press in general has treated Mr. Barrett's acting in a thoughtful spirit, and with all suitable intellectual consideration. The safe and formal remark so customary in London criticism of such matters—that "the picture would have been better if the painter had taken more pains"—has not, on this occasion, been much used. *The London Times* says: "Mr. Lawrence Barrett's greatest achievement is to interest us in a monotone of passion, a result attained by his great command of the minutiæ of his art, together with a naturally pleasing air of gentleness and refinement. Of the broad strokes of genius there are none in his representation. An occasional flash of inspiration would be a welcome relief to the studied detail of illustration which he brings to bear upon *Yorick's* all-consuming passion."

The Standard says: "A pleasant voice, with hardly a suggestion of strange accent, a very expressive face, and what may be vaguely described as an agreeable manner, are all in Mr. Barrett's favour. He has, in fact, a sympathetic personality, which goes for much. Of his high intelligence there can be no doubt, and he is obviously a master of stage resource. He knows well how to create effect and arrest attention; there is much spirit in his acting; he can carry out a rapid scene with remarkable impulse, but when the play demands that spirit should reach to passion Mr. Barrett fails very short. Of tragic power there is little or no trace."

Mr. Barrett's engagement has four weeks yet to run. He will produce "Richelieu" before it closes; and he has already been offered his choice of three theatres in London, should he desire to protract his professional stay in that capital. It is made known also that Mr. Barrett has been made a member of the Reform Club.

MADAME GERSTER SAILS FOR ITALY.

Madame Etelka Gerster-Gardini, her husband, Dr. Gardini, and the juvenile Gerster, who has played no small part in the history of the operatic season just over, sailed for Europe yesterday on the Italian steamship Vicenza Florio. They proceed to Genoa and thence to Bologna, where Dr. Gardini holds a consulship. Madame Gerster's state-room was nearly filled with flowers, and many friends, the majority being ladies, came down to the ship to see her off. Madame Gerster had only time for a few words of adieu to THE TRIBUNE reporter. She expressed herself as thoroughly satisfied with her season, and especially that portion of it passed in San Francisco. "It has been hard work, however," said she, "and I shall be so glad of a long rest. Yes, I hope to be back next season, but as yet there is nothing settled." At 10 o'clock the steamer began to move, and with the usual waving of handkerchiefs Madame Gerster said her last good-bye to the little group on the shore.

THE PRESIDENT'S DOINGS YESTERDAY.

There were a large number of early callers on President Arthur at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday. Among them were Mr. Foster, American Minister to Spain; ex-Judge Horace Russell, Chauncey M. Depew, George Bliss, John R. Lydecker, John J. Morris and Congressman Burleigh. After breakfast Mr. Arthur enjoyed another carriage ride through Central Park. On his return he spent an hour in official business with Postmaster-General Gresham and Secretary of the Interior Teller. At 1 o'clock he made a few uptown calls and then went to the law office of Ransom & Knevals, his partners. On his return to the hotel, there were other callers to demand his attention, among them General George H. Sharpe, of Kingston; Senator Coggeshall, of Oneida; Senator Gilbert, of Frankfort; Isaac H. Bromley, Emery A. Storrs, of Chicago, and Silas B. Dutcher. The President spent the evening with uptown friends and did not return till a late hour. A large number of political callers were disappointed in not seeing him. About the hotel in the evening were to be seen J. F. Dillon, John F. Smyth, Thomas Murphy, Robert G. McCord, John J. O'Brien, United States Marshal Tate, of Brooklyn; Silas B. Dutcher, John R. Lydecker, General Sharpe, and others. It is said that the President will return to Washington to-night.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

The steamer Baltic took among her passengers, yesterday, for Liverpool, George E. Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, William R. Barber, the Rev. Joseph Barnder, R. R. Baldwin, Edward Braman, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bartholomew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and family, Walter Bulwer, Miss Church, E. C. Cox, Alexander Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conrad, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas K. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron, Foster Connor, Miss Cruikshanks, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Collins, C. J. Cossart, J. B. Clarke, Charles R. Cator, Otway Cuffe, Mrs. J. H. Davis, Miss Davis, Marquis A. Dalla Valle, Mrs. Thomas I. Diehl, Miss Diehl, James G. Dyce, Mrs. E. Delmare, Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, the Misses Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Heid and family, Joseph P. Howard, A. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hadden, Goold Hoyt, James J. Jarves, Mr. and Mrs. David King and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Livingston, V. Mumford Moore, Dr. J. W. McLane, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller, Miss Miller, E. F. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nordhoff, Major Plunkett, Mr. and Mrs. F. Plante, T. F. Russell, F. W. Robinson, Miss Hattie L. Simms, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sylvester, John Shields, jr., E. Cozans Smith, Mrs. Henry W. Smith, Mrs. J. Blair Scribner, Mrs. J. R. Skidmore, William Thompson, Adam Thompson, Miss Tuckett, A. P. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Thatcher, Richard H. Tucker, W. H. Vanderbilt, George W. Vanderbilt, D. Valentine, Mrs. Frederic Wolfe, Miss Whitney, W. D. Webb, Mrs. F. C. Young, Miss Ella Young and Captain Edward Young.

