AN ASTOR SCANDAL.

J. Coleman Drayton Challenges Hallett Borrowe to a Duel.

They Are Passengers on the Majestic, and May Fight at Sea.

Mrs. Drayton, Wife of the Challenger, Is William Astor's Daughter.

One of the most sensational domestic scandals ever known in New York fashionable society is brought to light to-day. It involves the families of acknowledged society leaders of New York and Philadelphia, the Astors and the Draytons, and the members of Ward McAllisters social *creme de la creme* have been set agog by the explosion.

MRS. J. COLEMAN DRAYTON.

The principal events which have led to the disclosure of the strained domestic relations of Mr. J. Coleman Drayton, who is the husband of Mrs. William Astor's third daughter, Augusta, transpired a few weeks ago on the other side of the Atlantic, and the news reached here in cable despatches published this morning.

The affair culminated in a challenge to mortal combat, issued by young Mr. Drayton to his former bosom friend and companion, Hallett Alsop Borrowe, son of Vice-President Samuel Borrowe, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, whom he accuses of sustaining improper relations towards Mrs. Drayton and of wrecking his domestic happiness.

The duel was averted, after a prolonged negotiation between the seconds of the two principals, as a result of which Mr. Borrowe's representatives decided that they could not allow him to fight Mr. Drayton, on the ground that the latter had forfeited all right to demand reparation for his injury through an appeal to arms because he had allowed too long a time to elapse since the first cause of offense was given, and further, because the injured party had accepted and enjoyed an annual monetary consideration as the price of his silence, which absolutely debarred him from any reparation under the code of honor.

This conclusion, which was arrived at in Paris about the middle of February, by no means satisfied Mr. Drayton, who seems to have been hunting for Mr. Borrowe's gore and he threatened to brand the latter as a coward and a scoundrel, a threat which he has not yet apparently carried out, though all arrangements for the proposed duel were dropped at the time.

MORTAL ENEMIES ON THE MAJESTIC.

By a strange coincidence both Mr. Drayton and Mr. Borrowe are passengers on the White star liner Majestic, which sailed from Liverpool for this port last Wednesday. It is said that the men have been keeping watch on each other ever since the failure of the proceedings under the code, and that when Mr. Drayton took passage on the Majestic at Liverpool, Mr. Borrowe posted to Queenstown with Harry Vane Milbank, one of his seconds, and boarded the steamship when she arrived there.

WILL THERE BE A MID-OCEAN TRAGEDY?

The thought of what may happen on shipboard before the Majestic reaches New York, suggests dreadful possibilities, and a bloody tragedy on the high seas is regarded as not improbable by those who know the desperate character of the dispute between the two young men.

Another story is to the effect that Mr. Borrowe did not know his enemy was on board the Majestic, but that he missed the vessel at Liverpool and went on to Queenstown in accordance with plans he had made for sailing in that ship. In that event, the presence of both men aboard the Majestic on her present trip would be purely accident.

MRS. DRAYTON'S CHILDREN TAKEN FROM HER.

Since the arrangements for the duel fell through Mr. Drayton, who returned to London, where his wife was staying, took his three children away from her and sent them to Wales, where he has friends. Mrs. Drayton is still in London, living at Mayfair, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Astor, are at the present time in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Drayton went abroad last Fall, and it is said that Mr. Borrowe went to London during the Winter in response to an invitation sent by Mrs. Drayton. It was to avoid Borrowe that Drayton took his family abroad, it is said.

TO BUY DRAYTON'S SILENCE.

Although the pair had been on intimate terms for many years, Mr. Drayton had never made any objection until a comparatively short time ago, when he complained to Mr. and Mrs. Astor that he was sick of Mr. Borrowe's attentions to their daughter, although Borrowe had always declared that his affection for Mrs. Drayton was purely platonic.

The result was that the Astors agreed to pay Drayton $5,000 a year and $15,000 a year for the support of the children, who should remain under Mrs. Drayton's care, but that if she continued her acquaintance with Borrowe the children and their $15,000 a year should be placed in Mr. Drayton's charge.

In January Mr. Drayton surprised his wife and Mr. Borrowe lunching together at Midland Grand Hotel. He had a couple of detectives with him.

"Ah! caught you again! When are you two going to bolt?" was all he said, and then he left the place.

