LAURA BIGGAR FIGHTING FOR BENNETT MILLIONS.

Old Horseman's Relatives Trying to Break the Will Leaving Fortune to Actress.

Laura Biggar, remembered by theatre-goers as the dashing widow in Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown," is playing a different role to-day in Surrogate Hersley's court at Freehold, N. J.

As beneficiary to the extent of $1,250,000 under the will of the late millionaire, Henry M. Bennett, of Farmingdale, she is defending an action by his relatives as minor heirs, who accuse her of having exercised undue influence over the aged and sickly horseman.

These contestants are Emma C. Beckwith and Mary B. Conant, nieces of Mr. Bennett, and Samuel Crocker Bennett, a nephew.

Peter McNulty, a nephew and business partner of Mr. Bennett, who inherits the bulk of the estate, sides with Miss Biggar and will testify in her behalf that every penny willed her was earned as he declares by "her tireless service and unfaltering devotion."

E. W. Arrowsmith and Sam A. Patterson appeared for the executors and for Laura Biggar. Charles E. Henry appeared separately for Miss Biggar with power of attorney. Cooley & Duffield, of Newark, N. J., appeared for the contestants.

George E. Hulick, of Asbury Park, one of the witnesses to the will, was on the stand two hours.

He testified to seeing Mr. Bennett execute the will at his residence at Farmingdale on Sept. 27, 1901. Mr. Bennett had the will read to him, made certain corrections and signed it in the presence of Mr. Hulick and Miss A. B. Kelly.

A Remarkable Character.

Bennett was a remarkable character. Born in Vermont and educated for the bar, his love for horses led to a disagreement with his father, a Supreme Court Judge, and the young man went West. He trained horses and became a circus owner, married, came East, opened the Washington House, at Twelfth street and Broadway, this city, and as an army sutler came out of the war a millionaire.

He moved to Pittsburg, became president of the Consolidated Gas Company, director in leading business enterprises and owner of the Bijou Theatre and much valuable real estate.

It was after the death of his wife that he saw Laura Biggar play in "A Trip to Chinatown" at the Bijou Theatre. He liked her and when she went to Asbury Park the following summer he visited her.

Later when the old man retired to his stock farm at Farmingdale, N. J., she was often there. When he became an invalid and had to have his leg cut off because of blood poisoning, she took her boy to Farmingdale and made the place her home, nursing the helpless old invalid and helping to cheer his declining days.

For four years she performed this service, and when he died she was utterly broken in health.

Left Her a Fortune.

Under Mr. Bennett's will she was given $1,000 cash, an annuity of $1,800, the residence at No. 119 East Eighty-third street, New York, valued at $40,000; 60 per cent. of the proceeds from the sale of the Bijou Theatre, a business block in Pittsburg valued at $1,300,000, the famous diamond cross and all other jewels owned by the dead millionaire's wife, value $300,000, all the costly furs and objects of art owned by Mrs. Bennett, including one of the finest private collections of paintings in this country.

Miss Biggar, who was formerly the wife of William McConnell, a theatrical man, is now living in her New York residence with her son, Willis McConnell.

She went to Europe following Mr. Bennett's death and has just returned to defend the present suit. It was said that she had married Bert Haverly, with whom she one time appeared in a vaudeville sketch, but this she denies.

SAYS WIFE GAVE HIM "LEAVINGS" TO EAT

John D. Killian Replies to Charges of Cruelty with Denials and Stories of Many Domestic Hardships.

Mrs. Fannie Killian testified to-day in her suit for a legal separation from her husband, John D. Killian, of Staten Island, which is being tried in the Supreme Court before Justice Bischoff and a jury. Maas & Goldberg appear for the plaintiff and the defendant's counsel is his father, B. Doran Killian.

The couple were married on Feb. 6, 1899, and have three children, two of whom are twins. The plaintiff seeks a legal separation on the ground that her husband has repeatedly treated her with extreme cruelty. According to her testimony Mrs. Killian's troubles began with her marriage, when her father gave her as a wedding present a check for $1,000, which she testified her husband compelled her to indorse to him and spent the money.

