IN A KNICKERBOCKER AGE.

MEN IN OFFICE IN NEW YORK IN THE EARLY PART OF THE CENTURY.

Reminiscences of Men Who Helped to Govern the City—Merserole Pudding in the City Hall—The Original Silk Stocking—A Joke on Mayor Harper—Some Slips of the Tongue.

The first quarter of this century was in the government of the city a veritable Knickerbocker age. The mere names of the Mayors prove the assertion. A Varick began the century, and was succeeded by a Livingston, a Clinton, a Willett, a Radcliff, a Colden, an Allen, a Pauulding, and a Hone. Mayors Edward Livingston, De Witt Clinton, and Cadwallader D. Colden were entitled to rank as statesmen. The most popular Mayor of that period, however, was Stephen Allen, who as a master sailmaker, came from the masses. He was an assistant Alderman of the Tenth ward in 1817, then for two years was its Alderman, and a decade after quitting the Mayoralty he again took the office of assistant Alderman. In 1851 he was one of the victims of the burning off Yonkers of the Hudson River day boat Henry Clay.

Among other Knickerbocker magnates of public life in the city have been eight Bayards, four Beekmans, and three Brevoorts. One of the last, John Hendricks Brevoort, was an assistant Alderman in the last century, and his farm on what is now lower Fifth avenue was noted in the old Fly Market, near Liberty street and Broadway, for its early vegetables and fruit. Not a few families yet preserve tradition of the Brevoort pippins.

There have been Mayors who served two terms, but De Witt Clinton was eleven years in the City Hall, quitting it to promote the Erie Canal and die of heart disease in the Gubernatorial chair. His widow long survived as a social hostess in Bond street, and to her, when last in this city, Gen. Lafayette paid his only social call.

It is perhaps not generally known that the father of one of the rebel Commissioners who figured in the Trent affair and came near causing a war with Great Britain figured early in this century in the public life of this city as an Alderman. Like the son, the father was John Slidell, and it was from the father, once a Sachem in the Tammany Society, that the son learned those political tricks which in 1844 turned the State of Louisiana—whither John the second had emigrated—against its idol, Henry Clay.

Fifty-seven officeholders of prominence had the Knickerbocker prefix of Van to their names. The most distinguished was Myndert Van Schaick, who was in the Common Council during the forties, but was best known as one of the first Croton Water Commissioners.

Lately the widow of Alonzo A. Alvord died, leaving a large fortune. Her death revived memories of her husband, who was an insurance President and an Alderman in the early forties. He had for colleague from the Thirteenth ward a very original east sider named Bernard J. Merserole, a member of an ancient Knickerbocker family. Merserole was always called Barney, and was never, when away from home, without his hat in his custody, for on the night of his election, when visited by his constituents, his new hat had disappeared, and ever afterward his headgear was doubly precious in his sight. In those days after adjournment the Aldermen met in one of the City Hall rooms for dinner. There was generally served a pudding—best known on menus as cabinet pudding—with which Merserole started the repast, while his colleagues began with either oysters or soup. His eccentricity in this respect did not touch pie or fruit, only the pudding rich with raisins and sauce.

"Why begin with pudding, Barney?" asked Alvord.

"Cause if I don't I never get enough of it, because you fellows eat it all away from me," was the reply.

For years afterward and until reformers abolished City Hall dinners at public expense, that pudding was known in the kitchen department of the City Hall as the Merserole delight. In judging the Aldermanic feasts it must be remembered that then Aldermen served for the honor of the office and had no pay except a per diem when seated as side Judges to the Recorder in the Courts of Sessions. Nor were any Aldermen suspected of the slightest bonding until 1851, when grants for street railways first came before the Common Council. A newspaper man named Stephen H. Branch, who started one of the earliest yellow journals, which he named the *Alligator*, was the means of abolishing the Aldermanic dinners and the City Hall tea rooms by his persistent attacks. The table furniture, including a goodly supply of silver spoons and forks belonging to the city and used in the City Hall, was sold at auction; and bringing fair prices as souvenirs increased the revenues of the sinking fund by about $500.

