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BROOKLYN.

An Anniversary Sale Without a Parallel.

A Magnetic Outpouring of Magnetic Merchandise.

Our Word That the Prices Are the Lowest Ever Known.

It was Emerson who said, "Things have their laws as well as men; and things refuse to be trifled with. We are not at the mercy of any waves of chance. In the strife of business the real will always find itself cherished." A year ago we commenced moving into our new building and ever since have had in mind, and preparation, a phenomenal anniversary sale to commemorate the greatest success of merchandising in Brooklyn's history. We would be untrue to ourselves and your good if we were not proud of this store's achievements; but the present must be pre-eminently greater than the past to withstand our own severe criticism. A tardy season and a Presidential year have given us many opportunities to buy goods from timid makers at prices that are phenomenal in themselves, but even these prices in many instances we have discounted and offer you goods to-morrow at less than cost. Not in one or two departments only, mark you, but the whole store is in sympathetic touch with a sale which will be the greatest ever known.

We feel sure you will pardon us for being somewhat reminiscent—the achievements of even one year make us so. We do not intend to be egotistical either. The pioneer work of a really great department store in Brooklyn was started by us—every worthy method that has led to cosmopolitan merchandising in this city had its birth and impulse here—every effective force whereby the product of the world has been focused in economic quantities to Brooklyn's advantage generated its influence here—every innovation in quick and accurate delivery, prompt and systematic service, was first seen by Brooklyn in this store—and every result which has brought Brooklyn honest merchandise honestly priced and honestly represented, is really and truly the work of the business methods introduced by this store. You have only to think back 14 years to know that this is so.

It is the shining trait of utility and real worth after all said and done, that is the beacon light which leads the alert and wise shopper to the full appreciation of this store's economies. Be the price large or small, genuine quality must back it up—and with such support a sale of this kind and magnitude in this store means a great deal more, and we say it advisedly, than anywhere else.

China at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

The nations of the earth are all struggling for the "open door" to China's wondrous wealth, and from the press reports one would judge it was nearly "all over except the shouting." But on Monday another open door leading to China's marvelous richness will greet you, and loud and long will be the exultant shouting when you realize what almost unheard of values these Monday price offerings really mean. Dinner sets, tea sets, cups and saucers, plates, fancy china, bric-a-brac, lamps, &c. Here's a partial list of the offerings:

AT $5.00, REGULAR $10.00—Good American porcelain dinner sets, composed of 100 pieces, including large platters and three covered tureens, decorated in a neat underglaze design in electric green and blue.

AT $7.50, REGULAR $15.00—A lot of fine porcelain and fine Austrian china dinner sets, composed of 100 pieces, including soup tureens and large platters. All decorated in pretty floral spray designs in natural colors. The porcelain sets are full gold-lined and the china sets have gold on handles.

AT $2.98, REGULAR $4.50—English porcelain tea sets, composed of 56 pieces, decorated in pretty floral borderd pattern in green.

AT $4.50, REGULAR $6.00—Fine porcelain tea sets of the very newest shapes in six very pretty designs of natural color floral decorations, each piece fully gold trimmed.

AT $5.00, REGULAR $10.00—Fine Limoges china tea sets, decorated in a handsome green leaf and vine effect, burnished gold on handles; only six sets of this lot.

AT $3.25, REGULAR $5.00 AND $6.50—Fine porcelain toilet sets, richly decorated in bold floral designs and fully trimmed with gold.

AT 19c. EACH, REGULAR 50c.—China tea cups and saucers and fancy plates in a variety of delicate floral decorations laid on soft-tinted fround colors in various shades.

AT $5.00, REGULAR $10.00 TO $18.00—A lot of china fish and game sets with fish and game subjects in center of all pieces and fully trimmed with gold.

AT 69c., REGULAR $1.75 TO $2.50—Two hundred pretty pottery jardinieres in embossed designs, all perfect.

