DOING THEIR BEST.

True Tales of Lumbering on the West Branch Drive.

THE PENOBSCOT MAN. By Fannie Hardy Eckstorm, with frontispiece from a photograph. 12mo pp. 226. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

These little stories, true ones, with the real names of the persons concerned frankly given, reveal the life and romance of the Maine woods—not the romance of love, but the romance of adventure and of human character. The tales are all of men, the Penobscot lumbermen who piloted the logs on the West Branch drive, in the days of John Ross, before the "company," the great soulless corporation, strung telephone wires along the river banks and introduced other modern and disconcerting improvements. Diverse in race, Yankees, Frenchmen, Irishmen, Indians, "Province" men, they were at one in their identification with the river and their devotion to its service and ideals. "I'm Penobscot," not "off" or "from," but "I'm Penobscot," was their method of referring to themselves, the guinea stamp of their worth and the guarantee of their genuineness, and few there were who failed to ring true when put to the test. To them it might be said, as Owen Wister wrote of the cowboys of the Western plains, "In their flesh our natural passions ran tumultuous; but in their spirit sat hidden a true nobility, and often beneath its unexpected shining their figures took on heroic stature."

Among such men the author was brought up, and the tales she has selected to set forth the spirit in which they lived and worked and died were told to her by those who performed the deeds recorded or by those who were participants or eye witnesses of them. She says:

Each story is not merely personal and solitary, but illustrates typically some trait of the whole class. Their virtues are not magnified, their faults are not denied; in black and white, for good or evil, they stand here as they lived—as they themselves would prefer to stand on record.

When the book is finished we begin to understand how it is that a State like Maine, sparsely settled, poor, weak in all external aids, has been able to send forth such throngs of masterful men who, East and West, have stepped to the front. Two dominant characteristics marked their devotion to work for the work's sake, and pride in accomplishment. This is the way a Penobscot man, an English Indian, Tobique-bred, described the spirit that animated the "drive" in the old days:

It was hard and dangerous, but we did it because we liked it. It's a whole lot of fun to go into a bad place where you just know you can come out all right if something don't happen. You get to liking it. You get to wanting it when the year comes round. We always went on the drive not because we liked to be there,—such a lot of men on the logs and all trying to get them along and beat each other, and all having a good time at it. It wasn't the pay. We didn't just work our money's worth. There was all those logs to be taken care of, and it kind of seemed as if a man ought to do the best he could. Everybody in those days did the best he could.

And the pride of them! When Big Sebattis Mitchell and his bowman ran the Sowadnehunk Falls, they waited until the two other boats' crews had carried their heavy two-streakers forty rods across the portage, and were resting at the lower end of the carry. Thus they made sure of a full house of spectators—and witnesses. And when the daredevil deed was accomplished in safety, then without a word the twelve men put their galled shoulders under the gunwales of their batteaux, and started back to the upper end of the carry. "What for?" asks the author. And thus she answers the question: "It was that in his own esteem a Penobscot man will not stand second to any other man." Both boats were wrecked and one man was drowned. But they went over. It was too bad about the boats. That was the part of the tale that rankled with Sebattis when he used to tell it.

"Berry much she blame it us" (that is himself) "that time John Loss." (Always to the Indian mind John Ross, the head contractor of the drive, was the power that commanded wind, logs and weather.) "She don't care so much 'cause drowned it man, 'cause she can get blenty of it men; but dose 'ere boats she talk 'bout berry hard."

ART AND LETTERS.

The Tale of the Ancient Painter and His Pots.

A. D. Godley, in The Cornhill Magazine.

In that dim and distant æon
Known as Ante-Mycenæan,
When the proud Pelasgian still
Bounded on his native hill,
And the shy Iberian dwelt
Undisturbed by conquering Celt,
Ere from out their Aryan home
Came the lords of Greece and Rome,
Somewhere in those ancient spots
Lived a man who painted Pots—
Painted with an art defective,
Quite devoid of all perspective,
Very crude, and causing doubt
When you tried to make them out.
Men (at least they looked like that),
Beasts that might be dog or cat,
Pictures blue and pictures red,
All that came into his head:
Not that any tale he meant
On the Pots to represent:
Simply 'twas to make them smart,
Simply Decorative Art.
So the seasons onward hied,
And the Painter-person died—
But the Pot whereon he drew
Still survived as good as new:
Painters come and painters go,
Art remains in statu quo.

