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TRUSTWORTHY PIANOS AT QUICK SELLING PRICES.

Good pianos invariably command good prices.—Good pianos slightly used are often sold at greatly reduced prices.

We are overstocked with returned rentals and little used reliable high grade instruments.

Some have been concert used, others have been in studios, but most of them have been simply rented during the past five or six months. We rent only strictly new pianos—consequently every *"little used"* piano must be marked at a

QUICK SELLING PRICE

as we cannot allow them to accumulate. We must have room for the **New Spring Styles** which are constantly arriving from our three factories.

30 RETURNED RENTALS--Good as New

Original prices $250, $300, $350,
Now $175, $200, $225, $250.
All are in perfect condition.

12 Sterlings—Underpriced.

Discontinued Styles—no more of these designs at any price.
Original prices—$325 and $425.
Now only $275 and $340.

4 Large Huntingtons--Upright grand scale.

Very handsome cases of Fancy English Oak—beautifully carved.
Original price $325. Now **$260.**

ONE STERLING BABY GRAND.

Rich San Domingo Mahogany Case. Perfect tone. Little used.
Was $700. Now **$550.**

20 SECOND HAND UPRIGHT PIANOS.

Nearly all are better than cheap new pianos, as they are standard makes, perfectly repaired and refinished.
Prices—$110—$125—$140—$150—$160.

SQUARE PIANOS--Prices Never So Low.

All different makes, including Steinway—Chickering—Weber—Fischer—Knabe—Driggs—Thompson, and many others,
$35—$45—$50—$60—$70.

200 NEW UPRIGHT PIANOS 200

in our mammoth warerooms to select from.
(Cash or terms to suit the purchaser.)

The Sterling Piano Co.

MANUFACTURERS, Wholesale and Retail Warerooms
(Entire building, four floors),
536 FULTON ST., BROOKLYN.
Open Monday and Saturday Evenings. Look for the name STERLING.

Cold Storage OF FURS.

HAVING prepared and fitted up a special room for the Cold Storage and care of valuable furs with absolute Protection against burglary and fire we will be pleased to receive such furs and robes as you may desire to store during the summer months.

Should your furs require repairs or alteration we will be pleased to submit estimates. We advise having the work done during the spring and summer months as the expense thereof will be very materially less if done at that time.

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ABRAHAM AND STRAUS
BROOKLYN.

Undermuslins. A Sale Unparalleled.

To-morrow begins the greatest movement of Women's and Children's Muslin Underwear ever planned and carried out. It is characteristic of the broad enterprise which has made this White Wear Store famous, yet it strides splendidly ahead of any one of our great previous sales, which themselves established a standard in the selling of Muslin Underwear.

Until Abraham and Straus made this standard, the usual sale brought together a hodge podge of garments in which quality was of least consideration and low price was everything. In these sales of ours, the excellence of the fabric, cut and workmanship and the daintiness of the trimming are always of first importance. For instance, in the movement which begins to-morrow, even the cheapest garments are of Masonville muslin—a standard muslin all over this country.

While quality has been constantly raised, prices have been as constantly lowered until Brooklyn women wait for these Spring occasions, knowing the unparalleled opportunities they offer. We have never been able to do as well as this, however. Here are

Masonville Corset Covers at 5c. Masonville Gowns at 35c.
Masonville Drawers at 15c. Masonville Chemises at 25c.

They are splendidly made, strongly sewn and daintily trimmed. They are excellent garments in every respect and the prices make them rich bargains. Here are details:

Corset Covers.

Masonville muslin Corset Covers, tight fitting felled seams and pearl buttons.....5c
Corset Covers, round neck, trimmed with lawn hemstitched ruffle, full front.....15c
V neck Corset Covers, trimmed with embroidery, full front.....25c
V neck Corset Covers, trimmed with choice embroidery, full front.....30c
Round neck Corset Covers, with two insertions and edge of lace, and finished with ribbon run beading.....48c
Low square neck Corset Covers, with hemstitched tucks and lace edge, draw string at waist, others round neck, French shape, tucked front and back, trimmed with hemstitched ruffle, and ribbon run beading 50c
Round neck Corset Covers, with insertion and ruffle of fine embroidery, tucked back, draw string at waist.....70c

Gowns.

