SIGHTS FROM THE SWITCH TOWER.

An Hour With Despatcher Cole at the Ninety-eighth Street Station.

A flurry of snow and sleet, borne by a high wind, was lashing the switchtender's tower at the Ninety-eighth street engine yard of the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad between 7 and 8 o'clock a few evenings ago. Trains were being gradually called off from the rush of the commission hours, and the yard was a scene of orderly bustle and despatch.

The electric carbon from high over head shed an intermittent illumination over all. Through its alternating gleamings and darkenings engine after engine slided off in graceful curves from the main track in obedience to the swift, clock-like manipulations of this or that switch in the tower. Switchmen hurried hither and thither, lantern in hand, across the network of tracks, waving their lanterns to the incoming trains and engines. From each they were answered in kind. Their will-o-the-wisp movements were interjected here and there by a sudden jerk of the crank on one of the switches, and the revolving bull's-eye lantern connected with it was made to change front from red to white, or from white to red, as this or that engine thundered up or down the line.

It was the busiest hour of the evening for the yard men. Sometimes as many as a dozen engines, after leaving their respective trains on the side tracks, came curving in, one after the other. The work of thinning out the trains on duty went steadily on. The snow and sleet continued. The lanterns flashed to and fro. The revolving bull's-eyes changed front, now red, and then white, with a jerk and a snap. There was a thunderous and wheezy fury in the trains that went rushing along the main track, after the slight pause at the adjoining passenger station, and there was a hissing, tired sort of majesty in those that were deserting it for the silence and repose of the darkened spaces and buildings in the background. There were no shouts nor loud cries, such as might be anticipated in the various changes, transformations, and readjustments constantly going on. The lanterns signalling seemed to effect everything with weird precision and harmony. Serene above all, the tower switchman stood at his post, alert and active. His lookout takes in a vast stretch of track to north and south. He manipulated the handles of his twelve switches in a manner suggestive of beer pumping on a gigantic *anticipation* scale.

Mr. Cole, the train despatcher, stood with the reporter near the foot of the tower. He has been an active railroad man for many years, and is perfectly at home in the midst of these shifting and bustling yard scenes. "About eighty motors are employed on the Third avenue line," said he. "In the rush of the commission hours there are sixty-five engines, each with a train of four cars, at work on the Third avenue line, exclusive of the four employed on the Thirty-fourth street and Forty-second street branches. We begin to run on the extras at five minutes past 6 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, and to call them off at 9 in the morning and 6:40 in the afternoon. This arrangement meets the emergency of the commission hours. We are now calling off about every other train."

Here there was an interruption. A yardman ran up. "Mr. Cole," said he, "car No. 83 is in the yard with a damaged axle."

The despatcher gave directions as to the disposition of the invalided car, and resumed: "This makes the present time about half past 7 as busy as any time we have in the yard. The display of the red light on a switch here is to signal an entire train to turn off at this yard. The white light causes an engine to leave its cars elsewhere, either below or above Ninety-eighth street, before laying up at this point. Thirty trains lay up here, six at Eighty-fourth street, four at Sixty-seventh street, and eighteen between 103d and 129th streets. Look out for that train, young man!"

The last words were a timely warning to a young fellow in the company's uniform—doubtless a newly employed guard—who, but for the caution, would have hurried directly before the path of a motor that was noiselessly gliding into the yard. "He's a little fresh, you see," continued the despatcher, "or he would have a better lookout as to where he is going. Of course, you know the distinction of the green and white lights on the regular trains. The former indicates the through trains to South Ferry and the latter those for City Hall. Hello!"

The white glare of the electric light had suddenly disappeared and the lamp at the top of the pole turned into a dull red ember in the stormy night. "The carbons are stuck together again," quietly remarked the despatcher, picking up an iron bar and belaboring the tall lamp-staff so vigorously that the refractory illuminator was speedily thrashed into fresh brilliancy. "This happens oftener than is agreeable, but a little pounding shakes the carbons apart again."