When a thousand years (perhaps)
Had proceeded to elapse,
Out of Time's primeval mist
Came an Ætiologist;
He by shrewd and subtle guess
Wrote Descriptive Letterpress,
Setting forth the various causes
For the drawings on the vases,
All the motives, all the plots
Of the painter of the pots,
Entertained the nations with
Fable, Saga, Solar Myth,
Based upon ingenious shots
At the Purpose of the Pots,
Showing ages subsequent
What the painter really meant
(Which, of course, the painter hadn't;
He'd have been extremely saddened
Had he seen his meanings missed
By the Ætiologist).

Next arrives the Prone to Err
Very ancient Chronicler,
All that mythologic lore
Swallowing whole and wanting more,
Crediting what wholly lacked
All similitude of Fact,
Building on this wondrous basis
All we know of early races;
So the Past as seen by him
Furnished from its chambers dim
Hypothetical foundations
Whence succeeding generations
Built, as on a basis sure,
Branches three of Literature,
Social Systems four (or five),
Two Religions Primitive;
So that one may truly say
(Speaking in a general way)
All the facts and all the knowledge
Taught in School and taught in College,
All the books the printer prints—
Everything that's happened since—
Feels the influence of what
Once was drawn upon that Pot,
Plus the curious mental twist
Of that Ætiologist!
But the Pot that caused the trouble
Lay entombed in earth and rubble,
Left about in various places
In the way that early races—
Hittites, Greeks, or Hottentots—
Used to leave important Pots:
Till at length, to close the list,
Came an Archæologist,
Came and dug with care and pain,
Came and found the Pot again:
Dug and delved with spade and shovel,
Made a version wholly novel
Of the Potman's old design
(Others none were genuine).
Pots were in a special sense
Echt-Historisch Documents:
All who Error hope to stem
Must begin by studying them;
So the Public (which, he said,
Had been grievously misled)
Must in all things freshly start
From his views of Ancient Art.
All (the learned man proceeded)
Otherwise who thought than he did
Showed a stupid, base, untrue,
Obscurantist point of view;
Men like these (the sage would say)
Should be wholly swept away;
They, and eke the faults prodigious
Which beset their creeds religious,
Render totally impure
All their so-called Literature,
Vitiate lastly in particular
Pedagogues' effete curricula,—
Just because they've quite forgot
What was meant, and what was not,
By the Painter of the Pot!

Pots are long and life is fleeting;
Artists, when their subjects treating,
Should be very, very far
Carefuller than now they are.

MEDWIN'S "CONVERSATIONS."

A Suggestion Which Readers of Byron Will Approve.

From The London Daily News.

While publishers and critics alike maintain that the fame of Byron is increasing rather than waning at the present day, it is curious that no enterprising publisher has thought of reprinting Thomas Medwin's "Conversations of Lord Byron." Medwin was a second cousin of Shelley, and was his school fellow at Brentford. He entered the army, and rose to the rank of lieutenant in the 24th Dragoon Guards, serving in India. He was introduced by Shelley to Byron at Pisa in 1821, and took notes of the conversations which occurred in the Byron circle, especially the utterances of Byron. These he published at the poet's death, in 1824, and the book went almost immediately into a second edition. Medwin wrote a memoir of Shelley for the "Shelley Papers" (1833), which he afterward expanded into a biography (1847), not accepted as very accurate in its details. He died in 1869, when in his eighty-first year. The "Conversations" caused some sensation at the time of publication. The book contains much miscellaneous literary information, particularly with reference to the authors with whom Byron was personally acquainted. For instance, there is a very scathing satire on Southey, in the form of an epitaph, which a correspondent in Paris sent to Byron. The following verses give an idea of it:

Beneath these poppies buried deep,
The bones of Bob the Bard lie hid;
Peace to his manes! and may he sleep
As soundly as his readers did!

Through every sort of verse meandering,
Bob went without a hitch or fall;
Through Epic, Sapphic, Alexandrine,
To verse that was no verse at all.

. . . . . .

Death, weary of so dull a writer,
Put to his works a "Finis" thus!
O! may the earth on him lie lighter
Than did his quartos upon us!

There is no reason to doubt the veracity of the "Conversations," as Medwin copied them down with punctilious regularity. They are of value as giving Byron's opinion upon the authors, actors and public men of the time, told in an offhand, colloquial style. An annotated edition would certainly charm all Byron's admirers.

WILL DEFEAT SCALPERS.

George H. Daniels Has a New Pass Form That Cannot Be Altered.

The detectives of the New-York Central Railroad have given up hope of securing sufficient evidence to bring about the arrest of certain ticket scalpers suspected of forging and selling passes over the main line between New-York and Buffalo. As a result of the company's losses in this direction, however, George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of the road, has brought out a new pass form which cannot be altered as to destination or increased to carry more than the person for whom it was intended.