The steamer Alaska took Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bayard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Talbot, Captain W. H. Jordon, F. Hazleton, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pedder, Mrs. Walter Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haines, the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Starks, the Rev. J. J. McDonnell, J. L. Gardiner, George B. Robert, the Rev. Patrick Healy, Canon J. H. Knowles, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Hogarth, Mrs. W. H. Townsend, O. W. F. Westervelt, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. de Vinne, Mrs. A. H. Wilder, W. F. de Sails and Dr. L. Parker.

The steamer Neckar took Mrs. Brayton Ives, Miss Ives, Mrs. C. Furniss, Mrs. Kimbcutt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ruckgaber and Miss Louise Butler.

The passengers sailing on the Westernland included Colonel Emil Frey, Theodore de B. Welsbrocck, the Belgian Minister; H. Sanford, Miss Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dodworth, W. H. Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. M. von Keller, the Rev. H. McKensie and Dr. and Mrs. George Spurr.

THE FIRST OF THE FRELINGHUYSENS.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 10.—The Frelinghuysen family has erected a monument over the grave of the Rev. Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen. Beginning in 1719, for twenty-eight years he had charge of the first six churches in this region—at New-Brunswick, Three Mile Run, Six Mile Run, Raritan, North Branch and Harlingen. The tradition is that his sermons and exhortations possessed rare power and were oftentimes wonderfully effective. He lived at Three Mile Run, and at his death in 1747 was buried in the old burying ground of the Six Mile Run Church, now the Elm Ridge Cemetery. The monument bears the inscription:

Rev. Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen,
born at
Lingen, East Freesland, in 1691.

In 1719 he was sent to take charge of the Reformed churches here by the Classis of Amsterdam. He was a learned man and successful preacher. The field of his labors still bears fruit. In contending for a spiritual religion his motto was: *Laudem non quæro, culpam non timeo.* He died in 1747, and his descendants, humbly sharing in his faith, have erected to his memory this monument.

The Frelinghuysen family still make Somerset County their home. The Secretary of State has a summer house at Raritan.

NON-UNION MOULDERS ASSAULTED.

CHICAGO, May 10.—A dispatch from Quincy, Ill., to *The Daily News* says: A party of twenty masked men attacked an express wagon containing some non-union moulders this morning, firing revolvers freely. The driver of the wagon and one non-union man received severe flesh wounds. A Wabash train due at 10:50 brought in another lot of non-union men. When the men got off the train stones began to fly and shots were fired. Several non-union men were hit, and one was knocked off a platform and beaten severely.

ATTRACTIVE CHILDREN'S DANCES.

The Brooklyn Academy of Music was nearly filled, last evening, at the annual exhibition of fancy dances, given by C. H. Rivers. There was a long programme of tableaux and dances in costume, in all of which the children acquitted themselves with much credit. A scarf dance and the drill of the "May Queen Guards" were most effective. The play of "Cinderella" closed the entertainment, five ponies being introduced in one scene on the stage. The children received many flowers and generous applause.

PUTTING ON THE WRONG COSTUME.

Miss Ada Deaves, the comedienne of "The Pulse of New-York," given for the first time at the Star Theatre, last night, left the sick bed of her child to go to the theatre. The child was taken suddenly with convulsions at 6 o'clock. The mother consequently arrived at the theatre in a perturbed state of mind, and in the haste of preparing for her first act put on the wrong costume—appearing in the Mulberry-st. scene in a ball costume instead of a street dress.

THE CHICAGO FESTIVAL.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The sale of season tickets for the May Festival closed this evening. The receipts were $15,000.

THE DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH PULITZER'S DAUGHTER.

From The New-York World, of Saturday.

For the first time Death sits at the hearthstone of the proprietor of *The World*. There is desolation in his household. Yesterday morning his youngest daughter, Katharine Ethel, died after an illness of only thirty-six hours. The malady was pneumonia—that unrelenting foe of humanity—and the blow has fallen with terrible force upon the family circle of which she was the infant light and lustre. The lost one was a beautiful and gifted child, just turning into the years when the tendrils of the maternal and paternal heart sit closest and when the affectionate solicitude is profoundest. To the readers of *The World* and to all who have known the rending of the dearest ties of earth the bereavement of Mr. Pulitzer will appeal with a force that will awaken the warmest condolence. In the season sacred to flowers, when Nature is in her nourishing mood, the dread Reaper enters his preserve and cuts down his brightest, fairest bud. In the presence of such a grief the warmest currents of human sympathy seem dull and cold.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

CITY AND SUBURBAN PLEASURES.

