PUSH 2 LITTLE GIRLS IN FIRE.

One Dead and Other Dying—Boys Who Threw Them In Arrested.

One little girl lies dead and another is dying to-day in the hospital at Hackensack, N. J., the victims of boys who pushed them into bonfires.

Mamie Neuble was seven years old. She lived in Hudson street, Hackensack. Last night she was playing in front of a bonfire near St. Mary's Catholic Church, in the lower part of the town. Suddenly Charlie Keck, who is fourteen years old, pushed her into the flames.

Her clothing caught fire, and she ran screaming to her home. She was terribly burned about the body and face. She was taken to the hospital.

Her father when he saw the child's sufferings became so excited that he beat his wife, charging her with negligence in allowing the little one to go out.

Charlie Keck was arrested and taken to the jail. He says he pushed Mamie in for play, but finally admitted to County Physician Conrad that he did not like the girl.

A short time after the Neuble girl had been burned, Willie Wenzel, ten years old, pushed Mary Holiwenski, seven years old, into another bonfire about two blocks away.

Mary was taken to the hospital severely burned. She died to-day. Willie was arrested.

Agent Bratt, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is investigating the cases.

It is only a few days ago that a boy in Jersey City pushed a little girl into a bonfire.

The victim's name was Maggie Floria, sixteen years old, of 524 Henderson street, Jersey City. She died in the hospital from her burns. The boy's name was Joseph Pungi.

LITTLE BABY WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Doll's Dress Caught Fire and Ignited the Clothing of Infant.

Samuel Thomas, nineteen months old, the infant of John Thomas, janitor at 584 Eagle avenue, Bronx, was burned to death last night.

The parents were at work last night and left the baby in charge of their daughter Elizabeth.

The children were in the kitchen. The baby stuck out his arms as Elizabeth clutched him sitting on the floor in front of the fire.

Elizabeth held her doll before the baby in their play and the dress caught fire.

The infant was happy, as he gave a loud cry on seeing the flames. The baby's dress caught fire and the father heard both children scream. The doll had already been consumed.

The father wrapped a tablecloth around the infant and put out the fire. The body of the infant was charred from head to toes. It died at Fordham Hospital at 4 o'clock this morning.

MOTHER TOO LATE TO SAVE CHILD.

Three-Year-Old Myrtle Ashton Fatally Burned in Empty House.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—Another terrible burning fatality, the second in two days, took place near here to-day.

Mrs. John Ashton, of Beverly, left her three-year-old daughter Myrtle in charge of an elder child while she went out on an errand. When she was a square away she heard screams and hurried home. She entered the house and found Myrtle on fire, with Mrs. Small, a neighbor, beating out the flames. Both Mrs. Small and the mother were severely burned, while the child has hardly a spot on her body not touched by the flames. Myrtle was taken to Cooper Hospital here, but cannot live.

WOMAN SAVED BY POLICEMAN.

Mulligan Took Sick Mrs. Mary Hough from a Burning House.

When Julius Finklestein, a manufacturer of caps at 614 Fifth street, discovered fire in his store, at 10 o'clock this morning, he ran out and gave the alarm, which started the fifteen families of the tenement in a mad rush to the street.

The house was full of dense smoke when some one recalled that Mrs. Mary Hough was ill on the third floor. Policeman Mulligan, of the Union Market station, groped his way to her flat and brought her uninjured to the sidewalk.

The fire did not spread beyond the store, which was gutted, at a loss of $1,000.

BOARDERS DRIVEN OUT BY FLAMES.

Fire Caused a Panic in Fashionable House Near Fifth Avenue.

A score of persons, mostly women, inmates of the fashionable boarding-house of Mrs. A. F. Lucas, 23 West Thirty-second street, just off Fifth avenue, were forced to flee from fire this morning.

Charles Wheeler, colored butler, discovered that the whole sub-basement of the house was on fire at 7.30 o'clock.

He turned in an alarm and then, assisted by Miss Graham, ran through the house, arousing the inmates.