The recent forgeries have been mostly on advertising trip tickets issued to newspapers. In some way they got into the hands of scalpers, who removed the ink entries and held the passes until they found a chance to dispose of them to parties of three or four. A pass made out for John Smith, from New-York to Albany, would be altered to read "Henry Jones, wife and two children; New-York to Buffalo." The conductors had no reason to suspect the tickets, so cleverly was the work done, and it was not until they reached the passenger department that the fraud was discovered.

"We've changed our pass forms," said Mr. Daniels yesterday, to a Tribune reporter, "and the ones we now use cannot be altered successfully. It is impossible to raise the pass to carry a party, for the ticket is limited to one person. We used to issue passes for 'John Jones and two,' or three or four, as the case might be. Now, each person must have a ticket.

"There are other safeguards. The destination is cut into the ticket by a simple little machine, which prohibits changes being made. The ticket is good from the station among those printed at the head of the ticket that is unmutilated by the cutter to the station among those printed at the foot of the ticket that is unmutilated. The person receiving the ticket signs an agreement that if the ticket is used by any person other than himself he will, on demand, pay the company its full cash value. Prominence is given to this warning: 'Caution Against Forgery.—Any person other than the original holder whose signature appears hereon, attempting to use this ticket by imitating the above signature, or by misrepresentation, will render himself or herself liable to prosecution for forgery.'"

With other general passenger agents of Eastern roads, Mr. Daniels has kept a close watch on the scalping of tickets at St. Louis. The railroads have the situation well in hand there, eight or nine brokers having been put out of business by the police and their stock of tickets confiscated.

Yesterday Mr. Daniels received a report of still another arrest. A ticket that had been "scalped" was taken up by the ticket chopper at a gate in the St. Louis station. The purchaser returned to the broker and demanded the return of his money. They got into a fight and the broker was arrested. It came out that the ticket which was taken up was issued by the "Big Four" road. The agent of that company had the office raided and three hundred tickets seized. The road then swore out replevin suits to recover its tickets.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

New Company Incorporated to Present Summer Attractions.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Albany for the F. Ray Comstock Company, which enables it to conduct a theatrical business and to organize summer attractions. The officers of the company are F. Ray Comstock, president; Sam S. Shubert, vice-president; Lee Shubert, secretary, and William Klein, attorney. Mr. Comstock was formerly treasurer of the New-York Casino and last season took out "The Runaways" on a road tour.

Henry Wolfsohn has arranged for Mme. Schumann-Heink to sing her "farewell" concert here at Manhattan Beach Theatre, on Sunday evening, August 28. She has been singing in concerts since her return from Europe on July 17.

Charles Frohman will begin his second season at the Herald Square Theatre, Monday, August 22, when he and George Edwardes present Sam Bernard in a two weeks' engagement in "The Girl from Kays," with the original company, including Miss Hattie Williams.

Arthur Playfair, who for two seasons was a member of Charles Hawtrey's company, has been engaged by Charles Frohman for a character part in "Letty," the new Pinero play, in which William Faversham opens the season at the Hudson. Mr. Playfair will arrive from London next week.

After finishing his work on the production of "The Coronet of a Duchess" for Mrs. Bloodgood, and "Granny" for Mrs. Gilbert, Clyde Fitch will begin work on a new play for Blanche Walsh, to be produced in New-York after the holidays.

"The Serio Comic Governess," in which Miss Cissy Loftus is to star at the Lyceum under Daniel Frohman's management, will be produced by Charles Frohman in London if it is a success here early in November.

BURGLARS AGED FIVE AND SEVEN.

Syracuse, Aug. 11.—Muriel and Artemus Hutton, seven and five years old, respectively, were arrested to-day for burglary. The children entered and ransacked a house in the owner's absence. They took away everything of interest to children and other property.

CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 11.—The residents of Canaseraga, in the northeastern part of Allegany County, are celebrating to-day the one hundredth anniversary of its settlement. In August, 1804, Samuel Boylan built a log cabin on what is now the main street of the town. This was the beginning of Canaseraga. In 1805 there were so many settlers that it was determined to name the settlement. A committee chose Canaseraga, meaning "Big Elk Horn."

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]
Washington, August 11.

COURT MARTIAL ACTION APPROVED.—Secretary Morton has approved the action of the general court martial in the cases of Second Lieutenants B. S. Berry and Emile P. Moses, of the marine corps. These officers were attached to the marine barracks at Annapolis, were convicted on the charge of intoxication and were sentenced to lose four numbers in lineal rank and be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy.