New York has had only one dandy Chief Magistrate. He was Aaron Clark, elected in 1836 as a Whig. His white neckties were ever of the immaculate Beau Brummel order, and he rivalled Daniel Webster in the blueness and the gilt buttons of his coat, cut in evening style. His shirt fronts ruffled like his temper; and his shiny patent leather boots were as shining mirrors. Early in his official career he appeared at a ball in Constitution Hall then in Broadway between Bleecker and Bond—wearing the finest silk stockings. From that circumstance the Democratic poet editor of the *Evening Post* called him "Our Silk Stocking Mayor," and by degrees Tammany orators began to call Clark's Whig party the silk stocking party. But every Mayor has been noted for dignity in his dress. Among the Aldermen of the past the most conspicuously well-dressed man was Abraham Lent, but then he was one of the fashionable tailors of the period and interested in fine appearances. Fernando Wood and James Harper were the only semi-ascetic Mayors. The first gouty Mayor was Ambrose C. Kingsland, who rivalled the present Mayor in the possession of tender toes.

Mayor Philip Hone was a noted dinner giver, as was Mayor Opdyke, who was a prime judge of burgundy. In Mayor Wood's time his political foes used to narrate that he breakfasted at sunrise, summer and winter, mainly upon baked potatoes, and mentioned it as a slur upon him, but that really served to intensify Irish admiration for him. A laughable anecdote was told about Mayor James Harper, who was a prominent member of the Total Abstinence Society. In publishing first, early in his Mayoralty, got out a book of Mexican travels and adventures by George W. Kendall, founder and editor of the New Orleans *Picayune* and a wag and wit. Being in the city correcting proofs of his volumes, he called on his Mayor publisher.

"His Honor is with a committee of Rechabite temperance ladies," said the man at the door.

"I shan't open the door, but just give him a short message," was the reply, and, not disclosing his identity, Kendall called through the partly opened passage: "Mr. Mayor, don't wait long. Our party is waiting for you coming at the Astor House, where we have a bowl of the brandy punch ready which you so much love," and then he quietly closed the door and retreated.

The Rechabite temperance ladies glared at Mayor Harper and arose to go at this apparent disclosure. But the Mayor had not been half a century in the publishing business to be easily discomfited, and he said:

"Oh, ladies, I recognize the voice of my jocular friend Kendall of the New Orleans *Picayune*, and that punch message is only one of his practical jokes."

The ladies looked only the more suspiciously grieved, and one whispered: "That shocking, irreverent newspaper!" Mayor Harper, who told the story, always added laughingly:

"My Rechabite constituents afterward were wont to suspect my temperance principles."

When Mayor Gunther was inaugurated on a New Year's Day he prepared a generous supply of pretzels and lager beer for his German constituents, whose political idol he was, but no subsequent Mayor has followed that example, because, word getting out into the park respecting Gunther's hospitality, callers came not so used to lager beer as the Germans, and disorder and almost a free fight ensued.

One of the most eccentric of the old Aldermen in the early fifties was Thomas Carnley, whose popularity among the masses equalled the intensity of his illiteracy. During a debate his objection to the matter in hand caused a fellow member to intimate that his course would hurt his pending canvass for Sheriff.

"Never," retorted Carnley, who was fondly known throughout Manhattan Island as "Honest Tom." "Everybody knows I am the most populous man in my Twelfth ward."

A grand old Knickerbocker Alderman was Francis B. Tillou from the Fifth ward, who afterward became a governor of the almshouse and Recorder. Without a particle of imagination, he had a strange facility for quoting from the poets and, strangely so, generally with felicitous application. His predecessor as Recorder had also been an Alderman, Frederick A. Tallmadge, father of the present President of the Sons of the Revolution. The elder, like the younger Tallmadge, was noted for his ready wit. In sentencing to short imprisonment a man named Barker for stealing a dog, he said:

"Barker, the officer said you were guilty of cruelty to the dog, and, Barker, a fellow feeling ought to have made you wondrous kind to your fellow barker."

