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PARENTS ON STAND

ACCUSE CLAUDIA HAINS.

Father Tells of Trouble That He Says Wrecked Son's Life.

General Peter C. Hains and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, father and mother of Thornton J. Hains, now on trial at Flushing, N. Y., as a principal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were put on the witness stand yesterday, and brought out in full detail the alleged relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that they say caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains testified that in his presence and that of Peter and Thornton Hains Claudia Hains, the captain's wife, made a full confession of her misconduct, and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such grief that his mind became affected. The confession, which General Hains declared Claudia Hains had signed on the day following Captain Hains's return from the West, was read to the jury.

After General Hains testified counsel for the defence asserted that the evidence was now conclusive that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot William Annis, and that his act was of his sole doing. The general will be under cross-examination again next Monday.

Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, who wept many times during her story, said that Captain Hains in his early life showed signs of physical weakness, which counsel will try to prove through three experts were a predisposing cause to insanity. General Hains was permitted to say that his father had died from insanity.

Justice Crane directed District Attorney Darrin, whose term of office expired last night, to continue as the prosecutor in the case. Chagrined at the criticism of his conduct of the prosecution, Mr. Darrin had asked Justice Crane for permission to retire. The Court called Frederick A. De Witt, who takes office to-day as District Attorney, and asked him regarding his familiarity with the case on trial.

"I have no knowledge whatever of the case outside of what has been gained from the newspapers and hearing a little of the testimony in court," replied Mr. De Witt. He said it would not be possible for him to conduct the prosecution without the aid of Mr. Darrin. Justice Crane directed that Mr. De Witt be present during the remainder of the trial and render what assistance he could.

Major John P. Hains, Thornton's brother, continued his testimony, but revealed nothing not before adduced by other witnesses.

Mrs. Virginia P. Hains was led to the stand by Major Hains, her son. She appeared about to collapse when the oath was administered. She testified that she was sixty-eight years old.

Mrs. Hains related how Peter, when a lad of seven or eight years, was subject to nightmares. She also said he fell on his head at one time and suffered a severe injury.

"Please tell, Mrs. Hains," said Mr. McIntyre, "what happened in June."

"I do not think 'Connie' kissed me when I saw him," she said. "He was in a terrible state. I do not remember what he did, but I know I had my arms about him when he said:

"'Oh, this is terrible! Annis has ruined my wife and my home and has disgraced my children. Oh, my God! How can I stand it? Then he went upstairs to see his children in their beds. He wept over his baby and the others, and said:

"'Oh, how could she have disgraced these little darlings?'

"He came down late and told of some crazy scheme for the general and me to make our home with him. He said: 'I'd rather see them all dead than have them live with her.' He was so crazed he would sing from 'La Traviata' and then would burst out with, 'Oh, how happy it is to be married.' He would at times remain without talking for so long that I would beg him for mercy's sake to say something."

Mr. McIntyre labored long and hard to introduce testimony tending to show a blood taint, the court ruling out everything until he asked the witness plainly:

"Did you have fits when a child?"

"Well, I had hysteria, and was treated by a physician," said Mrs. Hains. She was not permitted to describe her condition or sensations before and after the attacks. Mr. McIntyre took exceptions to all the court's rulings.

She was asked if she considered Captain Hains rational or otherwise.

"I considered him irrational," she replied.

General Hains immediately followed his wife.

"Of what did your father die?" the witness was asked.

There was a vigorous objection, and the Court said the witness could not answer the question in that form.

"My father died of insanity in 1892," testified General Hains, finally. This was regarded by the defence, taken in connection with the testimony regarding Captain Hains's alleged irresponsibility, as being one of the strongest points made. The defence's contention that the captain's alleged insanity came from both sides of the house was laid bare when Mr. McIntyre asked General Hains:

"During your married life did you take note of any nervous or hysterical conditions of your wife?"

The Court held that hysteria, until after the experts were heard, could not be held as a basis for the transmission of insanity.