MUSEUM AND EXCHANGE RECEPTIONS—"ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR"—THE DOG SHOW.

At a large reception at the opening of the new Produce Exchange Building, on Monday evening, people trudged wearily around the great floor and up and down stairs in a rather fruitless search for enjoyment. However, the building was duly shown to the wives, sisters, cousins and friends of the brokers. If they should now give, this spring or next season, a grand ball, for which the building is admirably adapted, with a smaller company of guests and a better organized management, such an entertainment would prove most enjoyable.

Another incident that interested society on Monday was the opening reception, for the summer season, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Unlike receptions at the Academy of Design, there was no unpleasant crowding, owing to the large building, and one could view the paintings, etc., without the aid of a step-ladder. Judging from the hum of voices the social opportunity afforded was not neglected.

Miss Heloise Durant's play of "Raoul Coquelin" drew good audiences at the University Club Theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The play showed considerable constructive talent on the part of its author, and the company of amateur actors proved a strong one. Mr. Coward and Mr. Aspinwall did especially good work. The receipts were given to the Sheltering Arms, a popular charity of late.

There were two weddings on Tuesday. Miss May Lillian Shurlock was married to Gilbert H. Johnson, and Miss Lulu de Sutton, a daughter of Dr. Richard de Sutton, to Dr. George Evans. The luncheon party given by Mrs. Isaac N. Phelps, of No. 229 Madison-ave., was an elaborate entertainment, at which about fifty prominent matrons were present.

Mrs. Guernsey's fair opened auspiciously on Monday and closed successfully on Wednesday.

The amusing performance of "Adrienne Lecouvreur" by a cast of ladies took place on Tuesday evening at the stable of Frank Work, in the rear of his house in Madison Square. The most watchful eyes were scarcely able to prevent the gentlemen friends of the actresses from getting inside the stable. A large number of ladies were admitted. The ladies who took the part of men in the play appeared perfectly at ease in their masculine garb, and paraded the stage as if glad to be free of what reformers term the slavery of feminine attire. Miss Work, the moving spirit in the play, was *Adrienne*; Miss Rives was the *Abbé*, Miss Leavitt was *Maurice de Saxe*, Mrs. Walker Smith made a stately *Duchess*, Miss Jean Turnure was the *Prince*, Miss Gertrude Gilbert *Michonnet*, Miss Van Auken the *Princess*, and Miss Kate Bulkley the *Marquise*. Madame Modjeska deserves mention for self-sacrifice in coaching the players. The scenery and costumes were excellent. The main enjoyment of such a performance is of course to pique masculine curiosity.

The reception held at the Museum of Natural History on Tuesday was dampened both in spirits and in fact by the rain. The attendance was small and Mr. Jesup must have felt lonely. Last year a crowd was present, but the musicians played this year to almost empty rooms, if the gorillas and chimpanzees be excepted. Mrs. John E. Parsons gave a large dinner party in the evening to the Misses Gordon, who sail soon for England.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Howland gave a dinner complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Smith.

Thursday brought a number of dinner parties; Mrs. Amos Cotting, Mrs. Charles Coudert and Mrs. S. B. Price being among those who gave them. Mr. Herbert, of Muckross, Ireland, gave a dinner at Delmonico's for Colonel Ewart, of the First Life Guards, a hero of Tel-el-Kebir. Mrs. C. T. Raynolds gave a large reception. Mrs. Charles S. Spencer, of No. 146 West Twenty-third-st., gave in the afternoon a "blue and gold" luncheon; the flowers being forget-me-nots, yellow pansies and Marguerites, and the menus of white satin, with a hand-painted spray of forget-me-nots tied with gold ribbon. The guests included Mrs. William Dowd, Mrs. C. H. Parkhurst, Mrs. W. H. Wickham, Mrs. William Ely, Mrs. E. T. Schenck, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Beers. The performance of "Iolanthe" by amateurs for the benefit of the Sheltering Arms drew a fashionable audience at the Academy of Music in the evening. The opera was sung with much dash and spirit, Messrs. Hilliard and Norton and the Misses Seligman, Hauk and Hirsch doing particularly well. Miss Seligman showed herself to be an actress of talent. A dinner was given by Benjamin L. Swan to a party of gentlemen at Pinard's Friday evening.