WILDE AND TRAIN REAR ADMIRALS.—It was announced at the Navy Department to-day that Captain George F. F. Wilde, commandant of the navy yard at Boston, and Captain Charles J. Train, president of the Board of Inspection and Survey, have been promoted to the grade of rear admiral.

TYPHOID AT TRIESTE.—Captain Gleaves, of the Mayflower, cabling to the Navy Department from Trieste, on the condition of the American sailors in hospital there, ill with typhoid fever, says Pressler's condition continues serious, while the others are doing well.

SHAM BATTLE IN THE SOUND.—The North Atlantic Squadron, which has been manœuvring off the coast, returned to New-London last night. The officers say the sham battle of Tuesday night was impromptu and of relative importance. Technically, the torpedo boat destroyers were beaten.

GREAT LAKES NAVAL STATION.—The commission appointed to select a site on the Great Lakes for a naval training station returned here to-day after a tour of the lake region, and will formulate a report recommending a site.

GOING OUT OF COMMISSION.—The Navy Department has been advised of the departure of the Montgomery from Colon. She has been ordered North to be placed out of commission at the League Island Navy Yard. She is coming by way of Guantanamo.

BATTLESHIPS AT GIBRALTAR.—The Navy Department was informed to-day that Rear Admiral Barker's battleship squadron will sail for Fayal from Gibraltar on August 13, and thence for home. A farewell dinner to-night at Government House to Admiral Barker and his staff concludes a series of entertainments given by the admiral to the British officials and by the latter to the Americans.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE M. DUNN, judge advocate, designated for duty at army manœuvres at Manassas.

Contract Surgeon MILTON VAUGHAN, from Philippines to Fort Douglas, to relieve Contract Surgeon JAMES H. HEPBURN, who will proceed home and report to Surgeon General for annulment of contract.

Captain LORENZO P. DAVISON, 5th Infantry, to Washington Barracks.

NAVY.

Commander C. P. PERKINS, detached the Concord; home and await orders.

Lieutenant Commander J. E. PALMER, detached the Concord; to the Marblehead in charge of engineering department.

Lieutenant Commander J. L. PURCELL, to the Baltimore.

Lieutenant Commander H. C. GEARING, detached the Baltimore; home and await orders.

Lieutenant R. C. MOODY, to the Chicago.

Lieutenants A. H. ROBERTSON and W. R. SAYLES, Jr., detached the Buffalo; home and await orders.

Lieutenant C. B. MORGAN, detached the Concord; to the Buffalo.

Lieutenant C. M. STONE, Midshipman M. K. METCALF and C. C. MOSES, detached the Concord; to the Ohio.

Commander H. H. HOSLEY, commissioned.

Ensign E. C. HAMNER, Jr., detached the Cleveland; to navy yard, Boston, Department of Construction and Repair.

Ensign C. P. HUFF, detached the Concord; to the Buffalo.

Surgeon G. A. LUNG, detached the Hancock; to the Kentucky.

Passed Assistant Surgeon M. S. GUEST, detached the Kentucky, to Washington for examination for promotion and await orders.

Assistant Surgeon F. A. ASSERSON, detached the Kentucky; home and await orders.

Assistant Surgeon P. T. DESSEZ, detached Naval Academy; to the Kentucky.

Paymaster J. BROOKS, detached the Concord; await orders.

Cable from Rear Admiral Y. Stirling, Asiatic fleet, August 10: Captain A. R. COUDEN, Cavité station, to home.

Lieutenants A. G. KAVANAGH and F. B. UPHAM, the Oregon, to home.

Lieutenant F. LYON, Elcano, to home.

Commander F. H. HOLMES, en route home.

Lieutenant P. WASHINGTON, the Wisconsin; to Elcano.

Captain B. F. RITTENHOUSE, U. S. M. C., Cavité station; to Yokohama Hospital.

Acting Paymaster F. W. HOLT, to the Wisconsin for instruction.

Acting Paymaster H. B. WORDEN, to the Oregon for instruction.

Lieutenant G. W. WILLIAMS to command first torpedo flotilla, the Bainbridge.

Lieutenant W. R. SEXTON, to command the Bainbridge.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

August 9—The Peoria and the McKee at Newport.

August 10—The Whipple, the Worden, the Truxtun, the Hopkins and the Hull at Newport; the Dixie at Marblehead; the Solace at Honolulu.

SAILED.

August 10—The Chesapeake from Newport for New-London; the Denver from San Juan for Culebra; the Montgomery from Colon for Guantanamo.

