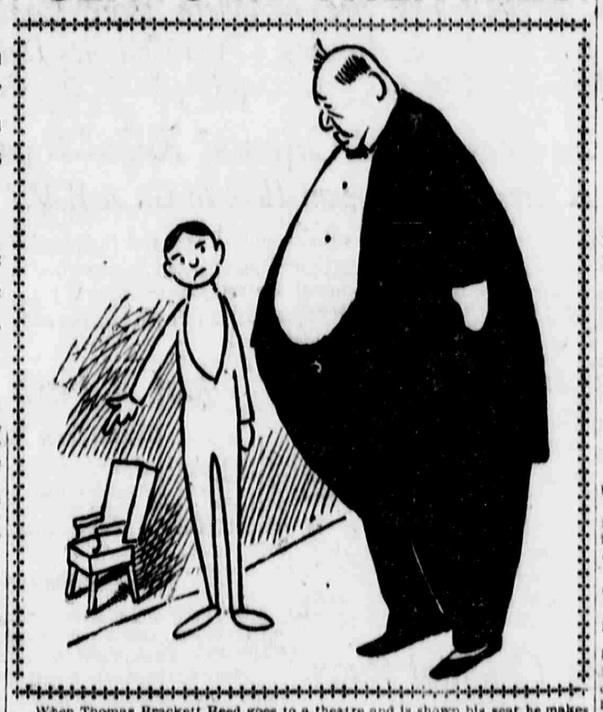
FAT MEN ORGANIZE FOR WIDER SEATS IN THEATRES.

Woes of the Playhouse Men Added to by This New Complaint of the Man That Weighs 300 Pounds and Over.

Maybe a Fat Man's Theatre Will Be the Result of the Agitation Which Is Gaining Weight as It Grows.



When Thomas Brackett Reed goes to a theatre and is shown his seat he makes mental comparisons between his girth and the chair in which is adipose tissue is the unknown quantity and is represented by "X." To get an immeasurable quantity into a measurable space is like moving an immovable mass by means of an irresistible force.

A fat men's club to compel theatre managers to put fat men's seats in their playhouses is the new worry of the show owners.

It may be said that the agitation is gaining weight rapidly and bids fair to compel attention. A fat man's theatre is, of course, impossible. The thin men wouldn't have a show in such a place, but the fat men have got, they declare, to have seats in which they can sit without overflowing the arms or being content with the extreme end seats, which in some theatres are extra large and have no arms.

Gottfried Westernacher, of Brooklyn, is the pioneer of a movement which is to stretch across the continent, and which, like the "hats off, ladies, if you please," order, bids fair to become a feature of all shows before the new century begins.

Mr. Westernacher is 300 pounds or thereabouts. He may be over that, and he may be—or, at least, he has been—385 pounds. The exact figure is not obtainable, but it is stupendous and very noticeable when he goes to the show. A 385-pound laugh would shake the orchestra rows like the fall of a property iceberg, and the pathos of such a body moved to action by a silent study of "The Two Orphans" would be a Titanic phenomenon calculated to wet the musicians in their minor accompaniment.

But while Mr. Westernacher's woes are to be remedied, there are others—"logical sequences," as Thomas Brackett Reed would say—by the way, the Hon. Tom could have a seat to himself in the Fat Man's Theatre, too—which follow.

How about the very thin man who can't keep himself warm during a premiere ballet because there's room to let in his orchestra sofa?

How about the long man whose legs are doubled up like a carpenter's rule against the back of the seat of the man before him?

How about the melancholy man who refuses to laugh at the Evanses or the Rays or the Hattie Williamses, and hasn't a bathtub in which to weep?

How about the cross-eyed man who can't get a seat at the proper angle, and finds himself peering into the wings when planted in front of the danseuse in blue, three removes from the centre lady with the pink tights on?

"Are we to have theatres to fit all thes kinds of people?" say the managers. "And if so, what about the price?