The fire, which originated from the furnace pipes igniting the flooring, blazed so fiercely that not even the star boarder had time to dress for the street.

In various stages of costume the frightened boarders made their escape to the house at 21 West Thirty-second street and 24 West Thirty-second street, where they were given shelter.

When the firemen arrived the flames were quickly got under control.

They were confined to the first floor and the basement. The damage was slight.

After the excitement some of the boarders borrowed bed quilts from kind neighbors and made a dignified return to their rooms.

$20,000 DAMAGE IN EARLY FIRES.

Firemen Kept Busy Uptown This Morning by Series of Alarms.

There were four early morning fires to-day, doing an aggregate damage of more than $20,000.

Fire in the upper stories of the six-story building, at 4 West Fourth street, occupied by the Novelty Clothing Company, did $12,000 damage before it was put out. The blaze was discovered by Policeman Hanley, who had gone out to get a can of coffee for the sergeant of his station house.

Fire in the lodging house, kept by Mrs. Bally Winters, at 12 East Thirteenth street, did $3,000 damage. The house was vacant at the time, Mrs. Winters having closed it while visiting a friend. The proprietor of the Florida Hotel, next door, smelled smoke shortly after 2 o'clock and turned in an alarm.

Fire in the second floor of the four-story building, occupied by Julius Weissman, capmaker, did $2,000 damage. The flames were seen by Special Night Watchman McGinnis, and soon put out.

A small fire in the carriage works of Brewster & Co., 143 West Fifty-first street, did $250 damage. It was put out with buckets.

AUSTRIAN TOWN FIRE SWEPT

Forty-six Persons Burned to Death and 4,860 Houseless.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Vienna states that the town of Wiznitz has been swept by fire, and that forty-six persons were burned to death.

Six hundred houses were destroyed and 4,860 persons made homeless.

Old Man Asphyxiated.

John Donehill, seventy-four years old, of 123 West Twenty-first street, died in the New York Hospital this morning from gas asphyxiation. It is supposed to have been accidental.

"THE ROUNDERS" ARE HELD UP.

Lawyer Says Every One Attacked Comedian Seabrooke's Purse.

DID NOT PAY ROYALTIES.

Owners of Old French Play Try to Collect in Court.

The troubles of "The Rounders" were aired in Supreme Court to-day when A. H. Hummel, counsel for the Parisian owner of "Les Fetards," from which "The Rounders" was adapted, asked for an injunction to restrain Samuel E. Rorke and Thomas Q. Seabrooke from continuing to produce the play on the road unless they paid the royalties for which they are in arrears.

Mr. Hummel told Justice Blanchard that the owners of "Les Fetards" sold the right to adapt it to George Lederer, and that Harry B. Smith evolved "The Rounders" from it which met with great success at the Casino.

Then Rorke and Seabrooke wanted to take the play on the road, and bought Lederer's rights and agreed to pay 4 per cent. of the gross receipts to Elisabeth Marbury, who represents the authors of "Les Fatards" in this country. They were now, he said, $1,000 in arrears.

Mitchell L. Erlanger, in behalf of Rorke and Seabrooke, said it was a case of "hold-up" all the way through.

Thought They Owned It.

"First," he said, "we paid Lederer $2,500 and thought we owned the play. We had made expensive contracts, and were just starting out when Harry Smith held us up and said he wrote the play. We paid him $1,200. We thought our troubles were over, but then up stepped Ludwig Englander and said he wrote every bar of the music. We paid him, too.

"It looked then as if we might go on, when Miss Marbury pops up and demands $500 for the authors of an old moth-eaten play that was produced in Paris in 1885 and at the Union Square Theatre here as 'Agnes' in 1875. We paid her under protest rather than lose our contracts, but they are still holding us up."

"Who are these defendants?" demanded Lawyer Hummel. "One is Sam Rorke, who has spent some time in Ludlow Street Jail for debt; another is Thomas Q. Seabrooke, also a guest at times in the same jail for the same reason. We must be protected in this contract."

Comedian Seabrooke was in court and smiled blandly at Lawyer Hummel.

