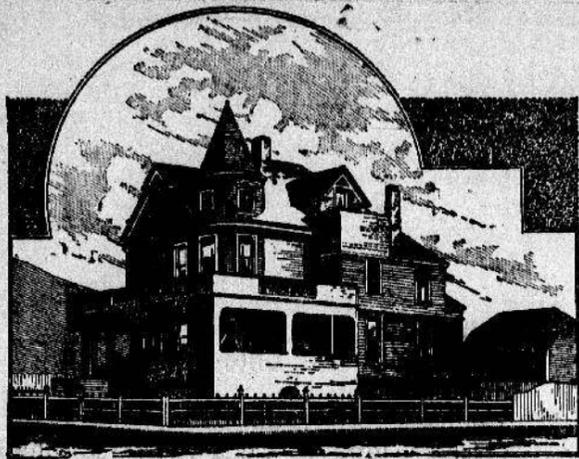


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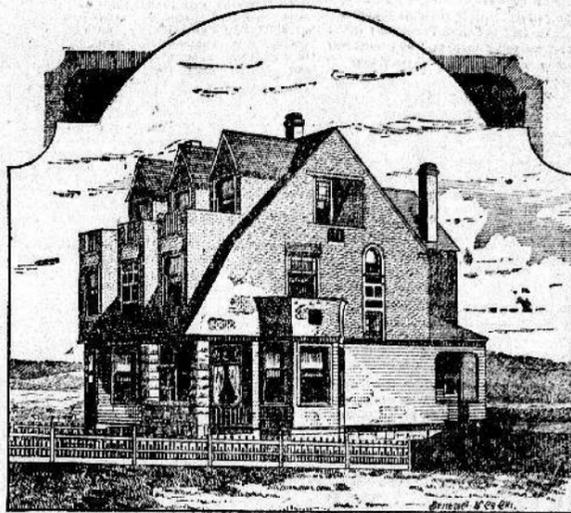
## For Sale. Read the Descriptions.



This house is situated on lot 13, in block 314, of the Brooke addition, 60x125 feet with 16-foot alley in the rear, and faces on College Place, 218 feet from the Hauser boulevard and 280 feet from the Rapid Transit Electric line. It is an excellent frame building, containing 11 finished rooms, besides vestibule, large hall, pantry, bathroom, 9 closets and cellar under the entire house. Foundation and basement walls are built of lime rock, faced with granite above the grade line. Hall is finished in antique oak, parlor and dining room in cherry, balance of house in Minnesota pine, natural finish. Both floors are double, paper throughout walls and under shingles, weighted windows, complete system of plumbing, including sink and wash trays in kitchen; bath tub, water closet, and wash stand in bath room, with hot and cold water to all fixtures; connected with pipes of the Helena Consolidated Water Co. House is piped for gas, kitchen neatly wainscotted, pantry fitted up with every modern convenience, back stairs, plate glass window, art glass in hall, parlor and dining room; heated with hot air furnace, has first class malleable iron and steel range, complete outbuildings, fences, shed, walks, stable and carriage house, and improved lawn. This is a bargain at \$6,500. Will sell for \$1,000 cash, first mortgage of \$2,700 at eight per cent., balance in easy payments to suit purchaser. This price includes insurance for two years. Call and examine for yourself.



This beautiful house, facing on Cannon Street, is situated on lots 19 and 20, in block 196, of the Ames addition. Lots aggregate 50x125 feet, with 16-foot alley in the rear. This is an excellent frame building containing 11 finished rooms besides vestibule, large hall, pantry, bathroom, 8 closets and cellar under the entire house. Foundation wall is faced with granite above grade line, hall is finished in antique oak, parlors and dining room in cherry; balance of finish is clear Minnesota lumber. Both floors are double, paper throughout the walls and under shingles, weighted windows, complete system of plumbing, including hot and cold water to all fixtures, connected with pipes of the Helena Consolidated Water Co.; has sink, double wash tray, bath tub, water closet and marble top wash stand; is piped for gas; kitchen is neatly wainscotted and pantry fitted up with every modern convenience; plate glass windows, expensive art glass in hall and parlor; piped for hot air furnace. This property has complete walks and fences, graded lawn prepared with soil and made ready for seeding, is located within two blocks of the Rapid Transit Street Railway, and will be sold for \$6,500—\$1,000 cash, forty per cent. of the entire amount to run for 3 or 5 years, balance in payments within two years, to suit the purchaser, with interest at ten per cent. Please call and investigate. If this does not suit you, we would be pleased to show you other houses or build according to your own plans, guaranteeing satisfaction.



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A paragraph recently appeared in a New York journal concerning Commodore Skrydloff, of the Russian navy. This gentleman contributed a piquant incident to the engaging history of Virginia waters in 1857, says the New York Times.

It will be remembered that in that year war appeared to be impending between Great Britain and Russia. A declaration of war between those powers, it is needless to recall, never came; but while it was hourly in prospect the interest in the question at Norfolk, Va., was vivified by the arrival in port of a Russian man-of-war, with a British one at her heels. The then "Commander" Skrydloff dropped anchor from his command, the Strelak, off Fort Norfolk, and an hour or two afterward Capt. Hand, royal navy, appeared in her majesty's ship Garnet, and at his cable only so much further from her fort that the vessels could clear each other in swinging with the tide.