INCREASE OF POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Washington, Aug. 11.—A net increase of 4 per cent is shown in the statement of gross postal receipts for July as compared with July, 1903, at the fifty largest postoffices. The aggregate receipts at the fifty offices were $4,875,054, a net increase of $197,014. The largest increase was 26 per cent, at Dayton, Ohio; the largest decrease was 9 per cent, at Brooklyn. There were also decreases at Pittsburg, Cleveland, Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, New-Orleans, St. Paul, Minn.; Lowell, Mass.; Albany, Worcester, Mass., and Springfield, Mass. New-York's receipts increased 4 per cent and Chicago's 7 per cent.

A SUICIDE IN GOVERNOR'S HOUSE.

Montana Train Robber Kills Himself After Fight with Deputies.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 11.—Isaac Gravelle, on trial for robbing a powder house near here last September of powder, which was later used in wrecking Northern Pacific trains, committed suicide this afternoon in the basement of Governor Toole's home. Gravelle escaped as he was about to be taken to the courtroom from the jail. He fatally shot Tony Korizek, a deputy sheriff, and, pursued by deputies, took refuge in an alley beside the home of Governor Toole. A pistol fight took place in the alley and Gravelle ran into the basement of the Governor's house, where he shot and killed himself.

When his body was picked up he was found to have been wounded several times in his fight with the deputies.

SUMMONS ON MRS. PHIPPS HOLDS.

She Will Have to Answer to Divorce Suit—But She Can Collect Her Income.

Denver, Aug. 11.—Judge John S. Mullins, of the district court, to-day sustained the validity of the summons served on Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, in New-York, in the divorce proceedings instituted here by her husband, Lawrence C. Phipps. The motion of Mrs. Phipps's counsel to quash the summons was overruled as to the defendant, but was sustained so far as the United States Steel Corporation, J. P. Morgan & Co., and the United States Trust Company are concerned, thus permitting payment of dividends and interest to Mrs. Phipps on securities standing in her name.

Mrs. Phipps has five days to plead to the complaint.

G. A. R. MEN 30,000 STRONG TO PARADE.

Boston, Aug. 11.—Reports as to the number of Grand Army veterans who will march in the national encampment parade on Tuesday vary from day to day, but at the present time it seems probable that at least 30,000 men will take part in the procession. Veterans who already have arrived in the city are impressed with the decorations now in place. All public buildings bear imposing displays of flags and bunting and many business blocks are appropriately draped. Colonel Charles H. McConnell, of Chicago, senior aide-de-camp and chief of staff to Commander in Chief John C. Black, arrived to-day. He at once took charge of the encampment arrangements.

THE ZEIGLER MINERS' CASE.

Springfield, Ills., Aug. 11.—Judge Humphrey, in the United States Circuit Court to-day, set August 15 as the date for hearing the motion of the striking union miners of the Zeigler Coal Company to dissolve a temporary injunction restraining them from intimidating the employes of the company or interfering with the workings of the mines. Judge Humphrey, in granting the temporary injunction, had fixed September 15 as the date for the hearing, but the union miners desired a speedy disposal of the case.

THOSE "SPIRITS" NUMBER FORTY.

The Tailor Said They'd Do Whatever He Asked Them to, Declares Witness.

That there were forty spirits who would do anything he asked them to was the assertion credited yesterday to Frank Horowitz, of No. 485 East One-hundred-and-eighty-first-st., the tailor who is accused of getting $24,000 from a retired merchant. Horowitz and his wife were arraigned before Magistrate Baker yesterday on complaint of Mrs. Hannah Richter, of No. 656 East One-hundred-and-forty-first-st., who alleged the grand larceny of $1,100 by them, through influencing her to believe in the existence of this band of spirits.

Mrs. Richter had been in trouble for some time, owing to the death of her husband, for many years superintendent of the works of the Fleischmann Yeast Company, in this city, and the loss of her son's position with the same concern. Mrs. Horowitz, Mrs. Richter says, promised her that she would secure a good place of investment for her money and would get her son's place back. When she consulted Horowitz he told her, she says, that he was the confidant and beneficiary of the band of forty "spirits," who would do anything he asked them to do, but that they must be propitiated by presents of good hard cash. She and her daughter finally paid $1,100, she says, but then stopped sending money. Horowitz came to her and said to her, she declares, that the spirits were angry, and wanted more money. Mrs. Richter was not impressed this time, and Horowitz added the threat, she says, that if she took the case to the police she would drop dead, and that the judge who heard the case would drop dead.

Yesterday Magistrate Baker told Mrs. Richter that she would have to bring her daughter as a witness.

Horowitz and his wife have denied any criminal intent toward Mrs. Richter.

LEAPS FROM CAR TO HORSES' HEADS.

Motorman Stops Runaway Headed for Crowd at New-Rochelle Station.