Mayor Clark, the dandy, was succeeded by Isaac L. Varian, a Washington Market butcher, who had also been an Alderman. He was as plain as Clark was polished. He had as Chairman of a committee to make a report and thought that in concluding it he ought to make a classical allusion. So he ended thus: "And so the committee, in summing up their labors, can truly say with Cesar, veni, vidi, vici."

The Whigs, when he ran for Mayor, ridiculed him in a song, of which the chorus was, "Down with Butcher Varian, the veni, vidi, vici man."

FOOTBALL.

Improvement in the Work of the Big College Teams—Results Yesterday.

CAMBRIDGE, Oct. 9.—Harvard defeated Dartmouth this afternoon by a score of 13 to 0. It was an exciting game, and one that reflected credit on both elevens. Neither side scored in the first half, but in the second half Harvard took a wonderful brace, while Dartmouth weakened completely. It took ten minutes of brisk playing for Harvard to gain a safety. This was followed by a goal from the field and a touchdown and a goal. Good, steady football on the part of both elevens was the feature of the game. There were no brilliant plays, but the character of the playing was enough to keep the spectators guessing. For Harvard Cochrane played the best game. His kicking was excellent. Moulton and Cabot tackled well. As for Houghton, he did the best kicking he has yet done, but he had the wind in his favor. For Dartmouth Crollius and MacAndrew did the best work. The line up:

Harvard.	*Positions.*	*Dartmouth.*
Cabot	Left end	Walker, Edwards
Wheeler	Left tackle	Putnam
Bonve	Left guard	Lowe
Burden	Centre	Rogers
Shaw	Right guard	Walker
Donald	Right tackle	Place
Moulton	Right end	Cavanaugh
Cochrane	Quarter back	Wentworth, Perkins
Dibblee	Left half back	Crollius
Brown	Right half back	Eckstrom
Haughton	Full back	MacAndrew

Score—Harvard, 13; Dartmouth, 0. Touchdowns—Bonve. Goal from touchdown—Cochrane. Goal from field—Cochrane. Safety—Eckstrom. Umpire—Hardy of Cross. Referee—Harold Letton. Timekeeper—Wood, B. A. A. Linesmen—Richardson and Bartlett. Time of halves—20 and 15 minutes. Attendance—4,000.

YALE, 32; WILLIAMS, 0.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 9.—Yale found Williams an easy victim on the football field this afternoon. In twenty-minute halves Yale ran up 32, blanking the visitors. During the entire game Williams did not see the inside of the Yale twenty-five-yard line. Her backs were unable to break the Yale defence, and her end plays failed to materialize. Yale lost the ball on a fumble only once, at her forty-yard line, but Williams, after making ten yards, lost it on downs. For Yale the long runs of Freshman Keefer were the features. His touchdown came after a forty-five-yard advance, in which he, aided by the sprightly interference of Corwin and De Saulles, bowled over Chadwell, Rutter, and Branch of Williams, and planted the ball behind the Williams goal. In the second half Hine, who replaced McBride, made two touchdowns by fine dodging. He also gave the best exhibition of place punting seen here this season. Capt. Lotz put up a plucky game for Williams, but half his line was made up of freshmen, and they failed to record compact team work. As Harvard was unable to score only 20 points against Williams a week ago, to-day's Yale score is regarded as very promising for the blue. The line up:

Yale.	*Positions.*	*Williams.*
Hazen, Hall		Chadwell
Hodgers, Post	Left tackle	Simmons
Cadwalader	Left guard	Black
Harvey	Centre	Bieler
Brown, Chadwick	Right guard	Lotz
Allen, Hale, Dudley, Warren	Right tackle	De Camp
	Right end	Rutter
De Saulles, Stoddard	Quarter back	Davis
Kiefer, Dautell, Corwin, Marvin, McBride, Hine	Left half back	Seeley
	Right half back	Branch
	Full back	Denman

Referee—Louis Hinkey of Yale. Umpire—Chamberlain of Yale. Linesmen—Hall of Yale and Marsh of Williams. Touchdowns—Corwin (2), Hine (3), Kiefer, McBride. Goals from touchdown—Cadwalader, 4. Time of halves—Twenty minute halves.