Our Autumn Showing of Art Embroidery.

Second Floor, New Building.

Monday marks the fall opening of this popular shop. Our buyers have been busy as beavers all summer gathering these dainty wares, and the possibilities of the skilled needlework have never had a more artistic or more complete exposition.

Here you will see the latest designs in sofa pillows, picture frames, Arabian tidies and scarfs, Russian and Duchesse laces, embroidered linens, Mexican and Taoro drawn work, Renaissance and Battenberg laces, drapery silks and satins, and all that is new, novel and desirable in materials for art embroidery.

A most choice line of lace tidies and scarfs at ½ to ½ of former prices. All fresh, new goods. Not a soiled or shopworn piece among them.

AT 15c. TO 79c., REGULAR 32c. TO $1.39—Doylies, linen centre, round or square, 6 inches to 12 inches.

AT $1.39 TO $3.49, REGULAR $2.75 TO $6.98—Centre pieces, linen centres, round or square, 20 inches to 28 inches.

AT $3.98 TO $4.69, REGULAR $7.49 TO $8.00—Tea cloths, round or square, 34 inches.

AT $12.98 AND $16.98, REGULAR $24.50 TO $30.50—Lunch cloths, square, 45 inches and 54 inches.

AT $2.98 TO $9.98, REGULAR $4.98 TO $19.50—Scarfs, linen centre and all-over lace, 45 to 90 inches long.

AT 42c. TO $1.69, REGULAR 89c. TO $2.98—Russian lace doylies, from 6 inches to 12 inches.

AT $3.19 TO $4.49, REGULAR $4.98 TO $6.75—Centre pieces.

AT $5.29 TO $7.98, REGULAR $7.98 TO $12.00—Tea cloths.

AT $7.98 TO $19.98, REGULAR $15.25 TO $39.75—Lunch cloth, round or square.

AT $5.59 TO $15.75, REGULAR $7.75 TO $23.98—Scarfs.

AT $5.98 TO $10.50, REGULAR $8.50 TO $22.00—Tea cloths and centre pieces of white French embroidered linens; most exquisite designs.

AT 98c. TO $10.98—Arabian tidies; so much in demand; all sizes.

Mexican and Taora drawn work; all sizes from 5-inch doylies to 45-inch Tea Cloths.

Gloves at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

49c. for the Real $1.00 Kinds.

Second Floor, Not Sent C. O. D.

There are about 1,200 pairs of these gloves for women—assorted colors, all sizes—they are real $1.00 kid gloves, made in Germany. Some are slightly mussed, but every pair a bargain all the same.

$1.50 for the $2.25 to $3.75 Kinds.

These are a lot of women's evening gloves—opera shades, 12, 16 and 20 button length—regular $2.25, $2.75, $3.25 and $3.75 qualities—some are a little soiled.

Men's Day and Night Shirts

At Lowest Prices Ever Known.

Not Sent C. O. D.

AT 25c., REGULAR 50c.—Men's and boys' unlaundered shirts, with pure linen set-in bosoms; bodies of a very good quality of muslin. These shirts are splendidly made and finished, all seams felled, and all shirt improvements. The regular price is 45c. and 50c. Also a little lot of odd sizes men's and boys' laundered shirts, worth up to $1.00—equal quality never sold so cheap, at 25c.

AT 29c., REGULAR 50c. for Domet flannel night shirts, men's and boys', made full and long of a very good quality of flannel. Sizes 12 to 19 inches. Usually sell for 50 cents; equal quality never sold so cheap, at 29 cents.

Curtains at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

Third Floor.

And every pair of these curtains is of the most fashionable kind, newest, most tasteful and alluring patterns. If this offer brings you to our upholstery store, who hasn't seen it this season, it will have accomplished a good to you which we know will be appreciated.

475 pairs white Irish point curtains, $3.98 pair, regular $5.50 and $5.75.

