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HUGH M'LAUGHLIN AND HIS BOYHOOD SWEETHEARTS.

The Notable Collection of Curiosities at a Waterfront Hotel—Dances and Receptions.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH.

Probably no person is better known along the entire Brooklyn waterfront than Theodore Krombach, the proprietor of the Yacht Hotel, Third-ave. and Twenty-fifth-st. His name is known by sailors all over the world, who have been his guests at one time or another. Gradually, through his friendship with these residents of the wide, wide world, he has gathered together a collection of most interesting relics. The most noteworthy feature of them all is that they have come first hand from the scene of their interest and have reached Mr. Krombach from men whom he knows personally. Thus the genuineness of every one is assured. At present the collection is somewhat scattered and in a confused state, but in the course of time those things that do not adapt themselves readily to the wall will be arranged in glass cases. The relics of which Mr. Krombach is most proud are those of the Spanish-American War. Of these the most prized is a copy of the proclamation which was sent throughout the Philippine Islands when the uprising against the American arms began. It is printed in Spanish on thin, tough paper. At the bottom, in script, appears Aguinaldo's name. This relic was presented to Mr. Krombach by a sailor who was with Dewey's squadron. In connection with the trouble in the Philippines he has a number of newspapers giving accounts of some of the stirring happenings there.

The Cuban collection is headed by a pair of the singal lamps of the ill fated battleship Maine. These are bent and twisted and broken, giving some idea of the force to which they were subjected. They were given to their present owner by J. J. May, an engineer on the wrecker. J. J. Merritt, An offer of $800 in cash for these relics has been refused by Mr. Krombach. Then he has a Spanish banknote of a large denomination. It was taken from the safe of the Almirante Oquendo, one of Admiral Cervera's cruisers. At the time it was put in the safe it was probably brand new, but now it shows the signs of the water soaking it got while under the waters near Santiago. In the collection is the starboard telegraph fixture from the cruiser Viscaya. There are several brass and porcelain door plates from various Spanish vessels, among them the Christoforo Columbo and the Panama. The latter was a Spanish prize, which was afterward remodelled and became the cable ship Hooker of the Army Department. She was lost on the rocks in the Philippines. There is a large collection of rifles of various patterns and several shells that came from Morro Castle at Santiago and a variety of small arm ammunition, each piece with some particular association. Half of a rifle belt, picked up on the battle field of San Juan Hill, would probably tell an interesting tale could it talk. Then there is a jacket formerly worn by a major in the Spanish army. It has green cuffs and yellow trimmings. Another piece of a Spanish costume is a coat worn by a bugler

A Spanish bugle from San Juan Hill hangs on this coat. Then there are three interesting pieces of headgear. One is a white helmet, which is properly vouched for as having been worn by General Shafter in the trenches before Santiago. A campaign hat, bearing all sorts of queer inscriptions, shows that it was at one time worn by a member of the 47th United States Volunteers from Brooklyn. A straw hat shows the type of headgear worn by the Cuban insurgents in the field. An exhibit that will be of particular interest to the old soldiers is of a can of the so-called "embalmed" beef, which caused so much stir in army circles. It has never been opened, and probably never will be. Several of the relics are from the Spanish war vessel Reina Mercedes. One is a port light, the glass of which shows the fierce heat to which it was subjected when the boat took fire. Another is a part of a flag. One of the oddest things in the collection is a triangular piece of brass, said to be one of the medals of honor given by Aguinaldo to his officers and soldiers. Mr. Krombach is the most hospitable of men, and is always delighted to show his collection to strangers. It is well worth a trip to the Yacht Hotel in South Brooklyn.

Hugh McLaughlin, having been retired from active politics, is now spending his time recalling his early days and entertaining his friends with stories of the old times. Everybody knows of his devotion to Mrs. McLaughlin, who was a Jersey girl, but she was not his first sweetheart, by any means.

It was New Year's Eve, and, as usual, he was sitting in the room of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen in the basement of the Borough Hall. Somebody happened to mention a name, and it seemed to touch the spring of recollection.