PRINCETON, 28; NAVAL CADETS, 0.

ANNAPOLIS, Oct. 9.—Princeton defeated the Naval Academy football eleven at the Naval Academy to-day by a score of 28 to 0. Twelve points were made in the first half and 16 in the second half. These consisted of 2 touchdowns in the first half from which goals were successfully kicked. In the last half 2 goals from the field were kicked. The touchdowns were by Rider, Bannard, and Baird, the latter kicking the goals. The visiting team had the advantage of the cadets in weight and played a much better game throughout, though the cadets did well considering the short practice. Wade, full back for the cadets, divided honors with Baird of the Princeton, both being excellent kickers. One of Baird's field kicks went about fifty yards, nearly half way of the field. The line-up:

Princeton.	*Positions.*	*U. S. N. A.*
Lathrop	Left end	Jackson
Holt	Left tackle	Bissett
Crowdis	Left guard	Hall gan
Booth	Centre	Tardy
Edwards	Right guard	Nelson
Hillegrand	Right tackle	Macy
Cochoran	Right end	Shea
Baird	Quarter back	Taussig
Bannard, Suior, Kelly, Reitor	Left half back	Marble
	Right half back	Powell
Wheeler	Full back	Wade

PENNSYLVANIA, 58; LEHIGH, 0.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—Pennsylvania had a ridiculously easy time with Lehigh this afternoon on Franklin Field. She went into the game to better Princeton's score of 43 against the Bethlehem team, made last Saturday. This she did in the first half of twenty minutes, scoring one more point. Then the team was changed and five substitutes tried. Capt. Minds was instructed not to kick during the half. The progress with the ball was slower, therefore, particularly as the officials strictly gave every semblance of a foul against Pennsylvania. Fourteen additional points were scored, making a total of 58. This, in spite of the fact that five goals were missed. Jackson, Minds, and Outland did splendid work with the ball, while Boyle, Hare, and Morice played a strong defensive game. In the second half Hedge played at quarter back, and handled the ball well, besides playing a fine game in the other details of quarter back work. The score:

Touchdowns—Minds (4), Jackson (2), Boyle, Outland, Walker, Hare. Goals from touchdowns—Mind (6). Safety—Holderness. Umpire—H. L. Williams, Yale. Referee, L. W. MacAuley, Romeston. Linesman—G. W. Fortesque, Pennsylvania. Time of halves—20 and 15 minutes. Attendance—5,000.

CORNELL, 15; TUFTS, 0.

ITHACA, Oct. 9.—The Cornell football team played its third regular game of the season this afternoon, defeating the Tufts College team by the score of 15 to 0. The game was rather one-sided, despite the fact that Cornell put the lightest team possible in he field. The line-up:

Tufts.	*Positions.*	*Cornell.*
Foster	Left end	Torney, Grimshaw
Carpenter	Left tackle	Lueder
Bartlett	Left guard	Reed
Avery	Centre	Ewan
Daniels	Right guard	Faville
Goddard	Right tackle	McLaughlin, Newell
Phillips	Right end	McKever
Almeida	Quarter back	C. Young
Madjocks	Left half back	Whiting
Moses	Right half back	Gaskell, Windsor
Rand, Griswold	Full back	Dempsey

Referee—Davis of Lafayette. Umpire—Hill of Yale. Linesmen—Sweet of Tufts and Cross of Cornell.

WEST POINT, 12; WESLEYAN, 9.