A train of empty cars at this juncture came dashing down the main line to the end of the passenger platform, where it eased up, as though waiting for instructions. There was a jerk and whirl, followed by a white flash from the main switch bull's-eye, and the hesitant engine swept on to deposit its train of cars at Eighty-fourth street before returning to the yard for the night.

Then there was another jerk and whirl. The switch bull's-eye this time front-faced with a blood-red glare. In obedience to the changed signal, a train backing up from the south swerved into the yard, its conductor raising and lowering his lantern monotonously at arm's length as the manœuvre was executed.

Half a dozen isolated motors came after it, and switch after switch was heard to shift with a clang. Again the bull's-eyes changed from a lurid glare to a whitish gleam, and each engine curved gliddingly away on a separate iron footpath of its own.

This was no sooner done than another entire train was switched into the yard. Then away dashed the lantern-waving switchmen through the sleet, the wind, and the darkness. There was a fresh clanging of shifted rails and a renewed clanging of bull's-eye glances. A group of firemen who were coaxing up a motor not far away in the glare of open furnaces looked like gnomes at their task work; and a fresh fit of sulkiness on the part of the electric globe on high seemed to be expressed in a renewed drubbing of the foot of the pole. "Business is now beginning to let up a little," said Mr. Cole, genially. "By 8 o'clock there will be few trains to switch off until midnight. Between then and 4:30 in the morning, when there are intervals of fifteen minutes between trips, of course the road is still further depleted of its running stock. Between 4:40 and 6 A. M. trains are again run every five minutes, necessitating the switching on of fresh trains from this yard, one of fresh motors that pick up their trains somewhere between Harlem and 86th seventh street. Then, after 6 A. M., additional stock has to be shoved on very rapidly indeed, to meet the demand of the morning commission hours. The trains running every minute and a half between 6 and 9. But just at that time, 6 in the morning, I am relieved, relegating on duty again at 6 in the evening, come over to the office."

The office occupied by the despatcher and the telegraphic operator is across the tracks from the switch tower, at the south end of the passenger platform. The operator-headed despatcher's desk is in one corner and the telegraph operator's instrument and table in the other. The instrument was clicking industriously, and the operator seemed to be busy receiving messages.

"The operator here," said Mr. Cole, in answer to several inquiries, "is in direct and constant communication with headquarters at 71 Broadway, and with the superintendent's office at 4 Front street; and all other operators along the line are similarly engaged. The system is perfect. The slightest accident or interruption of travel, such as chanced in the burning of the Windsor Theatre close to the edge of the track on Thanksgiving night, would be flashed in every detail from instrument to instrument over the whole length of the line, and measures for safety or relief be instituted without an instant's delay. But, though always ready for an emergency, none of us ever anticipate an accident, such is our confidence in the intelligence and perfection of the system.

As the reporter took his departure for the purpose of boarding an up train a parting glance over at the yard revealed a last train being switched off into temporary retirement, while the pole-perched electric illuminator, having indulged in a fresh bit of glow-worm sulkiness, was being hammered into renewed enlightenment by an apparent novice at the foot of the switch tower, who, bludgeon in hand, appeared to enjoy the castigation.

Benedict Bros.

Benedict Bros. have a large and elegantly fitted store at the southeast corner of Broadway and Cortlandt street, but the broad mirrors which hide the walls make it seem twice as large. The spacious cases are filled with rich articles of jewelry and silver plate suitable for holiday gifts. The firm make a specialty of fine diamonds of their own importation, and have all varieties of watches. Americans and Swiss. They guarantee their goods, and their experience of sixty years in business has proved to them that fine is the best policy. Their number is 171 Broadway, and let the Sixth avenue elevated, they are ten minutes from Fourteenth street.