"Early in our married life my wife displayed nervousness and hysteria," testified the general when allowed to proceed. "This has continued throughout our married life. She has frequently been hysterical and has fallen down. I put wet towels to her face. This condition was more pronounced when she was a young women than of later years. She would fling her arms about and upward. At times her limbs were rigid. She would laugh and cry, alternately. This happened frequently in our early married life. Connie was shortsighted when four years old. He had to look closely at his toys. He had nightmares, crying out and burying his head in the pillows. These wore off as he grew older, when he was ten years old, perhaps. He fell fifteen feet down a hatch and was insensible for two hours. He had struck upon the upper right side of his head. He had frequent headaches afterward. Connie became subject to fits of anger. His color changed quickly. This was pronounced."

"When you saw Connie at the Hotel Astor, did he deliver anything to you?" asked Mr. McIntyre.

"Yes, sir, a packet of letters. They were shown, however—not delivered."

"What did he say?" asked the lawyer, showing the letters to the general.

"I asked him why he came back from the Philippines. He said, 'For that,' handing me the letters. 'I have been very much troubled. These letters have caused me a great deal of worry, and I have come on to see if what these letters contain is true or false.'"

"I will take what Captain Hains said if you claim it was irrational," said the court to Mr. McIntyre, "but I will not admit the letters as evidence."

"I told him his wife had been absent a week in April and that she was sick in bed for a week when she returned," continued General Hains. She left no address when she left her three children in the house with the servant. I also told him Claudia's own statements and those of the cook had convinced me she had been unfaithful. My son asked me to go to the fort the next day and then to go where she had gone, to establish whether my suspicions were true or false. I saw Captain Hains the following day—a Sunday—in his home. When I first saw him only he and his wife were present. It was 7:30 a. m. I had hurried there in response to a telegram sent by my son urging me to go immediately. 'Connie' and I went into Claudia's bedroom. 'Connie' said:

"'Claudia, I want you to answer in the general's presence what you said to me this morning. Did 'Billy' Annis get you in trouble, and was there an operation?' and she said, 'Yes.'

"I said, 'How could you do this?' and she replied, 'I don't know.'

Connie was greatly excited. He ran his hands through his hair. He could not control himself. About 9 o'clock I had another interview with Claudia. I afterward told Connie, 'I went to Claudia's room and she sat on the side of her bed. I placed my hand on her head and asked her how she could do as she had done. She said she had loved Annis. My son became very much excited. His eyes glared; the muscles in his face twitched; he ran his fingers through his hair, and he exclaimed, 'My God! Isn't this awful!'

"At 8 o'clock that evening I saw Claudia again in the parlor. Thornton and Connie and Mr. Bennett were there. Claudia sat on a piano stool. I sat at a table, with Thornton on my right and Connie on my left. Mr. Bennett asked her questions and wrote down her answers. It was read aloud. All were there. She was asked if she had any objections to signing it.

"She said she had not, and I saw her sign it. Captain Hains was there at the time."

Mr. McIntyre produced the alleged confession, and General Hains recognized and identified it. In spite of objections, the alleged confession was admitted in evidence by the Court, that it might have what weight was proper in showing the effect it might have on the husband's mind.

Cross-examination developed that General Hains did not recollect that Thornton mentioned Annis prior to his brother's return. Mr. Darrin dwelt upon Captain Hains's promotion after taking stiff physical and mental examinations.

GATES COMPANY LEASES OIL LANDS.

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[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 31.—The Texas Company, a big oil producing and refining concern controlled by John W. Gates, has obtained an oil lease on the lands of General Luis Terrazas, embracing eight million acres in the State of Chihuahua. The land will be thoroughly prospected for oil by Mr. Gates and his associates.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 4:43 Moon sets 2:15 Moon's age 9

HIGH WATER.

A. M.—Sandy Hook 3:08 Gov. Island 3:40 Hell Gate 5:50
P. M.—Sandy Hook 3:40 Gov. Island 4:05 Hell Gate 5:55

WIRELESS REPORTS.

The Minnetonka, reported as 600 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:45 a. m. yesterday, is expected to dock about 9 a. m. Saturday.

The Lusitania, reported as 1,071 miles east of Sandy Hook at midnight on Thursday, is expected to dock late this evening or early Saturday morning.