WEST POINT, Oct. 9.—West Point defeated Wesleyan in a hard-played game to-day. This is the third game that West Point has played with West Point, and the only one in which a decision has been reached, the other games having resulted in ties, the figures being 6 to 6 in 1892 and 12 to 12 in last year's game. The promise of an interesting game attracted a large number of spectators, who saw the athletic Christians from Connecticut go down before the fine work of the West Point backs. The game was called at 4:10 o'clock, and in six minutes Scales went over the line for the first touchdown, he kicking the goal. Rymer scored for Wesleyan, but failed at goal. For made the second touchdown for West Point, Scales again goalling. Wesleyan again scored by Rymer kicking a goal from the field from the thirty-yard line. The final score was 12 to 9 in favor of the Cadets.

Other Games.

At Hamilton—Colgate, 6; St. Johns, 0.

At Hackettstown—Hackettstown, 48; Newton, 0.

At Elizabeth—North End A. C., 10; Roselle A. C., 0.

At Greenpoint—Monarch A. C., 0; Neptune A. C., 0.

At Stamford—Brooklyn High School, 14; Betts Academy, 10.

At South Orange—East Orange F. C., 6; South Orange F. C., 4.

At Getty-burg—University of Susquehanna, 4; Gettysburg College, 0.

At Lexington, Va.—Virginia Military Institute, 14; University of Washington, 4.

HAVERFORD, Oct. 9.—Haverford won easily from Ursinus to-day by a score of 18 to 0.

SWARTHMORE, Oct. 9.—Dickinson defeated Swarthmore in a pretty game here to-day by a score of 20 to 4.

EMMITSBURG, Oct. 9.—The football season opened here to-day. St. Mary's defeated Baltimore City College by 28 to 0.

The Mohawks defeated the Columbia A. C. at the Prospect Park parade grounds yesterday afternoon by the score of 10 to 0.

The Princeton Juniors defeated the Olympics at the Prospect Park parade grounds yesterday afternoon by the score of 18 to 0.

DANBURY CITY, Oct. 9.—The St. Paul School team defeated the Barnard School of New York here this afternoon by the score of 18 to 6.

HARTFORD, Oct. 9.—Trinity met her old-time rivals, the Amherst Aggies, on the gridiron this afternoon and won the game easily by the score of 26 to 5.

BOSTON, Oct. 9.—Boston A. A. lined up against Colby on the South End grounds this afternoon with a substitute team, and were beaten in a close game by 4 to 0.

The Kings County A. C. eleven had no trouble in scoring against the Carlyle A. C. at the Prospect Park parade grounds yesterday afternoon. Score—Kings County A. C., 40; Carlyle A. C., 0.

ORANGE, Oct. 9.—The Orange Athletic Club was beaten by the Knickerbocker Athletic Club of New York in a game of football at the Orange Oval this afternoon by the score of 10 to 4.

EASTON, Pa., Oct. 9.—Lafayette and Rutgers could not play to-day, as the rutgers men were not in condition owing to injuries. The Temperance team from South Bethlehem was substituted and proved an easy victim. Some of the players weigh 200 pounds and over, but they were not up to the college boys. Lafayette won by a score of 64 to 0.

TROY, Oct. 9.—A large crowd witnessed the football game here this afternoon between Lansingburgh and R. P. I. elevens. The game was won by the former by 10 to 0.

About 200 persons witnessed the game between New York University and Stevens Institute at Ohio Field yesterday afternoon. The score: New York University, 24; Stevens Institute, 0.

LEWISBURG, Oct. 9.—In a hard-fought game of twenty-minute halves Bucknell and the University of Pennsylvania reserves played a tie game of football here to-day, the score standing 0 to 0.

The Pratt Institute eleven showed the result of their hard practice in a game against the Pratts A. C. at the Prospect Park parade grounds yesterday afternoon, winning by the score of 18 to 0.

ORANGE, Oct. 9.—The Young Men's Catholic Club football team of Jersey City played an interesting game with the Alerts of Seton Hall College this afternoon. The score: Alerts, 6; Catholic Club, 0.