H. B. Kirk & Co.

H. B. Kirk & Co. have one store at 69 Fulton street and another at 1,478 Broadway. Both are under Mr. Kirk's personal supervision, and the principle of square and fair dealing is established in both. He prides himself on his Old Crow and Hermitage whiskeys, manufactured in Kentucky. Through all breaks in the market they have remained firm in price. Mr. Kirk is the agent of the Picatant Vineyard Company. Its champagne, he declares, is not made with gas but as pure and good as any imported wine. Mr. Kirk has a full stock of other liquors, and guarantees satisfaction.

Vogel Brothers.

The big plate-glass doors of Vogel Brothers' ready-made clothing house on the corner of Broadway and Houston street were kept swinging on their hinges all day on Saturday. Crowds of people bought fine clothing at extremely low prices. There was a great run on men's and boys' overcoats, of which the firm has a very handsome stock. Men's surtouts seemed to be in great demand. Fine dress suits also were sold. Vogel Brothers' other stores at 653 Eighth avenue, 20 Avenue A, and 148 Third avenue were equally well patronized.

CROWDED NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS.

The State's Compulsory Education Law Impossible of Enforcement.

A special effort will be made this winter in New Jersey to procure legislation that will provide means for the education of the large number of children, principally in cities, that are deprived of schooling by a lack of school accomodation. According to the last report of Mr. Apgar, State Superintendent of Education, there are in the State 343,000 children between the ages of 5 and 18 years. The law makes the education of these children compulsory. But of this number only 209,000, or less than two-thirds, are enrolled in the school registers—and these pupils are crowded into buildings that will seat only 189,000 children with any degree of comfort. The discrepancy between the number of seats and the number of children to be accommodated attains alarming proportions in some places. In Hudson county, which contains Jersey City, there were last year 67,000 children of school ages. Of these 32,000 were registered, although the buildings into which they were packed were intended to hold only 23,000 pupils. It is estimated that 16,000 children attended private schools, so that 30,000 children, or nearly one-half of the school population, were left without means of obtaining instruction.

In Essex county, which contains Newark, 27,000 of the 56,000 children of school age swarm into schoolhouses that were meant to hold only 22,000. About 8,000 go to private schools and 21,000 grow up in ignorance. Union county provides 7,000 sittings for 15,000 children, Mercer county packs 8,000 children into 6,000 seats, and turns from its school doors its remaining 7,000 children. Middlesex has 16,000 children of school age. Its schools can only accommodate 8,000 of them. Passaic has 9,000 sittings for 21,000 children, but manages to squeeze 14,000 of them into her schools. In the State there are 3,500 teachers, or about one to every 100 pupils. The average salary of a male teacher for month is $56, of a female teacher $33.

The system of education is managed by the State Board of Education, which consists of the Governor, the Attorney-General, the Comptroller, the Secretary of State, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the trustees of the State Normal School. They fix the annual appropriation for school expenses, and it is incorporated in the general tax levy. Each county collects the tax from the cities and townships within it, and pays over the money to the State. It is then apportioned on a per capita basis in reference to the number of school children. The total amount apportioned last year for education of children was $4,098,960. The Board, after the apportionment is made, distributes the fund to the counties, and the county collectors in turn redistribute it on a per capita basis in the cities and townships.

By this method some localities in which the value of the ratables is small and the number of children comparatively large, receive from the State for educational uses a much greater sum than they pay into the school fund, while other places containing large areas of taxable property and few children pay largely in excess for what they receive for school purposes. Bayonne, in Hudson county, raises $17,000 for the school fund. This amount goes to the State, and in return the State apportions only $10,000 of the fund to Bayonne. The remaining $7,000 goes to make up the deficiencies that exist in places where property is less valuable, but where children abound. Jersey City gets about $12,000 more from the school fund than she contributes to it. The little town of Weehawken, rich in ratables but poor in children, gives the State about $2,000, and only gets back a little over $1,000.

Of the school buildings in the State, 1,073 contain only one room, 243 have two rooms, and 261 have more than two. Twenty-eight of the school buildings are valued at less than $100 each.