LOOKING FOR A DUEL.

It was not long after this that he began his correspondence with Mr. Borrowe, looking to a meeting upon the field of honor. First he invited Mr. Borrowe to go to Paris to arrange matters, and the latter, after some parleying, consented.

There several meetings took place between M. Ferdinand Bolsacq and M. F. Cherbonquet, who represented Mr. Drayton, and H. Vane Milbank and Edward Fox, whom Mr. Borrowe named as his seconds.

The two first-named gentlemen are members of the Paris Salle d'Armes, while Mr. Milbank, a son of Sir Frederick Milbank, of Yorkshire, is a noted duellist with an extraordinary record, and Edward Fox, also an Englishman and formerly a New York reporter, rejoices in the sobriquet of "Modoc" Fox, which he earned by going to the Indian camp during the Modoc war and interviewing the chiefs who were on the war path.

THE DUEL BROKEN OFF.

The negotiations for the duel were broken off after much correspondence for the reasons already stated, and Mr. Borrowe's seconds justified their refusal to allow him to fight Mr. Drayton by securing the opinions of M. Aurelien Scholl and the Duc de Morny, two of the most noted authorities in France upon the requirements of the code, after submitting to them the facts of the controversy.

They had previously offered to refer the matter to a jury of honor, a proposition which had been assented to by Mr. Drayton's seconds; but Mr. Drayton himself would not consent to this and sent his refusal to entertain the proposition in a very insulting note.

OPINIONS OF CODE EXPERTS.

M. Scholl's opinion of the case was expressed as follows:

"There is no longer any honor where there has been traffic when honor has been conditionally sold. As to the taunts and insults of a man battened in the hope of gain they are null, non-existent, without right and without import."

The Duc de Morny took the same view of the case and said:

"I consider this person as having dishonored himself by his own act. Having put the question of interest before that of his honor, there means nothing further for this person but to content himself with the contempt which his conduct has occasioned."

After this, of course, there was nothing left to Mr. Drayton but to seek his revenge, if he desired to carry it out, in some other way. Both he and Mr. Borrowe are known to be expert swordsmen. Mr. Borrowe, it is said, was anxious to fight, but he was guided entirely by the advice of his seconds in the matter.

RECORD OF SECOND MILBANK.

It is related of Harry Vane Milbank, one of Borrowe's seconds, that, although he is only thirty years old, he has run through a fortune of $1,500,000, and that within one year he was called out successively by the husband, brother and father of a German lady—with regard to whom he has always declared that he was unjustly accused—and killed all three of them, though he was twice dangerously wounded himself.

RELATIONS OF THE DRAYTONS.

Miss Augusta Astor and J. Coleman Drayton were married ten years ago at the Astor mansion, at Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. Mr. Drayton is related to the Colemans and Draytons of Philadelphia, families of great wealth and high social position.

The young couple had a magnificent house on Fifth avenue, and Mr. Drayton owned a fine country seat at Bernardsville, N. J., known as "Crow's Foot."

The intimacy between Mrs. Drayton and Mr. Borrowe, it is alleged, began soon after the former's marriage, and he was a frequent visitor, it is said, at Mrs. Drayton's house in New York, and at the New Jersey country seat, usually when Mr. Drayton was away from home.

THE YOUNG WIFE'S LIBERTY.

The latter did not care for social enjoyments, and let his wife do as she pleased. When Mr. Borrowe's devotion to Mrs. Drayton became the subject of gossip in society, as it did several years ago, Mr. Drayton took a great dislike to his former friend, and scolded roundly him as much as he dare. As a result, it is declared, Mrs. Drayton and Mr. Borrowe found no difficulty in seeing much of each other.

People say that while Mrs. Drayton was at "Crow's Foot" Mr. Borrowe spent much of his time there, and they were seen driving together almost daily. A coachman in the employ of the Draytons openly boasted that his mistress was afraid to discharge him, as he knew of some family secrets which would make a big rumpus if her husband knew them, and is said to have treated his mistress with open disrespect.

THERE WAS MUCH GOSSIP.