"Oh, yes," he exclaimed, "I remember that man. He married 'Li' Schermerhorn—her name was Eliza, but the boys and girls called her 'Li'. She was one of the sweetest, prettiest girls in Brooklyn in those days. All the boys were suitors for her favor. Why, do you know, if I was ever able to scrape up so much as two cents in change, I used straightway to go and invest in a muskmelon. Then I would stand on the corner and present it to 'Li' when she came along. 'Li' was very fond of melons.

"Was she my first sweetheart? Oh, bless you, no! Why, I started in to have sweethearts when I first got out of long clothes. I used to give them flowers and books and fruit. I think the boys were more chivalrous in those days. Boys go in so much for athletics in these days that they do not have any time to devote to the girls. It's too bad, too bad."

Then the retired political boss started a new game of dominoes and could not be induced to talk further of his youthful love experiences.

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Miss Edith Alden Candler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flamen B. Candler, formerly of the Heights, but now of No. 20 Fifth-ave., Manhattan, and George Ledyard Stebbins, son of the late Charles Stebbins, of Cazenovia, N. Y., were married last Wednesday at noon in the Collegiate Church, Manhattan, by the Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Mackay. The bride, gowned in chiffon voile, trimmed with Brussels point lace, and wearing the conventional tulle veil held in place with sprays of orange blossoms, carried orchids and lilies-of-the-valley and was attended by Miss Alice W. Post, of Manhattan, Miss Helen V. K. Clarkson, of Tivoli-on-Hudson; Miss Linda Stebbins, of Cazenovia, N. Y.; Miss Eleanor Hastings, of Brooklyn; Miss Mabel Lewis and Miss Ethel Smith, of Manhattan, who wore pink chiffon frocks and pink court veils with wreaths of English mayflowers. Their bouquets were large showers of pink roses. George Stebbins, of Rochester, N. Y., was best man, and the ushers were George L. Brewster, Daniel Bacon, Percy Bramwell, Kenneth Douglas Robinson, William A. Hutchinson, Wainright Parish, Duncan Candler, of Manhattan, and Benjamin Stebbins, of Erie, Penn. The decorations at the church were in green and white. A breakfast was served at Sherry's, to which several hundred people had been bidden. The bride and bridegroom will spend the winter in Italy.

Miss Julia Cooke Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bennett, of Bay Ridge, was quietly married on Tuesday afternoon to Charles Thompson Coggeshall, of Bloomfield, N. J., at the home of her parents, in Seventy-ninth-st. The bride wore her travelling costume of tan broadcloth and a brown toque, and was attended by Miss Jean Tolar in green louisine, with a green velvet hat and carrying violets. The bride's sister, Miss Dottie Bennett, and Miss Mary Cropsey, who were frocked in white, acted as ribbon bearers. The ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. J. Scudder, of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Coggeshall will live in Prescott, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pruett Sharr, of No. 84 Winthrop-st., Flatbush, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Leonora Sarr, and Edward H. Krackle. Miss Sharr was a Packer girl and Mr. Krackle was graduated from Harvard last year.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flatbush, will be the scene Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock of the wedding of Miss Carrie Lavinia Meserole, daughter of Theodore Meserole, of No. 309 Fenimore-st., and Roydon Rockefeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Nesmith, of No. 265 Washington-ave., formally announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helena Nesmith, and Frederick Miller Van Wicklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Wicklen, of President-st., on Christmas Day.

The engagement of Miss Grace Gurney, daughter of Mrs. Richard Gurney, of No. 916 Union-st., to R. Deane Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Brooks, of No. 1,131 Bergen-st., was announced last Monday evening at a dinner given for her at the Union League Club.

The bridal party at the wedding of Miss Grace Elizabeth Flood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frederick Flood, of Newark, N. J., and Henry Johnson Robert, of No. 14 Pierrepont-st., which will take place on Tuesday next at the home of her parents, No. 1,014 Broad-st., will include Miss Margaret M. Flood, as maid of honor; Miss Bertha E. Fennessy, of Brookline, Mass., as bridesmaid; Fernando Wall Benner, of Manhattan, as best man; Morris C. Holman and Christopher D. Robert, of Brooklyn, as ushers. The hour for the ceremony is 4 p. m., and the wedding will be followed by a reception.

