

OLD MAN HELD UP ON "L" STAIRS

William G. Gessner, Retired Builder, Attacked by Highwaymen at the Tremont Station and Brutally Choked.

VALUABLE DIAMOND STUD TORN FROM SHIRT FRONT.

Venerable Victim's Struggles Attract Attention of Ticket Chopper, Who Rushes to His Aid and Robbers Flee.

One of the most daring hold-ups ever attempted in this city came very near being carried through successfully by two daring highwaymen at the Tremont station of the "L" road at One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, the victim being William G. Gessner, a retired builder, seventy-five years old, who lives in Boscobel avenue, near Jerome avenue, Highbridge.

Talked with His Victim.

The stranger entered into conversation with Gessner and asked if he had lived in the Bronx long. Mr. Gessner, who has lived in the Bronx almost from his infancy, has built many of the houses there and owns a great deal of real estate in that vicinity. He conversed with the stranger, who said he had lately purchased a home in the Bronx, until they reached Tremont station.

Ticket Chopper Gives Alarm.

Gessner's struggle and attempts to cry for help had been heard by the ticket chopper and he started down stairs. When the highwaymen saw him coming they fled.

Mr. Gessner, who was suffering from the shock and excited by the occurrence, was taken to the station-house, but it was some time before he could tell a coherent story. He gave a description of the robbers and a general alarm was given in the neighborhood was searched by the police, but no trace of the men could be found.

There have been numerous holdups and petty burglaries in the Bronx of late and it is believed that the little headway toward capturing the men who are guilty.

REAL MR. PEWEE WILL SOON BE SEEN.

He Will Be Mayor of Littiputia, the Midget City, Which Will Be a Dreamland Feature at Coney Island.

Mr. Peewee in real life will be seen at Coney Island next summer. They are numerous Mr. Peewees in real life, but the Evening World's original Peewee, bearing all the scars inflicted by brutal Park Row kidnapers, is the one that will be seen on exhibition.

FLYING SPECTRE SCARES BOWERY

Clad Only in Blanket that Flapped Like Shroud Ghostly Form Flits Along Thoroughfare Screaming "Police!"

A ghostly apparition flitting up the Bowery, its one garment flapping in the cold night wind like a shroud, scared the majority of the pedestrians on that thoroughfare almost to the point of swooning off.

"Police! It's de ghost o' Doty Riley," said Chuck Connors, as the spectre passed Barney Flynn's, at Bowery and Pell.

"Holy snakes!" gasped Skinny Lyons, "Parkhurst was right. De lid's oir an' de devil's lose."

"It's the banshee! It's the banshee! Howdy Mother, I'm t' dje an' I'm not fit to go yit," screamed "Cork" Connolly.

And through all the turmoil the spectre flew so fast that the tail of its one garment only hit the high places. As it passed it screamed in shrill tones, "Police! Police!"

It was this familiar cry that was recognized by the majority and prevented the Bowery from going insane entirely. They recognized the fact that a genuine ghost would have little use for the police, so most of them fell in behind the loping spectre and followed it to the doors of the Elizabeth street police station.

As the strange shape turned in at the door of the station house the garment, which proved to be a blanket, fell from it and disclosed a man, absolutely naked.

The police discovered that he was Patrick Brady, a waiter, thirty-four years old, who had been sleeping at the Glenmore Hotel, No. 4 Chatham square.

In wildly excited manner he said he had been asleep at the hotel and had heard men plotting to kill him. He declared they were going to take off his skull first and then dig out his brains. He admitted that he had been drinking hard for two weeks.

An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to Bellevue, where it was said he was suffering from delirium tremens.

MAIL STEAMSHIP LOST.

The Stoalin Twelve Days Over-Fear All Have Perished.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 28.—It is feared here that the little steamer Stoalin, for the past five years operating on the mail route to the coast, has been lost.

The Stoalin had been last with all on board. Six passengers were on her list when she left Windham Bay. Her crew numbered six men.

Advice from Juneau, under date of Jan. 20, states that the Stoalin on that date was swayed by a gale from Windham Bay. Owing to the great violence of the weather recently along the coast, it is believed that the Stoalin is entangled.

ANOTHER EDITION READY.

Owing to the very large demand for our Artistic Portrait Calendar, we found it necessary to discontinue our offer for a short time. We have just completed another edition and shall be pleased to renew our offer and send to any address on receipt of 50 cents, four pieces, consisting of a portrait calendar, a reproduction of an oil painting and is enclosed in a gold oval frame, embossed, and mounted on a crimson background, 4 1/2 by 7 inches. Enclose stamps loose. Address Art Calendar Department, Father John's Medicine, Lowell, Mass.

