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THE APARTMENT HOTEL

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- The apartment hotel was a hotel-living hybrid typology which emerged after the Civil War as a solution to the demand for low cost housing. These kitchenless apartments implied a dependence of household on the collective services which acted as a social condenser for the community. The urban character of the apartment hotel blurred the boundary between the city and domesticity. However, the invention of the kitchenette and the housing regulation led to the decline of this typology.

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