Justice Blanchard ordered that Rorke and Seabrooke gave a bond for $2,000 to insure the payment of royalties pending a decision of the suit.

"TRAITORS," CRIES INSURANCE FIRM.

Provident Society Declares Mortimer and Van Kleck Tried to Sell Secrets.

Charged with using their confidential relations in the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society for the purpose of securing information that would ultimately wreck it, Morton L. Mortimer and John M. Van Kleck appeared before Magistrate Deuel in the Centre Street Court to-day.

The technical charge against them was grand larceny.

These differences culminated last night in the arrest of Mortimer, who is actuary of the company, and Van Kleck, who is assistant actuary. The complainant was Ralph K. Hubbard, secretary of the company, who charged the men with purloining documents and selling the secrets of the institution to a rival society.

In court to-day De Lancey Nicoll appeared as counsel for the Provident Society, while Mortimer and Van Fleck were represented by Price & Hoyer.

Bail Is Raised.

When arrested last night the men gave bail in $1,000 each, with William H. Browning, of 18 West Fifty-fourth street, as surety.

To-day Mr. Nicoll asked the Magistrate to increase the bail to $2,500 each.

"The offense charged in the complaint is very serious," he said.

"But they came here to-day with only a $1,000 bond," answered Magistrate Deuel.

After reading the complaint the Magistrate said that the charges were much graver than he thought.

"These men are accused of attempting to wreck the institution," he said. "I shall fix the bail at $2,000 each and set the examination for Jan. 3 at 3 o'clock."

The bond was given and Mortimer and Van Kleck left the court room.

Secretary Ralph K. Hubbard said this afternoon: "There are no differences among officials of the Company. Mortimer and Van Kleck were employees. They tried to surreptitiously secure lists of all our policy-holders in the United States and Canada, with their addresses, the kind of policies they carried and the date of their expiration.

"These they intended to use as capital to secure good places in the company with which, we are informed, they had already made a contract.

"On Dec. 19 I went to Mortimer's rooms in Thirty-second street and found him there with Van Kleeck. I also found there and took away with me two shoe boxes full of books, lists, records, pamphlets and papers belonging to the company.

"I didn't get all the papers they had taken, and when they refused to return them we had warrants issued charging them with grand larceny. The Company hesitated to go into the fight, but it is in now to stay."

Edward W. Scott, President of the Company, said:

"The crime Mortimer and Van Kleck are charged with is most heinous. They were trusted employees. They deliberately set subordinates to work at night taking th data from the company's books and records that it might be used against us.

"We deny the charge of conspiring to injure the society," said the counsel for the two insurance men.

"It is a quarrel among officers. They say our clients are spies in the pay of a rival institution. We intend to show this is entirely false. Mortimer has been with the company fourteen years. Van Kleck has also been there a long time. The conspiracy, if any exists, is against us."

Mortimer lives at 24 West Thirty-second street, and Van Kleck at 401 West One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

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Men's Raglans Of Oxford, Frieze and Velours, cut full in body and length, extra well tailored; former price, $14. Dissolution price, **8.40**

MEN'S SUITS.
$12.00 Fancy Cheviots and Oxfords..... 7.20
$16.00 Fancy Worsted, S. & D. breasted vests.. 9.60
$20.00 Imported Fancy Worsted..... 12.00

MEN'S OVERCOATS.
$10.00 Black, Blue and Oxford Overcoats..... 6.00
$12.00 Oxford Cambridge Overcoats..... 7.20
$16.00 Keyseys, Skinner guaranteed sleeve lining 9.90
$22.50 Raglans, in all the fashionable shades 13.20

Men's Suits Of Fancy Worsted, Worsted Check Stripes and many neat effects. Double and single breasted vests. Were $15; dissolution price, **8.70**

