

GATHERED ON HIGHWAYS.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS OF METROPOLITAN LIFE.

Messenger Bore as Substitute for Dorellot Gallants.

The alleged foot-footed district messenger boys are frequently called upon to perform pleasurable service than that of delivering messages—though, oftentimes, the latter are productive of enlightening incidents, too.

The agreeable duty attended to is that of acting as escorts to unprotected femininity.

There are numbers of ladies in this big city who are abundantly provided with all the good things of life, except beaux. The latter fight shy, so to speak, or are too much engrossed in money-getting to find time to do the conventional part of the fairer portion of the community.

No, if the forlorn maid or the wife of a busy man of business or club devotee desires to attend the theatre or other place of recreation she must either go it alone or send for a messenger boy.

After a period of fuming and indignation at home the neglected woman has at last gracefully accepted the inevitable and trots away as contentedly with her youthful unformed cavalier as if he were the most desirable biped of swiftness and not hired at so much per hour.

After seeing his charge comfortably settled at her destination, the youth returns for her at the stipulated time and guides her safely home.

This form of escort has its advantages. At the theatre the messenger, being already without, cannot scramble out at the close of each act, making over women's faces and knocking their hats away, to see that everything is "mau." And thus the lady is spared the mortification of having the "man's" society preferred to hers.

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All the main offices have messengers especially selected for this pleasant work. They are chosen for their intelligence and, it is unnecessary to add, for their good looks.

Messengers are often engaged, also to act as guides for strangers in the city.

The Alarming Result of a Park Place Merchant's Modest Request.

It was in Park place. Hundreds of boys of all ages and sizes—slim, fat, short, tall, overgrown and underdone—swarmed before a certain doorway.

Every now and then the door would be opened and a boy would come out. Immediately there was a rush on the part of the other boys, each striving to enter. The door would be slammed in their face, only to be cautiously opened an inch in a minute or two, as a voice called out:

"Only one at a time, now."

The rush would be renewed and the strongest boy would get in. Presently he would emerge and the performance would be repeated.

People from everywhere came running up till a great throng filled the street anxious to ascertain the cause of the excitement.

A brave policeman forced his way through to the door and asked if the place was safe. He received an answer, laughed and, with some brother officers, compelled all but the boys to move away.

The man inside had advertised in THE WORLD for two strong boys, and this was the result.

Why the Cheapest Seats in an "L" Car Were Shunned.

All who travel on the L railroads have remarked how all passengers rush for the first car. Though it may be crowded already to overflowing, the usual desperate scramble to wedge into the car takes place.

On an early train coming down Third avenue from Harlem one bitter cold morning recently there was no exception to this rule. The customary struggle ensued for places in the first car.

Much to the surprise of the strugglers, the double cross seats in the middle of the car were unoccupied. This was even the more remarkable, as the sides were filled with a surging, swaying mass of humanity, clinging wildly to the hand-straps.

The explanation was depicted on their faces and a besetting manner, as if they were quite sure they were not sitting on a dynamite-bomb, they sat down.

But they did not remain seated long. Amid the laughter of the strap-clingers, who had been there themselves, if not many times at least once, the new arrivals hastily joined the standing mob.

A neighboring window pane was smashed and an Arctic gale blew directly across the choice seats.

A Case Where a Good Cigar Did Better Than a Clabbing.

Inspector Byrnes told a good one at the Belt Line station the other day.

"I went over with the reserves to Second avenue yesterday," he said, "to disperse the hoodlums who were attacking the crosstown cars at Thirty-fourth street. We rushed in, clubbing right and left, but I assure you I never met such a gang of tough backs in my life. Very few of them ran from us when we went for them. They just snarled and growled away. One man I fanned as hard as I could well three times across the back, but he just continued his slow, lazy walk, and I stopped clubbing him, amazed. He turned around then and said, with the most innocent air imaginable:

"I've been here, but did you speak?" "I was mad enough to knock him down, but I felt sure I couldn't afford seeing what he could stand, so I gave him a good cigar instead and said: 'Run along, now, like a good fellow?' And he did."

MR. TILDEN'S BIRTHDAY.

To Be Celebrated with Fitting Honors by the Harlem Democratic Club.

Complete arrangements have been made for the Tilden anniversary banquet to be given by the Harlem Democratic Club Saturday night.

The banquet hall of the handsome clubhouse in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street has been appropriately decorated with bunting, etc. Behind the chair to be occupied by President Tilden is suspended a large crayon portrait of the man in honor of whose memory the banquet will be given.