325 pairs white Irish point curtains, $4.98, regular $6.50 and $7.00.

125 pairs white Irish point sash curtains, special at $2.89 pair.

Seven styles real Renaissance and Marie Antoinette curtains, $5.25, regular $7.50 pair.

Eight styles real Renaissance and Marie Antoinette curtains, $10.98, regular $15 and $16 pair.

Dress Goods at Lowest Prices Known.

Second Floor, New Building.

You will find our dress goods store in full touch with this great anniversary sale—both goods and prices in matchless array.

Black Dress Goods.

AT 42½c., REGULAR 79c.—Mohair crepon velour, 42 inches wide—imported English; best of this season's designs; high lustre and very rich in appearance.

AT 49c., REGULAR 69c.—Cheviot etamine, 46 inches wide—correct Bradford finish, perfect black and thoroughly steam sponged and shrunk.

AT 59c., REGULAR 98c.—Imported pebble thibet, 46 inches wide—a fashionable fabric of the famous "Lupin" make; a soft, beautiful material for fine gowns.

Colored Dress Goods.

AT 35c., REGULAR 59c.—Camel's hair zibeline, 46 inches wide—Handsome mixtures, in hopsack weave, grays, browns and cadet, some with dashes of color.

AT 45c., REGULAR 65c.—Homespun cheviots, 48 inches wide—Heavy all-wool fabric, all the popular shades in Oxford, Cambridge, cadet, navy and brown.

AT 65c., REGULAR $1.00—Imported ladies' cloth, 46 inches wide—strong, substantial cloth, smooth, soft finish, in all the fashionable plain colors.

Flannels at Lowest Prices Known.

Second Floor, New Building.

At 42c., REGULAR 59c.—French flannels, 27 inches wide, splendidly made, soft to the touch, all the fashionable shades for street and evening wear—just the thing for dressy waists.

Silks at the Lowest Prices Ever Known.

At 42½c., Sold Elsewhere at $1.00.

Fancy Striped Taffeta in white, ivory, pink, ciel, old rose, reseda, silver, violet, golf red and navy. Splendid quality never before retailed at less than $1.00.

At 69c., Sold Elsewhere at $1.25.

Fancy striped silks with Jacquard figures, elegant quality, 25 beautiful shades, such as white, ivory, ciel, pink, mais, silver, cherry, castor, violet, heliotrope, old rose, dove, reseda, golf red, brown, navy, black, etc., never before sold at retail for less than $1.25.

At 79c., Now Sold in New York for $1.35.

Rich fancy figured and striped satin Duchesse, magnificent quality, thirty of the latest evening and street shades. Never before sold less than $1.35.

Tailored Suits at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

At $25.00—Made to Sell at $40.00 to $95.00.

We have already given you some rare opportunities, but without exaggeration this is the greatest of all. The superiors of these women's garments cannot be found anywhere—a splendid collection. Many are adaptations and perfections of foreign masterpieces. The styles are varied, but all beautiful. This is a strong statement, but we intend it to be such. The materials are Broadcloth, Cheviot, Velour combinations, Fancy Diagonals, &c., in various fashionable colors. Sizes principally from 34 to 38, bust measure, all at $25.00 each.

At $12.50—Made to Sell at $18.50 to $25.00.

Tailor-Made Suits, manufacturers' samples, in Cheviot, Homespun, Venetian and other materials, best of workmanship, perfect fit and finish, assortment of colors and blacks, but only one of each style. Sizes from 34 to 40 bust measure.

Ribbons at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

Right of Main Entrance.

A chance opportunity, quickly grasped—and this remarkable assortment of desirable ribbons awaits your selection. All priced at below the maker's cost, and all fresh, dainty and seasonable. Ribbons for millinery, dress trimming, neckwear, fancy work—in fact, for any purpose that ribbons are used for. But at these prices they will not flutter long here:

AT 5c., REGULAR 12c.—1-inch fancy striped taffeta; 1-inch black satin and taffeta, narrow white stripes.