Masonville muslin Gowns, high neck, Mother Hubbard yoke of cluster tucking, lawn hemstitched ruffle on neck, down front and on sleeves.....35c
Masonville muslin Gowns, V neck, with six clusters of hemstitched tucks in yoke, lawn hemstitched ruffle on neck and sleeves..55c
Cambric Gowns, V neck, four lace insertions and six clusters of hemstitched tucks in yoke, lace ruffle on neck and sleeves..75c
Cambric Gowns, surplice neck, puff yoke with eight lace insertions, lace ruffle on neck and sleeves, others Empire, two insertions across front, and four insertions and embroidered ruffle at side; others with embroidery insertion in front and revers of hemstitched tucks, fine embroidered ruffle around revers and on neck and sleeves.....97c
Nainsook Gowns, low square neck back and front, trimmed all around with insertion and edge of lace, with fine lawn hemstitched ruffle trimmed with lace, sleeve finished with hemstitched ruffle, trimmed with lace.....$1.23
Nainsook Gowns, low square neck back and front, with fine embroidery insertion, finished with dainty pink or blue band, two bows of satin ribbon in front, sleeve also trimmed with embroidery and ribbon $1.48

Drawers.

Masonville muslin Drawers, with hem and cluster tucks.....15c
Cambric Drawers, with full umbrella ruffle, hemstitched, cluster tucks above.....24c
Cambric Drawers, with full lawn umbrella ruffle, with two clusters of hemstitched tucks; others in muslin, with full ruffle of embroidery and cluster tucks; open and closed 39c
Muslin Drawers, full ruffle of fine embroidery and two cluster of tucks, open and closed.....60c

Chemises.

Masonville muslin Chemises, with plain corded band, finished with pearl buttons.....25c

Underskirts.

Excellent quality muslin Underskirts, with cluster tucks and cambric ruffle.....29c
Muslin Underskirts, with full embroidered ruffle and cluster tucks.....49c
Cambric Underskirts, full lawn umbrella ruffle, with two clusters of hemstitched tucks 79c

Walking Skirts.

Muslin Walking Skirts, with flounce, with hemstitched tucks and hem, also dust ruffle.....69c
Muslin Skirts, tucked lawn flounce, with full ruffle of embroidery, others with full lawn umbrella ruffle with three lace insertions and tucked ruffle edged with lace.....97c
Muslin Skirts, lawn umbrella ruffle with two clusters of hemstitched tucks and full ruffle of choice embroidery; also dust ruffle $1.48
Cambric Skirts, umbrella shape, tucked lawn flounce, with full ruffle of fine embroidery, also dust ruffle.....$2.48

Children's Undermuslins.

The facts of this Muslin Underwear sale apply as broadly to the wear for children as to that for women. These are splendid garments, perfectly fashioned, and the prices for them are not matched elsewhere in littleness. We list some of them:

Drawers.

Children's Drawers of good serviceable muslins, patent side facings, with hem and cluster tucks, sizes 1 to 12 years.....9c
Children's Drawers of Masonville Muslin, hemstitched hem and umbrella ruffle of cambric with hemstitching, patent side facings, sizes 1 to 16 years.....19c
Children's Drawers of Masonville muslin, daintily trimmed with lace hemstitching and umbrella ruffle, sizes 1 to 16 years 25c

Gowns.

Children's Gowns of Masonville muslin, Mother Hubbard yoke of space tucking, with cambric ruffle, sizes 2 to 14 years 39c
Children's Gowns of Masonville muslin, trimmed with embroidery insertions and ruffle, yoke of fine tucks, sizes 2 to 14 years..50c
Children's Gowns of fine cambric, yoke of fine tucks and six rows of lace insertions, V shape neck, sizes 2 to 14 years.....89c
Misses' Skirts, Masonville muslin, umbrella ruffle of cambric, hemstitched, and cluster of tucks; sizes 2 to 8 yrs., 29c; 10 to 16 yrs., 39c; with embroidery umbrella ruffle, 2 to 16 yrs.....69c

Corset Covers.

Misses' Corset Covers, low neck, with hemstitched ruffle, draw string at waist, all sizes.....15c
Misses' Corset Covers, low neck, lace trimmed sleeves and neck, with 4 rows of lace inserting, draw string at waist, all sizes.....29c

Slips.