The dog show, lasting four days, drew many devotees of Fashion, in spite of the bad weather. Miss Turnure, the Misses Heckscher and Miss Berryman being apparently particularly interested. Many New-York people who had pets on exhibition had the disappointment of seeing the blue ribbon borne off by kennels in Connecticut, New-Jersey and other States.

Social interest was focussed at Far Rockaway yesterday, where gentlemen riders risked their necks in the annual steeplechases, for various prizes and such fame as the turf affords. The special trains were full of people chattering about the races and there was a grand array of shiny vehicles and spring bonnets on the violet-studded turf of Long Island. The races were well contested and it was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held by the club.

The annual fancy dances and a performance of "Cinderella," by pupils of Mr. Rivers, at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, last evening, was a social incident for that city.

A wedding of interest took place last Thursday at New-Haven, the bride being Miss Mary Seymour Morris, daughter of Lazon B. Morris, and the groom Charles Millard Pratt, son of Charles Pratt, of Brooklyn.

The coming week will be a quiet one in social annals. Miss Louise Adelaide Longhi, a daughter of John N. Longhi, will be married to Frank Henry Tyler next Wednesday evening, at No. 699 Willoughby-ave., Brooklyn. Next Saturday the Meadow Brook Hunt Club will give its annual races, and J. R. Roosevelt will entertain the members of the Coaching Club at his country place, Hyde Park.

Miss Frances Theodora Smith will be married to Commander W. Starr Dana, U. S. N., at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning, May 20. Miss Reed is to be married to Mr. Parsons the same day. Mrs. Delano will give a country party at Newburg May 23, lasting four days. A number of new coaches will be in line at the parade of the Coaching Club, Saturday, May 24.

In the last week the engagement of Paul Dana, son of Charles A. Dana, to Miss Mary Butler Duncan, daughter of W. B. Duncan, has been announced.

The farewells on the Baltic, yesterday, were of unusual interest. Among the voyagers were Mr. and Mrs. M. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. David King, Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, the Misses Edwards, Goold Hoyt, W. K. Vanderbilt, George Vanderbilt and Otway Cuffe.

On Friday afternoon Mr. John Jay Phelps took a party of friends up the Hudson on his steam yacht. There was music on deck after supper, and the ladies of the party outdid each other in the relation of thrilling ghost stories.

COTTAGERS IN NEWPORT.

NEWPORT, May 10.—Dr. Cheeseman and family, of New-York, have taken the Charles cottage, near the beach.

The sum of $3,000 has been appropriated for improvements to the beach surroundings.

Samuel Wetmore and W. B. Wetmore, of New-York, will occupy the Jabez C. Knight cottage, in Bellevue-ave.

A. B. Harlow and wife, Mrs. Van Vorhies, Mrs. Worthington, H. A. Robbins, Miss Robbins, F. S. G. D'Hauteville and Philip Hone, of New-York; S. Snelling and wife, and G. T. Hanning, of Boston; Mrs. Acosta, Miss Acosta and Mrs. O'Donnell, of Baltimore; C. H. Welch, of Philadelphia, and Theodore Frelinghuysen, of Providence, are at the Aquidneck House.

Captain G. H. Perkins, of the Navy, and family, are at the cottage in Harrison-ave., owned by John R. Ford, of New-York.

George P. Wetmore, George Tiffany and the Misses Gibbes, of New-York; Joshua R. Bigelow of Boston, and Professor J. T. Huntington, of Yale College, have arrived at their cottages for the summer.

The Casino Grounds, club rooms, etc., will be opened for the season on June 1.

The Hadden cottage in Bellevue-ave. has been leased by Donnell Swan of Baltimore, and Mrs. Otis and Miss Hayward of New-York.

Isaac Bell, jr., and family of New-York, have arrived at their new cottage in Bellevue-ave.

Mrs. A. M. King, of Hartford, has let her cottage in Ayrault-st., to Mrs. C. F. Blake, of Boston.

Henry S. Fearing, of New-York, has arrived at his cottage in Annandale Road.

Mrs. James M. Drake and family, of New-York, are at Red Cross Cottage.

Mrs. John W. Bigelow, of New-York, is living at "Bayside" in Washington-st.

Le Roy King and wife, of New-York, have taken possession of their cottage in Bellevue-ave.

Among the cottagers in town during the week were Miss C. L. Wolfe, D. G. Bagon and wife, Professor W. H. G. Bartlett, of New-York, Marshall Woods, of Providence, and George W. Wales, of Boston.

General James H. Vandiea and family, of New-York, have returned from Europe.

Edward M. Neill and family, of New-York, have arrived at their cottage in Kay-st.