On Wednesday next Miss Carolyn Louise Woodhull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Woodhull, will become the bride of Harry S. Moul, of York, Penn., at the home of her parents, No. 198 Berkeley Place, at 8 o'clock. Miss Woodhull will be attended by her sister, Miss Nan Woodhull, as first maid of honor, and by Miss Alice Dana Bowne, as second maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Miss Violet Harkness, Miss Margaret Aikin, of Pittsburg; Miss Nathalie Cromwell, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Miss Florence Hanna, Miss Marion Eldredge and Miss Ethel Bellymer, of York. The best man will be Arthur Frick, of York, and the ushers will be Robert Stair, of York; Samuel W. Bowne, of Manhattan; Philip Kunzig, of Philadelphia; Gilbert Woodhull, Jesse Woodhull and Bayard Moul.

Another bride of Wednesday will be Miss Marie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bramble Wilson, of No. 37 West Eighty-sixth-st., Manhattan. She will marry Sterling Sherman Beardsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beardsley, of West Seventy-fourth-st., but formerly of No. 404 Ocean-ave., at 8 o'clock at the home of her parents. Her attendants will be Miss Edith Blair, of Cincinnati, as maid of honor; Miss Stella Ford, of Detroit, and Miss Lillian Beardsley, of Manhattan, as bridesmaids. The best man will be James William Haviland, jr., of Flatbush, and the ushers, Jacob T. Berger, of Brooklyn, and Charles A. Archer, of Salem, Mass.

Of particular interest on the Heights is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Emily Grovesteen, daughter of the late William Payton and Mary Field Grovesteen, of Garden Place, and Robins B. Woodward, son of the late General John B. Woodward. Miss Grovesteen, who has lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Elias Tunis Hopkins, at No. 14 First Place, since the death of her parents, has been extremely popular on the Heights, as has also her fiancé.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Granbery, of Manhattan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mald E. Granbery, to Roland Whitney Betts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitney Betts, of Pacific-st. Miss Granbery is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Jones, of St. Mark's-ave., and her fiancé is a Yale man. He is the brother of Miss Emily Betts, who is to be married to Horace A. Loomis on Wednesday, February 3, in the Church of the Saviour, in Pierrepont-st., at 4 p. m.

Miss Helen Coralie Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Holloway Fry, will be married to Albert Campbell Weston on Tuesday evening next at 8:30 in Christ Church, in Bedford-ave.

Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton, of No. 379 Clinton-ave., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith M. Creighton, to Jesse Watson, son of Mrs. Julia A. Watson, of Grand-ave. Mr. Watson was graduated from Columbia in 1898, and is a member of the Crescent Club and the Midland Golf Club, of Garden City.

Last Wednesday the announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Alice Hastings Birdsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood Birdsall, of No. 150 Henry-st., to William Jenkins Bruff, at the coming out reception of her younger sister, Miss Edna Wood Birdsall. Mr. Bruff is the son of William Jenkins Bruff, of No. 12 South Portland-ave., and was graduated from Yale in 1900. The country home of the Bruffs is near that of the Birdsalls at Westhampton Beach, Long Island. The receiving party at the reception included Mrs. John Chapperton Kerr, Miss Eleanor Albers, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Grace Kaufman, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Elsie White Hopkins, Miss Hedelind Beck, Miss Mary Pinkerton, Miss Hazel Talmage Smith, Miss Emily Grovesteen, Miss Jessie Sherman, Miss Louise Carhart, Miss Bessie Jordan, Miss Louise Lee, Miss Gertrude Roxanna Beecher and Miss Edna Wilson. A dinner dance was given for the receiving party, at which the extra guests were Miss Mollie Maxwell, Miss Louise Tousey, Miss Mabel Stanton, Starr Donaldson, Howard Corlies, Whitney Baker, Anson Whittemore, Charles Switzer, Arthur Pratt, Austin Bruff, Gayle Young, Stuart Young, Ralph Carroll, George C. W. Low, Alden Whitman, Calvin Truesdale, Frank Walton, John Lewis, Howard Cander, Dalund Lund, William Fowler and Caswell Stoddard. The decorations were Christmas greens and red and white.