There were one or two domestic squabbles, it is said, when certain stories got to Mr. Drayton's ears concerning his wife's relations with Mr. Borrowe, but they were hushed up. Before Mr. Drayton took his family abroad last Fall society was gossiping in a very lively fashion about his domestic affairs, and it was reported that he had already insisted upon leaving his wife and taking the children away from her.

In fact, he did take them away to Philadelphia, and it was only after a solemn family conclave, it is said, that he consented to receive his wife again and to go abroad with her. It was hoped that after Mr. Drayton had been removed from the source of the domestic trouble matters would be patched up and the domestic upheaval would be averted.

BORROWE WENT TO LONDON, TOO.

When Mr. Borrowe appeared in London in January last, however, the trouble broke out afresh, and now the breach is said to have been made complete between the husband and wife. The friends of both families, as well as the relatives of young Mr. Borrowe, will be in an anxious suspense as to the outcome of their meeting on shipboard until the arrival of the Majestic, which is not due until next Tuesday.

It is not probable that any one aboard the vessel knows of the peculiar relations of the two men except themselves and their traveling companions, as the story of the proposed duel did not come out until after the Majestic sailed.

THE WOMAN IN THE CASE.

Mrs. Drayton, who is at the bottom of all this trouble, was considered the beauty of the Astor family. She was gay and vivacious and very popular in society, while her husband was never fond of fashionable life. This was the first cause of their estrangement. For five years past they have not been on friendly terms, it is said, and it was only a question of time when they would be obliged to separate.

Mr. Drayton's father, Dr. Henry E. Drayton, a wealthy Philadelphia physician, died many years ago, but his uncle, W. Heyward Drayton, and his aunt, Mrs. G. Dorson Coleman, are leaders in the social world of the Quaker city, and belong to the most exclusive set. The news of the difficulty abroad has caused as profound a sensation there as it has in New York.

It was at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Drayton on Fifth avenue that "Jack" Astor and his wife were living early in the Winter, where he was taken so seriously ill and where the heir to the Astor millions was born.

Mr. Drayton is a member of the Fencer's Club in this city, and has always taken a great interest in the art. He is also a member of several of the most exclusive clubs in town. His brother Percy Drayton is at present in Washington.

Samuel Borrowe, the father of Hallet A. Borrowe, declined to be seen this morning when an EVENING WORLD reporter called at his home, 23 West Seventeenth street.

Mr. Borrowe did not go down to his office in the Equitable Building to-day.

NINE PARIS DRESSES SEIZED.

This Is the Season for Smuggling Fashionable Fineries.

One of the three trunks seized by Custom-House inspectors yesterday on the steamship Spree was examined in the seizure-room this morning.

The trunk belonged to Mrs Clancy, of this city, and contained nine Paris dresses, one wool costume, two manteles and a jacket, in all worth about $1,200.

The other two trunks will be examined this afternoon.

Seizures of dressmaking goods are becoming very frequent now, one or more being made on every big transatlantic steamship.

As the Spring season is soon to open fashionable dressmakers are importing large quantities of Paris costumes, and the ladies seem to consider it perfectly legitimate to avoid paying duties if it can be done. They regard it as no crime.

George de Forest Lord's Will Filed.

The will of George de Forest Lord, filed today gives all his estate to his wife Frances T. Lord, who is appointed executrix.

FOUND AT LAST!

A man who cannot see the advantages of THE WORLD'S Real-Estate Index!!

WALL ST.

STOCK REPORTS.

Sugar Trust Was a Feature of the Early Trading.

Four Millions in American Bonds Shipped to Europe.

Sales On 'Change Footed Up 174,500 Shares of Listed Stocks.

WALL STREET, March 18.—The traders this morning swarmed around the post where Sugar Trust stock is dealt in at the Stock Exchange.

Speculation in everything else was practically at a standstill. The apprehension felt in regard to silver legislation and despatches that a panicky feeling prevailed in St. Petersburg in consequence of the Guenzberg failure caused operators to hold off temporarily. The fluctuations were insignificant and so was the trading. Up to noon only 55,200 shares had changed hands.

American Sugar ranged from 94¾ to 95⅞, its strength being due to the acquisition of opposition refineries by the Trust, as already announced by THE EVENING WORLD. Over 13,000 shares were dealt in up to 12 o'clock, while the most active railroad stock—Reading—figured for only 11,500.