Three Big Specials.
$7.00 Boys' Oxford Frieze Overcoats, silk velvet collar, velvet bound cuffs, 3.40
Men's Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits—just in time for New Year's—finest imported dresss worsted, Skinner's silk lined throughout, shawl roll or notch collar, fit and workmanship guaranteed the best; former price, $40.00; dissolution price 20.00
500 Boys' Knee Pants, sizes 4 to 15, former price 75c. and 50c., dissolution price.. .25

Men's Hats Cut ½
$1.50 Black and Brown Derbys and Alpines, union made..... .75
$2.00 Black and Brown Derbys and Alpines, union made 1.00

BIG REDUCTIONS IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS.
$10.00 and $7.00 House Coats, exclusive designs 3.50
$1.50 Collins & Wright Wool Underwear..... .75
$3.00 Fancy Vests, S. & D. B... ....1.50 and 1.00
$1.00 French Percale Shirts, sizes 14 to 18... .55

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CITY AT GAS TRUST'S MERCY.

No Contracts for 1901 Lighting Due to Irregular Bids.

The gas and electric light companies will be able after Jan. 1 to charge the city whatever price they please for several months to come.

Heretofore all city illuminating has been done by contract, but no contracts for lighting during the year 1901 have yet been let, nor are they likely to be let for some time. Meantime the city must have light, and must buy it from the gas and electric companies at their own prices.

Henry S. Kearney, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, advertised for bids for illuminating the various boroughs for the ensuing year. The bids were opened on Saturday last, but, owing to some circumstance not yet explained, they were found to be irregular. The consequence was that all the bids had to be rejected and new specifications must now be drafted and re-advertised.

Some of the city officials are of opinion that the various companies purposely submitted irregular bids.

YOUNG SKATERS NOT DROWNED.

Railroad Men Started Iowa Tragedy Story as a Joke.

The Evening World telegraphed the Mayor of Ottumwa, Ia., early to-day for a verification of the report that forty-nine children had been drowned while skating at What Cheer, and received this reply:

This reply was also received from the Mayor of What Cheer:

"WHAT CHEER, Ia., Dec. 28.—No drowning of children at this place.

"R. DAVIS, Mayor."

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 28.—Nothing in the report of drowning of children at What Cheer.

"E. J. PHILLIPS, Mayor."

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Investigation to-day disclosed the falsity of the reports to the effect that forty-nine school children had been drowned in a skating pond, either at What Cheer or Foster, Iowa.

It is stated that the story was started as a joke by railroad trainmen.

THREE NEARLY DIE FROM GAS.

Old Man and Two Grandchildren Have Narrow Escape.

George Frey, seventy-nine years old, and his two grandchildren, Madeline and George Reischenbach, four and two years old respectively, have to thank Policeman Patterson, of the Hamburg avenue station, and Dr. Allen, of St. Catharine's Hospital, for saving their lives. All are recovering to-day from a narrow escape from asphyxiation. The old man lives with his married daughter at 176 Sutdam street, Williamsburg.

While Mrs. Reischenbach was out he turned on the gas stove in the kitchen, and when it failed to light he thought the stove out of order, and sat on the lounge to take a nap, holding the two little ones in his arms.

When the mother returned she found the house filled with gas. The old man was carried to the yard, and it took more than an hour of artificial breathing to bring him to consciousness. The children recovered sooner.

ROBBED THE MAN WITH THE EGGS.

Ryan's Watch Vanished While He Guarded Future Omelets.

Accused of attempting to rob Nicholas Ryan, a wealthy contractor of 275 Carroll street, Brooklyn, of his watch, John Murray and William Lewis were held to-day for further hearing.

Ryan boarded a Smith street car last night and stood on the rear platform. He carried a bag of eggs and a parcel of butter.

He noticed a short man and a tall one near him. The short man blew cigarette smoke into his face. When he tried to leave the car at Huntington and Smith streets the tall man blocked his exit.

He felt a tug at his chain, dropped his bundles and found his watch gone.

Seizing both men by the collars, he called out, "You've got my watch."

"There's the man who has it," cried Miss May Williams, a passenger, pointing to Lewis.

Lewis then dropped the timepiece on her lap and she returned it to Mr. Ryan. A policeman arrested both men.