PERMIT US TO AGAIN

Call your attention to the merits of Father John's Medicine. It has been in use fifty years and money is refunded for any Cold, Cough or Lung Trouble that it does not cure. Prevents Pneumonia and Consumption. Fifty years in use.

GAIN IN GERMANY'S IMPORTS.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—The Statistical Office estimates Germany's imports during 1903 at \$1,574,750,000, an increase of \$123,250,000 and the exports at \$1,273,750,000, an increase of \$70,500,000 over the figures of 1902.

MRS. ROOSEVELT INVITED.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—The Executive Committee of the National Woman's Relief Corps has invited Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, to be their guest at the national encampment of the corps which will be held in connection with the national encampment of the G. A. R. next summer. The G. A. R. Committee already has invited the President to be a guest at that time.

JOINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Protestant Minister Will Be Baptized Within a Week.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 28.—The Rev. Charles E. Schultz, formerly of the Little Church Around the Corner, in New York, has been converted to Catholicism and will be baptized into the faith within a week. He has handed in his resignation as pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, to take effect at once.

For several months he has been studying Catholicism under Father Henry W. Otting, S. J., of Marquette College, and the priest will baptize him at the Church of the Gesù. It has not been decided whether there will be a public ceremony.

HELD PRISONERS IN A BURNING CAR

Novelist Hawthorne's Guest Could Not Open Doors of Trolley Because of Electricity—Escaped Just in Time.

Miss Beatrice Hawthorne, daughter of Julian Hawthorne, the author, and several guests who were on their way to Mr. Hawthorne's home in Yonkers, passed a most uncomfortable quarter of an hour in a trolley car of the Jerome avenue line. The car was ablaze, and the passengers were held prisoners by the fact that the brasswork on the doors had become charged with electricity and it was impossible for anybody to touch them without getting severely shocked or burned.

Mr. Hawthorne, who lives at No. 48 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, had issued invitations for a dinner in honor of Capt. John Sanford, U. S. N., who recently returned from the Philippines. Capt. Sanford was among those on board the car when it was stopped at One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.

The conductor explained to the passengers that the motorman was examining the electrical apparatus, which appeared to have broken in some way. There was an explosion under the car, and the passengers saw a flash of sparks. Some one tried to open the door, but such one touching the brass handle, jumped back with an exclamation of pain. All the brasswork on the car had become charged with electricity.

The motorman, conductor and several men passengers tried to open the door, but each one that tried was either shocked or burned. Meanwhile the woodwork underneath the car had caught fire, and the flames and smoke added to the fright of the women inside. One of the passengers finally forced the doors open by putting his hands on the glass and carefully avoiding the brasswork. The passengers stepped out and made their way through the slush to a railroad station.

Such a narrow escape, a short distance when the flames at their way through the flooring of the car, and in a short time the car was totally destroyed before the fire engines arrived.

WALL PAPERS.

WALL PAPERS for upstairs rooms or kitchens; have been selling for 6c a roll; to-morrow, 2 1/2c

WALL PAPERS for bedrooms or halls; never sold for less than 12 1/2c a roll; to-morrow, 6c

WALL PAPERS for parlors, dining-rooms, reception-rooms and libraries; all the popular shades and designs; were selling for 30c a roll; to-morrow, 15c

Papers Having Borders Sold in Combination Only. (Third Floor, Centre, 18th St.)

Friday Fish Specials

In the World's Greatest Grocery.

Fresh fish, clean and palatable. Our specials for to-morrow comprise a selection of sea food, that is most desirable. Lovers of fresh fish always find their desires gratified in this store.

