it — is to be a half-way halting-place, for people coming from India or Africa, and bound for the north, who are obliged to pass gradually from one extreme to the other. — Gifted with all what science, comfort and luxury together can afford to secure the enjoiment of the greatest natural and artistic beauties gathered together, *Villa Igea* must conquer, for ever, the preeminence over every other Health-Resort in Europe.





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