MONTCLAIR, Oct. 9.—The Newark Football Association eleven lined up against the Montclair Athletic Club's team this afternoon. Fifteen minute halves were played. The score: Montclair, 36; Newark, 0.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 9.—The Brown University football team, in its second game of the season this afternoon, at Adelaide Park, administered an overwhelming defeat to Boston University. Score: Brown, 44; Boston, 0.

ELIZABETH, Oct. 9.—The football eleven of the Clover A. C. of Stapleton, S. I., was defeated this afternoon in a hard-fought game by the eleven of the Battin High School of this city. The score: High School, 16; Clover A. C., 0.

A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed the game between the Manhattan College and Bonaventure elevens at Paterson yesterday afternoon. Two twenty-minute halves were played. The score was Manhattan, 10; Bonaventure, 0.

ELIZABETH, Oct. 9.—The football team of the Riverside A. C. of Newark gave the Elizabeth Athletic Club eleven a hard tussle this afternoon, and while they failed to score themselves the Newarkers kept the E. A. C.'s score down to 16 points.

The Twenty third street branch Y. M. C. A. opened the season with the Olympic F. C. at Jersey City yesterday afternoon. The young Christians made a brilliant showing for the first time out and defeated their opponents by the score of 14 to 0.

AMHERST, Oct. 9.—Amherst met Holy Cross to-day in a loosely played game on Pratt field. Amherst's fumbling in the first half was very costly, while Holy Cross, by mass plays, made steady gains through Amherst's line. Score: Amherst, 6; Holy Cross, 6.

CLAVERACK, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The Hudson River Institute team of Claverack played its first game of the season against the Kingston Academy here this afternoon. Two twenty-minute halves were played. The score: Hudson River Institute, 35; Kingston Academy, 0.

ELIZABETH, Oct. 9.—Trinity School of New York this morning defeated the football eleven of Pingry School by a score of 22 to 4. Trinity outweighed Pingry 10 pounds to the man, and succeeded in putting up the score by bucking the line where avoirdupois told.

RAHWAY, Oct. 9.—The first game in Rahway this fall in the series for the league championship of Union county N. J. C. A. football teams was played this afternoon between the Elizabeth and Rahway teams. Elizabeth's strong team was outclassed by Rahway. The score was 8 to 0.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Oct. 9.—Virginia defeated St. Albans to-day by the score of 14 to 0. The varsity failed to kick two goals. The first touchdown was scored after one minute and a half of play, but the balance of the game was slow and decidedly void of interest. The punting of Izard for the visitors was the feature of the game. The showing made by the 'varsity was, in fact, lamentable, and the team is being strongly scored for their listless playing.

To-Day's Football Events.

St. Peter's, first team, vs. Majestics of Kingsbridge, at Varuna grounds.

St. Peter's, second team, vs. Dominicans of New York, at Varuna grounds.

Wyanoke F. C. vs. Waverlys, at Williamsbridge.

Entre Nous vs. Potomac F. C., at Paterson.

Alert F. C. vs. Summit A. C., at Yonkers.

Drunk in the Room with His Dead Wife.

Mrs. Catherine Long of 330 East Sixty-third street was found dead in her bed yesterday afternoon. Her husband, Patrick, was in the room and very drunk. He was arrested. So far as the investigation of the police could determine, there was nothing suspicious about the woman's death. She is thought to have died of natural causes. The husband was kept a prisoner in the East Sixty-seventh street station on a charge of drunkenness.

Necktie Made of a Rattlesnake's Skin.

BINGHAMTON, Oct. 9.—Harry Hawks of Susquehanna has had a necktie made from the skin of a rattlesnake. It is so arranged that when tied the rattles answer the place of a pin. Harry is in love with a young lady, and when she found what material his tie was made from she refused to have anything to do with him until he discarded it. He sold the tie to a friend for $15.

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"The question of getting pretty girls for a chorus," said the stage manager of a company now disclosing its beauties as the particular feature of a performance here, "is merely one of time. If the stage manager is only willing to wait and take the time necessary he certainly will end by getting women as good looking as he wants them to be. But if he takes the first lot of war horses that some theatrical exchange sends to him, there will not be much beauty among them. That is what a great many of the managers do. They order thirty chorus girls or fewer from any agency, and take them because they have had experience.