About two hundred persons standing at the New-Rochelle trolley station yesterday afternoon saw James Traphagen, a motorman, save many lives by stopping a runaway team, which came tearing down Huguenot-st. toward the crowd. The team was owned by Jacob Lamb, a coal dealer, who had been thrown out and badly bruised and cut when the horses started to run away.

Traphagen saw the team approaching, and shouted to the crowd to get away. As the horses dashed into the scattering crowd he jumped from his car and caught them by the bridles. The team dragged him about two hundred feet, and he was badly shaken up and bruised. Many who saw the occurrence said that it was entirely due to the motorman that a dozen people, several of them women and small children, were not run down and either seriously hurt or killed. Traphagen is just out of the hospital, where he has been since last winter, when he froze his hands and feet making the run from New-Rochelle to Mount Vernon.

INTENDED USHERS PALLBEARERS.

Funeral of Miss Clara Sulzer Held at St. Andrew's, in Harlem.

The funeral of Miss Clara Sulzer, daughter of the late Herman Sulzer, who died on Monday in the German Hospital after an operation for appendicitis, took place yesterday at St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave. The services were conducted by the Rev. James Rasher, the assistant rector. The burial was in Woodlawn.

The pallbearers were those who were to act as best men and ushers at the wedding of Misss Sulzer to William Gibson, which had been set for September 7.

MME. JANAUSCHEK AT SANATORIUM.

Leaves Actors' Home to Get Treatment for Paralysis.

At the Actors' Fund Home, West New Brighton, Staten Island, yesterday, it was said that Mme. Janauschek, the actress, who had been staying there for some time, was removed a few days ago to the Brunswick Home, a sanatorium, at Amityville, Long Island. The change was made because Mme. Janauschek required medical attention that could be better obtained at the sanatorium than at the Actors' Home. She is suffering from paralysis, but it was said at the Actors' Home that when she was moved to Amityville her condition was not critical, and that, on the contrary, she showed a slight improvement.

DOCTOR RESCUES GIRL AT FIRE.

Hotel Kaaterskill in Danger from Blazing Laundry Building.

Kaaterskill, N. Y., Aug. 11.—The laundry plant at Hotel Kaaterskill caught fire from an overheated stove to-day. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity, and within five minutes the large laundry building was a roaring furnace. No lives were lost. A young woman fainted on the roof, but was rescued by Dr. Quell, of New-York, a guest at the Laurel House, and James Kline, a servant.

SEC. MORTON ON INSPECTION TRIP.

Washington, Aug 11.—Secretary Morton and his party left Washington aboard the Dolphin to-day for a trip of inspection to Northern navy yards. The Secretary was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Morton. Attorney General Moody and Representative Foss, chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs. They will be joined by Speaker Cannon and Miss Cannon at Newport.

REAL ESTATE.

Trades in Lenox and Amsterdam aves. and Sale of Bronx Lots.

The real estate market was dull as ever yesterday. The sales reported by the brokers were mainly of flathouses and tenement houses, with the exception of a trade of an apartment house in Lenox-ave., for lots in Amsterdam-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st. There were no sales listed for auction at No. 161 Broadway. Three lots in the Bronx, near One-hundred-and-seventy-third-st. and Third-ave., sold at a good figure, and a new six story dwelling house in Fifty-first-st. was leased for a term of years to F. A. Vanderlip.

Pease & Elliman leased for James H. Robinson the new six story American basement dwelling house at No. 39 East Fifty-first-st. for a term of years to F. A. Vanderlip, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Solomon Stern has sold for Mrs. Helena Stutz three lots on the west side of Third-ave., 25 feet south of One-hundred-and-seventy-third-st., in size 75x100 feet, at about $24,000. It is understood that the lots are already under negotiation for a resale through the same broker.

TRANSACTIONS IN REALTY.

The Northern Realty Company has sold for Mrs. Kate Barton Anderson the house and stable, on plot, 53x100 feet, in Woodycrest-ave., near One-hundred-and-sixty-fifth-st., to John B. Perry, of the firm of Goodale & Son.

Jacob Gold and H. Siegel have bought Nos. 1,010 and 1,012 East One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth-st. two four story flathouses, on plot 50x100.

Louis Katzenberg has sold for L. Sallinger to M. Schriner, the five story flathouse, on lot 25x100 feet, at No. 311 West One-hundred-and-forty-fourth-st.

E. V. Pescia & Co. have leased for Sigmund Wechsler to a client the five story tenement house at No. 242 East One-hundred-and-first-st., for the term of five years at the aggregate rental of $1,600.