The Caronia, reported as 1,150 miles east of Sandy Hook at 8 p. m. on Thursday, is expected to dock about 2 p. m. Saturday.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
*Cedric	Liverpool, December 23	White Star
*Lusitania	Liverpool, December 26	Cunard
*Hudson	Bordeaux, December 20	French
*Grecian Prince	Barbados, December 24	Prince
*Morro Castle	Vera Cruz, December 24	Ward
*Parima	St Thomas, December 27	Quebec
Ryndam	Rotterdam, December 18	Holland-Am
Joseph W Fordney	New Orleans, December 23	
Indiana	Gibraltar, December 17	Lloyd-Ital
Rhein	Bremen, December 19	N G Lloyd
Wells City	Swansea, December 16	Bristol
Italia	Palermo, December 18	Anchor
St Andrew	Antwerp, December 18	Phoenix
Crown of Granada	Trinidad, December 24	
City of Atlanta	Savannah, December 29	Savannah

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

*Panama	Cristobal, December 27	Panama
*La Touraine	Havre, December 26	French
*St Louis	Southampton, December 26	American
Minnetonka	Southampton, December 23	At Trans
Caronia	Naples, December 22	Cunard
Bosnia	Hamburg, December 19	Hamb-Am
El Monte	Galveston, December 27	So Pacific

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.

*Caledonia	Glasgow, December 26	Anchor
Batavia	Hamburg, December 22	Hamb-Am
Idaho	Hull, December 18	Wilson
Georgic	Liverpool, December 24	White Star
Montevideo	Havana, December 30	Spanish

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mail closes.	Vessel sails.
Arapahoe	Jacksonville, Clyde			1:00 p m
Jefferson	Norfolk, Old Dominion			3:00 p m

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

New York	Southampton, American		6:30 a m	10:00 a m
Pilar de Larrinaga	Argentina		5:00 a m	8:00 a m
Saguranca	Nassau, Ward		7:00 a m	10:00 a m
Caracas	Porto Rico, Red D		8:30 a m	12:00 m
Aurora	La Guayra, Red D		8:30 a m	12:00 m
P A Wilhelm	Jamaica, Hamb-Am		11:00 a m	1:00 p m
Colon	Cristobal, Panama		11:30 a m	3:00 p m
Havana	Havana, Ward		12:00 m	3:00 p m
United States	Copenhagen, Scand-Am		—	12:00 m
California	Glasgow, Anchor		—	3:00 p m
Massachusetts	London, Atlantic Trans		—	7:30 a m
Pretoria	Hamburg, Hamburg-Am		—	2:00 p m
Liguria	Naples, Italian		—	—
Prinzess	Galveston, Mallory		—	12:00 m
City of Atlanta	Savannah, Savannah		—	3:00 p m
Iroquois	Jacksonville, Clyde		—	1:00 p m
Princess Anna	Norfolk, Old Dominion		—	3:00 p m

MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

Suriname	Paramaribo, D W I	11:00 a m	1:00 p m
Monroe	Norfolk, Old Dominion	—	3:00 p m
Barbarossa	Naples, N G Lloyd	—	11:00 a m

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS.

Destination and steamer.	Close in New York.
Hawaii (via San Francisco)—Alameda	Jan. 4, 6:30 p m
Hawaii, Japan, Corea, China and Philippine Islands (via San Francisco)—Siberia	Jan. 4, 6:30 p m
New Zealand, Australia (except West), Samoan Islands and New Caledonia (via San Francisco)—Gymeric	Jan. 10, 6:30 p m
Japan, Corea, China and Philippine Islands (via Seattle)—Kaga Maru	Jan. 14, 6:30 p m
Japan, Corea, China and Philippine Islands (via Vancouver and Victoria, B C)—Empress of China	Jan. 22, 6:30 p m
Japan, Corea and China (specially addressed only) (via Tacoma)—Titan	Jan. 22, 6:30 p m
Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, New Zealand and Australia (except West) (via San Francisco)—Mariposa	Jan. 28, 6:30 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

Port of New York, Thursday, Dec. 31, 1908.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Texas (Fr), Landgren, Havre December 15, to the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5 p m 30th.