On Wednesday evening the second of the Small and Early Dances took place at the Assembly under the patronage of Mrs. Franklin W. Hopkins, Mrs. John Lund, Mrs. Robert Pinkerton and Mrs. John Smithers. Many of the dancers came from the Birdsall reception, and so the cotillion was somewhat delayed. Doland Lund led with Miss Edna Wilson, and Howard Smithers with Miss Beatrice Oltrogge. The ballroom was decorated with evergreens. The favors for the girls were candelabra, burnt wood plaques and rose banners, and for the men Egyptian cigarettes, pipes and tissue stick whips. Among those present were Miss Elsie Hopkins, Miss Hedelind Beck, Miss Mary Pinkerton, Miss Katharine Hart, Miss Marjorie Prentiss, Miss Marjorie Putnam, Miss Muriel Goepel, Miss Bessie Jordan, Miss Doris Fuller, Miss Margaret Mynderse, Miss Grace Marshall, Miss Stella Fields, Miss Ruth Howard, Miss Charlotte Robbins, Miss Josephine Marshall, Miss Florence Smith, Miss Harriet Low, Miss Lucille Glatz, Miss Florence Frank, Miss Louise Earle, Miss Marie Appleton, Miss Anna Crary, Miss Bessie Calderwood, Miss Mary Lattin, Miss Maude Marckwald, Miss Ruth Ryder, Edward Tinker, Howard Rickerson, Caswell Stoddard, Carrington Sexton, Le Roy Hendrickson, Rudolph Goepel, Emil Frank, Walter Candee, Frank Walton, Clarence Dunning, Starr Donaldson, Randolph Sexton, Charles Switzer, Sherwood Coffin, Adolph Rollins, Kingsley Swan, Christopher Roberts, George Roberts, Edgar Glatz, Russel Earle, Tesalia Cadenas, Julian Burgess, Ernest Dunlzam, Charles Bull, jr., Charles Burns, Edward Burns, Paul Koechl, Frank Squler, Worth Howard and Arthur Hart.

Another dance of last Wednesday was the Chi Pi Kappa, at Adelphi College. The committee included Miss Imogene Laurence, Miss Azilia Laurence, Miss Bessie Hollingshead, Miss Alice Christensen, Miss Cornelia Kowenhoven and Miss Louise Hoschke. Among those present were Miss Lily White, Miss Edna Stokes, Miss Anna Street, Miss Edith Jackson, Miss Edna Childs, Miss Edna Burr, Miss Ruth Nesmith, Miss Florence Wells, Miss Charlotte McMasters, Miss Frances Bennett, Miss Katharine Poole, Miss Louise Russel, Miss Bessie Christensen, Miss Mabel Archer, Miss Alice Hill, Miss Elizabeth Gorham, Miss Anna Appleton, Miss Elsie Eakins, Miss Edna Reilly, Miss Evelyn Madden, Miss Wanta Story, Howard Blackwell, Thomas Heffern, Herbert Lewis, George Ramsay, Walter Travis, Walter Burton, Frank Parkinson, Harry Lambert, Alfred Mahen, James Street, John Hegeman, Thomas Thorne, Sperry Lane, Arthur Lewis, Harold McCollom, David Duncan, Buchard Smith and Royal McCaudlin.

Some of the guests at the Navarre Dance, which took place at the Pouch Gallery on New Year's Eve, were Miss May Dreyfus, Miss Mabel Pearce, Miss Emma Reichman, Miss Helen Reichman, Miss Beatrice Geyer, Miss Edna Smith, Miss Cora Marsh, Miss Harriet Smith, Miss Kathryn McQuaid, Miss Olive Slisbe, Miss Elizabeth Wans, Miss Bessie Skelly, Miss Genevieve Pack, Miss Anna Englebrect, Miss Mabel Fitzgerald, Miss Elizabeth MacKay, Miss Frances Dunn, Miss Jessie Richardson, Miss Carrie Culhane, Miss Florence Reilly, Miss Madeline Keveney, Miss Mary Newton, Alfred Hobson, Charles Bamberger, Albert Bamberger, William Logan, Walter Sweeney, Elden Wilcox, William Lift, William Muller, Elford Mollenhauer, Clarence Striker, Thornton McDonald, Allston Morris, Valentine Bardell, Edward MacKay, Richard Bender, William Griggs, jr., William Tolner, W. G. Arnold, C. R. Routh, Joseph Searing, James Benedict, Edwin Reilly, J. K. De Guiscard, Frank Alonzo, Carroll Dunning, Woodcock Howe, William Disney, Albert Keveney, Joseph Feeley, Charles O'Connor, Avery Mattheson and George Cooney.