Among the guests who have accepted, in honor of the occasion, are: Hon. Wm. V. Vanoe, of Connecticut; Congressman John E. Russell, of Massachusetts; United States District Attorney Stephen B. Walker, President of the club; Saturday Night Club; President John H. V. Arnold, of the Board of Aldermen; Internal Revenue Collector, William A. Beach, of Syracuse; Congressman Roswell P. Flower, of New York; Hon. Homer C. Nelson, Secretary of State Frederick Cook, Supreme Court Justice Edward Paterson, Circuit Court Judge Charles Travis, Everett S. Wheeler, Thomas E. Howard, and others.

Tilden has designed and furnished the menus, and Delmonico will cater.

The list of toasts which has been prepared, will give the names of those who will respond, indicate a rare treat to those who are so fortunate as to secure admission to the banquet hall.

The first is "The President," which may be drunk in silence.

Following is "The State of New York," the proposal of which will be followed by the reading of a long letter, the Hall eulogistic of the dead statesman—Tilden.

Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, will respond to "The Memory of Samuel J. Tilden," a toast which will be followed by a toast to "Freedom from Restrictive Legislation," and Charles A. Dana to "The Great Fraud of '76."

Col. John R. Fellows is set down to respond to "Our Country," Mr. Sidney A. Murray to "The Bar," Gen. Prior to "The Undaunted Democracy," ex-Gov. Vance to "The Press," and Col. Andrew H. Dawson will eulogize "The Times."

"COLLIER'S 'ONCE A WEEK.'"

A New Ten-Thousand-Dollar Story Secured from Frank Stockton.

The editor of Once a Week has secured for publication in an early number a new serial story by Frank R. Stockton, whose "Great War Syndicate" has recently attracted the attention of the country. It is reported that \$10,000 was paid for this new story, and that it is of surpassing and exceptional interest.

Johnston has also been secured from B. L. Farjeon.

The current issue of Collier's Once a Week is, if anything, brighter and more enjoyable than its predecessor, Russell's Massachusetts contents, but also in the illustrations, which it furnishes. The beautiful face which looks out from its page this week is that of Mrs. Graham Harrison, formerly Mrs. Marquand.

The editorial discussion of current topics is as entertainingly brilliant as heretofore, and the admirable society news will be secured with eager interest by the "400." Our "Prominent Families" column is devoted this week to the Livingtons.

"The Mystery of the 'L' Car," is the title of a complete novelette by Julian Hawthorne, it is in Hawthorne's best vein, and that is saying that it is up to the highest modern standard of all that is interesting.

The Thompson Street Poker Club series, by Henry Guy Carleton, is continued, with a characteristically funny lecture by Mr. Gus Brown on "Botanical Strokes, Flunks 'n' Siders."

A Chicago supplement of fourteen pages is added this week, with sketches of the Chicago Board of Trade, the clubs, etc., profusely illustrated with portraits.

"Once a Week" improves with each issue, and is really a weekly magazine of the first class.

SHALL THE CITY RUN RAILROADS?

A Correspondent Who Urgently Advocates That Policy.

To the Editor of THE EVENING WORLD:

While reading THE EVENING WORLD in relation to the surface railroad strike, the disorder, the suffering that the strikers' families must endure and the loss to trade, I thought it was about time that some radical remedy should be adopted. I do not mean policemen's clubs or bullets, for that is brutal and is all on one side.

The money power may be found everywhere, but it is not so common in the city for the people's benefit, not for the city and railroad owners who can give ten thousand-dollar balls. If the city should run them we could get all over the city and transfer at a cost of two cents. That would be a saving for a million people. More men would be employed and they would receive greater remuneration for their services, and we shouldn't have such riotous conduct and no need for policemen to club men into submission. I am informed on excellent authority that thirty-five years ago a letter coming from Germany cost \$1.50. That was when a private corporation ran our Post-Office. Now what does it cost? The public are served better, the men are better paid and the service is better. This is my argument for public control of the railroads.

LEVI BEHREN, 386 Broadway, Brooklyn, E. D.

The Power of the Pen. (From the New Orleans Progress.)

The prison pen is mightier than the sword. It has broken down soldiers who could not be conquered by the clash of arms and gut of war.

WIDE AWAKE IN ATHLETICS.

THE ENTERPRISES OF PRESIDENT FULDA'S CLUB IN PRISCO.

Every Effort to Be Made to Bring Dempsey and McCaffrey Together—A Dangerous Competitor in Billiards for Oddie—Notes Among the Yacht Clubs—New Phase of the Athletic Controversy.