Fancy Chicken Halibut Steak, 1 lb. 12c

Extra Selected Salmon Steaks, 1 lb. 10c

Extra Selected Sea Trout, 1 lb. 10c

Extra Selected Whitefish, 1 lb. 7c

Extra Choice Butterfish, 1 lb. 7c

Extra Choice Haddock, 1 lb. 6c

Fancy Nova Scotia Herring, 1 lb. 6c

CRACKERS Fresh and Crisp Animal Crackers, 5 c/box; O'Clock Teas, Tea biscuits 25c; lb. 7c

CONDENSED MILK FRESH MEAT MARKET. Hindquarters Fancy Canada Bacon, 10c; Forequarters Choice Spring Lamb, Small Fresh Cut, 10c

Loins of fresh Jersey Pork, 12c; Extra choice Short Native Rib Roast, 12c

FISHES: Fancy Salmon, 1 lb. 12c; Fancy Trout, 1 lb. 10c; Fancy Whitefish, 1 lb. 7c; Fancy Haddock, 1 lb. 7c; Fancy Butterfish, 1 lb. 7c; Fancy Nova Scotia Herring, 1 lb. 6c

Friday Is Always a Great Day at The Big Store



Double "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps Mornings This Week from 8.30 to 12 o'Clock---Thereafter, Single Stamps Until Closing Hour.

Women's Flannel Waists

Special Sale of \$2.50 Grades To-Morrow at \$1.45.

Balance of the stock of all-wool FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS in several very desirable styles. Side or box pleated; some with clusters of tucks; others have velvet or silk band trimming in round yoke effects. Velvet or metal buttons; Bishop sleeves.

Black, white and all colors, including light shades suitable for evening wear. Very special, 1.45

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1,000 Carpet Rugs.

Exceptionally Attractive Offerings.

These Carpet Rugs are made from Wilton, Axminster, Velvet and Brussels Carpet Samples and are neatly bound and fringed. They're a very pretty and durable floor-covering.

The following prices to-morrow: 30c., 35c., 40c., 49c., 65c., 1.10, 1.35 and 1.75.

Tabard Inn Library.

Exchange Your Books at The Siegel Cooper Store Station.

All you pay is 5c. If you are not a member, become one by all means without delay.

\$1.18 is such a small amount, and it brings you such a wealth of delightful reading. Upon the payment of this sum you are given a book which you may exchange as often as you like upon payment of the nominal exchange fee of 5c.

You select from practically all the new books of the day. Further particulars upon request. Or call at the Tabard Inn Station, 2d Floor, Centre.

Wines-Liquors

Friday's Special Series.

IMPERIAL PORT, ANGELICA and SHERRY; \$1.75; full quart, 60c

OLD FISHBONE SWISS CAVANNA, 10c; PORT and SHERRY, \$1.00; full quart, 50c

MONSIEUR VERNON RYE, 12 years old, \$1.00; full quart, 50c

HELMITAGE RYE, 10 years old, \$1.00; full quart, 50c

CABINET PURE RYE, per gallon, \$2.75; full quart, 68c

OLD CROW WHISKY, per case, \$7.00; per gallon, \$2.50; full quart, 62c

PERFECTION COCKTAILS, MANHATTAN, MARTINI or WHISKY; per bottle, 35c

ROPPLE GETRIBBE RUMMEL, \$1.00; full quart, 50c

SELECT QUALITIES IN CLARETS and RUINE WHISKY, per gallon, \$1.15, 90c, 70c, 60c

HENNESSY IMPORTED COGNAC—\$1.00; per case, \$11.00; per gallon, \$4.50; full quart, 1.00

BOWMORE SCOTCH WHISKY; 10 years old; per case, \$10.50; per gallon, \$4.00; full quart, 90c

REGINA BRAND OLD TOM GIN; per case, \$9.00; per gallon, \$3.75; full quart, 90c

MILLETTOE IRISH WHISKY; per case, \$12.00; per gallon, \$4.25; full quart, 1.10

BOLDMAN'S IMPORTED HOLLAND GIN; finest medicinal quality; big bottles reduced from \$1.25 to 1.05

Imported Enamel Saucepans.

Two special lots for Friday. Double-coated; in turquoise blue. These prices are the lowest yet named.

Berlin Saucepans, Convex Saucepans. 2-qt. size, 30c; 2-qt. size, 35c

4-qt. size, 45c; 4-qt. size, 45c

6-qt. size, 55c; 6-qt. size, 65c

All of the above Saucepans include Enamel Covers to match. (Basement.)

Good Cigars 1/3 Underprice

At these prices all can afford to smoke GOOD Cigars. Grades are identical with those sold at much higher prices elsewhere.

EL FENIX, Key West clear Havana Cigars; 10c quality; 50 special; 2.75

all Havana; called "seconds" because of some slight defect in the wrapper or workmanship; box of 50; special, 2.00

"GREEN STAMP" CIGARS; our big leader; Diplomatic or Patriotic Finos sizes; box of 50; special, 2.00

CONTINENTAL CIGARS; Perfection size; special, 1.50

ORIOLE PERFECTOR; box of 50; special, 1.60

KEY WEST EXTRAS; box of 50; special, 1.00

MAYANA STOGIES; wooden box of 100; special, 4.35

PORTO RICAN BEVARS; 3c grade; box of 50; special, 1.25

MAIL ORDERS SOLICITED. (Basement.)