Lawrence Tulmure, of New-York, has taken the Gordon McKay cottage.

The following have engaged rooms at Sea View Hotel, Block Island, for the season: J. R. Steers, Miss H. Walters, Dr. W. Peterson, William H. Merritt, Frederick Baker, D. H. Holmes Curtis, the hotel physician, C. S. Bayne, E. R. Lear, Dr. O. D. Cheney, and M. M. Kellogg, New-York; Miss Esther Pratt, Hartford; Dr. C. J. Mansfield, Meriden; William H. Goodrich, of *The Hartford Courant*; A. M. Lindsay, J. L. Hatch, D. M. Childs, J. A. Biegler, L. P. Ross, Rochester; E. J. Miller, Albany; Gilbert Graer, J. B. Panuenter, the Rev. T. A. Snively, Mrs. J. T. Cooper, Alfonzo Bills, N. B. Squires, Frank Gilbert, J. T. Christie, Troy; Mrs. General N. A. Miles, Mrs. C. T. Sherman, Judge J. C. Hilyer, Mrs. W. P. Williams, Washington; William A. Harris, C. G. Burrows, Providence; J. N. Bollinger, St. Louis; J. G. Mott, Chicago; H. M. Field, Canandaigua; D. W. Russell, Boston; Prentis Dow, Claremont, N. H.; H. G. Darsie, Pittsburg; Mrs. D. P. Wood, George Barnes, Mr. Hiscock, Miss Heermans, Miss Hanchett, Mrs. Pell, Mrs. D. S. Appleton, Syracuse; Dr. William D. Lamb, South Bridge, Mass.

W. H. Morrison, Hamilton Hoppin, W. W. Collins, Edward M. Neill, Mrs. Sarah A. Kendall and Amos T. French, of Boston; Demas Barnes and W. H. Payne, of Brooklyn, have arrived.

Seth Barton French, who entertains President Arthur while he is in Newport, will go abroad and will not occupy his cottage. August Belmont and H. G. Marquand will also go to Europe, but will visit Newport before the close of the season. Pelog Hall, of New-York, has also decided not to occupy his cottage.

The Queens County Hunt will not have their fox hunts here this season, but the gap will be filled by the Meadow Brook Hunt.

Lieutenant J. D. J. Kelly, of the Navy, who was married in New-York recently, has leased a cottage here. Joseph Stevens, the son of Mr. and Mrs P. W. Stevens, of New-York, will spend the season at the Berkeley.

Mrs. Henry Bedlow is at the Dane cottage.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New-York, who has the lease of the Cottage on the Cliffs, owned by W. W. Tucker, of Boston, has sub-let it and will go abroad with his family. None of the Vanderbilts will summer here. This will be a serious pecuniary loss, as they entertain lavishly.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

AFFAIRS OF THE READING.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The suits of Moses Taylor and others and the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, trustees for the bondholders, against the Reading Railroad Company, under which that corporation was placed in the hands of receivers, have been discontinued. The assets and property, under an order of the United States Court many months ago, were formally delivered over to the corporate body. This order practically took the Reading Railroad out of the receivers' hands, but as the accounts of the receivers had not been fully audited, the court did not make a formal entry upon the records dissolving the receivership. It is probable that this formal order will be made some time next week.

THE NORTHWESTERN POOL.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The percentages to be allotted to the lines in the newly formed Northwestern pool were announced to-day and are as follows: On East bound business, Milwaukee and St. Paul 35 per cent; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, 33; Minnesota and St. Louis 32. On West bound business the Omaha Road, on account of its Washburn line, will have during the season of navigation 10 per cent of the total business, and Rock Island and Peoria Road 1 per cent. The business remaining will be divided as follows: Milwaukee and St. Paul, 36; Chicago and Northwestern, 32; Rock Island, 22; Burlington, 10.

MISCELLANEOUS RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE.

ST. LOUIS, May 10.—The Transcontinental Association met again to-day. The question of boundaries and of the proportion each road shall put into the pool having been satisfactorily settled, the subject of percentages was referred to the Arbitration Committee. After completing all the arrangements for the pool, the appointing of committees to perfect the organization and report at a future meeting, the association adjourned to meet at Chicago on May 21, where the Arbitration Committee is to determine the percentages.

READING, May 10.—At the close of the working hours to-night in the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad shops over 200 employes in the car and machine shops, some of whom have been in its employ thirty-five years, were discharged for want of work. They will be paid off next week. An official of the company says that the coal trade is dull and freight and passenger traffic extremely light.

RUMORS DENIED BY JAY GOULD.

