

LETTERS

Letter Made Him Desperate. SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 29.—A man who recently registered at the Hotel...

New York Woman's Gift. BALLSTON, N. Y., DEC. 29.—Mrs. Helen M. Knickerbocker, of New York City...

Suicide as Fortune Comes. HOT SPRINGS, ARK., DEC. 29.—Mrs. H. J. Lewis, wife of the Cashier of the Illinois Club, committed suicide yesterday...

Fears War With Japan. DENVER, DEC. 29.—David S. Jordan, president of Stanford University, believes a war between this country and Japan is almost inevitable...

Sent Their Money to Sea. HONGKONG, DEC. 29.—The Oriental which left for San Francisco yesterday, carried \$750,000 in coin, sent by registered mail...

Want Mayor Re-elected. TERRE HAUTE, IND., DEC. 29.—At a special meeting of the City Council last night a formal demand was made for the removal from office of Mayor Edward J. Bidaman...

RICHMAN'S SON WINS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Young Lucas Pronounced Sane Against Contentions of Relatives.

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 29.—John T. Lucas, a son of the late millionaire paint manufacturer, has received what was probably the most valuable Christmas present of his life in the shape of a report from a referee deciding that he is sane...

Frederick J. Sayer was master in the case, and his report not only vindicates the contention of Mr. Lucas, but places the costs on the family. The testimony was voluminous and sensational. Great secrecy marked the hearings...

It is said that the family complained repeatedly of numerous cracks on the part of Lucas following his return from a trip to Maine, where he went to take part in a golf tournament. In his defense Lucas contended that he was acting under the influence of drugs which had been given him in liquor. The effect of these drugs left him in a strange mental state...

Lucas went to Maine to compete in a golf tournament. Finding himself in a prohibition State he was introduced to the "blind" street. The district attorney of the town happened to be chairman of the greens committee of the golf club...

Then began the unusual acts that led to a family estrangement and the application to the courts for a committee to inquire into Mr. Lucas's sanity.

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PREACHED SERMON FROM PRIZE RING

Advises Sports at Long Acre Athletic Club Fights to Whip the Devil.

"A stiff wallop in the solar plexus, a few ripping uppercuts to the chin and a final swing on the jaw will cut the Devil into ribbons and put him out in three rounds. Don't give him a chance to come back, and you've got him."

With these introductory remarks the Rev. William Asher broke into the prize ring of the Long Acre Athletic Club, in twenty-ninth street, last night after the first fight and threw the assembled sports into consternation. "Hands up!" yelled the Rev. Mr. Asher, as he waved a white silk muffler around his head. "You needn't hold your watches. Nobody will be touched. That's the only way I have of shaking hands with everybody at once."

"I love a good scrap that's on the level and I've put his Statute Majesty just so many times he's a worse knave than the Green Mountain Boys and the Continental Congress or even the lamented John L. Go at him, boys, and you'll find something doing. You can fight him at any weight or without gloves. If you have the grit in your craw he's beat before he climbs through the ropes."

In a rapid running fire of ring talk showing a profound knowledge of the terms, the evangelist kept the crowd cheering at the names of Fitzsimmons, Sullivan, George Dixon, who sat in a rear-by corner, and other celebrities who had "got their."

"Boys, I didn't come in here to break up a good scrap. I love the game. I believe every one of you will give me the glad mitt. All I want is for every one of you to take the devil on for a six-round go and put him out of business. That'll be about all from me."

So saying, the reverend gentleman took a seat near by and liberally applauded the landing of punches to the standard of the churchward. He was pronounced the "goods."

ETHAN ALLEN DEAD. He Was a Great-Grandson of the Famous Revolutionary Soldier.

Ethan Allen, a great-grandson of the leader of the Green Mountain Boys and a prominent resident of Washington Heights, died at 11 o'clock last night at his home, No. 84 St. Nicholas avenue. Mr. Allen's death was the result of acute kidney trouble, brought on by a trip to Woodlawn cemetery, where he went to accompany his wife's grave on Christmas Day...

Mr. Allen was born in New York sixty-one years ago. He married Miss Ida Perkins, whose father, James Perkins, at one time owned the greater part of Washington Heights. He was a member of the New York Athletic and Republican Clubs.

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The Thirty-Mile Beat.

BY WALTER A. SINCLAIR.

(Cep Falkenberg on charges explained that his Staten Island beat was thirty miles long, and that he was five miles away when the fire broke out.—Item.)

Come, listen, you coppers; cease being fence-sitters. Don't fear this will turn out a roast; And pray do not smile while I tell of the trial Of the cop with the thirty-mile post Who wasn't about when the fire broke out In Richmond at dawning of day.

The flames fanned the street while far off on his beat. The copper was five miles away. When Cap Crowley learned that a fence was burned, He shouted: "Turn out the reserves!" "The reserves" turned all right. HE went out in the night. Where darkness got on to his nerves, The captain was sore. The "reserves"—well, HE swore At leaving his job in the hay. He dragged heavy feet to the blaze on the beat— The copper still five miles away.