It is officially stated that among the subscribers to the Richmond Terminal $14,500,000 guarantee syndicate are: Oelrichs & Co., First National Bank, J. Kennedy Tod & Co., Central Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Lazard Freres, Chase National Bank, Maitland, Phelps & Co., Morse & Schley, Oliver H. Payne, Spencer Trask & Co., E. C. Benedict and Co., Work, Spring & Co., Ed. Sweet & Co., C. J. Lawrence & Son, Woerishoffer & Co., J. & S. Wormser and Poor & Greenough.

J. and W. Seligman announce that they have shipped over $4,000,000 worth of bonds to Europe by the steamers Teutonic and City of Berlin.

The gross earnings of the Missouri Pacific road for the second week of March were $479,000, an increase of $55,000, and from Jan. 1 to date $5,152,001, an increase of $474,582.

Sterling exchange rates stiffened up a little this afternoon and the bears immediately renewed their talk about gold shipment. An attack was made on the stock market and prices declined ½ to 1½ per cent. There was a little more animation than attended dealings in recently fairly part of the session.

In addition to the resignation of Mr. Inman from the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee, Va. & Ga., it is announced that George Coppell and Wm. L. Bull have also retired. These changes are a part of the plan now in progress to place all the companies controlled under one management.

The Treasury Department purchased 487,000 ounces of silver at 90 15 and 90 22. The offerings were 717,000 ounces. At the Stock Exchange certificates sold at 90 bid, a decline.

The total sales at the New York Stock Exchange to-day were 174,500 shares of listed stocks and 50,000 ounces of silver.

The Closing Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Cable	81½	81½	81½	81½
American Sugar Ref	95	95⅞	94½	95⅞
American Sugar Ref. pf.	97		97	97½
American Cotton Oil	37	37	37	37
Amer. Cotton Oil pfd	71½	71½	71½	71½
Alton & Ter. Haute pfd	45	45	45	45
Atch., Top. & Santa Fe	40⅞	40⅞	39⅞	39⅞
Brunswick Land	10	10	10	10
Buffalo, R. & Pitts	59	59	59	59
Canadian Pacific	88⅝	88⅝	88	88
Canada Southern	62	62	61⅝	61⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref	61	61½	61	61½
Ches. & Ohio 2d pref	42½	42½	42½	42½
Chicago Gas	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞
Chic., Bur. & Quincy	108½	108½	107⅞	107⅞
Chicago & Northwest	121	121	119⅞	119⅞
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	77½	78	77½	77½
Chic., Mil. & St. P. pfd	127⅞	127⅞	127⅞	127⅞
Chic., Rock Is. & Pac.	89½	89⅞	89	89
Chic. & Eastern Ill. pfd.	100	100	100	100
C., C., C. Chic. & St. Louis	74½	74½	74½	74½
C., C., Chic. & St. L. pref.	90	90	90	90
Col. & Hock. Valley	31	31	31	31
Consolidated Gas	142	142	142	142
Del., Lack. & West	150½	150½	150	150½
Delaware & Hudson	132½	132½	132½	132½
Denver & Rio Grande	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
Denver & Rio G. pref	58	58	58	58
Dist. & Cattle Feed	46¼	46¼	46¼	46¼
Edison Gen. Electric	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞
Tenn., Va. & Ga.	14	14	14	14
E., T., Va. & Ga. 2d pf.	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
Evans. & Ter. Haute	124	128	124	128
Great Northern pfd.	125	125	125	125
Illinois Central	107½	107½	106½	106½
Lacleede Gas	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
Lake Shore	134½	134½	134½	134½
Lake Erie & Western	25½	25½	25½	25½
Lake Erie & West. pref	79⅞	79⅞	79⅞	79⅞
Long Island	102	102	102	102
Louisville & Nashville	74½	74½	74½	74½
Louis., New Alb. & Chic.	25⅞	25⅞	25	25
Louisville, St. L. & Tex.	24	25	23⅞	23⅞
Missouri Pacific	62⅞	62⅞	61⅞	61⅞
Nat. Lead	93⅞	93⅞	93	93⅞
Nat. Cord. Co. pref	106½	106½	106½	106½
New Jersey Central	140⅞	140⅞	139½	139½
New York Central	115⅞	115⅞	115	115
N. Y., New England	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞
N. Y., Chic. & St. L.	19½	19½	19½	19½
N. Y., Lake Erie & W.	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
N. Y., L. E. & West	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞
N. Y., Susq. & West	14½	14½	13½	13½
Northern Pacific	23½	23½	22½	22½
Northern Pacific pref.	67½	67½	67	67
North American	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Ohio & Mississippi	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
Ohio Southern	28	28	27	27
Pacific Mail	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞
Phila. & Reading	37⅞	37⅞	36⅞	36⅞
Pullman Palace Car Co.	189½	189½	189½	189½
Rich. & W. P. Ter	14½	14½	14½	14½
Rich. & W. P. Ter pref.	17	17⅞	17	17
St. Paul & Omaha	48	48	48	48
St. Paul & Duluth	43	43	43	43
Silver Certificates	90⅞	90⅞	89⅞	90
South Carolina	17½	17½	17½	17½
Southern Pacific	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
Texas Pacific	11½	11½	11	11
Term Coal & Iron	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Tol., Ann Arbor & N. M.	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞
Union Pacific	46⅞	47⅞	46⅞	46⅞
Wabash pref.	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞
West. Union Tel.	85½	85½	85⅞	85⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Wheeling & L. E. pref	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞
Wis. Central	15	15	15	15
* Ex div.				

