

WHERE FAMILY SKELETONS HAVE RESTED YEARS

Police Headquarters Record Room a Remarkable Place.

OLD SECRETS ARE THERE Official Entries for Nearly a Century Are Kept Intact.

"There is many a man holding his head high in New York to-day who would give a lot for one-half hour in the record room of Police Headquarters—just to be alone there with the opportunity of changing a few entries in the records that have been slumbering for years."

This was the remark of one of the attachés of the Mulberry street building, as he led the way for an Evening World reporter up to an out of the way suite of offices on the fifth floor. It is presided over by "Charlie" Phillips, a veteran of thirty years' standing, and who during the greater part of that time has kept the greater part of that time his key in the lock of the door.

The Police Department of the greater city, besides Manhattan and the Bronx, has all the other boroughs to look after, as at the time of consolidation all books, records and papers were turned over to him.

An entry of every single happening in the city since the organization of the department can be found in the dust-laden ledgers that, numbered and indexed, are piled on the shelves. All degrees of crime, from the man or woman arrested for disorderly conduct to the murderer who exploited his crime in the electric chair or by the hangman's noose, are carefully recorded.

The offenses may have been committed fifty years ago and long since forgotten, but the record is there and will remain for ages.

To the outside world the record room is as a sealed book. By some it is regarded with feelings akin to awe. Attempts have been made by slumming parties and others to gain admission, but the stern-faced custodian generally warned them off with a "No."

"Nothing but a writ from the Supreme Court or an order from the Commissioner will enable you enter here." Needless to say, both are hard to obtain.

Skeletons by the thousand could be dug up in the record room, and the bones that rattled in public would throw many from a present high state. In that connection could be lined up financiers, lawyers, politicians, crooks, architects and others whose names to-day stand for all that is upright and honest to the community.

Men Who Still Quiver. These same financiers and others, however brave a front they make, and although years have elapsed since their youthful indiscretions, still fear that they are living in glass houses. They are worried over the possibility of a stone crashing through the filmy structure and of the scandal that would follow.

Many such men at one time had their photographs in the Rogues' Gallery, but later-day influence had them removed. With the record in evidence, they fear it may be used just at the time when least expected for their undoing.

Up to date to use against political enemies. There is no doubt, either, that a record for that under the present administration.

The offenses of which exposure is now feared were generally committed in extreme youth. Perhaps a petty form of embezzlement when the banker of the day was young, or a small salary. Usually they paid the debt by a short term in prison and have spent all their lives since in living it down and leading an honest life.

Others were arrested also in the hot blood of youth, even for the crime of murder. It was only recently that a prominent New York man died for committing one of the most sensational murders of that time. He was saved from the hangman by the narrowness of kind of margin. Three for thirty years and over he led a blameless life, and was the confidant of the shining lights of the Democratic nation's organization. He is dead, but the records of the murder are still at Headquarters.

into volumes and filed away, but they were also copied into massive ledgers, and it is the latter that will be kept forever. Other records were also sent down. There were reports of disappearances, mysterious and otherwise, also of alleged kidnappers and special reports from captains of precincts on matters sent to them for personal investigation by the Commissioner's correspondents. All kinds of records, including white rapiers from heads of the department were preserved in a copybook, all of which were stored up upon the shelves. There has been a change in this respect within the past few months. The card system already mentioned in the Evening World, and which practically originated in the brain of James L. Mooney, has taken the place of the old-time cumbersome daily report sheet. A little difficult to grasp at first, it is now working smoothly.

Under the law there are certain records that can never be destroyed. Others which are reports of captures, can be burned up after six years, and there are still other documents which may be burned after having been filed away for two years and over.

The first attempt to burn up the latter kind of records was made some months ago under the present administration, and at the time it caused a great deal of trouble. The records, and ten tons of records were hauled over to the Street Cleaning Department, a huge bonfire was built. Not until a great stack of paper had been burned and the ashes scattered to the winds did the department officials leave the place.

The burning up process at the time gave rise to all kinds of stories. As a remarkably clean and orderly record of value was destroyed. Duplicates had been provided of the same kind of evidence in the form of letters of the police stations, while the captain's reports and other writings had long outlived their usefulness.

Every pamphlet issued by the police Department since its organization is on file in the record room. It is remarkably clean and orderly. It is now known. There also can be found copies of the city directory from the time it was first published to the present day. The latter in itself furnishes an interesting story. As a complete record of the city's progress, it is a wonderful progress which New York has made.

A Room of Secrets. There is nothing whatever in the outward appearance of the interior of the office for that matter to indicate the thousands of secret and hidden volumes possess. Beyond the dust on many of the old ledgers, the office is remarkably clean and orderly. It is the matter of binding. He considers himself a victim of the "bottlers of the press" of himself. This in spite of the fact that the bookbinding is done by contract.

HO ZWASSER & CO. 10% will be allowed on presentation of this advertisement on any article purchased for cash this week. Agents for GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE. Open Every Evening Until 9 o'clock. A HOME COMPLETELY FURNISHED AT \$123.00. Actual Value \$200.