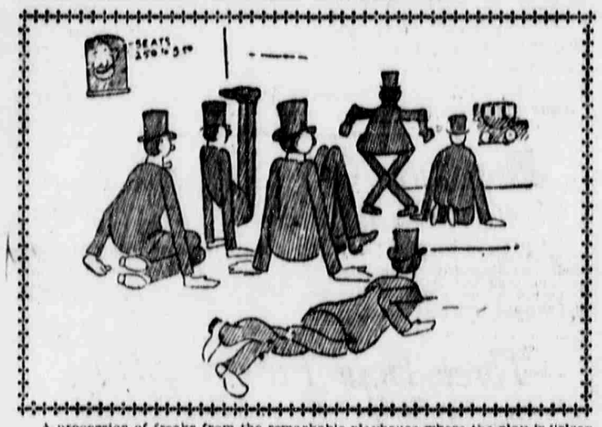
"Shall we charge $2.50 to $5 according to the size of the seat, and if we do what about the Philadelphia man who complains already that New York prices are too high and that they get the same show and much more exclusive in the Quaker City for half the rate?"

But these managers may kick and balk as much as they like. They'll have to have fat men's seats. Mr. Westernacher says so, and he has written to fat men all over the country, and what are you going to do about it?

But how about fat women? That is the question. There never yet has been discovered a fat woman who believed she wasn't an "ootsey-tootsey little darling" when the right man came along. Will she sit in a seat by herself, the cynosure of the house? Never! Will she patronize a fat man's theatre? Never!

She will insist on the regulation seat in the regulation theatre, and she won't take off her hat unless she's asked to, and if she does she'll swear she won't do it next time, and she'll go out between the acts if she feels her back hair coming down even if she does upset the whole row.

No! There may be fat men's seats or a fat man's theatre, but the stout lady with the fan and the feathers will always to the end of the world get right in the middle of the row even if she does occupy the arms of her chair and seriously incommode her neighbor. And the same lady will always enter the show in the middle of the act, just as the villain is sitting on the hero's face and everybody is waiting for the "Die, I have you at last-st-t-t!" to ring out.



A procession of freaks from the remarkable playhouse where the play is "clean and wholesome" and the chairs are made to fit the men. Illustrating the dream of a worried Broadway manager.

"Gentlemen will please remove their legs" will soon become the fashion when the long man tries to get his into the only comfortable position.

A glance at the centre aisle of the freak theatre when the villain is crying, "S'death, but I'll have his life's blood-d-d!" The aisle was made especially to fit the legs. Hence these feet.

Why not have a theatre for legless men? Legs are not needed anyhow when Tossie Liftus shows so many different versions of 'em in the great Casino ballet.

On an Aisle Seat.

TRAVERS'S JOY IN XMAS CHAIR.

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"A Childless Woman"	$2.00
Jeanne and Stephen	2.00
"L. G. T."	1.50
"M. C."	1.00
"T. R. E. A. T."	1.00
"Three Girls"	1.00
Mrs. Gitskey	1.00
"A. B. M."	.10
Sadie B.	.10
Previously acknowledged	27.60
Total	$38.20

The happiest man in this city to-day, bar none, is Paddy Travers.

"Sure there are a lot of good people in New York," said Paddy to an Evening World reporter, "and I think most of them read The Evening World.

The newspapers "killed" Paddy one day last week. He used to drive a Bellevue Hospital ambulance, and one newspaper said he had answered his last call.

This offended Paddy, and he wrote a letter to the Evening World saying that it was his old and dilapidated rolling chair, not himself, that was "killed" by being run over by an ambulance on a hurry call, and that as he had no legs worth mentioning he would now have to lie abed the rest of his life.

"Sure they might as well kill me as my chair, I thought," said Paddy today, and then he stared with half-doubting blue eyes at a little wad of bills—$38.20—just placed in his hands by the reporter.

"It was only Friday the Evening World told the story of how helpless I was, and over Sunday the good, kind readers of The Evening World send me enough to buy a new chair and a little left for something for my sister up in Newburg for Christmas.

"The Evening World may tell the good people who gave me the new chair that I am going to have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and the same to them. God bless them!"

Supt. O'Rourke, of Bellevue Hospital, acted as Paddy's agent in the purchase of the chair. Paddy "had it all down fine." He had a price list from a manufacturer of rolling chairs and a note from him telling him that he, Paddy Travers exclusively, should have 25 per cent. discount on any chair pictured in the catalogue.