Mining Stocks.

The following are the closing quotations of mining stocks at the Consolidated Exchange to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
American Flag	.05	.06	Hale & Norcross	1.30	
Alice	.70	.90	Homestake	15.25	
Adams Consol'd	.05	1.25	Iron Silver	3.55	
Aspen M. & S. Co	3.50		Iron Hill	.15	.30
Belle Isle	.10		Kingston & Pemb		
Best & Belcher	2.00		Lafayette	.25	
Bodie	.15		Leadville	.04	.08
Bulwer	.15		Lost Chief	.16	.25
Barcelona	.05		Mexican	1.00	
Breese	.20		Monitor	.15	
Bruns. C.	.10	.15	Monitor	.02	
Belmont	.50	.55	Mt. Diablo	1.75	
California			Navajo	.05	.15
B. H.	1.05		Nevada Belle		
Challenge	.90		Isle	.10	
Crown Point	.70		N. Star	6.50	
Chrysolite	.15		Ontario	42.00	
Colorado			Ophir	2.75	
Con. Cal. & Va	.90		Oriental	.3	
Con. Cal. & Va	4.50		Mizer		.08
Commonwealth	.10		Occidental		.50
Comstock			Plymouth	1.75	
Stock	.16	.18	Phoenix L.	.10	
Bonds	24.00		Potosi A.	.15	.50
Scrip	23.00		Rob. con.	.42	
Dunkin	.20		Savage	1.35	
Deadwood Terra	1.90		Sierra Nev.	3.05	
Eureka Consol	1.95		Standard	1.40	1.75
Eureka	.45		Giant		.10
Belcher	.25		Grand Central		.08
Gould & Curry	1.35		Silver Cord	.25	.30
Gould & Curry		.25	Yellow Jacket	1.00	

Fought in the Police Station.

James Simpson and Patrick Martin, who lodged in the Gates avenue police station, Brooklyn, last night, got into a fight early this morning. Simpson was arrested on Martin's complaint charging him with assault. Martin was held as a witness.

Held on a Charge of Forgery.

Herman Schlesinger, of 76 East Fourth street, was held in the Yorkville Court to-day charged with having forged a check for $20 on the East River Bank which he had passed in Bloomingdale's Third avenue dry goods store.

Maiden Lane Jeweller Fails.

Bertha M. Wurzburger, dealer in diamonds and jewelry at 9 Maiden lane, assigned today to Joseph Kohler, with a preference of $1,300.

LITTLEFIELD ON THE RACK.

Cross-Examined on Mrs. Stephani's Charge of Fraud.

Says He Paid Out All but $1,600 of the Sum She Gave Him.

Assistant District-Attorney Vernon M. Davis began the cross-examination this morning of Gen. Milton S. Littlefield, on trial before Recorder Smyth, in the Court of General Sessions, for grand larceny in the first degree. Gen. Littlefield is charged with having obtained by fraud from Mrs. Josephine Stephani $5,100 to have her son, who murdered ex-Judge Clinton G. Reynolds, declared insane.