The husband denies the allegations and sets up grievances of his own, one of which was that his wife promised to become a Roman Catholic, and that "She took no steps to become a Catholic, and has not in fact become a Christian or a Catholic."

Mr. Killian also asserts that there was a pre-nuptial agreement that he was to receive $2,500, and that the money has not been paid to him, except that he finally received the sum of $1,000 in the June following the marriage, and that his business was injured by the delay in the payment.

Mr. Killian asserts that once when his wife was ill her sister and the servants annoyed him and neglected him at his wife's direction, giving him the leavings for his meals and placing sweepings near his plate and twisting hairs about his fork for the purpose of annoying him. Mrs. Killian denied all these charges.

SIEGEL'S MAN HURT.

Merchant's Chauffeur Badly Injured in Automobile Accident.

William Goreham, chauffeur for Henry Siegel, of New York and Mamaroneck, is in the New Rochelle Hospital suffering from severe injuries sustained in an accident to his machine last night.

The big electric automobile upset while being driven at a high rate of speed on the Boston Post road between Mamaroneck and Larchmont, and the chauffeur was thrown underneath the machine. He was seriously hurt.

At the hospital Goreham stated that he had just taken Mr. and Mrs. Siegel from the railway station to their home at Orienta Point, and was on the way to Larchmont to have the machine recharged. He saw a carriage approaching and in attempting to give it room he must be swerved the big machine too close, and it turned completely over.

GIRL BRIDE WEEPS AT HUSBAND'S CELL

Crawford, Who Is Accused of Theft of $7,000 Worth of Sugar, Had Been Married Only Two Weeks.

When Thomas F. Crawford, twenty-six years old, of No. 449 West Twenty-second street, a trusted clerk of Leggett & Company, wholesale merchants in West Broadway, was arrested and locked up in connection with a $7,000 theft, his bride of fourteen days hastened to the prison.

"We were married only two weeks ago," she sobbed to Sergt. Hulse, of the Leonard street station, "and I must see him. He cannot be guilty of any crime."

When finally the Sergeant sent a messenger to Crawford the gruff reply he sent to his weeping bride was: "Go see my lawyer."

Still weeping the bride left the station firm in her belief that her newly wedded husband could not be guilty of any crime.

Crawford had charge of the goods received at the warehouse of the company. It is charged that he failed to enter two or three barrels of sugar every day ,and that he turned over those held out to Samuel Auger, of No. 442 East Eighty-sixth street, and Thomas Crosby, of No. 201 West Seventeenth street, two drivers for Leggett & Company, who are held on a similar charge—that of grand larceny. Jacob Fried, of No. 60 Hester street, is held on the charge of receiving the stolen goods.

J. Crawford, with Samuel Asger, twenty-three years old, of No. 442 East Eighty-sixth street, and Thomas Crosby, twenty-three years old, of No. 201 West Seventeenth street, was arrested last night by Detectives McKenna and O'Neill, of the Leonard street station.

Detective McKenna told Magistrate Crane to-day that the firm had complained of losing goods for some time, and that yesterday he worked in the store as porter. He said he saw a box of cocoa and five barrels of sugar put on the wagons which make what is known as the "Chinatown run." On Asger's wagon were the box of cocoa and three barrels of sugar, the cocoa valued at $48 and the sugar at $90. On Crosby's wagon were the other two barrels. McKenna followed and saw the goods delivered on the sidewalk of No. 61 Hester street, in front of a place run by Jacob Fried.

After some questions Fried said he sent the goods to an auction room to be sold and that he paid $10 per barrel for the sugar, which is wholesaling at $18. Then McKenna arrested Fried.

Magistrate Crane held the three in $1,000 bonds each for examination to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fried was discharged on the charge of receiving stolen goods and at once made an affidavit that McKenna's information was true.

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O'Neill's

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

Spending the Summer Out of Town? If you are, send for our Grocery Catalogue. You will find that it will pay you to buy your supplies here. All goods guaranteed as represented.

A Host of Splendid Values for Friday!

To-morrow's offering will be a memorable one—better than any we have heretofore advertised. Every department in the store will be represented. It is impossible for us to mention here all the inducements that will be offered—just a few, but each and every one is just as attractive as those you see quoted below. Look over the collection. We believe it will interest you.