The Optical Store.

Important Specials To-Morrow.

Theatre-goers or tourists seeking handsome as well as serviceable Opera Glasses will find their wishes thoroughly anticipated during the sale to-morrow. And our Eyeglasses, made by the most skilled opticians, are bound to give perfect satisfaction, for they will be fitted by experts.

Opera Glasses. 4.50—OPERA GLASSES, Vendome 11-ligne, fully achromatized lenses; pearl, fine gilt finish.

2.95—OPERA GLASSES, "Derainne," very fine lenses, fine Morocco cover; equal to the best made; 13-ligne.

9.00—OPERA GLASSES, "Le Maire," 13-ligne, white or Oriental pearl, fine gilt finish.

7.50—OPERA GLASSES, "Le Maire," folding, finest quality, black Morocco cover.

1.95—EYEGLASSES AND SPECIALS, solid gold frames, patent offset or riding clips; spectacles with straight or riding temples set with first quality periscope lenses.

1.00—EYEGLASSES, solid gold spring, frameless, set with first quality periscope lenses.

4.00—EYEGLASSES, Coquelle frames, eye-glasses, lens ground hollow to conform to the shape of the eyeball and are set in the finest grade mounting, so constructed that the screws will not loosen; perfect in every respect. (Basement, Front, 18th St.)

No Other Shoe Sale Ever Equalled This One.

First of all, bear in mind that the Shoes we offer are reasonable; in fact, the very grades and weights that were in vogue for this season of the year.

Styles and workmanship are beyond fault-finding. Shoes such as you would willingly pay full prices for. During this great "Double Value" Sale price attractions are such as cause quick selling.

Good Shoes for Men, Women and Children at about 1/2 Regular Selling Prices.

At 98c. At 1.95.

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, regularly sold at \$1.50 and \$2.00; kid or patent leather; one or three straps, leather or French heels; all sizes.

At 98c. At 1.95.

WOMEN'S SHOES, regularly sold at \$1.50 and \$2.00; kid, calf and patent leather; all the desirable styles and sizes.

At 98c. At 1.95.

MEN'S SHOES, regularly \$3.50; standard males; all leathers; for dress or street wear; welted toes; some have leather lining throughout; all sizes.

Also other special lots of Shoes, Slippers and Rubber Overshoes at greatly reduced prices. (Consolidated Shoe Store, Second Floor.)



Big Bargains in Office Furniture.

Balance of the Stock of "Syger of New York" on Sale Friday & Saturday.

Interest in this very remarkable sale has been most marked since the entire stock of the recent 23d Street concern went on sale last Monday morning in the Furniture Store on the Fifth Floor.

There Are Still a Great Many Extraordinary Offerings.

This is particularly true in relation to Directors' Tables, Office Tables, Revolving Chairs and Press Stands. The demand for Roll Top Desks is so brisk that it is inadvisable to quote prices. If you want Filing Cabinets or Costumers here is your opportunity.

Table with columns: Directors' Tables, Office Tables, Revolving Chairs, Press Stands. Lists various items and prices.

CAMMEYER Our Great Hosiery Sale

IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. We Are Selling High-Class Hosiery FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN At Prices Cut Almost in Half.

Manufacturers' Samples of Women's Hosiery.

All sizes; extra high-class novelties in new, seasonable designs and very fine black laces; the cheapest stockings in the lot made to sell for \$1.00; sale price... 59c

Large assortment of women's fine, fancy colored and black Lisle Thread Stockings; handsome embroidered goods and new, stylish effects; our regular 69c and 75c hosiery. Sale price... 39c

Women's imported plain black Cotton and Lisle Thread Stockings; also a large run of fancy samples; regular price, 35c; sale price... 18c

Children's Black Cotton Stockings, the strongest, stoutest stocking made; we guarantee every pair double knees, heels and toes; sizes 6 to 10; regular price 19c; sale price... 12 1/2c

Men's 50c. Sox for 24c. New, nobby goods in cotton, lisle thread and cashmere, both plain blacks and fancies.

Men's fancy and plain black Sox, of the regular 25c. and 35c. goods... 15c

6th Ave., Corner 20th St.