AT 8c., REGULAR 15c.—3¼-inch colored, white corded stripes, all light shades.

AT 10c., REGULAR 19c.—3¼-inch corded and fancy striped taffeta; 5 different patterns and all the popular shades.

AT 15c., REGULAR 25c. TO 33c.—4¾-inch metalique taffeta, 4½-inch satin striped taffeta, 3½-inch Louisine colored polka dot, 3¾-inch Roman stripe, 3½-inch white taffeta colored satin stripes.

AT 19c., REGULAR 33c. AND 39c.—3½ and 4½-inch French plaids. The bright combinations so much in demand for children's hats.

AT 19c., REGULAR 45c.—Colored grounds with large black polka dot. Just right for pillow ruffles.

AT 25c., REGULAR 58c.—6-inch changeable ribbons in a new weave. Very soft finish and rich lustre. The latest autumn novelty.

Furniture at Lowest Prices Known.

Our great furniture floors were never so picturesque, never so completely filled with the truly worthy new things in truly artistic and practical furniture. Throughout the whole stock will be found sample lines which we have purchased at large discounts and pass them along to you to-morrow at a saving of 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. of regular prices. These pieces include every kind of furniture, but particularly parlor and library suits, divans, odd chairs, bedroom suits, brass bedsteads, bedding, Morris chairs and rockers. The list is too long to enumerate. Every piece in the sale at the special price will have a large red ticket attached showing plainly the original and present price. Then we call your attention also to a Morris chair we will sell to-morrow at $8.65. It has a massive frame, quartered oak and mahogany finish, highly polished with reversible cushions, upholstered in newest velours and leatherette on backs. Something new and sanitary, at $8.65 to-morrow.

Underwear and Stockings

At Lowest Prices Ever Known.

Right of Main Entrance—Not Sent C. O. D.

It is impossible to buy these goods in the market to-day at a price that would permit their sale at double what we ask for them to-morrow.

AT 9c., REGULAR PRICE 15c.—Children's extra heavy black ribbed cotton stockings, spliced heels and toes, with double knees, guaranteed stainless, sizes 6 to 9; just the thing for school wear.

AT 12½c., REGULAR PRICE 25c.—Women's extra quality double fleece black cotton stockings, spliced heels and toes, with ribbed or hem top, guaranteed stainless.

AT 19c., REGULAR PRICE 35c.—Women's fine gauge imported black cotton stockings, high spliced heels and double soles; also fancy striped lisle thread in assorted patterns.

AT 15c., REGULAR PRICE 29c.—Women's extra heavy shaped ribbed cotton vests, trimmed with silk at neck and front, high neck, long sleeves, with ankle drawers to match; sizes 4, 5, 6.

Silk Waists at Lowest Prices Ever Known.

$2.98 for the Real $4.00 to $7.98 Kind.

There are 375, not one of which wont turn the head of a passer-by. Made of fine Taffetas, Dresden and Warp printed, Pallet de Soie hemstitched, black and white striped Taffetas and some plain colored Taffetas, hemstitch back and front. In the Dresden are the very fashionable lavender, helio, green and pink effects. In the Pallet de Soie pink, brown, light blue and tan. All made with the new bishop sleeve, fresh and crisp from the makers, all at $2.98, the lowest price ever known. Excellent lots of Taffetas, Peau de Soie and Sateen Waists at $3.98 and $4.98.

The Flannel.

AT $1.98, REGULAR $2.98—French flannel waists of the well-known Stratford make, made with four large tucks, tailor stitches, gilt buttons, new bishop sleeves, French back, stock collar, an exceptional value in all the new colors.

AT $2.98, REGULAR $3.98—A large assortment of fine French flannel waists in a number of styles of the best makers, in all the leading colors, including the old rose and polka dot.

