



A LIVELY BOUT ON DECK.

on unlimited enthusiasm. There are two inscriptions, that around the rim on the inside being "Drink deep and you will preserve the city and encourage canals." A slightly different opinion of the conditions precedent to preservation and encouragement, it is scarcely necessary to remark, prevails in these degenerate times. The inscription just below the brim on the outside is in gilt scrip, and is repeated in full so the line extends entirely around. It is, "Presented by Jacob Morton to the Corporation of the City of New-York, July 4, 1812." Commercial and patriotic devices on the sides and a narrow gilt band just below the brim are the only ornamentation.

The grandfather's clock of the Mayor's office is temporarily stowed away in the Governors' Room. This timepiece, about twelve feet high, is nearly as old as the building. It probably will be restored to the Mayor's office when the renovation of the building is completed.

A tall case in a corner contains flags used in three wars. There is a stand of Revolutionary colors, the colors of the 1st New-York Regiment used in the storming of Chapultepec in the Mexican War, and a stand of colors used in the Civil War.

Mrs. Lytle, the widow of General Lytle, who died of wounds received at Antietam, is the custodian of the Governors' Room. She carefully explains to visitors that the articles in her charge are not family relics of Washington, but are mementos of the earliest days of the republic and of his official career in New-York. Many visitors seem to doubt the genuineness of the collection, because no article bears the arms of the Washington family, as do those treasured at Mount Vernon.

The body of Lincoln lay in state at the head of the stairway in the rotunda directly in front of the entrance to the Governors' Room, and the bodies of Tilden, Greeley and Grant also were viewed by thousands as they lay in state in the rotunda. The catafalques for Tilden and Grant, however, were placed on the ground floor. During the War of the Rebellion the bodies of many fallen heroes bound for New-England and the West were guarded overnight in the rotunda.

On the second floor of the rotunda in a glass case is a model of the City Hall, made of cardboard by a girl related to one of the mayors of more than fifty years ago. Janitor Keese says the history of this model has become involved in such doubt that he knows of nobody who can tell exactly when or from whom it came, but he says it has certainly been there for forty years, and, from the best information he can secure, has probably graced the rotunda for more than half a century. One story attributes the origin of the model to the administration of Mayor Westervelt.

In the olden days the fire engines are said to have been kept in the basement, where the headquarters of the police were also situated.

Among the famous men who have spoken from the balcony or steps of the City Hall was Lincoln. Many evangelists of greater or less celebrity have preached from the steps, and until within recent years the balcony was a favorite reviewing stand for the mayors and their guests.

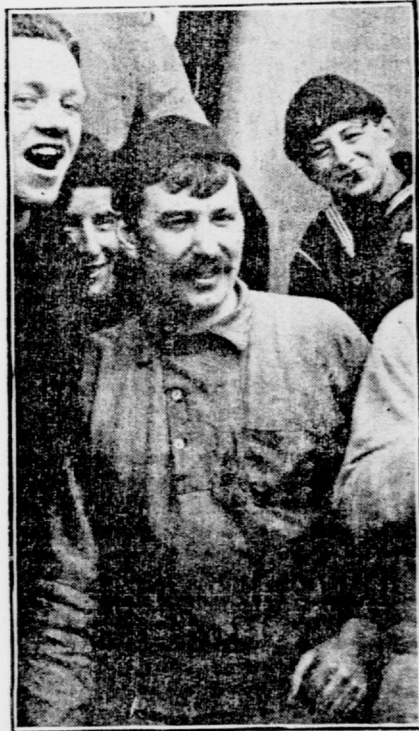
Directly in front of the steps the stand from which General Benjamin F. Butler vainly endeavored to address the people was situated. He was howled down by an unfriendly mob, and finally an apple was thrown at his head. He caught, pared and ate the missile, but was obliged, despite his coolness, to desist.