DENYING THAT THEY ARE DANGEROUS.

The Damage Done by the Electric Wires as Stated by the Companies.

"We should like to have a fair statement made of the actual facts relating to the electric illuminating wires," said Mr. L. E. Curtis, Secretary of the United States Electric Lighting Company. "They will throw some intelligent light on the recent reports of accidents. There are from 300 to 400 miles of these wires extended on poles through this city. It is over three years since such wires have been in operation, and the total damage done by them to property during that period amounts to exactly $85. These are the official figures furnished by Fire Marshal Shelden. One of our incandescent lamps caused $10 damage and the Edison underground system $75. Even this damage was caused in the interior of buildings. The wires supported on poles did no damage to property whatever, except once to demolish three fire alarm boxes, and once to damage two telephone boxes. This is the total loss. Much more damage can be shown to have been occasioned in the same time by gas, kerosene, or steam.

"As to injury to person and life, our wires have caused absolutely none. By the Brush wires two persons have been killed. One was an employee, who was guilty of gross negligence and wilful violation of instructions. The other was a man who committed suicide. To no person in the general community could injury happen in the same way unless he deliberately sought it.

"It is not possible for injury to be caused by electric wires when properly insulated. Even if a shock were received it would be dangerous only under rare circumstances. At the Windsor Theatre the fire department played their streams directly through the Brush wires. At the Park Theatre they played directly upon a lighted Brush lamp. At the Standard Theatre the Brush lights were left burning at the special request of Chief Engineer Bates of the Fire Department, and were of valuable use to the firemen. You can judge from these facts how dangerous our wires are."

A PIKE COUNTY TRAGEDY.

The Charge of Murder Against John Greening to be Considered by a Grand Jury.

MILFORD, Dec. 16.—To-morrow the Grand Jury will begin its session in this village. The first and principal case to be considered is that of John Greening, accused of the murder of A. C. Cheever in the latter part of October. Cheever was formerly a resident of New York city, where he was in the employ of F. S. Schoonmaker & Co., upholsterers. Two years ago, on account of failing health, he purchased a $10,000 farm in Dingman township, in the lower part of Pike county. His next neighbors were the Greening family. He had not lived on the farm many months before he was engaged in disputes and quarrels with all of the Greening family. It is said he tried to persuade him to return to New York, and he was, at the time of the murder, making negotiations to that end. Mrs. Cheever having already gone back to New York. He had had a serious quarrel with the Greenings about his dog, which had annoyed the Greening children, and about the opening up of a road through a part of Cheever's farm. The outcome of this quarrel was a lawsuit by John Greening against Cheever for assault and battery. Greening was obliged to pay the costs. He then swore his life was endangered by Cheever, but Judge Westbrook decided that Cheever was in greater danger than Greening was, and this case also was decided against Greening.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Jeremiah Greening and one of the neighbors brought word to Coroner Ralph B. Thrall in this village that Cheever was lying dead in his own door yard. Before the Coroner's jury Lewis Bemanain testified that he had seen Cheever lying there dead on Saturday. He said he was afraid the Greenings would kill him if he brought word of it. After a great deal of questioning and cross-questioning he admitted that when he saw the body of Cheever he went and told John Greening of it, and Greening replied: "I know it, and I am glad of it." Greening told him they had got into a quarrel, and that he had shot Cheever. Greening was arrested and held for the action of the Grand Jury.

St. Stephen's Fair.

A fair is being held in the basement of St. Stephen's Church in East Twenty-eighth street to raise money to pay off the church debt. The hall is handsomely decorated and filled with brilliant booths, under the management of the young ladies of the church and of various Catholic societies. There are billiard and pool tables, a shooting gallery, and a negro minstrel show. The majority of the objects on exhibition are to be raffled for. Among them are house revolvers, tons of coal, watches, and a 3-minute trotting horse. A gold-headed cane is to be voted to the most popular New York officer, who is expected to be present. There is a set of gold pens to the most popular President of any catholic society in New York, and an office chair for the most popular candidate for Alderman to fill the place of Commissioner Fisher. The fair will be open every day from 12 to 10 o'clock P. M. until Dec. 29. Thus far the attendance has been very large, and the managers have hopes that the proceeds of the fair will be sufficiently large to entirely free the church from debt.