Special Friday Sale
Summer Cretonnes!
5000 yards, 36 inches wide, twenty choice floral designs to choose from.
Regular Price, 16c. yard.
Special, 10c. yard.

Special Friday Sale
Dress Goods!
Black All Silk Grenadines in various widths of stripe, 44 inches wide.
Regular 1.25 quality.
Special, 79c. yard.

Special Friday Sale
"W.B." Erect Form Corsets!
They are made in Summer Batiste, short and low bust, also medium bust and long waist shapes, sizes 18 to 30.
Regular Price, 2.00.
Special, 98c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Men's Bathing Suits!
Two-piece Jersey Bathing Suits of good quality, sizes 34 to 44 inches.
Regular Price, 2.00.
Special, 1.25 each.

Special Friday Sale
Women's Lisle Vests!
White Swiss Ribbed Lisle Vests, Fancy Lace trimming at neck and arms; also plain, low neck and no sleeves,
Regular Price, 50c. to 65c.
Special, 35c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Men's Alpaca Coats!
Men's Black Alpaca Coats, sizes from 33 to 44 inch, all well made garments.
Regular Price, 3.00.
Special, 1.98 each.

Special Friday Sale
Thin Blown Tumblers!
Handsomely engraved, several designs to choose from.
Regular Price, 90c. doz.
Special, 60c. dozen.

Special Friday Sale
White Enamelled Tables!
22-inch tops, large under shelf, brass trimmed. Fancy turned legs.
Regular Price, 3.50.
Special, 2.48 each.

Special Friday Sale
Men's Summer Underwear!
Men's Brown Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers; also in assorted shades.
Heretofore, 39c.
Special, 20c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Hats! Hats! Hats!
The Great Sale of
Untrimmed Hats
Still Continues!
Notwithstanding the heavy sales we have experienced, there is still an excellent selection to be made. All the choicest of this season's shapes and braids, and all of superior quality.
HATS ACTUALLY WORTH 1.00 to 1.25.
25c. AND 45c. EACH.

Special Friday Sale
Shirtwaist Suits!
Made of fine quality Chambray, tucked Waists, full flounce skirts, Pinks, Blues and Light Green.
Regular Value, 5.00.
Special, 3.67 each.

Special Friday Sale
Brooms!
Excellent quality, four sewed.
Regular Value, 30c.
15c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Ladies' Belts!
250 Dozen Silk, Velvet, Leather and Cloth Belts, some with plain buckles, others handsomely jewelled.
Regular Price, 25c. to 75c.
Special, 12c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Women's Bathing Suits!
Heavy Brilliantine Bathing Suits, full shapes, trimmed with braid, sewed with silk.
Regular Value, 2.75.
Special, 1.98 each.

Special Friday Sale
White Lawn Waists!
They are tucked all over; also trimmed with rows of fine embroidery, correct shapes.
Regular Value, 1.50.
Special, 98c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Garden Rakes!
A special lot of Cast Steel Grass Rakes, twelve teeth.
Regular Value, 48c.
Special, 35c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Girls' Dresses!
Plaid and Striped Chambray, trimmed on ruffle with close embroidery, Pique trimmed yoke and belt.
Regular Value, 1.00.
Special, 69c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Boys' Wash Suits!
Woven Chambray and Crash, Striped Galatea and White Duck Suits, 3 to 10 year sizes,
Regular Price, 1.45.
Special, 49c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Men's White Duck Pants!
Good quality, all sizes.
Regular 2.00 quality.
Special, 1.25 pair.

Special Friday Sale
Women's Hosiery!
Fast Black Cotton Hose, Double Soles, Heels and Toes; marked for to-morrow.
Special, 8c. pair.

Special Friday Sale
Men's Half Hose!
Fancy Cotton Half Hose, in black, tan and cadet blue.
Formerly 15c. Pair.
Special, 7c. pair.

Special Friday Sale
Women's Undermuslins!
Nainsook Night Gowns, trimmed with close embroidery or hemstitched tucks, finished with ribbons.
Regular Value, 87c.
Special, 59c. each.