A stylish striped flannel waist in leading colors, dress and shirt waist sleeves, $2.98, regular $4.48.

Finer lots, including the King waist, hemstitched effects at $3.98, $4.50 to $7.98.

Colored Petticoats.

AT $5.98, REGULAR $8.50—Extra quality taffeta silk petticoats in black and colors, made with deep graduated accordion pleated and flounce.

AT $1.29, REGULAR $1.79—Genuine mercerized petticoats in black and colors, deep flounce edged with knife pleating.

Excellent lot of black mercerized petticoats, deep accordion pleated and flounce at 98c., regular $1.59.

Wrappers.

AT 79c., REGULAR $1.29—Good flannelette night gowns in dainty pink and blue stripes, collar trimmed with ruffle of lace.

AT $1.00—The well-known (Arnold) dressing sacque in pretty stripes and checks, ribbon bound.

For the Baby.

AT 49c., REGULAR 79c.—Cream silk caps, all over embroidered lace ruche, plain cap of tucked china silk, in the lot some pretty cream faille silk caps.

AT 98c., REGULAR $1.59—A pretty bengaline silk cap, Dutch style, silk lined.

AT $1.98, REGULAR $2.98—All-wool Eiderdown coats in cream, cardinal and gray, deep collars edged with silk cord; sizes 6 months to 3 years.

AT $2.98, REGULAR $3.98—In ripple Eiderdown; same colors; deep circular collars.

AT 49c., REGULAR 69c. AND 79c.—Infants' long slips of good nainsook; 6 styles to choose from; hemstitched and edged with fine embroidery.

AT 59c. AND 98c., REGULAR 98c. TO $1.45—Fine nainsook short dresses in a variety of styles; embroidered and hemstitched effects.

Corsets.

50c. FOR $1.00 SONNETTE—700 pair of the well-known Sonnette corsets in white, drab and black; medium length; bust flossed on top with silk sateen strips over bones. 50c. A PAIR.

WRONG DATE OF HASCALL DECREE.

A Plain Erasure, but No Obvious Reason for Changing the Date.

Renewed examination of the decree of absolute divorce which Virginia K. Hascall obtained against Justice Theodore F. Hascall of the City Court from Justice Bischoff of the Supreme Court was caused yesterday by a published statement that the decree after passing out of the hands of the Judge had been changed. Assistant District Attorney Unger was in consultation with Deputy County Clerk Fahrbach yesterday, but he afterward said it was not in connection with the charge of altering a court record, but to ascertain if a misstatement about the case or Justice Bischoff had been made in a published account that warranted action of his office.

The charge of alteration, which is a felony, is that the date of the decree was changed from Oct. 25, when Justice Bischoff signed it, to Oct. 26, when it is marked as filed. The change was not stated to be in the filing mark on the back of the paper, but in the decree itself, in the caption. The captions of decrees are supposed to bear the date when the Judge signs them. The fact that the decree bore a date a day later than when the Judge signed it, which was noted in this paper yesterday, and that the "26" is written over an erasure seem to be the reasons for the charge that a felony was committed.

The erased words or letters on the face of the decree are not discernible. That there was an erasure which almost went through the paper, leaving it very thin, is quite apparent. The figures 26 are in ink, penned, and the rest of the decree is typewritten. When the erasure was made cannot be learned. It may have been done before the decree was signed, but certain it is that either Justice Bischoff overlooked the date and signed the decree bearing a date subsequent to the day he signed it, or it was altered after it passed from his hands. It did not become a court record until he had signed it. It is possible that the date may have been the 26th in the decree, through counsel putting in that date in advance, believing the Judge would not sign it until the next day.

"I believe the decree is exactly as it came to this office," said Deputy County Clerk Fahrbach yesterday, "and if there was any alteration it was not done by any one in this office. More than a dozen men, mostly reporters, have examined that decree, and Lawyer McNaboe, counsel for Mrs. Hascall, had it yesterday in order to have copies certified. If it was altered it may have been done by a reporter."