The second Bensonhurst subscription dance was held at Supper's Inn on New Year's Eve, under the direction of Harry Meislahn, Francis Kaley, J. Gamble Geddes, Frank Barnetz, Frederick Sheppard, William Shaw, Harvey Young, Andrew Hegeman, John Pioneer and Dixon Bagley. The list of patronesses for the evening were Mrs. Walter Parfitt, Mrs. W. A. Parfitt, Mrs. C. J. Brown, Mrs. F. M. Carlin, Mrs. P. J. Farrell, Mrs. J. H. Horton, Mrs. J. H. Pottle, Mrs. M. N. Morrissey, Mrs. E. E. Fingarr, Mrs. W. H. Black, Mrs. Peter Bogart, Mrs. N. C. Dunn, Mrs. H. Terhune, Mrs. T. Sewers, Mrs. J. H. Coleman, Mrs. S. G. Wickett, Mrs. J. H. Mancor, Mrs. C. H. Simerson, Mrs. H. D. Magoner, Mrs. J. Brown, sr.; Mrs. A. C. Bellows, Mrs. W. H. Frizzell, Mrs. S. J. Maltby, Mrs. R. B. Sedgwick, Mrs. Matthew Ormsby, Mrs. M. H. McNamara, Mrs. M. Talmadge, Mrs. W. G. Towns and Mrs. T. W. Stewart.

On Thursday evening also took place the second of the holiday dances organized for the younger set on the Heights by Mrs. Dougherty, of Remsen-st. The Assembly was the scene of this dance, and the patronesses were Mrs. Henry Rogers Mallory, Mrs. William Carhart, Mrs. Henry Frothingham Noyes, Mrs. Sidney Lanier Smith, Mrs. Hersey Brown and Mrs. Francis Henry Page. On the committee were George Beavers Carhart, Francis Strickland Page, Richmond Lennox Brown, Phillip Rogers Mallory and Nelson Dougherty.

At the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. David M. Morrison, of Forty-ninth-st., Manhattan, formerly of the Heights, for their daughters, Miss Nathalie Morrison and Miss Lillian Morrison, many Brooklyn people or those actively identified with Brooklyn society, were present. The dance took place last Monday evening at Delmonico's. The hostess wore a blue spangled net gown, and Miss Lillian Morrison wore pink chiffon cloth, Miss Nathalie Morrison, the debutante, was frocked in white chiffon and lace. The cotillon was led by Frederick Woodruff, dancing with Miss Nathalie Morrison, and by Theron Strong, dancing with her sister. The favors for the girls were Empire fans and silk and satin handkerchief sachets, and for the men old English sporting prints and Egyptian cigarettes. Mrs. Morrison has issued cards for Tuesdays, January 5, 12 and 19, at No. 20 East Forty-ninth-st.