Ten Thousand Bunches of Bananas.

There were more than 200,000 bananas in the 10,000 bunches of the fruit which were imported from Aspinwall for the Christmas trade. All but about 3,000 bunches were sold directly after their arrival. The holidays will be over before the next shipment of the fruit is received.

Wanted—Females.

A.—UP-TOWN ADVERTISERS May leave their favors for THE SUN at the only authorized up-town advertisement offices.
1,328 Broadway, corner 31st st., till 9 P. M.
916 West 23d st., corner 8th av., till 8 P. M.
760 3d av., entrance on 47th st., till 8 P. M.
92 East 14th st., corner Union square, till 8 P. M.
208 East 125th st., near 3d av., till 7:30 P. M.
No extra charge.

A.—OPERATORS on men's shirts. Steam power; best pay; steady work. ROBERT K. DAVIES & CO., 530 to 542 West 23d st.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.—Wanted, branchers, rosemakers, and girls to make small work; also several girls will be taken to learn; low wages paid while learning. Apply immediately at 302 Humboldt st., northeasterly corner of Ainslie st., Brooklyn, E. D.

A.—A.—Experienced turners wanted for linen collars and cuffs; steady work. G. SIDENBERG & CO., 47 and 49 Mercer st.

A.—25 FIRST-CLASS pickers wanted; also learners taken. Call all week at 9 Lispenard st. WOLFSBRUCK.

AN EXPERIENCED lady wanted to take charge of an infants' fine cloak department. Address CLOAK, Box 1596, Sun office.

A GIRL to sew blank books; also a ruling machine feeder. POWERS & SON, 104 Chambers st.

A.—A.—An experienced ruffling winder; steady work. LUCHS BROS., 79 Walker st.

AN experienced dressmaker wanted. Apply at 130 Eldridge st., 2d floor.

BOOKFOLDERS and stitchers; none but experienced hands need apply. MYLES WALSH, 13 Frankfort st.

BLANK BOOK SEWERS and feeders wanted. W. E. SPANGELE & SONS, 55 Beekman st.

BONNAZ.—Experienced operators wanted; steam power; steady work. KURSHEDT, 438 S. 5th av.

CASH GIRLS WANTED. R. H. MACY & CO., 14th st. and 6th av.

EXPERIENCED hands to crochet buttons at home. CITY BUTTON WORKS, 116 Walker st.

EXPERIENCED operators and finishers on pants, steam power. J. H. BYRNE, 432 East 16th st.

EXPERIENCED operators on children's lace caps. C. PLOCK & CO., 370 Canal st.

EXPERIENCED hands wanted on ladies' underwear. 237 East 75th st.

EXPERIENCED tailoresses wanted on corsets. 218 West 26th st.

FREE Sewing Machine School, open daily from 9 to 5, at Grie's Lodging House, 27 St. Mark's place, 8th st.

FOLDERS and sewers; only experienced hands need apply. ANGRE'S Job Bindery, 181 William st.

FIRST-CLASS girls on dipped chocolate work. Call at BUTLER'S, cor. Irving place and 18th st.

GENTS' Neckwear.—Wanted, ladies to learn in various branches; 33 Clinton place (8th st.), near B'way.

GOOD operators wanted on shirts; to good hands steady work. Call all week. 265 3d av.

GOOD pant scarf hands wanted. Call early at 93 Canal st.

HAND SEWERS to make fine underwear; applicants for dressmaking. 4 Garden row, West 11th st. and 6th av.