"Now, if the managers only knew it, the girl absolutely without stage experience will be a great deal more serviceable than one that knows it all. The experienced one has learned how to do the minimum of work, and she will try to do it. The new girl, on the other hand, is ambitious to do as much as she can. The mixture of experienced women with new ones is likely to have a very bad effect. It will take all the ambition out of the young ones. I make up my choruses almost entirely of girls who never have been on the stage before, and I am glad to get them instead of the old hacks, who are in demand often merely because they have had experience, which is in many cases the equivalent of indifference and faded looks.

"A the Gaiety Theatre in London, out of a batch of fifty girls that come up to be looked over, possibly not more than five or six, or at the outside a dozen, will be engaged. Then another lot is looked over and a few more selected. In that way about twice as many girls are picked out as are really needed, and when the final selection comes only the best of them are taken. In this way we get choruses in which every girl is good looking. Anybody could do the same thing with enough patience. The sifting process needs time and care, and a great many stage managers think that cosmetics, wigs, and costumes will make any girl who is not hideous look well enough to go into a chorus. The result is the usual combination of ugly or ordinary women in a chorus, with a few good looking ones. A little more time and trouble would make them all good looking.

"Another feature of the London chorus which makes it look more attractive is the system by which it is controlled. In England the chorus girl's stage clothes are owned entirely by the management. Even the lingerie is the property of the theatre, and it is thus under the direct control of the stage manager. Regularly once a week stockings, laces and linens that are no longer fresh go to the laundry, and the girl who happens to wear them has nothing whatever to say about it. It is readily conceivable that, as her salary is small, or if she is personally a little careless, her appearance might not be nearly so bright and fresh when she was depended upon to look after it. So the wardrobe woman sees to it that everything is bundled into the washtub, and nobody ever has an excuse for saying that the chorus girls do not look spick and span. The dresses of the American chorus girls are, of course, owned by the managers, but everything the girls in London wear on the stage is the property of the theatre.

"Another point of view, which is with us entirely different, is that from which we regard the demeanor of the girls on the stage. In America the idea seems to be that they must appear continually smiling, vivacious, bright-eyed, and in action. They are taught to go through those movements as a soldier goes through a drill. With us their expressions, their smiles, and such small matters are left for them to determine. If they are indifferent, nobody cares, so long as they contribute to the performance what is expected of them—I mean as long as they do not deliberately slight their work. We teach them first to acquire ease, repose, and a perfectly natural and self-possessed bering. After that they may smile just as much as they want and look just as vivacious. But we hate, above all things, to have them look as if they had been taught to do those things. Moreover, a certain degree of carelessness is allowed to them, as it helps along the appearance of naturalness and spontaneity. They can be a little awkward if they want and a little indifferent—we want them that way, in fact, rather than mechanical and fixed in their expressions and movements. Some of the American choruses are badly overtrained. They smile with the regularity of clockwork, and after a while it looks as if a little indifference and forgetfulness would be a delightful relief."

A FREAK OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

Blue Sky and Water Introduced Into the Negative by the Oilcloth Process.

In the State Surveyor's office is a peculiar specimen of color photography sent in by one of the Surveyor's staff, a young man named Le Fevre. During the summer Mr. Le Fevre was one of a party of surveyors who were engaged in rectifying the east line of Herkimer county. This line had been in dispute, and certain of the property owners, who, being a prejudiced lot and set in their ways, objected to being assessed for taxes on the same property in two counties, made such a row that a new survey was instituted. Being an enthusiastic amateur photographer, Mr. Le Fevre took along his camera, and spent much of his spare time in taking pictures of the locality which is very beautiful.