Last Monday morning the Assembly was the scene of the Dove Cotillon given by the St. Christopher Circle, which has been most successful in supporting the free kindergarten at the Bethesda Home, at Halsey-st. and Ralph-ave. About sixty children were enrolled this winter. The St. Christopher Circle usually gives two entertainments a year. The members of the circle are Miss Clara Adams, Miss Ella Adams, Miss Della Avery, Miss Kate Carleton, Miss Mellina Eldredge, Miss Elsie Fuller, Miss Lillian House, Miss Julia Ketcham, Miss Kate Ketcham, Miss Louisa Munson, Miss Ethel Pate, Miss Alice Pate, Miss Edith Ray, Miss Helen Ray, Miss Mabel Ray, Miss Edith Simmons and Mrs. William R. Simmons. The patronesses were Mrs. John Clapperton Kerr, Mrs. Edward I. Eldredge, Mrs. William B. Lane, Mrs. William C. Humpstone, Mrs. David Thornton, Mrs. Henry Hayes Wood, Mrs. William T. Fuller, Mrs. R. Walter Bell, Mrs. William Waterworth, Mrs. Herbert Ketcham, Mrs. William Adams. Miss Elsie Fuller and Miss Clara Bell Adams led the first half of the cotillon, and Miss Mellina Eldredge and Miss Edith Ray the second part. The girls taking the parts of men wore red roses on their gowns and the girls little Japanese umbrellas in their hair. The favors were Dutch bonnets, hand painted sachets and college pennants. Those present besides the members of the Circle were Miss Marjorie Prentiss, Miss Florence Williams, Miss Helen McWilliams, Miss Marie Weber, Miss Jeanette Day, Miss Josephine Story, Miss Edith Conn, Miss Annie Lane, Miss Dallas Rogers, Miss Florence Underhill, Miss Theo. McCord, Miss Leslie Chapman, Miss Helen Nesmith, Miss Alice Blanke, Miss Edna Young, Miss Florence Fairchild, Miss May Taylor, Miss Louise Mayhew, Miss Madeline Bell, Miss Christine Van Clive, Miss Ruth Nesmith, Miss Laura Vernon, Miss Louise Brooks, Miss May Tingley, Miss Kerr, Miss Florence Martin, Miss Cora Norton, Miss Ethel Kirkman, Miss Julia Moore, Miss Emily Kelsey, Miss May Billings, Miss May Comming, Miss Juliette Hollenback, Miss Mabel Williams, Miss Julia Logan, Miss Grace Pinney, Miss Cox, Miss Welsh, Miss Louise Buttrick, Miss Arthur, Miss Clara Matson and Mrs. Andrew Hermance De Witt.

General and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford gave a dinner on Tuesday evening last at their home, No. 13 West Twelfth-st., Manhattan, for Miss Jessie C. Moore and her fiancé, Colby W. Chester, jr. The table decorations were in red and green, red poinsettias and maidenhair fern being artistically combined, and the favors were heart shaped satin boxes for the girls and Wedgwood loving cups for the men. Following the dinner was a small dance. The guests were Miss Helen Judson, Miss Mary Maxwell, Miss Susan Woodford, Miss Elsie Moore, Morris A. Ely, Frederick Tanner, Luther Billings, jr.; John Hall and Charles A. Moore, jr. Those bidden to the dance included Miss Louise Tousey, Miss Louise Carhart, Miss Frances Williams, Miss Susan Kennedy, Miss Mary Hanson, Miss Hazel Smith, Miss Grace Knowlton, Miss Clara Ogden, Miss Louisa Lee, Miss Sara Carhart, Miss Jessie Neergaard, Miss Grace Sinclair, Miss Helen Fiske and Miss Anna Cutler. The men were E. Hubert Litchfield, Charles Carhart, Sidney Kennedy, Foster Symes, Edward Drummond, Charles Abbott, Foster Crampton, Stewart Eames, Benjamin Chamberlain, John Berry, Harry Waterous, James Anthony, Frederick Campbell, William Neergaard, Arba Alford, David Stuart and James William, jr.