Gen. Littlefield said in answer to questions that all the money he received from Mrs. Stephani, except $1,600, he had paid to Orlando L. Stewart and Dr. Walter M. Fleming. The latter is also indicted for grand larceny. Gen. Littlefield said he kept nothing for himself.

"Did you pay Stewart and Fleming with the checks received from Mrs. Stephani?" was asked.

"I did not."

"Why did you have them cashed?"

"Dr. Fleming preferred to be paid in bills."

"Where are the other $1,600 of the sum you received?"

"In the hands of my partner, Luther P. Whipple, of 28 School street, Boston, who is interested with me in Pennsylvania and West Virginia railroads."

Gen. Littlefield thought he was entitled to the $1,600 "for his trouble."

Recorder Smyth would not permit Mr. Davis to read a decision by the late Chief Justice Waite of the United States Supreme Court, in a suit in which Gen. Littlefield was defendant, and in which Gen. Littlefield was referred to as a "conspirator who would stop at nothing to accomplish his ends."

The defense then offered evidence for the purpose of showing that Mrs. Stephani is not responsible for her actions, and that she is in the habit of making wild charges against people.

Reginald Foster testified that Mrs. Stephani was violent at times. Once she grabbed him by his necktie, as if to strangle him, saying: "This is the way I would like to treat all my enemies."

Dr. Janeway was called to contradict the "irresponsible statement," said to have been made by Mrs. Stephani, that Dr. McKenzie, who attended Mr. Stephani in his last illness, had killed him. Dr. Janeway said in his opinion Mr. Stephani died a natural death.

Mary Leary, a nurse, who attended Mr. Stephani, testified that Mrs. Stephani's actions were irrational.

That ended the direct testimony. The Recorder recalled Gen. Littlefield and asked him some questions, the answers to which were very damaging to his case.

Mrs. Stephani flatly contradicted Gen. Littlefield's testimony on rebuttal. She declared she had never said to Mrs. Foster that Col. Fellows, who was then District-Attorney, had received the lion's share of the money she paid to have her son declared insane.

"The statement is an unmitigated falsehood!" she exclaimed. "I never said so."

After recess Dr. Louis De Plasse, to whom Mrs. Stephani wrote a letter that she had been introduced to Gen. Littlefield and that he had interested himself in the case of her son, was called to identify the letter.

Mrs. Stephani wrote that she would have to pay money for the examination of the medical experts. Dr. De Plasse testified that Mrs. Stephani had not paid him for his services and that he has a suit pending against her.

Congressman John R. Fellows, who was District-Attorney when the commission was appointed to determine the sanity of Alphonse Stephani, testified that he had never received any money directly or indirectly from Mrs. Stephani. Congressman Fellows further stated that his wife had never received any present from Mrs. Stephani.

This ended the testimony for both sides, and Lawyer Palmer then addressed the jury for the defense.

CHASED THE BURGLARS A MILE.

Two Ex-Convicts Test a Policeman's Speed on Third Avenue.

John Cosgrove, twenty-seven, of 210 Charles street, and James Sullivan, twenty-six, of 435 Sixth street, both ex-convicts and desperate characters, were held in $1,500 bail each in the Harlem Police Court to-day on a charge of burglary.

They entered the house of Hugo Joachimson, 130 East Ninety-fourth street yesterday afternoon and were discovered by Sophie Stoeckler, the servant, who screamed and gave chase. She followed them until she met Officer Harrison.

The policeman went in pursuit. They led him a fine chase for a mile, during which he fired several times at Cosgrove, but missed him. The burglars were caught on Second avenue.

The Emerald's First Reception.

The Emerald Club, which was organized Jan. 22 last, and already has a membership of fifty, gave its initial reception at Urbach's Hall last night. The event was a brilliant success. An excellent musical, literary and dramatic entertainment was followed by a dance. Joseph P. Hennessy is President of the Club; P. J. Reville, Vice-President; John B. Fleming, Financial Secretary; Stephen J. Hannon, Recording Secretary; P. E. Walsh, Treasurer, and Charles Hanlon, Sergeant-at-Arms. Among those present last night were Commissioner Louis J. Heintz, Deputy Commissioner John H. J. Roaner, Judge William G. Mc Cree, Alderman William H. Schott, ex-County Treasurer of the A. O. H., James Haggerty and Warden Fallon of the Tombs.