Now that the wide-awake California Athletic Club has matched its champion, Peter Jackson, and Patsy Cardiff, it will turn its entire attention upon the question of bringing Jack Dempsey and Dominic McCaffrey together in a finish fight. The probabilities are strongly in favor of a purse being offered by the Club that will be accepted by the two pugilists and then the lovers of boxing here will have something to talk about. The Club has tried to match Jackson against pugilists of the highest repute, but it appears that his color stands in the way of success in this direction. It is certain, however, that the Club has set its heart on bringing Dempsey and McCaffrey into its ring and will offer great inducements to them. It will have an election of officers in a few days, and there will be no opposition to the re-election of L. R. Fulda to the position of President. Mr. Fulda has done much to bring the Club into its present prominence. A new Club-house will be erected this year, and with \$5 a month dues from its 1,100 members, the Club is fast rising on a firm financial basis.

Orville Oddie, Jr., the champion amateur billiardist, will have a new and formidable rival in the amateur championship billiard tournament of the United States which will be contested in May under the auspices of the New York Racquet Club. He is Mr. Townsend, who is in the annual amateur billiard tournament which is being played this week at the Racquet Club's Billiard Parlors, in Washington street, Brooklyn. The games that will be played in May are three-ball straight rail billiards, and all the contests will be on the scratch. Mr. Oddie will be the opponent of '87 and '88. Last year a large silver tankard was offered as a prize, and when one man has won three tournaments it will become his property.

William O'Brien's illness was not dangerous, as was reported yesterday. He was only suffering from the effects of a cold, and was around town last evening as usual.

Free Lectures This Evening.

The eighth series in the course of free evening lectures for working men and women secured by THE EVENING WORLD's bill, will be given this evening in six of the public schools, as follows:

At 210 East One Hundred and Tenth street, Dr. Tansley, on "The Eye and Ear;" at 30 Allen street, Prof. Leipzig, on "The Rights and Duties of Citizenship;" at 208 East Forty-second street, Prof. Lincoln, on "The Middle Ages;" at 100 West Forty-second street, Dr. Roberts, on "The Lungs and Their Functions;" at 533 West Forty-fourth street, E. H. Boyer, on "Electricity in Theory, Sparks and Shocks;" at 226 West Forty-fourth street, Dr. Hancock, on "Oiling and Repairing the Human Machinery."

No tickets of admission are needed for the lectures.

Coming Events.

Sixth annual ball of the Melrose Benevolent Association, Arlington Hall, Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

Exhibition of "A Day in Camp," giving the routine of camp life of the National Guard, by Company G, Twelfth Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y., Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, Regimental Armory, Ninth avenue and Sixty-second street.

The second annual reception of the Metropolitan Menographers' Association will be held at 150 West Fifty-second street and Broadway, this evening.

Annual reception of the Young Washington Association, Feb. 21, at Himion's Military Hall, Union square.

Second annual reception of the Albert Club, Arlington Hall, 19 and 21 St. Mark's place, this evening, Feb. 7.

Answers to Correspondents.

E. E. E.—Any full beats a straight.

A Reader—A white one-cent piece of 1858 is worth just one cent.

J. B. S.—You will have to sue the Company, probably in more than one court, and you cannot do without a lawyer.

M. P. D.—You should address your letter to the Board of Police, 100 West Forty-second street. You doubt if the rules allow him to give you the information.

A. M.—If you attempt to conceal your books or any of your property from your creditors, you are liable to arrest and imprisonment. You cannot make away with it during your insolvency you are guilty of a misdemeanor under section 589 of the Penal Code.

Mrs. F. A. H.—Go before the Police Justice presiding at the court in your district, accompanied by your daughter. He will issue a warrant for the man's arrest and compel him to support his wife and children.

Charles Jones.—The place of birth of members of the California Society for the year 1889, is as follows: United States, 2,123; Ireland, 197; Germany, 185; England, 128; Scotland, 147; Russia, 4; France, 1; Denmark, 1; Rumania, 1; Austria, 1; Bavaria, 1; Canada, 10; Italy, 4; Finland, 1; Mexico, 1; Wales, 3; West Indies, 1; Cape of Good Hope, 2.

The Chamber of Torture

Is the apartment to which the unhappy sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism is confined. If, ere the crisis of pain is reached, that fine preventive, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, is used by persons of a rheumatic tendency, much unnecessary suffering is avoided. Nervine, anodynes and sedatives, while having none but a specific effect, are yet very desirable at times. Yet can they produce no lasting effect upon rheumatism, because they have no power to eliminate from the blood the rheumatic virus. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does this and checks at the outset a disease which, if allowed to gain headway, is next to impossible to dislodge or to drive more than relief. Rheumatism, it should be remembered, is a disease with a fatal tendency from its propensity to attack the heart. A resort to the Bitters should, therefore, be prompt. Dyspepsia, kidney complaint, malaria and nervousness are relieved by it.