Infants' long Slips of good quality cambric, box plait in front, with cambric ruffle..12c
Infants' long Slips of good cambric or nainsook, bishop effects, hemstitched ruffle, with herringbone finish.....29c
Infants' long Slips of fine nainsook, yoke of fine tucks and insertings, with lace, embroidery or hemstitched ruffle skirts, finished with five inch hems and full skirts.48c
Infants' long Skirts of cambric, deep hem and cluster tucks, 29c; with embroidery ruffle.....48c

Short Dresses.

Infants' short Dresses, Empire yoke of tucks and embroidery insertings, full 2 yd. skirts, with deep hem; sizes 6 mos. to 3 years 24c
Infants' short Dresses of nainsook, Empire yoke of solid tucking, others with embroidery insertion; sizes 6 mos. to 3 years..48c
Short Dresses, princess styles of long waisted effects, with entire waist of hemstitched tucks and embroidery insertions, sizes 1 to 4 years.....98c

Skirts.

Infants' body Skirts of Masonville muslin, hemstitched hem and embroidery ruffle, sizes 6 months to three years.....39c
Infants' body Skirts of cambric, deep hem and cluster of tucks, sizes, 6 months to 3 years.....29c

Reefers.

Infants' pique Reefers made in Watteau back, trimmed with deep allover embroidery, collar and ruffle of embroidery, sizes 1 to 3 years.....98c

Caps.

Infants' mull Caps of fine cording and hemstitching, plain finish and shield ruche, daintily trimmed with lace, all sizes..29c

Colored Petticoats.

Special values these, fit accompaniment of the great Underwear sale. Handsome Petticoats for the Spring costumes:

Colored Petticoats, made of a cotton material which resembles silk, the skirt has a deep accordion plaited ruffle, finished with small ruffle, and comes in all the prevailing shades, value $1.50.....97c
Colored Petticoats, made of fine quality mercerized sateen, in all the new spring colorings, made with deep accordion plaited ruffle, trimmed with small ruffle, value $3.00, at.....$1.25

Straight Front Corsets.

The newest model of American made straight front Corsets—and a bargain. Some 500 of the "I. B." Corsets, fully gored, made of fine coutil, well boned and prettily finished; long over the hips and with medium waist; colors white and gray; sizes 20 to 28; a full $2.50 value for.....$1.48

Second floor, East Building.

Girls' Frocks---Little.

A collection of some of the daintiest Dresses for small girls that the smartest makers have produced for this season's selling. A trade twist brings them to us for selling considerably under price—you won't let them wait long for delighted little owners.

Sailor Suits of percale in dainty stripes and pretty colorings; large collar edged with broad bands of pique and finished with sailor knot; full skirt, deep hems; shield attached to skirt; sizes 4 to 12 years, very small priced at.....70c
Guimpe Dresses of percale in pretty colors and designs; large pique collars trimmed with tailored straps of the material; full skirts, deep hems; sizes 4 to 14 years, 98c
Russian blouse Frocks of the popular, pure Irish linen, large sailor collars, prettily finished with wide wash braid and girdle of same, sizes 4 to 14 years.....$2.95

Shirt Waists.

Children's Shirt Waists of plain and striped chambray, in good colors, prettily tucked and finished with pearl buttons, sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16 years.....49c

Second floor, front, Central Building.

Linens---Bed Coverings.

Linens. Good all linen German silver bleach Damask, 64 inches wide, one pattern only; otherwise would be 49c., 39c. yard
All linen Austrian silver bleach damask Napkins, 18 inches square, hemmed ready for use; closely priced, $1.12 doz.
8-12 size (68 x 106 inches) heavy and fine damask Table Cloths, $2.67 kind, $2.25 each.
Table Cloths—Renaissance lace border and center, 2½ yards square; been selling up to $49.00 each, go at.....$19.50 each
200 dozen good quality hemmed huck Towels—instead of $1.50 dozen.....9c. each
Sheets. Wamsutta Mills hemstitched Sheets, spoke stitch, 2½x2½ yards. The material unmade costs you 88c., 69c. each
Same as above, 2½x2½ yards. The material unmade costs you $1.03 89c. each
Pillow Cases. Mohawk Valley ready made Pillow Cases, 42x36 and 45x36 inches.....9c. each
Bed Spreads and Comfortables. Full size Crochet Bed Spreads, hemmed ready for use; subject to slight mill imperfections, otherwise would be 89c., 68c. each
Full size figured silkoline covered Comfortables, filled with the best white cotton; worth $1.25.....87c. each

Main floor, rear, East Building.