"Whatever can I do to show how much I appreciate it?" said Paddy, as he looked to-day at the new chair.

"It has nice big wheels and varnished wooden rims for my fingers to clutch. That is about the only use I have for the fingers of my right hand now.

"Thank the good people for me. It's not much I can enjoy, and I couldn't enjoy anything without this chair."

As more than enough for the purpose has been already subscribed, further contributions will not be received.

A HANGING AT NEW BRIDGE.

Workman Caught by Rope Used in Hoisting Beams

A workman named Anderson, thirty-one years old, of 76 Oliver street, Manhattan, was the victim of an involuntary hanging in Williamsburg this morning. He was engaged in hoisting teams at the approach to the new East River Bridge at Grand street and Metropolitan avenue. The rope caught about his foot and in loosening it he caused the noose to slip up over his body and around his throat.

He was seen dangling in the air, and other workmen went to his relief.

Anderson was unconscious when rescued, and was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital, seriously injured.

Going to the Antarctic.

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 11.—Assistant Prof. Nordenskjold, of the University of Upsala, has arrived here to make preparations for his trip to the Antarctic region.

Justice Barrett Mending Fast.

At the residence of Justice Barrett, 79 East Seventy-ninth street, who has been ill for some time, it was said to-day that the patient was very much improved and that he was recovering rapidly.

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HELD UP BY FOUR WOMEN.

Man Robbed in Brooklyn of $1,200 in Cash.

Four women robbed Nicolo Sabetta of $1,200, his savings of eleven years, in a house at 251 Gold street, Brooklyn, at 1 o'clock this morning.

They held a knife to his throat and a revolver to his head.

He said he would rather die than give up his money, but he did not resist search, and the pocketbook containing his fortune was dragged from around his neck, where it was suspended by a chain.

In the little purse were twelve $100 bills.

Two of the women stood guard over Sabetta while their companions walked off with the money. Then they threatened his life if he followed.

He heard a door slam and dashed out of the house in pursuit. On the sidewalk he found his empty purse.

He went to Police Headquarters and reported the robbery.

Within an hour Roundsmen Foy and McKenna had arrested three women and a man on suspicion, but the victim could not swear to their identity.

Sabetta is an Italian merchant. He lives with his family at 238 Fourth avenue.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

Frederick Buhr, twenty-eight years old, a single man, and a tinsmith, of 399 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, walked into Kinsella Brothers' saloon at 2357 Second avenue early this morning and, going into the back room, drank the entire contents of a bottle of carbolic acid. He fell to the floor, and an ambulance summoned took him to Harlem Hospital. The cause of the man's act is supposed to have been lack of work.

Scrofula

THE OFFSPRING OF HEREDITARY BLOOD TAINT.

Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and oftentimes white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

J. M. Seals, 115 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn., says: "Ten years ago my daughter fell and cut her forehead. From this wound the glands on the side of her face became swollen and bursted. Some of the best doctors here and elsewhere attended her without any benefit. We decided to try S. S. S., and a few bottles cured her entirely."

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SERVANTS TALK ON NEW UNION.

Mrs. Beale's Plans Are Pleasing to Domestic Helpers.

Mrs. St. Justin Beale's proposition to the domestics, servant girls more particularly, to organize a union in New York, which was printed in The Evening World Dec. 5, has brought out many communications not only from domestics but from housekeepers. Some of the more pertinent letters follow:

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Mrs. Beale's experience as housekeeper and servant, and her scheme to have a union formed by which our class can have protection from housekeepers, is of interest. If she had the experience she says she had I do not blame her for wanting a union. But I have found things different.

I worked in one place four years. The mistress suddenly found herself unable to pay me and said so. I stayed with her three weeks after that, and then she pawned some of her clothes to pay me my due. We don't need any union against such women. M. A. B.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

In my opinion all of Mrs. Beale's experiences are, to say the least, gross exaggerations. I have been housekeeping for thirty-six years and have had all kinds of servants in that time, but have never found one, be she ever so incompetent or ignorant, who would for a day submit to the treatment which she is supposed to have received at the hands of her various mistresses. Housekeepers are only too anxious to retain their help, and with the utmost kindness and consideration can with the greatest difficulty keep them, even at good wages. As for not paying them, all servants know the "strong arm of the law" will protect them, and know only too well where to find that refuge. In my opinion I do not think it necessary to form any union for the protection of the "kitchen queens." They are quite capable of taking their own parts.