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Helen Barry to Open the Fine New Play-House—Newton Beers to Produce "Enoch Arden," with Spectacular Effects—Mary Fiske's Unfinished Play for Joseph Wheelock.

Manager J. M. Hill claims that he now has his arrangements in such shape that he will be able to open the Union Square Theatre Feb. 28, when Miss Helen Barry will have an "opportunity" that many a better-known star might covet. All the arrangements for the opening, and every detail of the performance, will be submitted to Miss Barry. Since it was found that the theatre could not be opened early this season, Miss Barry, accompanied by Frank Morlaunt, has been playing through the East, and has been as far west as Minnesota. In Boston she played at a popular-price theatre; in St. Paul she appeared in a hall which she was compelled to take owing to the fact that the magnificent theatre was burned down the week she was in the city. Miss Barry has been kept continually awaiting the time of the Union Square opening. It was positively decided that no one but Miss Barry should open the theatre, and she is going to do it. Manager Hill's indomitable patience is the envy of most managers. Nothing discourages him, and he is a firm believer in the truth of the saying that everything comes to him who waits.

"Enoch Arden," spectacularly done, is threatened for next season. Newton Beers has made contracts to produce it in Chicago for a Summer run, and, with his representative, has reached New York and is now negotiating with New York managers to get an opening here in the Winter. They claim that they will spend from \$10,000 to \$15,000 on "Enoch," and whatever realism scenery can be had for the money will be used. Arden's dream will be scenically remembered. There will be weird chorus and "special" people all the while. Mr. Beers intends to appear as Enoch Arden.

The Still Alarm" people, who have been wonderfully successful this year, are now on their way to the West. They are anxious to do the piece again next season in this city, and they are ready to be sent out to a No. 2 company, with No. 2 fire engine and a No. 2 actor in place of Harry Lacy.

The Haverly-Cleveland minstrel company will give a white-face concert at Niblo's Sunday night.

Joseph Wheelock had counted a great deal upon the play that Mrs. Mary H. Fiske was writing for him, one act of which she had completed at the time of her death. After the death of Mrs. Fiske, the play was written by Mr. Wheelock entirely eclipsed Joseph Haworth, for whom the play was written, Mrs. Fiske decided to write him a play, Mr. Wheelock's play was not produced, and the first act in which it is said, there was some admirable comedy work. Poor "Giddy Gusher!"

Frank Carlyle will take "The Wilson Wheatcroft's" place in "The Wife" when Mr. Wheatcroft is called to the home theatre. Carlyle has come rapidly to the front. He played the juvenile part in "Lord Chumley" this season and is now with "The Wife." Five years ago he was a hotel clerk at the American Hotel in Hartford, Conn. They say that he was a good clerk, as he is an actor. In fact, gossip has it that Mr. Carlyle present manager, when stopping at the American Hotel, engaged him while he was languishing in his bed. He saw the poetry of program for this occasion.

Henry E. Abbey, although announced to reach New York Thursday, and although South America, is not really expected until Sunday. Upon his return the entire arrangements for the firm's plans of next season will be mapped out, and the theatres which they propose occupying through the country will be engaged. Mr. Abbey really went to South America to see Coquelin and Hading. When Coquelin and Hading play here again it will be almost their final performances together. When they go to Boston, Coquelin will play Hading-less.

Edward Fates Coward, the clever young

What Scott's Emulsion Has Done!

Over 25 Pounds Gain in Ten Weeks. Experience of a Prominent Citizen.

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Manager J. M. Hill claims that he now has his arrangements in such shape that he will be able to open the Union Square Theatre Feb. 28, when Miss Helen Barry will have an "opportunity" that many a better-known star might covet. All the arrangements for the opening, and every detail of the performance, will be submitted to Miss Barry. Since it was found that the theatre could not be opened early this season, Miss Barry, accompanied by Frank Morlaunt, has been playing through the East, and has been as far west as Minnesota. In Boston she played at a popular-price theatre; in St. Paul she appeared in a hall which she was compelled to take owing to the fact that the magnificent theatre was burned down the week she was in the city. Miss Barry has been kept continually awaiting the time of the Union Square opening. It was positively decided that no one but Miss Barry should open the theatre