Boys' Clothing.

Suits With Extra Trousers, $2.98
Trousers, Half Priced at 48c.

Best bargains the Boys' Clothing Store has had to tell about this season. The Suits are in handsome sailor blouse style, made of all wool navy serge; a strong material that will wear and hold its shape and color. Blouse is cut full and prettily trimmed with rows of white, red or black silk soutache on collar and shield. Trousers are full lined. Sizes 3 to 10 years. Suits alone are worth more than the price of the suit with an extra pair of trousers.....$2.98

The Trousers are in sizes for boys of 3 to 16 years. Made of fine cheviots and cassimeres, in handsome gray, brown and tan shades and in very pleasing patterns. Sturdy, all wool materials that look well and will stand hard wear. Every pair strongly sewn with silk and finished with patent waistband and bone buttons, considerably less than half priced at.....48c. a pair

Second floor, rear, East Building.

Flannels at 49c.

Here is the list:

Fancy stripe Scotch washable Flannels that have been selling up to 98c.

Silk embroidered French Flannels, fleur de lis pattern, worth 98c.

Silk embroidered white Skirting Flannels, yard wide, worth up to 75c.

All wool printed French Flannels that were 69c. and 50c.

Striped Granite Cloth, newest colorings, that were 75c.

Best quality all wool French Flannels, solid colors, were 59c.

Every one a Flannel that is desirable at this season, all of grades which seldom are to be had below the regular prices. But this Flannel Store does better than the usual. Choice of these to-morrow at 49c.

Main floor, rear, Central Building.

$37.50 to $75 Tailored Suits, $27.50.

Seventy-five Suits—*the best values of the season.*

One or two of a kind but many kinds—that is the secret of the underpricing in this sale. They are the handsomest, newest Tailored Suits that the best makers in New York have produced in the last few weeks—broadcloths, Venetians, meltons and homespuns in black, Oxford, brown and blue. There are Eton, double-breasted tight fitting and bolero jackets, some collarless, others with flaring collar. Some are plain, some have trimmings of lace, velvet and ribbon or the popular Persian embroidery. Skirts are the 7 gore flare and circular flounce style. There are even some of the famous "Princess" Suits in the collection. *Every suit is lined entirely with fine taffeta silk* and most of the skirts have the drop linings. All sizes—34 to 40—and values to-day are $37.50 to $75.00—mostly the higher priced ones. Choose to-morrow at **$27.50.**

Separate Skirts.

$21 to $45 Sorts at $17.50.

Seventy-five of these and quite as rare value as the suits. They are of etamine, barege, broadcloth, homespun and cheviots, in 7 gore flare and circular flounce styles. An elegant and distinguished assembly, some plain, others trimmed with bands of satin and taffeta, some the "Princess" style. All are beautifully finished—the highest class of women's tailoring, and all are made with drop linings of fine taffeta silk. Values are fully $21 to $45, and the price to-morrow **$17.50**

$7.50 Golf Capes $3.98.

The ideal wrap for Spring and Summer time. Even in the middle of Summer, cool evenings make a Golf Cape comfortable wear. For steamer, for seashore, for mountain—wherever you plan to go this season you will need one, and never have such splendid Golf Capes been priced so low. Two hundred in this collection made of double-faced rugs, plaid inside and plain outside. They are 30 inches deep, extra wide and have double shoulder capes or a deep hood. Colors are navy blue, black and Oxford gray with prettily contrasting plaids inside. Full $7.50 value for.....$3.98

Second floor, front, Central Building.

Carpets, Rugs and Mattings.

Dollar savings on the freshest floor coverings.