Rain or shine, hot or cold, you can find your house in THE WORLD'S REAL ESTATE INDEX.

Bridget Flannagan's Narrow Escape.

Morris Hammerschlag, President of the Waverly Refining Company, detected an odor of escaping gas in his house, 57 Hanover avenue, Jersey City Heights, at 1 A. M., and later discovered Bridget Flanagan, servant, unconscious in her room with the gas only partially turned off. Bridget was taken to the City Hospital and is now out of danger.

All Italy Coming Over.

There was an inundation of Italians from Mulberry street to Ellis Island this morning, to meet the incoming friends on the steamship Chaudenaque, which got in late. The steamship carried 1,000 emigrants, the largest number that has come from Italy by one steamer since last Summer. The emigration authorities look forward to a big emigration from Italy this season.

DIRT CHEAP.

WE DON'T CLAIM THAT THOSE $18.00 SUITS we are offering as a leader are clean as dirt, for then they would not be worth much.

BUT EVERY RESIDENT OF NEW YORK City, as soon as he is dying and not a moment sooner, as a March wind can drive it, there is a little use for it.

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THAT HARRISON MAY STEP OUT.

And That He May Then Indorse Jerry Rusk—A Story Not Credited.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The *Post* prints a story not generally credited in which previous intimations that Harrison may withdraw from the Presidential race are renewed and with them is coupled the statement that if he does step out he will indorse Uncle Jerry Rusk's candidacy.

NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL NAMED

Charles H. Aldrich, of Illinois, to Succeed Judge W. H. Taft.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The President sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of Chas. H. Aldrich, of Illinois, to be Solicitor-General, vice Wm. H. Taft, resigned.

Judge Taft tendered his resignation as United States Solicitor General to-day and made preparations to assume his new duties as Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

NEW YORK CONTEST DECIDED.

Republican Noyes to Displace Democratic Rockwell in Congress.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The House Elections Committee this afternoon decided by a vote of 7 to 1 to recommend the seating of Noyes, the Republican contestant in the New York election contest, and the unseating of Rockwell, the Democratic sitting member.

NORTH RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE.

Bill Providing for One to Be Completed Within Four Years.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Blackburn to-day introduced a bill to authorize the New York and New Jersey Bridge Companies to construct and maintain a bridge across the Hudson River between New York City and the State of New Jersey.

The bridge is to be located at such point in New York City, between Sixty-fifth and Seventy-second streets, and such point north of the southerly line of Union Township, N. J., as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

The work of construction is to begin within one year and is to be completed within four years.

Senator Morrill's Improvement.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Morrill passed the most favorable night since his illness. The physician in attendance looks for a still more rapid improvement of his condition within the next twenty-four hours. His mental faculties are wonderfully bright and altogether every symptom points to convalescence.

The Day in Washington.

Cincinnati clothiers testified at the "sweating system" hearing before the House Committee to-day.

Senator Hawley introduces a bill for a $50,000 statue to Gen. Sherman in Washington.

The retaliatory tariff proclamation against Venezuela, Colombia and Haiti are ruled as taking effect March 15.

Senator George to-day reported to the Senate a substitute for Mr. Mitchell's bill for the encouragement of silk culture. It provides for the establishment of not exceeding five silk experiment stations, to be a part of the agricultural experiment stations now established. Five thousand dollars is appropriated for each station.

BEGINNING THE DRIVEWAY.

Special Meeting of the Park Board to Rush the Work.

The Park Board held a special meeting this morning and passed a resolution directing the engineer of the department to stake out the new speeding driveway on the west side of Central Park, provided for by the Plunkitt bill which was signed by Gov. Flower yesterday.

The engineer was directed to make all the surveys and detailed plans for the work, which is to be done under the direction of Landscape Gardener Vaux.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate $10,000 for the preliminary work.

This precipitate action of the Park Commissioners caused much comment.

The Board of Estimate will meet in the Mayor's office next Wednesday, when the request of the Park department will be considered.

Central Park Railroad Franchise.