The two coping stones bearing the names of the members of the building committee and others connected with the erection of the City Hall, which were found the other day by W. M. Aiken, Borough President Cantor's consulting architect, while he was prowling around the roof, will be moved down to the main corridor of the building and set up in the wall as a mural tablet as soon as possible.

The City Hall has been a favorite resort

throughout its history for demagogues, rogues and their victims and cranks of both sexes. In the picturesque language of the janitor, "Marty" Keese, the "harmless cranks have always been humored, the victims of fraud have been treated sympathetically, and rogues and suspicious characters have been turned over to the 'myrmidons' of the law."

"More poor foreigners have come here to have counterfeit money and snide jewelry tested," said the janitor, "than any place else in New-York. The moment a foreigner or ignorant countryman suspects he has been swindled, he starts for the City Hall. We send jewelry victims to the Assay Office and green goods unfortunates to the Sub-Treasury. A hayseed once came here with a \$100 bill which was palpably a counterfeit and we sent him to the Sub-Treasury. In about an hour he came back. They had burned a big hole in his bill and handed it back to him, and I had my hands full to keep



JOE LAKEY (IN THE CENTRE).
Now on the United States steamer Columbia. He knocked out the boxing champion of the British fleet in Asiatic waters.

him from thrashing me because I refused to give him a good one for it.

"An old woman used to come here regularly the first of each month to collect rent for the building, which she said was hers. She came daily until the clerks in the Mayor's office gave her a slip of paper purporting to settle the bill and sent her with it to the Controller, who saw the joke, gravely took up the scrap she brought and with profound politeness gave her another. She went away satisfied, but once a month for years the same formality had to be observed.

"Another woman once entered the Governors' Room upstairs and demanded the keys from Mrs. Little. I was appealed to to put the intruder out. She said she wanted the key to this building and also that to the uptown house. I told her I would have to talk to the Mayor about it and asked her to come back in a week. She came, and I gave her a big brass key and a still larger one of iron, which I secured from a dealer in old metals. She was greatly pleased and told me I could go right on using this building as long as I lived. I have never seen her since.

"Many strangers mistake the City Hall for the Bridge entrance and we can hardly convince them of their blunder. I suppose when the sub-

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way is in operation life here will hardly be worth living. They will read that tablet in front of the steps, rush in here for tickets and want to fight because we point to the hole in the ground outside and tell them that is the station."

SPORTS OF THE NAVY.

An Order Which Provides for Physical Training for "Jack Tars."

The sailor in the United States Navy is being trained not only to handle cannon, but also to handle himself. Despite the tremendous evolution of the long range gun, of the submarine torpedo and of the mine, there are still likely to be times when "Jack" must cope hand to hand with his foe. In such an emergency his technical training of powder loads and calibre measurements and weights of projectiles will be of little avail. Then he must depend not only on a strong body, but also a trained brain, to command his strength aright. He must be able not only to give but to dodge a blow.

The development of the sailor in the art of

self-defence has been recently recognized at Washington as of high importance, and the Secretary of the Navy a short time ago issued an order providing for the regular training of ship crews in physical exercises, and especially in boxing. It is believed that the innovation was inspired by the President himself, who is especially fond of this sport, and believes that it is a requisite in the training of every American.

The order further stipulates that all the vessels of the navy shall be equipped with apparatus for physical culture, on application to the Bureau of Equipment. Chief among the list of "implements" are boxing gloves, broadswords, fencing sticks and baseball and football outfits. The sailors have taken a keen interest in the various kinds of sports which Washington is thus encouraging, and it will doubtless please the President to learn that boxing is the favorite of all.

The plan of providing the sailors with means to obtain a regular system of physical exercise, together with such sports as football and baseball, finds favor also with navy officers of the highest rank.

"It is both timely and excellent," said Rear



THE BOXER WHO LOOKED AT THE CAMERA GOT A HARD BLOW IN THE WIND FOR HIS VANITY.