Thousands of Brooklyn homes have Carpet needs at this season of the year. Hundreds are taking advantage of the rich offerings of the Carpet Store. Now comes news which will bring more hundreds of wise Brooklyn housekeepers here—underpricing on a wide assortment of the freshest patterns of Carpetings in existence. For example:

Tapestry Brussels, in 10 patterns, at 49c. a yard.
Tapestry Brussels, the best made, in 20 patterns, at 59c. and 65c. a yard.
The celebrated Smith Axminsters and Velvets, 30 patterns, 85c. and 95c.
Best Wilton Velvets, Savonneries and Bigelow Axminsters, 40 patterns, $1.00, $1.15 and $1.25.

New Straw Mattings.

A thousand pieces, over a hundred patterns—the handsomest we could find to import from Japan and China. Seamless China Mattings from $4.25 a 40 yard roll upwards. Seamless cotton warp Japanese Mattings from $6.75 a 40 yard roll upwards.

Rugs for Little Price.

Royal Wilton Rugs, fresh and new and handsome, some in dark, rich and lustrous Oriental designs suitable for library and dining room, others in light tan, blue and green shades for reception or bedrooms; numerous designs and colorings in the most serviceable as well as handsomest Rug made. Underpriced this week:

18x36 in., usually $1.75, at	$1.35
27x54 in., usually $3.50, at	$2.65
30x63 in., usually $5.75, at	$4.25
4½x7½ ft., usually $12.75, at	$9.45
6 x 9 ft., usually $17.35 & $20.00, at	$15.25
8¼x10½ ft., usually $27.50 & $31.25, at	$23.50
9 x12 ft., usually $32.50 & $35.00, at	$28.50

Another lot of John Bromley & Sons' reversible Jute Smyrna Rugs, cool, clean, serviceable and low priced:

6x9 ft	$5.00
7½x10½ ft	$7.50
9x12 ft	$10.00

Best quality Japanese Jute Rugs, 36 in. x 72 in.....$1.50
Japanese Straw Rugs, 36 in. x 72 in.....65c
500 Carpet samples, made from carpetings that were from $1.00 to $3.00 a yard; about 1½ yards long, all nicely fringed and half priced, at from.....50c. to $1.50 each.
Round Hassocks, 19c.; square Hassocks, 25c

Third floor, East Building.

Women's Oxford Ties and Juliets, $1.98

Pretty, comfortable, durable—*a bargain in Summer Shoes.*
The handsomest Oxford Ties ever sold near the price.

The Oxfords are made of vici kid with tips of patent leather or of kid. Others are made of full patent leather—admirable harmony for the favorite black and white color scheme for women's dress this season. High Cuban heels.

The Juliets have a one-piece vamp and are lined with soft kid, medium toe last, with patent leather tip, also common sense last with plain toe, low heels, the most comfortable shoe for house wear. Oxfords and Juliets are.....$1.98 a pair

Second floor, rear, West Building.

Bed Sets and Other Upholsterings.

Sharp underpricing all along the line—Lace Curtains, Tapestries, Screens—to-morrow will be a day of rare home furnishing opportunity in the Upholstery Store.

$6.00 and $9.00 Bed Sets for $3.95 and $4.75.

Only a hundred of ruffled Bobbinet—pretty Renaissance and Duchesse patterned edgings and insertions. Made for full size beds. Maker had more than he thought he wanted and these came to us at about half their usual prices. Dainty for Summer bed coverings—they will not last long to-morrow.

Irish Point Lace Curtains in fresh and pretty patterns are exceptionally low priced. $3.25, $6.75 and $7.50 suits are.....$3.98, $4.48 and $4.95 a pair.
White Nottingham Lace Curtains in Renaissance and Brussels designs are here for very little at 74c., 98c. and $1.19 a pair.
Ruffled Muslin Curtains, plain and figured, are unmatched in price anywhere else—49c., 75c., 98c. and $1.15 a pair.
Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains, new and choice patterns of lace insertions and edgings on serviceable net, $1.24, $1.49 and $1.69 a pair.
Tapestry Portieres in a full line of colors; two toned effects with heavy throw-over fringe; full width and 3 yards long; red, blue, green and olive; $5.50 value for.....$3.48
Furniture Tapestries in 6 patterns, priced so low that it will pay to buy them now for Fall use; small and dainty and large foliage designs, 50 inches wide; values $2.00 and $2.25 a yard, at $1.00 and $1.25 a yard
Flemish Oak Standing Screens, filled with pretty prints and Oriental designs; $1.75 value, at.....98c
Sofa Pillows for Summer use; light colorings, small priced at 98c., $1.10 and $1.25

Third floor, front, Central Building.

