

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF JERRY ILLICH.

ALARMING CONDITION OF WELL- KNOWN CATERER.

Recovery not Expected by Physicians,
Although Patient is Hopeful—Was the
Delmonico of Los Angeles, Far-famed
for His Cuisine.

Jerry Illich is seriously ill at his home, No. 1018 South Hill street, and his extremely critical condition is causing alarm among his numberless friends in Los Angeles.

Famous as a restaurateur, for many years the Delmonico of Los Angeles; member of numerous fraternal organizations, and well known to all lovers of good living, he has been a promi-



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nent figure in the life of the city for more than twenty-five years, and genuine regret is expressed on every side at the news that he is suffering with a disease that may cause his death at any time.

For twenty-five years Illich catered to restaurant patrons in Los Angeles. Starting with a small chophouse on North Main street, he gradually expanded the business until he became a leader in his line, and when he was proprietor of the restaurant on Main street, lately known as the Maison Dorée, he had the patronage of the city's elect.

His greatest success was attained in 1896, when he bought for \$20,000 a lot on Third street, between Spring and Broadway, and built thereon a three-story brick block for the accommodation of his café.

From that time until two years ago, when failing health caused his retirement, his place was headquarters for the banquets, political, social, celebrative and otherwise that were given in the city. It was Illich's for good cheer; Illich's for the best there was in the market, and Illich's because Jerry was host.

Constant attention to his business undermined his health, however, and he fell a victim to Bright's disease, which sapped his vitality until he was compelled to sell out and retire. Only a little past 50 years of age, he has clung tenaciously to the thought that he might some time return to the field which he adorned, and where he found so much pleasure, and he still hopes that he may be able to leave his bed.

Leaving his home in Dalmatia, Austria, when he was but 13 years old, Illich sailed the seas until he was 20, and on leaving a vessel at San Francisco he engaged as a restaurant employé. Not long thereafter he came to Los Angeles, rising rapidly until he became financially independent. He owns ranches in different parts of the State, in addition to considerable city property. He was married ten years ago, his family consisting of a wife, a son, aged 9, and a daughter, aged 8.