HANDS wanted on silken coats and pressers. Call all week at 272 South 4th st., Brooklyn, E. D.

LOWENTHAL, MAAS & CO., 12 White st., want experienced pointers on ruffling; also binders, finishers, rompers, coverers, and hole punchers; team power; good pay and steady work. Apply all week; also 2 boy sample cards.

LACE WORKERS wanted immediately; good places; permanent. Long Island Exchange and Art Parlors, 30 Johnson st., Brooklyn.

OPERATORS, basters, buttonhole maker on white vests; young girl to do light housework. 255 3d av.

OPERATORS and basters on fine shoes and flannel coats; to good out. 300 West 23d st., 2d floor.

OPERATORS on W. & W. and Singer machines to make bayeux shirts. Call at 293 Lewis st.

PAPER BOXES.—Good hands on glue and paste work at 119 South 5th av.

RUBBER CLOAK inner seat hands wanted; also work given out at 421 East 155th st.

STRAW SEWERS.—Fine brands over blocks; none but the most experienced need apply. TIERNEY & CO., 309 Fulton st., Brooklyn.

SMART girls as waitresses; must speak German. GUEST'S Dining Rooms, 284 Grand st.

SMALL GIRLS to work in factory. 104 South 5th av.

WANTED—Operators on jean drawers; steady work. BAXTER & SCRIVEN BROS., 12 Washington place.

WANTED—Indoor operators on drawers. MOSES BLUM & WEILL, 74 and 76 Leonard st.

WANTED—Family girls for cotton factory. LEE'S M'F'G CO., 97 Chambers st., up stairs.

WANTED—First-class operator on custom shirts. JAMES HUTCHINSON, 1,250 Broadway.

WANTED—Experienced hands on gents' bows. FLEISCH & CO., 449 Broadway.

WANTED—First-class operators and basters on vests; best prices paid. 114 Cannon st.

WANTED—A girl for general housework; no washing; wages $10. 153 East 43d st.

YOUNG GIRLS can obtain situations free, lodging and meals at 25 cents each, at the Girls' Lodging House, 27 St. Mark's place, one block east of Cooper Institute (under care of Children's Aid Society).

25 STRAW SEWERS, Willcox & Gibbs machines. SCHARMANN'S, 67 Milton st., Greenpoint, block from ferry.

100 LADIES.—Best place to get work and sewing machines; easy payments. 420 East 10th st.

1,084 FULTON ST., Brooklyn.—Best place to secure steady work and sewing machines; easy payments.

Wanted—Males.

AGENTS and families—3 pounds pure tea, $1, worth $2; 3 pounds pure coffee, 90c.; 3 pounds pepper or mustard, 50c. HEN'ESSY'S, 253 Pearl and 81 Fulton st.

AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH Company want well recommended boys, between 14 and 16 years old. Apply at 8 Dey st.

A BAKER'S confectioner at 957 8th av., between 55th and 56th sts.

A STOUT boy of 16 to deliver orders. Bakery, 957 8th av.

BROWN-STONE cutting taught at New York Trade Schools, 6th st. and 1st av.; send for circular.

BLANK BOOK forwarder on half bound work. EVANS & LEEDIS, 51 Maiden lane.

BOOKBINDERS.—Job forwarder on bank books. 59 Beekman st.

COOK wanted. CLARK'S Oyster House, 332 Canal st.

COMPETENT beef and pork butcher wanted at 39 6th av.; steady work and good wages.

COMPOSITORS wanted. BURGOYNE, 57 Park st.

DRUG clerks, bookkeepers, head cooks, notion pack ers, bartenders, colored couple wanted. 733 B'way.

FIRST-CLASS men on dipped bonbons. Call at BUTLER'S, cor. Irving place and 18th st.

FIRST-CLASS job compositor wanted at 19 Walker st. HENRY C. RYAN.

GOOD two-third job compositor. VERNON & SON, 22 Spruce st.