The sophomore dance took place at Adelphi College last Monday evening under the patronage of Mrs. Henry Chapman, Mrs. H. M. Hall, Mrs. C. H. Levermore, Mrs. J. F. Coar, Mrs. C. B. Burke, Mrs. J. L. Welles, Mrs. C. F. Napier, Mrs. A. H. Goldsmith, Mrs. G. L. Wentworth and Miss Alice Tucker. Among those present were Miss News Haight, Miss Mabel Juhring, Miss Marie Perozo, Miss Lillian Morse, Miss Edna Jeffrey, Miss Frances Napier, Miss Marguerita Welles, Miss Mary Flagler, Miss Alice Gardner, Miss Florence Caldwell, Miss Marianna Potter, Miss E. Belle Wall, Miss Edith Wright, Miss Florence Brinckerhoff, Miss Lulu Root, Miss Harriet Nason, Miss Winifred Rose, Miss Bertha Chapman, Miss Emily Chapman, Miss Mary Carpenter, Miss Elsie Wilson, Miss Frances Forman, Miss Hattie Slator, Miss Ida Wright, Miss Frances Forshew, Miss Edith Gibson, Miss Elizabeth Kerrigan, Miss Beatrice Goldsmith, Miss Lulu Harrison, Miss Florence Hawkins, Miss Edna Juhring, Miss Isabella Kelly, Miss Mira Kelly, Miss Elizabeth Palmer, Miss Florence Parker, Miss Elizabeth Brown, Miss Belle Perry, Miss Jessie Reynolds, Miss Alice Rose, Miss Christabel Scrymser, Miss Dora Stone, Miss Lillie Warner, Miss Clara Wentworth, Lloyd Appleton, Joseph Forman, Fred Humphrey, Harry Lee, Ellvart Brunn, Carl Kirchwey, Milton Lovell.

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Monkey Scarfs ..... $18.00 instead of $36.00
Persian Lamb Cravat ..... $15.00 instead of $30.00
Sable Squirrel Cravat ..... $12.50 instead of $25.00
Black Lynx Cravat ..... $22.50 instead of $45.00
Snowflake Squirrel Cravat ..... $12.00 instead of $24.00
Black Lynx Stole ..... $25.00 instead of $50.00
Black Lynx and Moire Astrachan Shawl, trimmed with heavy silk fringe ..... $85.00 instead of $170.00
Blended Fisher Double Scarf ..... $42.00 instead of $84.00
Persian Lamb Shoulder Pieces ..... $36.00 instead of $84.00
Sable Squirrel Shoulder Pieces ..... $22.00 instead of $44.00
Snowflake Squirrel Shoulder Pieces ..... $22.50 instead of $45.00
Black Lynx Scarfs ..... $22.50 instead of $45.00
Blended Mink Scarfs ..... $14.00 instead of $28.00
Tipped Mink Scarfs ..... $18.00 instead of $36.00
Sable Squirrel Stole ..... $33.00 instead of $66.00
Natural Mink Scarfs ..... $25.00 instead of $50.00
Sable Squirrel Scarfs ..... $13.50 instead of $27.00
Blended Sable Scarfs ..... $37.50 instead of $55.00
Sable Squirrel Cravats ..... $6.75 instead of $13.50
Natural Squirrel Cravats ..... $6.75 instead of $13.50
Blended Mink Cravats ..... $9.00 instead of $18.00
Black Lynx Cravats ..... $15.00 instead of $30.00
Sable Squirrel Paddock Collar ..... $7.50 instead of $15.00

MUFFS.

Natural Mink Drop Muffs ..... $45.00 instead of $90.00
Natural Squirrel Duchess Muffs ..... $14.00 instead of $28.00
Snowflake Squirrel Duchess Muffs ..... $15.00 instead of $30.00
Sable Squirrel Duchess Muffs ..... $13.50 instead of $27.00
Monkey Duchess Muffs ..... $12.00 instead of $24.00
Blended Mink Duchess Muff ..... $25.00 instead of $50.00
Blue Lynx Duchess Muffs ..... $25.00 instead of $50.00
Black Lynx Duchess Muffs ..... $22.50 instead of $45.00
Blended Fisher Flat Muffs ..... $25.00 instead of $50.00
Natural Skunk Empire Muffs ..... $10.00 instead of $20.00
Blue Coney Empire Muffs ..... $5.00 instead of $10.00

Notice—None of these goods will be sent C. O. D. or credited, but may be exchanged within 48 hours if there are any left with which to make the exchange.

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ABRAHAM AND STRAUS BROOKLYN.

Women's Wraps and Suits : : Half Price.

The Greatest Values Ever Presented Anywhere.

A BROAD STATEMENT—but this first sale of the new year merits it. A wonderful business has been given to this Store of Women's Tailored Wear this season; a business that has broken all records. Think—such things don't come by accident. The Store must have been not only good, but *best* to have earned such growth. And when one of the foremost makers of tailored wear found himself with a great surplus, it was natural that we should have first chance to turn it into cash for him.