Simpson Crawford Co. One Hundred and Seventy-five Used Pianos. To-Morrow is the last day of our great sale of Used Pianos. 75 splendid bargains are offered to-morrow. Terms: \$5.00 down and \$5 per month (except when price is \$175 or over.) Do not fail to see these wonderful values, if you contemplate buying a piano at all. We will take back within one year any instrument you buy, allowing all money paid to apply on any of our new pianos, which comprise the world-famed Packard, H. & S. G. Lindeman, Schumann and Ten other Fine Makes.

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trace, but Phillips insists on his way of doing things. In his own moments the custodian of the record room pores over the old tomes, and as a result he knows so much of the police history of New York that he is much sought after by the officials. Sometimes he makes out short statements in which he tabulates the various degrees of crime that have come into him in the regular way. He can tell in a moment the day and date of any particular murder. And this, however, if he can recall the arrest of Mr. ... now the head of a banking house and he will answer dryly:

"I would have to go back on the records for the past fifty years from that. Get an order from the Commissioner and come back here in two years. It will take me all that time to find out what you want."

This is how the skeletons that make some men lie awake at night are kept quiet. In his belief it would be a betrayal of trust to give up such information. So having made the statement, his teeth and lips come together with a snap and for the balance of the day he is as silent as the proverbial clam.

Phillips has one assistant, a one-eyed policeman, who is also a veteran in the belief it would be a betrayal of trust to give up such information. So having made the statement, his teeth and lips come together with a snap and for the balance of the day he is as silent as the proverbial clam.

Spurred on by challenges and dares, Miss Correen Violet, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Alwood Violet, rich stock broker, who lives at Pelham Manor, defeated the champion, Hatch Jr., yesterday in a match swimming race on the Westchester County Club at Neek, L. I. Miss Violet swam a fine time, Miss Violet being slightly in the lead.

The distance of six miles was considered the strenuous current at this point the time is good. The two started at 10 o'clock in the morning, followed by the club members who kept in striking distance. No swimmers kept close together, the sea being choppy. When they neared the Long Island shore it was evident that Miss Violet would win, as with a lunge she struck the last drag and was won by Mr. Hatch, who struggled heroically.

GIRL SWIMMER BEAT MAN IN RACE. Daughter of Stock Broker Violet Distanced Young Hatch in Match on Sound. Spurred on by challenges and dares, Miss Correen Violet, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Alwood Violet, rich stock broker, who lives at Pelham Manor, defeated the champion, Hatch Jr., yesterday in a match swimming race on the Westchester County Club at Neek, L. I. Miss Violet swam a fine time, Miss Violet being slightly in the lead.

Extraordinary Belts, 10c. ODD lots of fancy silk and leather belts slightly marred from handling gathered from here and there throughout our belt section. Every one priced for a one day's clearing. Belts that sold up to \$1 are in this lot—not one worth less than 20c. Come early. There's a large table full at 10c.. 10c

Suit Case, \$3.50. GOING to price them Friday at \$3.50, just to stir up a little extra enthusiasm, for \$5 is what they are selling at regularly. \$4 inches—built on a steel frame—lined inside shirt pocket—brass lock—easy carrying handle with 30c strap and buckle.... \$3.50

Embroidery Sample Strips for Friday.

SINCE embroideries first began to be made there has never been such a demand for them as this season, and we might add that it is impossible under present market conditions to secure them at the prices asked you at retail.

In short you secure the finest embroideries of St. Gall at about half the regular price. 10c yd. for 15c. & 1/2c em. broideries. 15c yd. for 20c. to 30c. em. broideries. 25c yd. for 45c. to 60c. em. broideries. 39c yd. for 65c. to 85c. em. broideries.

Wonderful Bargain in Broadcloth Coats, 14.75.

WE'VE a coat bargain for Friday that's positively unapproachable—a coat that bears the ear marks of style superiority and made up in a grade of broadcloth that is used in the most attractive \$25 coats.

There are only one hundred of these garments, but we secured them at a nominal price and will sell them all Friday at 14.75—a price that wouldn't pay the cost of the material and making.

It's entirely impossible to convey an adequate idea of the importance of this offer by mere description. The illustration helps some, but falls far short of giving expression to the style and beauty of the garment. You'll agree that they're the best bargains New York has had to offer in many a day. For details, we mention to that they're light weight broadcloth coats, in full loose box effect—hang 50 inches in length—collar and cuffs of velvet—trimmed with two widths of silk braid and lined with a good grade of satin. 14.75

Great Purchase of Undermuslins.

JUST read these items. Not even during the great Annual Sales will you find such an extraordinary array of values as we have secured for to-morrow.

12c for 25c corset covers of soft finished cambric—fitted or full effects—some trimmed with lace edges. 15c for 25c Drawers of cambric—full sizes—deep umbrells h. s. founce. 25c for 39c drawers—cambric, umbrella ruffles, tucks and hemstitching. 50c for 75c Drawers—several excellent styles in nainsook, cambric and muslin for nainsook corset covers—French effects—trimmings front and back with rows of Val. lace, beading and ribbon. 75c Night Gowns, cambric and muslin, at 50c. \$1 Cambric Night Gowns, at 75c. Special Lot for 98c—consisting of night gowns, drawers, corset covers and walking skirts.