Inquiries directed from Chicago reached this city yesterday in regard to the financial condition of Jay Gould. As nothing has been heard in New-York which would excite such inquiries, Mr. Gould was sought in his Broadway office, and an explanation requested. Mr. Gould said: "This question is not the only one of the kind that has been asked here to-day. A Wall Street News Agency yesterday set afloat an entirely unfounded statement that the Union Pacific would pass its July dividend. This was done of set purpose to influence the Union Pacific stock. There was not even a meeting of the Union Pacific directors. This morning it was openly announced on the street that there would be an attack on Western Union and Missouri Pacific. In pursuance of this laudable purpose the information on which your inquiry is based was telegraphed broadcast over the country. I have received numerous dispatches inquiring into the truth of the statement that I was in financial difficulty. It is needless to say that there is not a word of truth in it. The whole purpose of the rumor was to create a demoralization in the market, so that purchases could be made by prospective buyers at reduced figures. I am inclined to think," added Mr. Gould with a twinkle of the eye and glancing toward the stock indicator, "that they were disappointed. Both stocks aimed at are firm and my information is that the buyers are strong men."

An intimate friend of Mr. Gould informed the reporter that he (Mr. Gould) had recently given substantial aid to many who were crippled by the late troubles in Wall Street, and that he had been a large buyer yesterday. He pronounced the story of his financial difficulty a ridiculous invention.

THE FIRE RECORD.

THREE FACTORIES DESTROYED.

BOSTON, May 10.—A *Herald* dispatch from Canton, Mass., says: The factory of the Narragansett Suspender Company, the Webb Company's building and the building of S. R. Warfles & Co., spinning ring manufacturers, were destroyed by fire to-night. Over 100 persons are deprived of employment. The entire loss is $100,000 and the total insurance $40,000, in the Boston Manufacturers' Mutual.

VARNISH WORKS DESTROYED.

CLEVELAND, May 10.—A fire which communicated from an adjoining lime-kiln, this morning destroyed the greater part of Sherwin, Williams & Co.'s paint, oil and varnish works. The loss is $80,000; insurance $118,000.

CHUCK WORKS BURNED.

NEW-HAVEN, May 10.—The Sweetland Manufacturing Company's chuck works at Wallingford were entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The fire was accidental, possibly originating from the boiler or from a spark from a passing locomotive. Loss, $35,000 to $40,000; insurance, $30,000. The Westland Safety Lamp Company occupied a portion of the building. Their loss is $5,400; insured.

THRASHING A BRAGGART.

TWO BROTHERS BEAT A MAN FOR TALKING OF THEIR SISTERS.

John Fettretch, a builder, age about thirty-two, of No. 148 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., has been carrying around with him for a day or two black eyes and sundry bruises. Last week he met Dr. John Walther, of No. 212 East One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., and told him that he had been flirting with two young ladies named Orgler, living at No. 179 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st. Dr. Walther said to a reporter yesterday:

Fettretch told me of his double conquest and invited me to come down and see his lady friends. It then occurred to me that my particular friend, Dr. S. J. Meltzer, lived in the same house with the young ladies, and when I met Meltzer I told him. He assured me that he had always regarded the Misses Orgler with respect, and informed Mrs. Orgler of the story. The mother was exceedingly incensed, and called upon her son, William Orgler, age twenty-five, to avenge his sisters. Mr. Orgler called upon me and demanded an explanation. I was in a most uncomfortable position and was obliged to throw the matter upon my informant. Mr. Orgler then demanded that I should introduce him to Fettretch and induce him to tell him the same story. I agreed and the unsuspecting Fettretch detailed his interesting story to the brother. He enlarged upon the story and ended by inviting Mr. Orgler to visit his own sister. Mr. Orgler said that he would be delighted and begged to be allowed to bring a friend, and a place of meeting was appointed. They met. The other young man was another brother. The place of meeting was a dark corner in an out-of-the-way street. Mr. Fettretch was requested to tell his little romance all over again, which he did, drawing upon his imagination to an unlimited extent. When he had finished William Orgler put out his right hand, and Mr. Fettretch laid down. When he got up the other brother took a hand in the little affair. When they got through with him Mr. Fettretch was used up.

Mr. Orgler did not care to say much about the matter but admitted the thrashing. Mr. Fettretch has nearly recovered. He admitted that he had had a slight misunderstanding, but denied that he had insulted the ladies.

FIGHTING BEFORE A SELECT COMPANY.

About sixty well-known amateur athletes, carefully selected, assembled in Clarendon Hall, in East Thirteenth-st., last night, to witness a fight with soft gloves between Joseph Illingsworth, the amateur middleweight champion, and Frank Sabulka, who held that title last year. There had been considerable difference of opinion among amateurs as to which was the better man. The conditions of the match called for a fight of four rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules, with soft gloves. When the men came to the scratch, Sabulka appeared a little out of condition, and when the four rounds of hard fighting was finished he showed the result of his lack of training, and the fight was given to his opponent. It was a close decision, and the spectators wished to have the fight go on to a finish. The referee, however, declined to allow it.