The captain was mad. The copper was sad To learn of the terrible heat Which looked up in scorn all the house, steps and porch. Which flamed on the thirty-mile beat. The Cap's rage enlarges. "I'll have you on charges; You'll go to the trial room the day. Tell these what you mean—how a blaze goes unseen. With you only five miles away." The question is this: Can a cop really raise A thing on his thirty-mile beat? Could he make a mistake if he kept wide awake

And, senseless was quick on his feet? Should he dream of the fire and send in a wire In time for the engine? What? Say, Must this cop see most everything on his post? When he is but five miles away? If he had been six, would he be in this fix? Or seven? Or thirty, at most? Or three and a half? Aw! don't make us laugh. He wouldn't be guarding his post. Then was to the cop who is not there to stop A fire at night-time! Hoary! With telescope neat he can cover his beat And spot them, though five miles away.

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These pianos were taken in exchange as part payment on our new pianos during the Christmas season, and we can vouch for their excellent condition and superiority as used instruments.

OUR PLAN PROTECTS YOU. We guarantee satisfaction by offering to take back any piano you buy at full amount paid to date of return any time within one year, to apply on your choice of our unexcelled new pianos, including those made by PACKARD, CHICKERING BROS., SCHUMANN, RADLE, H. & S. G. LINDEMAN, BAILEY, HOBART M. CABLE, and the finest piano player and player piano in the world, the CECILIAN PLAYER & CECILIAN PIANO.

Simpson Crawford Co. SIXTH AVE. 19th TO 20th STREET

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Happy New Year sale of wines. WISHING you the compliments of the season, we call your attention to the standard brands of wines, brandies and whiskeys that are sold elsewhere at much higher prices. Also the added attraction of selecting them from New York's finest grocery and wine store, where purity is guaranteed. Sixth Floor.

Special sale of White Seal champagne. The genuine Moet & Chandon's popular vintage. Case of 12 bottles \$30.78; Half bottle \$1.29; Case of 6 \$28.45; Quart bottle \$2.38

Table listing various wines and spirits with prices. Includes Rye whiskeys, Cognac brandy, French clarets, Pure California wines, and Rhine wines.

DELIGHTFUL AND CONVENIENT—OUR EIGHTH FLOOR RESTAURANT

Simpson Crawford Co. SIXTH AVE. 19th TO 20th STREETS

The great after-Christmas clearing sale enables you to Take your choice of all our \$25 & \$30 Kuppenheimer overcoats at \$18.50

KUPPENHEIMER styles are so far in advance of other men's fashions that an overcoat bought now at \$18.50 is absolutely certain to prove as satisfactory next Fall and Winter as any one else's equal in quality that you could buy then for \$25 or \$30 ready for service or \$35 or \$40 made to measure. The advantages in buying it now are the saving in price and the service you will realize out of the coat throughout the remainder of the present Winter and early Spring.



Our tremendous success with the Kuppenheimer clothing among the best dressed men of New York commends these unusual values to every man accustomed to having his clothes made to order or paying high prices to the exclusive stores. The after-Christmas clearing sale is but the natural sequence of a big business and must not be misconstrued to concern any other than the latest styles in the best materials, highest class workmanship and a selection unexcelled by any regular stock at regular prices.

These \$25 and \$30 overcoats at \$18.50. Represent the very highest art of the tailoring profession which finds expression in their cut, fit, workmanship, style, quality and critical attention given to the little details about which men are most particular. We have 400 of these coats made of foreign clystan, vicuna and unfinished worsteds—also fancy coats, all lined throughout with the very best silks. Only the latest styles, including the paddock and surtout—all sizes. Bona-fide \$25 and \$30 overcoats at \$18.50

Mammoth clearing of Kuppenheimer \$11.50 \$15, \$18 & \$20 suits while they last at \$11.50

THESE suits sold so readily at \$15, \$18 and \$20 that we have only the broken lines remaining, but we have included so many small lots that, taken as a whole, every man is reasonably sure of finding his exact size and fit as a made-to-order suit would be after the tailor had given it the finishing touches. The styles are single and double breasted—regular, stout and slender sizes—materials of superior quality. One of those rare opportunities to secure a bona-fide \$20 suit at \$11.50.