At the outlet of West Canada Creek the surveyors fell in with a party of young people who were camping there in a cabin, and were made free of the camp. The amateur photographer found the dining room table useful to lay his photographic baths on. One evening a young New York lawyer who was in the camping party wandered into the dining room, and, fumbling around the table after a glass, tipped one of the baths almost over, spilling part of the contents on the oilcloth covering of the table. He hastily scooped the liquid back with a spoon. In the morning there was a spot on the oilcloth where the blue pattern had turned colorless. Mr. Le Fevre, in the course of time, developed the negatives taken that day, all but one, which refused to develop. It was a picture he was particularly eager to have; a view across West Canada Valley, including the creek, taken under the most advantageous conditions of sunshine; so he tried the negative with a second bath. This time it came out clearly enough, and to his great amazement the creek and the sky in the negative showed a clear, solid blue, while all the rest of the picture was dead in color.

He showed every one in camp the phenomenon, and then it was the young lawyer's turn to come forward and explain that he had tipped the bath over. A print was struck off, and was just like any other print; but the blue absorbed from the oilcloth, and distributed between the sky and the creek still remains. By what process it went where it belonged instead of spreading impartially over the negative, Mr. Le Fevre is unable to explain, so he sent it to the Surveyor's office as a curiosity.

The Cranberry Mine Fire Extinguished.

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The Seaboard Air Line Litigation.

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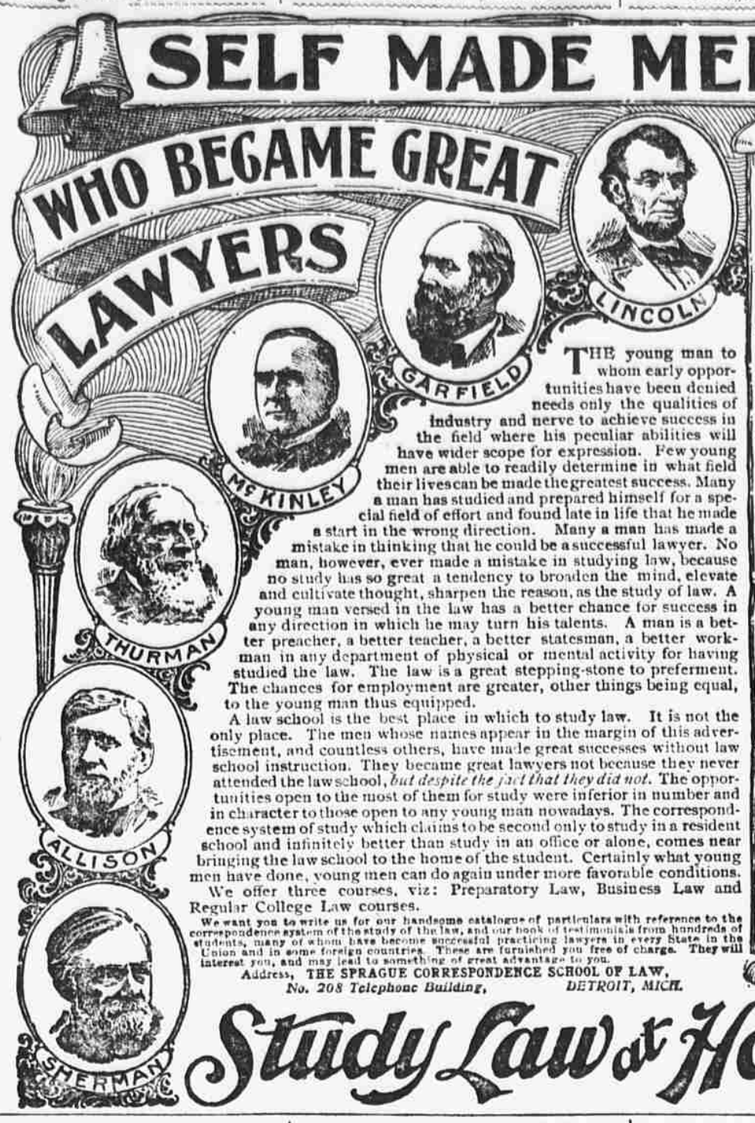

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