After the set-to had been decided, the announcement was made that a match had been arranged between William Illingsworth, and James Sterns, of New-York, to fight with soft gloves under Marquis of Queensberry rules, to a finish. When time was called Illingsworth rushed for his man and knocked him about the stage as he pleased. Sterns could neither defend himself nor attack effectively. In the fourth round, however, he rallied, and succeeded in getting in some good body blows, and one or two face hits. In the fifth round Illingsworth walked up to Sterns and hit him right and left on the nose and mouth, staggering him. He followed up the attack vigorously, and by the time that the round was half over, he had his opponent hanging limp and helpless on the ropes. Sterns's second threw up the sponge, and the fight was declared won by Illingsworth.

A set-to between Frank Crysler and Johnny Williams, which resulted in a draw, wound up the entertainment.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' BROTHERHOOD.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BALTIMORE, May 10.—The various newspapers here to-night were furnished with information from an unknown source that the defunct Brotherhood of Telegraph Operators were about organizing a new secret association. The facts of the case are that the telegraph operators themselves are in complete ignorance of any such reorganization and assert that if the statements made to-night were really made, it is a dodge of the companies to sound the men.

A SWINDLER'S OPERATIONS IN BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, May 10.—F. von Bodenfeld, alleged to be an ex-pastor of an Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, has lately been canvassing this city for the firm of W. H. Steele & Co., of 697 Broadway, N. Y., selling copies of Doré's Bible and a scientific work for boys. He carried letters of instruction and commendation from clergymen, among them being three from Bishop Scarborough, of New-Jersey. The Rev. A. Sidney Dealey, rector of Christ's Church, in this city, sent a letter of inquiry to Bishop Scarborough, to which a reply was received to day that the man was a swindler. Bodenfeld was arrested.

AMATEURS IN THE SADDLE.

GENTLEMEN'S RACES AT BAYSWATER.

BRILLIANT MEETING OF THE ROCKWAY HUNTING CLUB—GOOD SPORT AND DELIGHTED SPECTATORS.

Words of praise and pleasure were heaped high on the Rockaway Hunting Club yesterday. A livelier and a brighter afternoon than they gave their friends and the public on their rolling grounds at Far Rockaway will be long sought and rarely found. The vivacity, the dash, the fascination, of their spring meeting it will be hard for any other club to equal or approach. There was exhilaration in the air, there was eager anticipation in every eye among the thousands of spectators, there was the most picturesque array of groups and tints, there was an admirable variety in the sport, and there was genuine enjoyment in every hour. Fifth Avenue and Murray Hill sent many of their fairest daughters to admire the grace and skill of the gentlemen riders. The trains that crawled down from Long Island City were freighted with youth and beauty. The brightest eyes beamed under the most coquettish of May millinery and above the best fitting of spring raiment. There was a delightful absence of formality and constraint about it all. Young ladies with radiant faces were to be seen at every turn in the little, low, rustic club-house; about the stables and the kennels; in the stands for spectators and along the rails of the course. There was rippling laughter and merry chat on lawn and field, and there was also a keen interest in the fortunes of the brave young men who rode the polo ponies or took the hunters over the tall jumps or the broad water. Never in America did better amateur jockeys ride before a more attractive assemblage and never was more gracious praise from lovely lips lavished upon winners or sweeter sympathy bestowed upon those who carried off no laurels. Not even Jerome Park, in its best days, gathers a greater number of pretty girls and well-bred young men, the pick of the clubs and the germans. Any rider who could not show his finest skill under the approving glances of such a regiment of beauty as adorned the course would be a clown indeed.

THE MEN WHO RODE.

Look at the list of the amateurs and judge if there were any laggards or dolts among them. There was handsome George Work, "Prince George," as some fond friends have titled him. He carried off two prizes and rode superbly. There was little and light "Jack" Cheever, with touch of velvet but grip of steel on the rein. There was dashing Stanley Mortimer, whose rush at the big jumps was a bit too reckless, perhaps, but who will never lose a race that force and resolution can gain. There were Belmont Purdy and Griswold Lorillard, young La Montagne and St. John, Penistan and August Belmont, jr., Hinckley and Hitchcock, Saportas and Ward, Jacob and Lanier, Herbert and Jarvis, Baltimore sent Swan Latrobe and Harry Harwood to represent the city of lovely girls, and sent with them fair faces that well sustained the reputation of that town. One of the most gratifying features of the day was the triumph of the Monument City in the great race of the meeting, which Harry Harwood won with his hunter Tonkaway. Every one was pleased to see a Marylander uphold so gallantly the fame of his State for unsurpassed horsemanship. It will encourage other Southerners who own good horses and know how to ride them to meet the flower of the Northern turf on their own ground.