Kuppenheimer overcoats. THE best five models of the season. The surtout, the Chesterfield, the tourist, the long coat and the Concise coat, in all the new fashionable materials adopted by the foremost merchant tailors—suits to fit men of every build. We believe they are the best coats ever offered at \$15.50—in fact we sell them regularly for \$25. Sale price, \$15.50

500 pairs of men's \$5 to \$8 trousers at \$3.50

One thousand boys' \$8 overcoats at \$4.75 TO-MORROW we sell all that remains of our entire regular stock of boys' high-grade Winter overcoats, never before reduced in price. Everything included that was formerly priced at \$6.95 to \$10. Russian, regular and tourist styles; also referees, sizes 8 to 16 years. Come early and take your choice of our boys' \$10 coats at the extraordinarily low after-Christmas clearing sale price \$4.75

Five thousand men's 4-in-hand neckwear, 19c

CAME too late for Christmas. It was the manufacturer's fault. We have a right to send them back, but during our Christmas sales the crowds were so great around duplicates at a higher price that you couldn't get through the aisles at times, and at the price, we believe to-morrow's crowd will almost equal the Holiday rush. It certainly will not be the fault of the values if it doesn't. 19c Five thousand four-in-hands in all the popular colors. If you didn't get neckties for Christmas your supply must be low, but you won't be out much if you buy a dozen or two at this price. In fact, we have so many calls for lots of five to twenty-four that today we make the extra special price—\$4 a dozen. Lot No. 2—200 dozen four-in-hands in all the desirable shades and patterns. Neckwear that would originally be sold for \$1.25—special price, 25c. Lot No. 3—175 dozen four-in-hands in all the desirable shades and patterns. Neckwear that would originally be sold for \$1.25—special price, 50c. Lot No. 4—Usually sold in exclusive shops at \$1.30. This lot includes all the new shapes and patterns—special while they last. 19c

Infants' \$4 coats, at \$1.95 All over lace waists, \$2.95

THE coldest weather is to come and we've priced these warm coats and bonnets for the little ones at such low clearing prices that you can't help realizing the importance of making your selection at once. Only one hundred \$4 cloth coats at 1.95—the daintiest, warmest little coats you ever saw at the regular price—all prettily trimmed with fancy collars. \$2.95 for \$3 broadcloth coats—several models—effectively trimmed with fancy braids—tailored collars and military buttons. Second Floor. 1.95 for bengaline silk bonnets—flaring front—chiffon trimmed. 50c for infants' long nainsook dresses—bishop style or yoke effect—trimmed with tucks, hemstitching and edge. 1.50 for infants' long nainsook dresses—designed yoke—made of tucks and embroidery insertion, trimmed skirt of tucks and embroidery ruffle. 50c for infants' long nainsook skirts—finished with tucked long ruffle. 50c for children's nainsook dresses made with square yoke and finished with lace insertions.

BOOKS Last of the misses' \$21.50 suits, \$12.

THIS is the greatest week in the history of our girls' and misses' section, and the principal feature of the sale each day has been these \$21.50 suits at \$12. Third Floor. Styles so far in advance of the usual run of \$21.50 to \$25 suits that their popularity is bound to extend into the next season—next Fall and Winter. If you want one of the smartest \$21.50 suits of the season at \$12 you must come to-morrow. We do not urge you. We have only one hundred and twenty-seven left. We won't have enough to supply the demand. Not near enough at \$12. But there's yet an opportunity for you, if you'll come early. \$12 Hundreds paid \$21.50 for these suits a month ago. They're not sorry even in face of this extraordinary reduction, for they got more style, better material and superior workmanship than they were able to find elsewhere at \$21.50. These suits are fashioned from light, all wool mixtures, in novelty effects, loose fitting, long coat style; lined throughout with soft gray satin; double-breasted models with velvet collars and full plaited skirts; sizes, 14, 16 and 18, or 32 and 34. One of the best \$21.50 suits of the season at \$12 to-morrow. 16.50 misses' & junior suits to close, 9.75. Pretty mixtures and invisible checks—dark rich shades—wine, brown and gray—long coat—semi-fitted—satin lined—fancy collars of velvet to match material and plaited skirts. Misses' 22.50 full length coats, 14.75. High class mixtures—beautiful colorings—several models—large velvet collar—patch pockets—well tailored. Misses' 37.50 broadcloth suits, 21.50. 3/4 length—light fitting strap seams—beautiful colorings—wine, green, plum, gray, blue and black—lined throughout with soft satin—plaited skirts—extra fine broadcloth. Misses' and girls' 14.75 chinchilla coats, 9.75. In navy blue, flannel lined—large storm collar—emblem on sleeve. Sizes 6 to 18 years. Girls' 9.75 Pileadilly coats, to close, 3.95. In very fine novelty mixtures—full, boxy garment, with velvet collar—lined throughout—large hand-worked emblem on sleeve. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Table No. 1 Five thousand 15c to 25c books... 10c Table No. 2 Five thousand 25c to 35c books... 12c Table No. 3 Five thousand 35c to 75c books... 17c Table No. 4 Five thousand books up to \$1 at... 25c Table No. 5 Books of all kinds worth regularly from 50c to \$2 each... 35c Broken library sets 14 leather cloth sides, gilt top, Balzac, Dickens, Thackeray, Hugo, Eliot and Scott. Per volume, 59c