Here was matter for a May morning. It was known that two British men-of-war were following in the wake of this Russian loop. The Garnet was one of these, a corvette. Her companion was hovering outside, or somewhere not far away. They had all three come from the West Indies.

Now of the Strelak and Garnet, which had thus arrived in Norfolk harbor, and lay there side by side, the latter vessel would have conspicuous advantage in a battle. Both were wooden vessels, but the Garnet's size, the number of her crew, and the amount of her ordnance were possibly twice those of the Strelak. Our own officers at the navy yard perceived that the Strelak's were really the better guns, but that comparison only related to modernness and design—the rifles were of smaller bore and were fewer than the Garnet's. Perhaps the little Russian had one advantage, and that one that superceded everything, except dignity—health. But even this was not a certainty.

In the circumstances it would not have been presumed that the Russian commander would linger at Norfolk should war be declared between the British government and his while he remained in the harbor of a neutral power. International law would thus allow him only a few hours' start of his enemy if he put to sea before her, or if the Garnet went out first, with her consort would undoubtedly blockade Skrydloff within the Chesapeake as the alternative to running their dangerous gauntlet. Skrydloff, by the way, probably would have done this latter, as he is renowned as a daring officer as well as an able one. But that is aside. Notwithstanding these reasons which the Strelak had for getting out, she stayed where she was with the Garnet beside her. In the newspapers the probability of the Anglo-Russian war alternately subsided and returned, and the men-of-war swung at their anchorages, eyeing each other day after day, week after week.

Meanwhile Capt. Hand and Commander Skrydloff were personal friends. They met on shore, where they were entertained by

civilians in Norfolk, and by our officers at the navy yard on the other side. In company they gravitated to each other at times, to exchange a word or two in French, which was indirectly expressive of their mutual regard. On one of these occasions, in the course of a visit to the navy yard, said Hand to the Russian.

"Skrydloff, your men eat an unconscionable amount of fruit. A lighter of it is alongside of you almost every day."

Skrydloff shrugged. "We have very little of that kind of food at home," he answered, "and my men have grown fond of it since we have been in southern latitudes."

Here it happened that a lady interrupted them and carried off the Muscovite. Hand turned away and soon afterward he was talking with Commander C., United States navy, who asked him to complete a theatre party for the next night.

"It will be the last performance of one of our best actors in his best play," said C. (It was Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle.") "Skrydloff is coming, and with Mrs. C. and two friends, who are visiting her, there will be a lady for each of us."

Hand agreed readily, and the box party was made up.

On the next evening, before leaving his ship, the Russian had a conversation with his executive officer.

"You have no doubt that you can drive the sticks into the bottom securely?" Skrydloff asked.

"The sounding assures me so," answered his lieutenant. "The spars are long enough to support the lights just at the height of our own, and the bottom is soft and will hold them up."

"You will have to be silent," said Skrydloff.

"Be careful to keep clear of those lights," answered the Russian.

"Remember that the tug I have hired to run lights into the bow of the Garnet will be at 10 o'clock, on the minute, and wait for her. That is the moment for you to put out the lights and light those on the spars. The attention of the watch on board the Garnet will be forward when the tug strikes her from us."

"That is the moment, sir. I will wait sounds from the Garnet intently and change the lights instantly."

"The tide will be half way out on the ebb."

"Yes, sir; and then I shall be ready for your orders fifteen minutes later."

"I trust you!" said the commander, taking his officer's hand with a Russian's zeal. With that the latter saw him over the side.

whom he had met in the audience, and he proved obliging enough to his tante du monde, vice Skrydloff, retired.

One cannot answer for the feelings of a disappointed hostess; but the evening was enjoyed undoubtedly by the others, and by none more than Capt. Hand and his officer. They spent the night on shore. In the morning when they returned on board the Garnet they heard a tale, for which something missed in the water view as they had rowed out to the vessel had prepared them. Where was the Strelak?

Rousing strategy, in the person of Skrydloff, had gained the little man-of-war when he had left the theater on the night before. He had been coaling and storing the ship under the nose of the Garnet from vessels that he caused to come alongside with cargoes of sea necessaries under surface loads of the fresh luxuries of port. At dawn, after the dark night, the watch of the British corvette made out a green and a red light, burning pale in the morning dusk, supported by two spars sticking up in the water, from between which a brilliant officer had let his vessel drift out seaward with the tide before 11 o'clock on the previous night.

It was not until the second day afterward that the Russian had a conversation with his executive officer.

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At the theater, Capt. Hand and the others had preceded him. Skrydloff found them in one of the boxes. He was received with pleasure. He is a charming man, and an enjoyable evening began. Jefferson was in excellent form, and the ladies were bright, and the people in the circles and below looked at the commanders in the box.

"Oest tout charmant," said Skrydloff to Miss F.

"Ah, vous me comprenez pas Anglais," the lady rejoined.

"Mais un peu; et concevez que je suis heurenx en voyant le theatre Americain avec vous, chere madame, pour m'expliquer les particularites."

The interest was sustained on the stage, and in this particular party among themselves. It was thus that time had passed with the apparent rapidity of time unnoticed, to 10 o'clock, when the curtain fell at the close of an act—and the Russian arose.

"I have a most disagreeable apology to make," said Skrydloff to Mrs. C., who was his entertainer.

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