On the outside of the decree is the stamp mark made by Clerk Early in Special Term, Part III., which states it was received in that part on Oct. 25. A receipt for it, an order for sealing and other papers show that it was delivered in the County Clerk's office that day. The file mark on the back of it states that it was filed Oct. 26 with the County Clerk. Mr. Fahrbach explained that the date of filing was put on when Lawyer McNaboe called with the 50 cents required for filing the judgment on Oct. 26. There is no evidence of alteration in the receipt or file marks on the back of the decree.

STEEL PRICES.

Now It's Said That the Agreement Was to Advance Plates, Not Billets.

Officers of the steel companies have not been inclined to talk about the conference of steel Presidents that took place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Thursday. A prominent officer, who was present at the meeting, said yesterday that such conferences of steel manufacturers were of frequent occurrence and were likely to be for some time to come, as there were many matters of interest to all to be considered. He said further that there had been no especial meeting of billet makers and that no agreement had been made in regard to advancing the price of billets, but there was a very general opinion among the manufacturers that the price of billets was entirely too low and that it was only a question of a very short time when a readjustment of the price would take place.

According to a despatch from Pittsburg received in Wall Street yesterday, the steel plate manufacturers succeeded in forming a pooling agreement on Thursday in this city, and plates have been advanced from $2 to $2.50 a ton. A base price of $1.25 a hundred pounds, the despatch said, was made on tank plates, which had been selling as low as $1.05.

The *Iron Age* says that sales of steel rails recently include 10,000 tons for Turkey, 6,000 tons for Holland, 3,000 tons for Ireland and 3,000 tons for an English road. The Carnegie Company is said to have obtained an order for 6,000 tons for New Zealand, also an order for 50,000 tons for the Lake Shore.

Flames on a Tugboat.

The tugboat Robert M. Dury, owned by Stebbins & Dury, was damaged by fire to the extent of $2,000 while lying at the foot of Court street, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning.

SUTRO ON THE TRADERS' FIRE CO.

Officers Who Signed the False Report Misled by Men Who Should Be Prosecuted.

Mr. Theodore Sutro has sent to THE SUN a personal statement relative to the affairs of the Traders' Fire Insurance Company and his connection with that company, which went to the wall earlier in the year, and he requests that the statement be published in justice to him. Mr. Sutro feels that the stories imputing negligence to him as among the officials of the company did not reflect his part in the company's affairs in a proper light. He says in his statement:

"It is but fair to say that, aside from the mismanagement of the company's affairs and the misrepresentations made to its directors and officers, the last two years have been what may be termed panic years for the insurance business. The Traders' Fire Insurance Company is not the only one which has suffered, and I feel confident that if the Insurance Department were more vigilant more bubbles in the way of impaired capital and absolute disappearance of surplus would be exhibited at the present time than are dreamed of by the general public."

Mr. Sutro sketches the history of the concern, into investment in which he was led by the representations of Charles W. McMurran, who professed to be connected with the *World*. Mr. Sutro says, that the original Lloyds charter was valid. When that charter was pronounced invalid and the Traders' Fire Insurance Company was incorporated to take over the assets of the Lloyds concern, Mr. Sutro says in his statement:

"In the charter which was obtained and approved by the Superintendent of Insurance, and which was notice to all the world, there was a provision that the company might retain agents to transact all or any part of its business. There was no reason or ground in the remotest degree for suspecting at that time that any of the statements or accounts kept by the general managers (the firm of Adams, Lockwood & Forman, of which McMurran was a member) were incorrect.

"At the beginning of 1900 the Auditing Committee employed Frank B. Littlejohn, accountant, as auditor, who, under date of Jan. 16, 1900, made his report to the Auditing Committee, in which he certified that he found the books of the company correct, and submitted a statement showing the assets and liabilities of the company and a surplus of about $10,000, and these were the same figures as those which afterward appeared in the report to the Insurance Department, prepared by the general managers and signed by the President and myself.