Steamer Queen Eleanor (Br), Legg, Santos November 26 and Rio de Janeiro December 6, to the Seager Trading Co, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5 p m 30th.

Steamer New York (Dutch, tank), Juffs, Rotterdam December 15, to Philip Ruprecht, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 8:30 a m.

Steamer American (Dutch), Markschlaeger, Antwerp December 18, to Philip Ruprecht, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 6:15 p m.

Steamer City of Everett, Tucker, Philadelphia, to the Standard Oil Co, with mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 10:55 a m.

Steamer Iroquois, Ingram, Jacksonville December 28 and Charleston 29, to the Clyde Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 10:44 a m.

Steamer Oklahoma, Gunter, Port Arthur December 24, to the J M Guffey Petroleum Co, with oil. Passed in Sandy Hook at 11 a. m.

Steamer Luchana (Br), McDonald, Colstine November 23, Buenos Ayres 28, and St Lucia December 20, with quebracho wood to order, vessel to the Donald Ss Co. Arrived at the Bar at 8:30 a m.

Steamer Gordon Castle (Br), Knight, Cape Town December 1 and St Lucia 23, to Barber & Co, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 9 a m.

Steamer Prinz Sigismund (Ger), Boldt, Montego Bay December 16, Kingston 19, Cartagena 21, Savanilla 23, and Santa Marta 25, to the Hamburg-American Line with 7 passengers, mails and merchandise. Arrived at the Bar at 12:55 p m.

Steamer Jefferson, Dole, Newport News and Norfolk, to the Old Dominion Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Sandy Hook at 2:38 p m.

Steamer Lin Xoxo, Kollenburg, St Jago December 23, with copper ore, to order; vessel to the United States Shipping Co. Passed in Sandy Hook at 9:25 a m. Will discharge at Perth Amboy, N J.

Steamer Kristiania (Nor), Johnson, Grimsby November 16 and Sydney 26, to H Winchester & Co, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 4 p m.

Steamer Pathfinder, Hughes, Guanica, December 25, to the New York and Porto Rico Ss Co, with mdse. Aground in upper bay, near West Bank Light, at 5 p m. Sandy Hook, Dec 31, 9:30 p m—Wind west, moderate breeze; fair; moderate sea.

SAILED.

Steamers Colorado, Mobile; Diamant (Ger), Flushing; La Lorraine (Fr), Havre; Lakonia (Br), Antwerp; Llanwern (Br), Buenos Ayres; Soestdijk (Dutch), Rotterdam; Niagara (Br), Norfolk; Gnelsenau (Ger), Bremen; La Lorraine (Fr), Havre; Cartago (Br), Newport News; Mexico, Havana; Northman, Port Arthur; El Mar, Galveston; Hamilton, Norfolk; Galileo (Br), Hull; Wacousta (Nor), Philadelphia; Mombassa (Br), Fremantle.

STEAMERS AT FOREIGN PORTS.

ARRIVED.

Malta, Dec 31—Inverclyde (Br), Yokohama, etc, for Boston and New York.

London, Dec 31—Narragansett (Br), New York.

East London, Dec 31—Corfe Castle (Br), New York via Cape Town.

Manchester, Dec 30—Rossetti (Br), New York.

Southampton, Dec 31—Teutonic (Br), New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

Bristol, Dec 31—Exeter City (Br), New York.

Naples, Dec 27—Oceania (Austr), New York.

Havre, Dec 31, 3 a m—La Provence (Fr), New York.

SAILED.

Victoria, Brazil, Dec 29—Italian Prince (Br), New York.

Bremen, Dec 31, 6 p m—Main (Ger), New York and Baltimore.

Queenstown, Dec 31, 1:49 p m—Oceanic (Br), New York.

Genoa, Dec 29—Nord America (Ital), New York; Republic (Br), New York.

PASSED.

Malta, Dec 31—Bechuana (Br), Calcutta, for Boston and New York.

Gibraltar, Dec 30—Martha Washington (Aust), New York and Boston for Naples, Patras, etc.