Special Friday Sale
Men's Bicycle Suits!
Crash Bicycle Suits made with bloomer pants, 33 to 37 inch chest measure.
Regular Price, 3.50.
Special, 1.00 each.

We cannot execute mail orders for any of the goods included in this offering, as the prices hold good for Friday and Saturday only.

All purchases delivered free to any railroad station within one hundred miles of New York City.

YOUNG WIFE DIES FROM DOSE OF ACID

Police Say She Took Carbolic with Suicidal Intent, but Hueband Denies This, Claiming Accident.

Richard Schulder, of No. 246 West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, was startled out of a sound sleep just before this morning's dawn by a terrified scream from his young wife, Agnes. Leaping from bed he ran to the next room, where he found her writhing in agony on the floor.

Lighting the gas the husband found that his wife had taken a heavy dose of carbolic acid. Her lips and chin were already burned in a horrible way. He summoned Dr. Byrne, who lives next door, but the physician was powerless. Mrs. Schulder died in convulsions without ever being able to tell how and why she took the poison.

The police say it was a suicide, but the agonized husband indignantly denies this. He says his wife was a very happy woman, without cares or troubles, but that she had been taking medicine for a physical trouble and probably got hold of the acid in mistake for her medicine.

SLEEPER FELL FROM ROOF.

Wedding Guest Went Up to Get Air and Got Internal Injuries.

Frederick Eckhardt, twenty-two years old, of No. 91 Bartholdi avenue, this city, attended the wedding last evening of Miss Annie Doneke and Reinhold Peterson, at No. 50 Mercer street, Jersey City.

At 1:30 A. M. he left the festivities to get air on the roof. He went to sleep on the roof and fell three stories into the back yard. He was hurt internally and his right arm was broken. He is in a critical condition in Christ Hospital.

TRIED TO DIE WHEN HE FAILED AT WORK

Lipstein, a Scion of Wealth, Could Not Make Good Living and Took Poison, It Is Believed, to End Life.

Henry Lipstein, twenty-nine years old, was found in his room on the third floor of No. 214 East Broadway, this morning suffering from morphine and strychnine poisoning, which, it is believed, he had taken with suicidal intent. He was removed to Gouverneur Hospital. His condition is critical.

Lipstein was employed in a tailoring establishment on the east side. He came to this country from Warsaw about three years ago to establish business habits. In his native home his family was considered to be wealthy.

This morning Solomon Munves, with whom he lived, heard groans coming from Lipstein's room, and entering found the man lying on his bed in great pain. On a table was found a glass which had contained a liquid.

It is believed the man had become despondent because he was not able to make money sufficient to keep him as he had been maintained at home. His parents occasionally sent him some money, but the amount is not known. He left no letters to explain his act.

SORRY SHE WHIPPED 7 MEN.

Woman Who Worsted Many Policemen Promises to Be Good.

Norah McGlue, the Jersey City woman who whipped seven policemen yesterday when they tried to put her out of a house owned by School Director Robert Simpson, was discharged to-day by Judge Murphy in the Second Criminal Court.

Mr. Simpson did not appear against her. She apologized for her strenuous attack upon the police, turned over the keys of the house and promised not to try to re-enter it.

DRIVER CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS.

Halpin Lay Seriously Injured for Half an Hour Before an Ambulance Was Sent for by Police.

A wagon owned by Adolph Zierer, of No. 161 Bowery, was caught between two trolley cars moving in opposite directions this afternoon in Chatham Square, and wrecked. The horse was forced out of the shafts and badly bruised and the driver, Samuel Halpin, sustained a fracture of the right leg and internal injuries.

Halpin, in trying to get out of the way of a north bound car drove between the tracks. A south bound car was passing him when the north bound car came up and attempted to pass on the other side. The wagon was jammed between the two cars and they stuck fast. The line was well blocked before a wrecking crew got the two cars moving.

The accident happened at 1.45 o'clock. It was 2.10 o'clock before a policeman appeared on the scene, although Chatham Square is on several beats. Halpin lay without attention for more than half an hour before an ambulance was sent for.