Aldermen Flynn and Harris this afternoon presented to Mayor Grant a protest of the members of the Common Council against the bill now in the State Senate which will allow the Park Department to dispose of the Central Park transverse railroad franchise.

More Trolley for Brooklyn.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALBANY, March 18.—The Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company has made application to the Railroad Commissioners for a change of motive power from horses to electricity on that portion of its line on Smith, Jay, Prospect, Main and Water streets to Fulton Ferry.

Dr. A. B. Watkins Dead.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALBANY, March 18.—Dr. A. B. Watkins, Assistant Secretary of the State Board of Regents and a well-known educator, died this morning.

The Day in Albany.

Dinkelspiel's New York City Street-Cleaning bill reported to the Senate.

Senate Committee reports—Plunkitt's bills for destruction of election records, New York City, and regarding New York City inspectors of election and transmission of registry lists.

Lloyd-Jones's bill for the improvement of Jackson avenue, Long Island City, and Weeks's, for annexing Long Island City schools, reported to the Senate.

Senator Coggeshall introduces a concurrent resolution urging New York Representatives in Congress to favor Hatch's bill relating to interstate commerce and affecting the sale of original packages of oleomargarine.

Farquhar's Country Registration and Ballot Law Amendment bills made a special Assembly order for Thursday next.

Roche's bill for new park between Division, Rutgers, Cass and Jefferson streets, Seventh Ward, New York, reported in Assembly.

McManus's bill for evening high school, Twenty-second Ward, N. Y., to third reading in Assembly.

Assembly orders to third reading Riley's bill preventing combinations whereby the price of any commodity is raised or the output limited.

Plunkitt's bill allowing New York to expend $100,000 for improvement of parkways in Annexed District to third reading in Assembly.

Assembly orders to third reading Husted bill, providing that persons acquitted of manslaughter on the ground of insanity shall be confined in an asylum for twenty years.

Wells's bill, in Assembly, providing that a passenger on a New York elevated railway who pays one fare shall be entitled to a continuous passage without change of cars between any station on the road, ordered to third reading.

Mullaney's bill, allowing New York Board of Estimate and Apportionment to fix the salaries of chiefs of the battalions between $2,750 and $3,500, ordered to third reading in Assembly.

Prison for Cruelty to a Baby.

George Gordon, of 201 Chrystie street, was to-day sent to the penitentiary for six months from Special Sessions, and his wife Amelia was committed for thirty days, on charges that they had exercised extreme cruelty to their four-months old babe.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF NEW YORK.—A new and important feature of THE WORLD ALMANAC for 1892 is a directory of places and official personages in the city of New York, covering over forty pages.

Police Kept Nowerk's Anarchists Quiet.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NEWARK, March 18.—About four hundred Anarchists, mostly Russians and Poles, held a meeting in a hall on Kossett street last night. The proceedings were boisterous, but there was no disorder, as a large platoon of police were present.

PHILIP LIVINGSTON'S REPLY.

He Testifies in His Mother's Suit Against Him.

Says the Houses Sued for Are Pledged for Her Annuity.

Mrs. Mary C. Livingston's suit against her son, Philip Livingston Livingston, whom she charges with improperly depriving her of the property left by her husband, was continued to-day before Justice Beach in the Supreme Court, Special Term.

MRS. MARY C. LIVINGSTON.

Mrs. Livingston is seventy-one years old. Her son is thirty and is a practising attorney. His counsel are David McClure and Herbert P. Turner. Joseph H. Choate appears for Mrs. Livingston.

When Livingston Livingston died in 1872 he left all his property to his wife. In his will he said, referring to his only son, Philip, that he had seen the evil effects of giving property to a young man without experience.

What was left of the estate in the mother's hands in May, 1890, she testified, consisted of the houses 22 West Nineteenth street and a house in Fifty-third street, purchased from the sale of other property. May 3, 1890, she conveyed these houses, which were heavily mortgaged, to her son, he agreeing to give her an annuity therefor of $3,300 a year. The payments, however, were not secured.

PHILIP LIVINGSTON, HIS WIFE AND MISS BIRCHEAD.

Mrs. Livingston testified that after her son married Juliet Birkhead Morris, daughter of William A. Morris, of 11 West Fifty-second street, April 17, 1890, he began to urge her to