Lizard, Dec 31—Captain A F Lucas, New York.

Sagres, Dec 30—Sidra (Br), New York for Nice, Terra Annunziata, etc.

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GARDEN THEATRE. Evgs. 8:15. DIXEY in MARY JANE'S PA. Matinee To-day, 2:15.

CIRCLE THEATRE. B'way, 60th. Eve. 8:15. Mats. To-day & To-morrow, 2:15. THE QUEEN OF THE MOULIN ROUGE.

YALE UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC ASS'N. WALDORF-ASTORIA BALL ROOM. Mon. & Tues. Eves. & Tues. Mat., Jan. 4 & 5. THE CRITIC, a comedy, by R. B. Sheridan. Seats at Waldorf or Yale Club, 30 West 44th st.

Amusements.

CARNEGIE HALL Sat. Aft. at 2:30. **JAN'Y 2** *Stage Performance* for young people and for older people of SHAKESPEARE-MENDELSSOHN'S **Midsummer Night's Dream** **Ben Greet Players** **Walter Damrosch** with The New York Symphony Orchestra. Tickets 50c. to $2, at Room 505, 1 W. 34th St., and hall.

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Amusements.

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EMPIRE THEATRE. B'way, 40th St. Eve. 8:15. Mats. To-day and To-morrow, 2:15. MAUDE ADAMS in WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.

HUDSON W. 44th St., E. of B'way. Eve. 8:30. Mats. To-day and To-morrow, 2:15. ETHEL BARRYMORE. LADY FREDERICK.

CRITERION B'way, 44th St. Eves. at 8. Mats. To-day & To-m'w at 2. WM. GILLETTE in SAMSON.

LYCEUM 45th St., near Broadway. Evgs. 8:15. Mats. To-day and To-morrow, 2:15. 150TH TIME. NEXT MONDAY—SOUVENIRS. BILLIE BURKE in "LOVE WATCHES."

GARRICK 35th St., near Broadway. Eve. 8:30. Mats. To-day and To-morrow, 2:15. "IT WAS TO LAUGH."—Sun. WILLIAM COLLIER in THE PATRIOT.

KNICKERBOCKER B'way, 38th St. Evening 8:15. Matinee To-morrow, 2:15. FRITZI SCHEFF in THE PRIMA DONNA.

SAVOY 34th St., B'way. Eve. 8:20. Mats. To-day & To-mor'w, 2:15. "The Battle is a big success."—World. WILTON LACKAYE in "THE BATTLE." SUNDAY NIGHT—Socialists and Anti-Socialists' Meeting. Admission Free.

LYCEUM THEATRE. MONDAYS JAN. 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 3:30. SPECIAL. BEATRICE HERFORD in HER ORIGINAL MONOLOGUES.

SAT. EVE. MENDELSSOHN HALL **JAN. 2d.** FLORENCE E. GALE Piano Recital. Assisted by Maud Powell, Violin; May Mukle, Cello. Seats $1 & $1.50.

MENDELSSOHN HALL, Tuesday Eve., JAN. 5, 8:15. First Chamber Concert of the Famous FLONZALEY QUARTET.

HAMMERSTEIN'S Eves. 25c., 50c., 75c., $1.00. Daily Mats., 25c., 50c. NAT. M. WILLE, Felix & Barry, Avon Comedy 4, Adelman Quartet, Griff, and others.