It happens in every large clothing business that certain lines of goods will become "broken."

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$500 GIFT FOR A POOR WOMAN.

Broker Handed Vender Package of Silver by Mistake.

A poor woman of this city to-day gave up a package containing $500 worth of silverware which the owner had unintentionally given her Christmas Eve, and received in lieu thereof a $10 bill.

Henry Hoffman, banker and broker at 30 Broad street, whose home is 31 West Ninety-fourth street, is the one who gave up the package of silver.

While he was at dinner a poor woman with her child called to sell some stove lifters. Mr. Hoffman answering the call, declined to purchase, but touched by the spirit of the season, he gave the woman a piece of money and then assisted her in lifting to her arms a package which he supposed contained her articles of sale.

The woman and her child went away in the night and finally home. There she discovered that the package contained a lot of new silverware.

It had been sent to the Hoffmans as a Christmas present and left in the hallway. The woman was frightened. She was honest, but knew not what course to take. She knew there was a mistake. She remained at home all day expecting the police.

Yesterday she read an advertisement asking the woman who had taken away a package Christmas Eve from a house in Ninety-fourth street to return the same, and she would not be harmed.

The woman trudged back with $500 worth of silverware, and Mr. Hoffman handed her $10.

$3,000,000 ESTATE FOR NEW YORK HEIRS.

Thomas J. Felder to Get Fortune of Samuel Murphy, of Nashville.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NASHVILLE, Dec. 28.—Thomas F. Felder, a broker, and his wife, of New York City, are to inherit $3,000,000, the value of the estate of the late Samuel M. Murphy, of this city.

Eighteen months ago Mr. Murphy had never seen the Felders, and the disposition of his estate in their favor is considered very strange here.

Mr. Murphy was the richest man in Tennessee, and his home in the suburbs of Nashville, surrounded by a park of fifty acres, is the most magnificent, perhaps, in the South. He made his fortune in Cincinnati in the liquor business during the civil war, and moved to Nashville shortly afterward, where he married. He had no children. His wife survives him.

He had two nieces, Mrs. John Kilreth, of Cedarhurst, L. I., and Mrs. E. S. Gardner, of Avondale Farm, Tenn, daughters of his brother, the late Dr. Murphy, of Cincinnati, and they have always been regarded as his heirs.

About a year and a half ago, however, Thomas F. Felder and his wife came to Nashville, Mr. Felder being at that time agent of a Baltimore firm which had purchased the Nashville Street Railway system. Mr. Murphy was a director in the company and soon became much attached to Mr. Felder, as his wife did to Mrs. Felder.

Last Spring Mr. Felder severed his connections, removed to New York and entered a brokerage firm on Wall street. He and his wife have lived in New York since, and last Summer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy at Narragansett for several months.

In the Fall the Murphys visited the Felders for some time. It was rumored that the Murphys would adopt the Felders, but this was thought to be gossip. It is now stated authoritatively, however, that the papers for adoption were drawn and would have been executed had Mr. Murphy lived a few days, and while his will has not been admitted to probate it is definitely known that Felder is the executor, that Mr. and Mrs. Murphy's nieces received $50,000 each provided they do not contest the will, and that the entire property goes to his wife.

The will reads that should Mrs. Murphy die before Mr. Murphy his entire estate should go to Mr. and Mrs. Felder. Since he died first this part is inoperative, but there is no doubt that his wife will respect his wishes and will the property to the Felders.

Mrs. Felder is a daughter of Miller H. Smith, President of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Mr. Felder comes from Americus, Ga. They have been married about three years and have no children.

They were telegraphed for when Mr. Murphy was taken sick last week and will make their home with Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy has been partially paralyzed for many years, but her mind is clear.

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Ladies' Dress Kid Gloves, all shades and sizes, regular $1.25 glove, sale price.. 65c

Our Popular Men's Mocha Gloves, balance left, about 75 dozen. Don't Fail to Buy the Mocha Glove, as the fit and quality are A1; regular $1.25 Mocha Glove, sale price..... 55c

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