MRS. ALICE WESSON.
East Sixty-first street.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

It will be a good thing for everybody if Mrs. St. J. Beale will succeed in organizing a union for the protection of servants, dressmakers and others employed in New York homes and hotels. Honest employers won't object. They pay promptly and pay well. The union will protest against dishonest employers, and they are the ones we are after.

JULIA M.

YOUNG GIRL DISAPPEARS.

Emma Wagner Started to Go to a Bakeshop, and Did Not Return.

Emma Wagner, sixteen years old, daughter of Erhardt Wagner, of No. 537 East Seventeenth street, disappeared from home last Saturday evening shortly before supper time. Her father and her young sweetheart, Ernest Hoffer, an employee of the Weston Electric Company, after searching in vain asked the aid of the police last night.

The father fears that the girl met with foul play. Her mother sent her to the baker's for a cake for supper Saturday evening, and after waiting an hour for her to return the father started out to search for her. He found that she had not been at the baker's. When her sweetheart arrived to make his evening call they started out together and searched most of the night, but to no avail.

Benefit for a Church.

An entertainment and reception for the benefit of the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii will be held at Tammany Hall on Thursday evening. The Rev. Father Thomas J. Ducey and the Rev. A. Demo, pastor of the church, will speak.

HELD THE BOY FOR BOARD BILL

Eddie Decker's Mother Owed the Fishers and Child Was Detained.

Eddie Decker may have no Christmas tree. The little two-year-old chap is held as a chattel in the Fisher home in Paterson, N. J., until his mother pays four months' board. She will not be allowed even to see her boy until the money is forthcoming.

Eddie was born in the Florence Crittenton home in East Eighteenth street, this city. His mother resolved that no charitable institution should have her boy while she was able to earn his support. So she put him to board with the Fishers in Paterson and paid $1.50 a week for his board.

Then she lost her place. She fell behind in her payments, and one day when she went to see her boy she was told that she could not until the money due was paid. She asked to be allowed to take the child, but this was refused.

The mother is anxious to play Santa Claus to her child this Christmas, and Mrs. Wildey, of 401 Market street, who became interested in the woman, called at the Fisher home and tried to have Eddie released. Mr. Fisher told her the boy would be held until four months' board was paid.

Oswald Ottendorfer Better.

Dr. Langmann, of No. 121 West Fifty-seventh street, who is attending Oswald Ottendorfer, said last night that Mr. Ottendorfer was slightly better.

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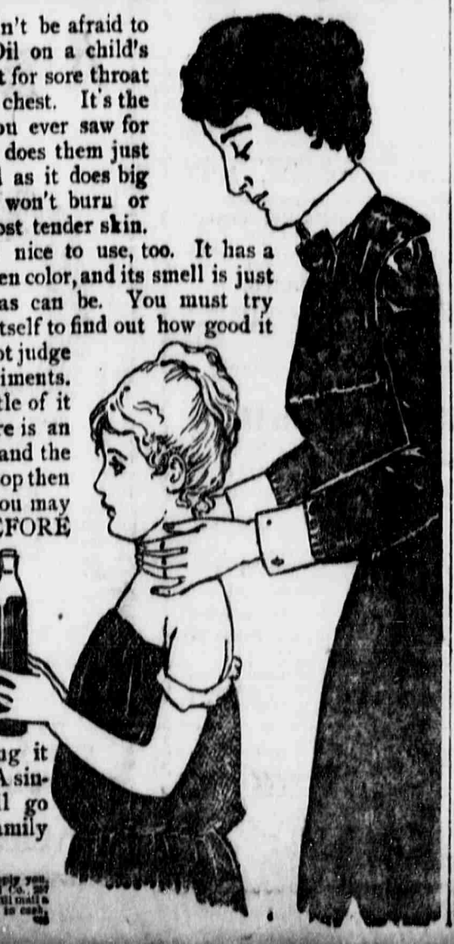

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