A GLANCE AT THE COURSE.

The long stretches of green, the meadows and the uplands, the ridges and the rises smiled under the sun of May. Little flags fluttered, marking the course. The turf wall which the horses must clear rose menacingly in the foreground. Just beyond the farthest verge of the course glittered the waters of the bay. Hither and thither in their brilliant scarlet dashed about on horseback members of the club and huntsmen keeping the course clear. The young Apollos who were to ride in the races gleamed in the glowing silks of the race-course. There were 5,000 people looking on, including many Long Island farmers with their families, who had ridden miles in their wagons, and who showed a sturdy interest in the sport.

From the gallant band of riders, one noble form was sadly missed. It was that of Frederick Gebhard. There was general anxiety to see him play the part of a Centaur, but he was shy and put Mr. Picott, of Mrs. Langtry's company, on his polo pony Orphan Boy. The pony wandered about in a melancholy way, looking for his lost parents.

Mr. Louden won the first race for hunters with his own horse Gilt Edge. "Jack" Cheever cleverly captured the second with his polo pony Nebraska. The Queens County Cup went to handsome George Work on handsome Vivian. Mr. Penistan lured Echo to win the Rockaway Cup. George Work's second victory was with pretty Fleurette in the heavy-weight steeplechase, and all Baltimore was jubilant as Harry Harwood on Tonkaway crossed the line first for the Great Long Island Steeplechase.

DETAILS OF THE CONTESTS.

Eight ran for the hunters' flat race, half a mile, for a piece of plate, which opened the sport. Alexander Louden's Gilt Edge, ridden by the owner, was the favorite and winner, with Stanley Mortimer on his own Lochinvar second, and Mr. Penistan on Mr. Drysdale's Echo third. E. C. La Montagne's Kitty, ridden by Mr. Cheever, was fourth, Griswold Lorillard's Sinbad with his owner on his back fifth, Mr. Jacob's Blue Bonnet sixth, Mr. St. John's Jonesboro' seventh, and Mr. Pulzer's Gray Bonnet last.

The second race was for polo ponies for a piece of plate; half a mile on the flat. Eleven of the little beasts scrambled over the course, each backed by a rider well known to the New-York clubs. Mr. Cheever proudly bestrode Nebraska, N. G. Lorillard was on Chappie, Mr. Mortimer mounted Tom Boy, P. La Montagne sat on Franlein, Mr. Picott handled Fred Gebhard's Orphan Boy, Mr. St. John kept the explosive Dynamite in check, Mr. Hinckley spurred Jadi, L. Jacob urged his Hungry Joe, Mr. Ward piloted Olinda, George Saportas guided Miss Malone, Mr. Hitchcock directed E. D. Morgan's Wild Tom. The first incident was the turning of Hungry Joe's saddle, which sent the hapless Jacob whirling over and over. But no limbs and no senses were missing when he picked himself up. The lead changed rapidly in the first quarter mile. Then Nebraska hopped to the front, where he was joined by Tom Boy and Wild Tom. Mr. Cheever made a brilliant finish, riding with dash and vigor and bringing the pony in four lengths before Wild Tom, Tom Boy third, half a dozen lengths back. Tom Boy was the favorite.

The third race was for the Queens County Cup for hunters, members of the club to ride in pink, for a cup presented by the Master, F. Gray Griswold—full course. George Work rode Mr. Sands's gelding Vivian (five years, 175 pounds), Mr. Hitchcock backed N. G. Lorillard's gelding Jesse James, (five years, 175 pounds), and Stanley Mortimer was on his own gelding Lochinvar (aged, 160 pounds). Vivian was a great favorite. Lochinvar bolted and Vivian took so big a lead that the ill-starred Jesse James could not get near him. "Prince George" slackened speed when the race was surely his and Jesse James finished a dozen lengths behind Vivian. Five weeks over the jumps for the Rockaway Cup, a light-weight steeplechase, full course, for half-bred hunters; $25 each, for a cup presented by Edward La Montagne, president of the club. They were Stanley Mortimer's Mercury (aged, 155 pounds), ridden by the owner; Drysdale's Echo (aged, 155 pounds), ridden by Mr. Penistan; J. Smith's Extravagance (aged, 160 pounds), ridden by Mr. Jacob; J. D. Cheever's Roxboroma (aged, 161 pounds), ridden by Mr