THE EXPLOSION IN HARLEM

INTERESTING TESTIMONY ABOUT THE DEATH-DEALING ENGINE.

Coroner Kessler Making a Searching Investigation—The Boy Roshecker's Story—The History of the Rotten Boiler.

Coroner Kessler yesterday resumed the inquest into the Harlem boiler explosion. As on the previous day the room was crowded. The ranks of the lawyers were reinforced by S. B. Woodridge, of Tracy, Catlin & Brodhead, who appeared in the interest of Mr. Brett, the father of the schoolboy, and of the relatives of Irene Gelletier, the Italian harp girl. The other counsel were early in their seats, and remained throughout the session, now and then enlivening the scene by a tilt with the Coroner. The inquest did not adjourn until 5 P. M.

John C. Daggett having been recalled testified that he had never seen a crack in the boiler, nor any white lead used in connection with it. If there had been a crack he would have seen it.

Eugene T. Woodward, Sergeant of the Harlem police, said at the time the Coroner was examining the ruins he told him of a conversation he had had with a Mr. Johnson who was discharged by Benner & Coyne to run the engine. Mr. Johnson told him that he left the position the day and then resigned it, telling Mr. Benner that it was more than one man could do to run the boiler and the engine. Mr. Johnson said that he had his son to work him, and yet found that the work was too much for him. The witness was not certain whether Johnson referred to the 125th street engine or that at 129th street. He had seen the boy Daggett trying the steam and water gauges frequently, but not recollect seeing the engineer. The boy seemed to have full charge.

THE BOY'S STORY.

William L. Daggett, the lad of 15, who is alleged to have had charge of the boiler, was next called. He be a bright lad. He said:

I was employed on the boilers by Mr. Benner at the same time my father, as a stoker, was employed on the engine. My father was the only person who ever fired the boilers. I generally helped him, but I was not the only person who ever fired the boilers. I was at the place almost every day. I was there when the boiler was first put in. I was there when it was first fired. I was there when it was first used. I was there when it was first used. I was there when it was first used