BADLY HURT BY FALL.

Annie Talsman Plunged from Third-Story Window.

Annie Talsman, twelve years old, while watching a parade pass her home, at No 294 Barrow street, Jersey City, late last night, fell from the third-story window to the pavement.

She was taken to the City Hospital, where it was found that many bones were broken.

ACCOUNTS SHORT, OFFICER ARRESTED.

Alleged Misappropriation of $7,600 in U. S. Department of Justice by Henry Reichtin, of Ohio.

WASHINGTON, June 19. — Henry Reichtin, disbursing officer of the Department of Justice, was to-day arrested on the charge of misappropriating $7,600 of Government funds.

He confessed to the shortage. Reichtin is from Cincinnati. Information received by Attorney-General Knox some time ago led to a suspicion that something was wrong with Reichtin's books.

The arrest followed an examination under the direction of Comptroller of the Currency Tracewell.

OYSTER BAY MAN A SUICIDE.

Richard Lyons, Out of Work, Took Morphine and Died.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 19.—Richard Lyons, aged forty, who is said to hail from Oyster Bay, L. I., died in the Homeopathic Hospital to-day as the result of a dose of morphine, self-administered.

He had been out of work for some time and this fact is thought to have made him despondent.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER ILL.

Prayers Asked for Minister of the London City Temple.

LONDON, June 19.—The substitute of the Rev. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, in the the Temple this morning asked for the prayers of the congregation in behalf of Dr. Parker, whose health is occasioning grave anxiety.

Brill Brothers.

A Clearing Sale of Boys' and Young Men's Suits.

If good news travels quickly, this ought to fly. Here's a golden opportunity for thrifty parents—a big, quick sale of all BROKEN LOTS in our stock of Boys' and Youths' Suits. Every Suit to be sold at a much bigger reduction than you can get elsewhere—for we mean to clear out all these lots. Even if the boys don't need new clothes until fall, it will pay to buy now at these prices.

We also invite you to look at our fine new line of Summer Serges and Washable Suits—all good styles at remarkably moderate prices.

Boys' Suits.
Boys' 2-piece Suits, 7 to 16 years; Sailor Blouse Suits, 3 to 10 years; Russian Blouse Suits, 3 to 8 years; Norfolk Suits, 3 to 9 years. The broken lots of this season's high-grade suits, all wool, well made, good patterns; reduced from $6.00, $5.00 and $4.00 to..... **2.49**

Young Men's Suits.
Sizes 15 to 19 years, made of fine-grade Worsteds, Cassimeres and Cheviots, in neat checks and plaids, handsomely made and trimmed, this season's up-to-date cut, with broad shoulders and nobby style; a very great bargain; reduced from $10.00, $8.50 and $7.50 to..... **5.00**

Boys' Blouse Waists.
Madras Blouse Waists, sizes 4 to 13 years, neck bands or collar attached; in all the newest, prettiest patterns; values 50c. and 75c. Sale price..... **25c**

Boys' Serge Suits,
made of pure worsted Blue Serge, indigo dye, warranted fast color; seams warranted not to rip, being reinforced; well made, good trimmings, knee pants suits; sizes 7 to 16 years; value $4; special at.. **2.95**

Knee Pants Suits, with Vests,
same material as above, sizes 9 to 16 years, value $5.00, at..... **3.95**

Young Men's Serge Suits
Sizes 14 to 19 years. Made of high-grade fast-color serge; every suit warranted not to fade or break in the seams; shapely and perfect fitting and made with permanent stiff fronts; good $10.00 value—special at..... **7.50**

Boys' Washable Suits.
Great variety—prices lower than elsewhere—well-made, fast-color suits, at
59c., 98c., 1.48 & 1.95

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sizes 3 to 12 years, strong and durable, value 50c.; our big special at..... **25c**

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1,000 Plain White Madras Negligee Shirts, pleated and plain fronts, made full and large; on sale at 50c. each; 6 Shirts for 2.75.

2,000 Colored Madras Negligee Shirts, in the new shades of tan, oxblood and blue; on sale at 98c. each—usual price 1.50.

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