JOB PRINTING.—Boy to distribute job type; also feeder. GREEN S, 378 Canal st.

JOB COMPOSITORS.—Two. 103 Walker st.

LOWENTHAL, MAAS & CO., 12 White st., want an experienced cutter on nice goods.

LIVE men to handle a new article; 60c. capital. 37 Dey st., 2d floor.

PAPER RULER that understands striker; steady work. JOHN LOVE & CO., 114 Fulton st.

PEDDLER, to sell new article. Call, from 9 to 12 o'clock at room 11, 97 Macdougal st.

STAIR BUILDERS and cabinetmakers wanted, at W. H. DAVIS', 249 Walworth st., Brooklyn.

SHOEMAKERS.—Two men on new work; sober men can have steady work. 962 8th av.

STRONG errand boy in printing office; $3 per week. Address M., box 155, Sun office.

SOLDERER wanted; experienced, steady workman. Apply at 527 West st.

WANTED—Lead glaziers; 4th first class workmen; wages $22 per week, and steady work guaranteed. Address, with reference, GEO. BOWEN, 184 West 4th st., Cincinnati, O.

WANTED—Salesman on clothing or suits, on salary or as partner; no money required, but good reference. Apply before 11 o'clock at 478 Grand st.

WANTED—All persons not paid for their labor or goods to call at VAN HOVENBERG'S law office, 4 New Chambers st., room 1; advice free.

WANTED—A few good peddlers to sell Christmas tree ornaments, glass balls, parts, &c. 375 Broome st.

WANTED—Boy or girl to set type. THOMAS'S, 82 Beekman st., 4th floor.

WANTED—Canvassers, agents, peddlers, &c.; another new 5c. article. 51 Cortlandt st., room 1.

WANTED—An order cook, white or colored; come ready for work. 210 Spring st., New York city.

WANTED—Ten gentlemen to sell books for the holidays. Apply in book store, 74 Church st.

WANTED—Ten carpenters on trimming at buildings northeast corner 125th st. and 4th av.

WANTED—Fireman and doorman horseshoers; no union men need apply. 205 Franklin st.

WANTED—Agents, peddlers, toy stores for novelties and toys. 51 Cortlandt st., room 1.

WANTED—A good iron railing finisher; no other will suit. Apply at 205 East 40th st.

YOUNG MAN as salesman in shoe store; one who is experienced. JAS. MULLANEY, 235 Greenwich.

Situations Wanted.

A GOOD baker foreman on bread and cake and a good second hand on cake or on bread wishes steady situation. Call or address BAKER, in care of Mr. Schoenbach, 111 East 4th st., between 1st and 2d ave., 2d floor, front.

A GENTEEL young man would like situation as salesman; can give best of reference from last employer. Apply for 3 days at 176 Forsyth st., city.

A RESPECTABLE widow wishes a child to take care of. 876 14th st., three flights up.

HOUSEKEEPER.—By a middle-aged American woman as housekeeper in a small family; competent to take full charge in city or country. Call on or address H. H., 74 Oak st., Greenpoint, L. I.

SITUATION wanted by a young girl to do housework. Address 273 Mott st.

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DALY'S THEATRE, Broadway and 30th st. Under the management of Mr. AUGUSTIN DALY. Orchestra, $1.50. Dress circle, $1. Second balcony, 50c. EVERY EVENING at 8 o'clock. MATINEES BEGIN at 2.
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METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. GRAND ITALIAN OPERA. Monday, Dec. 17 (last time), LA SONNAMBULA. Wednesday, no performance, the stage being required for stage rehearsals of LA GIOCONDA. Thursday, Dec. 20, first time, Ponchielli's Opera, LA GIOCONDA. Mmes. Nilsson, Scalchi, Fursch-Madi, Sigs. Stagno, Del Puente, Novara. Friday, Dec. 21 (last time), LA TRAVIATA. Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22, grand matinee, LA GIOCONDA.

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