\$6.90 Imported Couch Covers at \$4.00. Of fine reversible tapestry in new Fall designs and colors. One of the greatest values that the housewife will be able to find in New York. \$6.90 Velour Bordered Portieres, \$4.50. Of broadcast armure tapestry, with rich borders, in all the new colorings. \$7.50 Irish Point Lace Curtains, \$5.00. With wide, heavily wrought borders on excellent bobbinet.

Linoleum Remnants at 30c

THE entire remnant accumulation of a year gathered for final clearance Friday at a price that wouldn't pay for the expense of manufacture. Remnants 30c. Oil-cloths, 15c.—Good, usable lengths—price cut right in two for a quick Friday clearing. Remnants \$1 Linoleums, 30c.—Hundreds of sorts lengths—unappr. each. 30c. Best Grade of Smyrna Rugs—Heaviest grade of goods—both sides alike—beautiful Oriental patterns: \$18.00—9 x 12 size—regularly \$24.50. \$24.50—9 x 12 size—regularly \$30.00. \$29.50—9 x 12 size—regularly \$37.50.

Sale of \$1 Gloves, 45c. ONE of those Friday bargains planned to make our glove section the busiest spot in the store. Women's Milanese lisle gloves in white for 45c. Women's Chevette 2 pearl clasp French suede gloves, pique seam, black only, \$2 values. 1.15 1.50 French Milanese lisle gloves, black. 1.15

A Delightful Place for Luncheon—Our 8th Floor Restaurant. Simpson Crawford Co. SIXTH AVE. 19th TO 20th STREETS

New Checks and Plaid Fall Suitings, 39c.

THE economical shopper will voice her enthusiasm when she comes to inspect this splendid collection of suitings in the stylish new checks and plaids.

Many houses are obliged to ask 50c for the very same qualities. Our price is 39c., because the maker was ready to change the run of his looms, and wished to close out all stock on hand. They're in the most approved designs of fine texture and especially adapted for school wear. A rare value for Friday at, per yard. 39c

Something New and Smart.

WE are showing only authoritative styles in Women's Crepe de Chine Waists, Taffetas, Nets, Messalines, Flannels, etc. Most complete stock in the city. (Second Floor.)

By the way, we offer for to-morrow, 150 Women's "Pinafores," commonly called "Junipers," in good grade black, all silk—high lustre taffeta. \$3.98 While they last.

Handkerchiefs.

3,000 do'en bought before the present great advance in linen. Could not buy these goods now for what we retail them for. (Main Floor.) Included with the plain linen hemstitched are a full line of daintily initialed handkerchiefs. All 10c grades at 5c. 15c Irish Linen Handkerchiefs for men and women—pure linen—plain hemstitched—bargain at 8c. 12c for Men's and Women's plain Irish linen hemstitched; also Irish linen, hand-embroidered initials; dainty cross bar with initial in full letter assortments. All 10c and 25c values at 10c and 12c.

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Groceries. Absolutely Pure, NEW CHERMAN JELLY, reg. 17c. Lusterine Washing powder. Package 3c. Dandy Laundry Soap; 6 cakes. 11c. Importers' Sample Tea. Exceptional Quality, GREEN, BLACK MIXED, imported to sell at 40c and 50c. Very special, 3 lbs. \$1.00, 23c. CORN—'Highland' brand, extra choice, creamed, Maine Sugar Corn, and regularly at 2c. CORN—'Highland' brand, extra choice, creamed, Maine Sugar Corn, and regularly at 2c. CORN—'Highland' brand, extra choice, creamed, Maine Sugar Corn, and regularly at 2c. CORN—'Highland' brand, extra choice, creamed, Maine Sugar Corn, and regularly at 2c.

Famous W. T. Corsets, 69c. WE sell thousands of the famous W. T. corsets—a 1.25 grade that is made on the fashionable lines of the high grade corsets. They're made of fine batiste, gored cut and high built. Have several hundred, in sizes 21 to 25, which we wish to close. J. B. Corsets—Regular \$2 at. 69c

Kimonos at 25c. WAIT until you see them, then you'll acknowledge that a \$3c. kimono can be worth buying. To tell the truth, we have always sold this grade for about double the money, and regarded as unusual values even then. 25c 98c. for \$2 Kimonos.

New Ideas in Millinery.

THOSE decidedly new creations that have a style fascination about them because of their newness. Conducting, as we do, the largest millinery department in America, it naturally follows that our millinery section is distinguished at all times for its superior styles and complete showing.

Each section is overflowing with all the best ideas for the Fall season—original, captivating and faultlessly correct. Trimmed Dress Hats. Untrimmed Hats. Millinery Trimmings. Special for Friday, 200 Tailor Suit Hats at \$1.50 All on the high crown Derby style—caught up jauntily on one side with ribbon, quill, buckle, etc. Most becoming. 4.50

Boys' Suits with Extra Trousers at \$5.

HAVE already sold several thousand of these splendid suits at \$5, and the season is just opening. It is bound to be the record breaking boys' suit bargain for New York.

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