The garments are new—splendid. They cannot be bettered anywhere even at full prices. We shall have to reduce quite a number of our own to keep them company, in fact. The materials are the richest, the tailoring fine, the styles the latest. It is a Sale altogether without precedent or parallel. None sent C. O. D.

$8.75 to $50 Coats at $4.75 to $24.75. A particularly fine variety between $12.00 and $17.50. They are kersey and cheviot three-quarter length Coats and Ulsters in a variety of styles, tight fitting backs, loose backs, blouse fronts, wing capes, both plain and fancy trimming.

$39.75 to $69.50 Coats, $19.50 to $34.75. Velour Coats, blouses, medium length, three-quarter length, some made with capes, others trimmed with braid, fitted or loose backs; a very choice collection of handsome garments.

$10.00 to $85.00 Coats, $4.75 to $37.50. Fancy garments, including the Tourist Coats of fancy mixed tweeds; Military Coats, white and colored Evening Coats and Capes and tan and black cloth Capes.

$15.00 to $32.50 Suits, $6.98 to $14.75. Tailored Suits, mostly mixed tweeds, some black and navy cheviots; three-quarter length jackets, with capes and blouse front; very stylish dresses; skirts are walking length, seven gore, flare bottom and unlined.

Second floor, front, Central Building.

$30,000.00 in Splendid Furs for $15,000.00.

7,000 Pieces---The Greatest Sale in Years.

IN ALL AMERICA THERE IS NO OTHER STORE where fine Furs are uniformly sold for such low prices as they cost in the Abraham and Straus Store. This is not idle boasting. It is definite, easily demonstrable fact. It accounts for the tremendous growth of this Fur business. It accounts for the fact that hardly any great wholesale stock of Furs is ever offered for sale in America until after it has first been submitted as a possible purchase to us.

To-day we have news which surpasses all records. We have bought the entire stock of one important Fifth Avenue furrier. We have purchased also two smaller, but particularly fine stocks. We have made large reductions on very many of our own Furs. They will be ready tomorrow at

Half Their Worth : : Even in Spring Such News Would Be Wonderful.

The Furs include Russian and Hudson Bay Sables, Ermines, Mole, Russian Pony, Fox and Lynx. They are of the highest grade; the Garments and Neck Pieces of the latest styles. It is the most distinguished collection of Furs we ever had to sell for such small prices.

Long Fox Scarfs—Light or Dark Color.
$9.96. Double shaped sable fox Scarfs, trimmed with brushes.
$10.95. Sable fox double Stole, long tabs, tail trimmed.
$16.95. Sable fox, long two skin Scarfs, straight.
$16.95. Sable fox Scarfs, in light brown Isabella color.
$5.95. Large flat fox Muffs, either sable or Isabella color.
$11.95. Large flat fox Muffs, extra quality, two stripe.

Mink Furs.
$10.45. Four skin natural mink Scarfs, double.
$7.45. Four-in-hand Ties of mink, trimmed with chinchilla fringe, full length.
$29.50. Extra long mink Pelerines, two stripe, natural color.
$13.74. Flat mink Muffs, three stripes.

Natural Squirrel Furs.
$4.96. Natural gray squirrel Scarfs, to Waist.
$7.49. Natural gray squirrel Scarfs, ¾ length.
$15.96. Natural gray squirrel Scarfs, full length, with double tabs.
$6.49. Flat Muffs, solid gray squirrel.
$7.96. Flat Muffs, solid gray squirrel.

Brown Squirrel Fur, Sable Dye.
$7.84. Sable dyed brown squirrel Scarfs, to waist.
$11.49. Sable dyed brown squirrel Scarfs, ¾ length.
$15.96. Sable dyed brown squirrel Scarfs, full length.
$10.74. Flat Pillow Muffs, of brown squirrel.

Alaska Sable—N. Y. State Skunk Fur.
$13.85. Long imperial Scarfs of Alaska sable.
$8.96. Long imperial Scarfs of dyed Alaska sable.
$8.96. Flat Alaska sable Muffs, natural color.
$7.49. Flat Alaska sable Muffs, dyed.

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