Amusements.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE Tele. Bryant 1146. GRAND OPERA SEASON, 1908-1909. THIS AFTERNOON at 1, PARSIFAL. Mme. Fremstad; MM. Schmedes, Feinhals, Blass, Goritz, Witherspoon. Increased Orchestra and Chorus. Cond., Hertz. TO-NIGHT at 8, FAUST. Mmes. Alda, Fornia; MM. Caruso, Nové, Didur. Conductor, Spetrino. SAT. AFT., JAN. 2, at 2, MADAMA BUTTERFLY. Mmes. Farrar, Fornia; MM. Martin, Scotti. Conductor, Toscanini. SAT. EVG., JAN. 2, at 8, at popular prices, LA TRAVIATA. Mme. Di Pasquali (debut); MM. Bonci, Campanari, Rossi. Cond., Spetrino. SUN. EVG., JAN. 3, at 8:30 o'clock—GRAND POPULAR CONCERT. Soloists: Mmes. Rappold, Gay, Kaschowska; MM. Quartl, Hinckley, Nové, G. Aldo, Radleggar. Pianist, Conductor, Spetrino. MON. EVG., JAN. 4, at 7:45, TRISTAN und ISOLDE. Mmes. Fremstad, Homer; MM. Schmedes, Feinhals, Blass. Conductor, Mahler. WED. EVG., JAN. 6, at 8, LA WALLY. First performance in America. Mmes. Destinn, Ranzenberg, L'Huillier; MM. Martin, Amato, Campanari, Rossi. Conductor, Toscanini. THURS. EVG., JAN. 7, at 7:45, DOUBLE BILL. L'ELISIR D'AMORE. Mme. Sembrich; MM. Bonci, Campanari, Fornia. Followed by PAGLIACCI. Miss Farrar; MM. Martin, Scotti, Campanari. Conductor, Spetrino. FRI. EVG., JAN. 8, at 8, AIDA. Mmes. Emma Eames, Flahaut (debut); MM. Caruso, Amato, Didur. Conductor, Toscanini. SAT. MAT., JAN. 9, at 2—TIEFLAND (MARTA OF THE LOWLANDS). Mme. Destinn; MM. Schmedes, Feinhals, Hinckley. Conductor, Hertz. SAT. EVG., JAN. 9, at 8 (Pop. Prices), FAUST. Mmes. Farrar, Fornia; MM. Martin, Nové, Didur. Conductor, Spetrino.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. MON. EVG., JAN. 4, at 8, IL TROVATORE. Mmes. Emma Eames, Gay; MM. Caruso, Campanari, Rossi. Conductor, Spetrino. WEBER PIANO USED.

HIPPODROME TWICE DAILY. Mats. 2. Best Seats $1. Evgs. 8, 25c. to $1.50. SPORTING DAYS | BIG BALLET | BATTLE IN THE SKIES | NEW CIRCUS. MAXINE ELLIOTT'S Evg. THEATRE, at 8:30, Miss Elliott as The Chaperon. Matinees To-day and To-morrow, 2:30.

CASINO MATINEE TO-DAY, 2:15. EDDIE FOY Mr. Hamlet of Broadway.

LYRIC MATINEE TO-DAY, 2:15. THE BLUE MOUSE.

MAJESTIC MATINEE TO-DAY, 2:15. DE WOLF HOPPER in The Pied Piper.

DALY'S Eve. 8:30. Mat. To-day, 2:30. WM. FAVERSHAM, The World and His Wife.

West End. Mat. To-day. Lulu Glaser, Mlle. Mischief. Next Wk.—May Robson, Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary.

CLOSES TO-MORROW NIGHT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN. Open 9 A. M. To 10:30 P. M. NEW YORK POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION (LTD.). TWENTIETH ANNUAL SHOW. Grand Display of All Breeds, Pretty Pigeons, Game Birds, Bantams, Fancy Fowls, Exhibition Yards, Incubators, Song and Cage Birds, Cavies, Rabbits. Atlantic Cat Club Show To-day. Admission 50c. Children 25c.

HERMANN KLEIN'S NEXT SUNDAY "POP." **JEANNE JOMELLI ERNEST SCHELLING** GERMAN THEATRE, 59th St. Prices 50c. to $1.50.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW NOW OPEN. 300 exhibitors of leading American cars; all the foreign cars direct from the Paris Salon (only exhibit in America), accessory manufacturers. ADMISSION 50c. Tuesday $1. Finest decorations. GRAND CENTRAL PALACE. Lexington Ave. and 43d St.

Meetings.

AN ELECTION OF TWENTY MANAGERS OF THE New York Institution for the Blind and of three inspectors of election will be held at the Institution, 34th Street and 9th Avenue, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 6th, 1909.

CHARLES H. MARSHALL, Secretary.