Mr. Sutro goes on to outline the final downfall of the company, the general history of which is more or less familiar. He adds this statement:

"In conclusion I desire to say that whoever the scoundrel or scoundrels were who drew up the report which the expert Littlejohn audited and approved and the firm of Lockwood & Forman submitted to us as absolutely correct, and induced me to sign on that representation, and who doctored up and falsified the books and accounts, or caused these things to be done, should be punished to the utmost extent of the law.

"It is the first time in my life that a statement signed by me, not to speak of its being verified, even though only on information and belief, has proved to be incorrect. I have appealed to all the former directors of the company to cooperate with and aid me in bringing the rascal or rascals who so grossly abused our confidence to justice."

In Either Case.

Whether you are buying or selling real estate, consult the Board of Brokers "Want and Offer" column on real estate page Sundays and Thursdays.—Ads.

DARING THIEF IN JAIL HERE.

He Jumped From a Train While in Custody and Caused a Detective to Break His Leg.

Joseph Barton, alias "Jigger" O'Brien, alias "Young" Davis, a pickpocket, was brought to this city from Albany yesterday and in the West Side police court was held in $1,000 bail for trial on the charge of stealing several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry from Annie Hall of 226 West Thirty-seventh street. According to the Hall woman, Barton and two other men called on her on May 9 and while she was out of the room for a moment all three disappeared; so did her jewels.

Nothing was heard of Barton until Col. Bryan's recent tour of the State, when Barton was arrested in a crowd at Cooperstown. He was claimed by the Albany police and an Albany detective started away with him. Barton jumped from the train on the way to Albany. The detective followed him, and although his leg was broken by the jump managed to keep his prisoner. Barton was released on bail in Albany on Friday and was immediately rearrested.

In the West Side police court yesterday he was at once recognized by Policeman Jordan as the man whom he arrested on March 7 1896, at Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street for hooking a diamond pin from the necktie of Manager Rosenquest of the Fourteenth Street Theatre. For that theft Barton was sent to Elmira.

Blaze in Commodore Gerry's House.

A slight fire occurred yesterday in Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry's house at 2 East Sixty-first street. It was caused by defective insulation in the electric light meter. The servants had it almost out before the firemen arrived. The damage was trifling.

MODEL OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

A Complete Miniature of the Great Building to Be Placed on Exhibition Soon.

A complete model of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine which is in course of erection on Morningside Heights will soon be placed on exhibition in this city. Heins & Lafarge, the architects of the cathedral have been working on the model for two years and have produced a miniature building 50 feet by 25, with a height of 35 feet. This is on the scale of an inch to a foot. The structure will be of plaster on a wooden frame and will accommodate over 100 persons. It is to be exhibited on the site of the cathedral, probably inside of a temporary structure, and a small admission fee will be charged.

There are funds enough available to continue work on the real cathedral through another year at least. After that $500,000 will be needed to complete the choir. Work on the August Belmont Chapel is now going on and it will be the first of the seven chapels to be completed.

FIREMEN CALLED TO CHASE VISIONS.

Fentiman After the Last Drink Was Troubled by Polo Ponies, So Rang an Alarm.

Chief Croker, Deputy Chief Ahearn, two chiefs of battalion, four fire engines, two fire patrols, two hook and ladder companies and a water tower, not to speak of a crowd of citizens were called to Fifth avenue and Seventh street by a fire alarm yesterday morning. A lone man was leaning against the alarm box. Investigation showed that there wasn't any fire. When the man at the box was questioned he said:

"Well, since I had that last drink two men have been chasing me around with polo ponies. They chased me six miles. I got tired and thought I'd pull the alarm and get the firemen to drive them away."

When he was locked up he said he was Herbert Fentiman, a waiter, of 556 West Thirtieth street.