Louis Katzenberg has sold for D. Meyer to Kalski & Kahn, the five story flathouse, on lot 25x100 feet, at No. 280 West One-hundred-and-forty-second-st.

Louis Katzenberg has sold for L. Sallinger to M. Schriner, No. 311 West One-hundred-and-forty-fourth-st., a five story flathouse on lot 25x100 feet.

H. S. Gordon has sold to Mrs. J. C. Robert, for occupancy, No. 48 West Eighty-fourth-st., a three story dwelling house, on lot 18x102.2 feet.

W. Anapol has sold for Bernard Patziodt to I. L. Michaels his No. 346 in the Mapes estate tract at West Farms; also for Miss Nellie Cafferty, lot No. 481; also for Charles J. Ryan to Mrs. Minnie R. Sapolsky the two story dwelling house on lots Nos. 182 and 183, on Commonwealth-ave.

H. Goldsmith sold for William Koenig, No. 1,297 Amsterdam-ave., a five story triple flathouse, with store.

The Ruland & Whiting Company has sold for Katherine I. D. Harpett to an investor, the five story marble front building, No. 76 Beekman-st., covering a lot 25x101 feet.

Collins & Collins have sold for Anson J. Moore No. 147 East Sixty-second-st., a three story private dwelling house, on lot 15x81 feet. The buyer has purchased the house for investment.

AUCTION SALES YESTERDAY.

By Joseph P. Day: 302 and 304 13th-st, s s, 56.9 ft e of 4th-st, 56.6x14.4x49.7x41.5, 3 story brk ten h; G Ely agt P Ryan et al; Smith & S, attys; J T Sullivan, ref; amt due, $17,750.17; taxes, etc, $3,000; to the plaintiff, $18,100; 17 Livingston-ave, s e cor 17th-st, 52x120, 7 story brk ten h; Sheriff's sale of all right, title, etc, of L Cohn; Black, G & S, attys; M L Erlanger, Sheriff, withdrawn.

By Herbert A Sherman: 257 137th-st, n s, 596 ft w of Tiffany, 18x99.11, 5 story brk dwg h; W S S B agt G Broadbelt et al; D McClure, atty, E M Leventritt, ref; amt due, $16,205.70; taxes, etc, $228.05; to the plaintiff, $15,000; 259 137th-st, n s, 614 ft w of 7th-ave, 18x99.11, 5 story brk dwg h; same agt same; same atty and ref; amt due, $16,205.70; taxes, etc, $228.05; to the plaintiff, $15,000.

By Bryan L Kennelly: Creston-ave, n w s, 150.9 s w 182d-st, 26.3x33.11x25x71.11, vacant; W E Co-op Bldg & Loan Assn, agt L W Hughes et al; W Langdon, atty; A P Fitch, ref; amount due, $4,245.77; taxes, etc, $944; to the plaintiff, $300.

By Peter F Meyer: 229 10th-st, n s, 225 ft w 1st-ave; 25x94.10, 3 story brk ten h; E Asch and ano, trustees; agt S Morehouse et al; Simpson, W & C, ttys; E H Pomeroy, ref; amt due, $26,390.70; taxes, etc, $1,225; sold sub to monthly tenancies; to S Buckerhoix, $36,050.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

By D Phoenix Ingraham: 23d-st, s s, 184 ft e of 6th-ave, 4 story brk bldg, 25x98.9; trustees' sale; 3d-ave, n e cor 30th-st, five 3 story brk bldgs, 98.9x100; trustees' sale.

THE BRONX BUILDING PLANS.

One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st., north side, 550 feet east of St. Ann's-ave., two five story brick tenement houses, 37.6x87 feet; Philip Goerlitz, owner; Kintzer & Rentz, architects; $50,000.

Walton-ave, northeast corner of One-hundred-and-fifty-ninth-st., five story brick tenement house, 47x90 feet; George C. Hoppe and Marion D. Risse, owners; W. F. Staab, architect.

Emmerich Place, 144 feet south of Kingsbridge Road, two and one-half story frame dwelling house, 27x57; Jennie Ericson, owner; A. Ericson, architect; $5,000.

Eighth-st., south side, 130 feet east of Fourth-ave., two story frame dwelling house, 21x50 feet; John Stahl, owner; J. M. Lawrence, architect; $4,500.

One-hundred-and-eighty-seventh-st., south side, 25 feet west of Cruger-st, two story frame dwelling house, 21x50 feet; George Readding, owner; F. J. Gunderson, architect; $4,300.

St. Raymond's Place, south side, 100 feet west of Park-ave., two story frame dwelling house, 18x40 feet; Victor Dednarick, owner; F. J. Gunderson, architect; $3,500.

ALTERATIONS PLANNED.

106th-st, No 70 West, to a five story brick tenement house; S Adams, owner; O Reissmann, architect	$5,000
62d-st, Nos 59 and 61 West, to two four story hotels; Whitehall Realty Company and another, owners; E W J Ufer & Co, architects	18,000
Madison-ave, No 644, to a five story brick dwelling house and store; R W Tailer, owner; C F Rose, architect	15,000
140th-st, No 603 West, to a one and one-half story brick schoolhouse; trustees of Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, owners; H G Wynn, architect	9,000

NEW BUILDING PLANS.

115th-st, No 315 West (front), for a one story brick office building, 16x17, and 115th-st, No 315 West (rear), for a one story frame shed, 16x80; J Livingston, owner; C E Ross, architect | $1,840

REALTY NOTES.

Warner Van Norden, of the Van Norden Trust Company, is the buyer of No. 8 East Sixty-second-st., the sale of which was reported yesterday.

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

Starboro, Augustus, to Lawyers' Title Insurance Company; Water-st, n e corner Corlears-st; 2 years; 5 per cent	$40,000
Lewin, Charles, to Martin Breden; Brook-ave, s e corner 142d-st; 5 years; 4½ per cent	20,000
Meehan, Michael, and another to City Mortgage Company; Longwood-ave, s s, 51.5 ft w of Hewitt Place, two mortgages; 1 year; 6 per cent; each	22,500
Merchants' Refrigerating Company to Mutual Life Insurance Company; Greenwich-st, No 291	25,000
Bronx Parkway Realty Company to Philip Paul; plot bounded n x Pelham Parkway e x land Martin J Keogh and another, s x Pelham Road w x land Height estate and New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad; contains 28 acres; 5 years, 5 per cent	39,000
Same to Gibson Putzel; same property; 5 years; 5 per cent	45,000
Zobel Frederick C, to State Realty Mortgage Company; 21st-st, Nos 24 and 26 East; prior mortgage, $180,000; 3 years; 5 per cent	30,000
Same to same; same property; prior mortgages, $210,000; 1 year; 6 per cent	20,000
Farmers Bank for Savings of the City of New-York; same property; 3 years; 4½ per cent	180,000
Stroh, Isaac, and another, to Herman Simon; 74th-st, No 224 East; prior mortgage, $29,000; 2 years; 6 per cent	2,150
Bloch, Caroline, to Fleischmann Realty and Construction Company, 141st-st, s s, 537.6 ft w of 7th-ave; prior mortgage, $29,000; 3 years; 5 and 6 per cent	10,000
Strauss, Maurice M, to Pincus Lowenfeld and another; 122d-st, s s, 105 ft e of 3d-ave; prior mortgage, $19,000; instalments; 6 per cent	1,500

*RECORDED TRANSFERS.

69th-st, No 22 West, 25x100.11; Julius Apiel to Ida Machiz; mortgage, $27,000	$1
Amsterdam-ave, Nos 1,634 and 1,636, w s, 50x100; Hyman and Henry Soun to Carl Rosenberger; mortgage, $24,000	100
140th-st, s s, 575 ft e of Lenox-ave, 75x199.10 to 139th-st; Samuel Green et al to Patrick Reddy; mortgage, $30,000	1
119th-st, s s, 145 ft e of 1st-ave, 50x100.10; A J Larkin to Louis Lese; mortgage, $26,000	100
3d-ave, w s, 50 ft s of 104th-st, 20x80; Leopold Meyer and another, executors, to Annabella L Armstrong; mortgage, $13,000	20,200
32d-st, No 25 West, 23.9x98.9; Jennie Marks to Alfred E Hansen; mortgage, $65,000	100
Pelham Parkway, s s, and n s Pelham Road, plot 28 acres; Philip Paul to Bronx Parkway Realty Company	1
141st-st, s s, 537.6 ft w of 7th-ave, 37.4x99.11; Fleischman Realty and Construction Company to Caroline Bloch; mortgage, $29,000	100
81st-st, No 322 East, 26.3x102.2; Max Fine to Saul Hochman and another; mortgage, $23,000	100
150th-st, No 553 to 553 East, 50x118.4; Sophia Botte to Julius Braun; mortgage, $24,000	100
74th-st, No 224 East, 25x102.2; Herman Simon to Isaac Stroh and another; mortgage, $29,000	100
122d-st, s s, 105 ft e of 3d-ave, 25x100.11; Oscar Meuer, executor and trustee, to Pincus Lowenfeld and another; mortgage, $19,000	23,000
Same property; Pincus Lowenfeld et al to Maurice M Strauss; mortgage, $23,000	100

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