"LAW OVER THE DAILY NEWS."

Col. Brown Wants Mrs. Wood to Distribute Some $93,000 of Profits.

The troubles between Col. William L. Brown and Mrs. Ida E. Wood, now the editor and manager of the *Daily News*, have culminated in legal proceedings begun on Saturday, April 6, in which Col. Brown, through his counsel, Louis F. Doyle, asks for a preliminary injunction restraining Mrs. Wood from disposing of the accrued profits of the *Daily News* Company for 1900, amounting in all to some $93,000, pending an action brought to compel a distribution of the same among the stockholders.

Benjamin Wood, who was a brother of Fernando Wood, Mayor of New York in the Tweed days, died a year ago last February. Of the 300 shares of the *Daily News* Company he owned 151. Col. Brown had and still has 37, Emma Wood, one share, and Miss Mary C. Mayfield, eight shares, while the estate of the late George Bartholomew has three shares. Mrs. Wood on her husband's death took complete charge of the newspaper, and made some very radical changes in its management and in the make-up of its force. With no exception he discharged everybody, beginning with C. I. Brown himself, who for twenty years had been the manager of the paper.

Col. Brown in his affidavit says that when he came to New York from Ohio twenty years ago and was asked to take charge of the paper he found it in a deplorable condition, with very little cash on hand and accrued debts of $30,000. Col. Brown says that by money paid out of his own pocket, and by profits that came through his own personal credit, the necessities of the paper were supplied. From a condition where there were practically no profits at all, he says that in five years, by his own hard work and constant attention, he brought the paper up to a largely paying basis. For fifteen years thereafter the paper continued to be very profitable, its receipts growing in volume every year, until the net profits approached $100,000 annually.

He also says that it was the custom of Mr. Benjamin Wood to draw from time to time large sums to meet his personal out-side expenses; that these drafts became so frequent and so heavy that Col. Brown was compelled to shut down upon them to a certain extent; that thereby in the latter days of Mr. Wood's life he incurred the animosity of Mr. Wood, which on Mr. Wood's death seemed to be handed down to Mrs. Wood.

Col. Brown says that from time to time he has asked for a distribution of the accrued profits which have been deposited in a bank where they are now drawing no interest. Furthermore he avers that by Mrs. Wood's management the paper has greatly deteriorated and the non-payment of any dividend has had a tendency to impair the market value of the stock. The hearing on the motion to restrain Mrs. Wood from disposing of the accrued profits is set down for next Thursday.

A suit has been brought against Col. Brown by the widow of Noah L. Jeffries, in which she states that her husband was entitled to some interest in Col. Brown's stock, under some agreement between him and Col. Brown. Col. Brown denies that Mr. Jeffries had any such interest whatever, and has put in an answer in this case denying all the plaintiff's claims.

OLIVE BRANCH TO COFFEY?

The Rebellious Ex Senator May Be Asked by McLaughlin Men to Make an Address.

A delegation representing the Ninth Assembly district Democratic organization called yesterday upon Park Commissioner George V. Brower and urged him to use his best endeavors to have concerts provided for the new park soon to be opened in the Red Hook district. Mr. Brower promised to have fine music for the opening ceremonies at least which will take place on some Saturday afternoon in June. He sprung a surprise on his visitors by recommending that former Senator Michael J. Coffey, who was once the Democratic boss of the district, but is now in rebellion against Willoughby Street, should be invited to make an address. Mr. Deucatillon, who has been one of Mr. Coffey's most active political opponents, said: "By all means we will invite the Senator." As Mr. Brower is very close to the Willoughby Street managers the incident is believed to foreshadow a possible reconciliation between them and the ex-Senator.

HALL OF RECORDS CORNERSTONE.

Just a Passing Reference to Jails at the Laying Thereof.

With a silver trowel and in the presence of a big crowd Randolph Guggenheimer, President of the Council, laid the cornerstone of the new Hall of Records yesterday afternoon. Prior to the ceremony addresses were delivered by men who have been prominent in the movement for the construction of a safer depository for invaluable records and documents than the ancient building which, dating back to 1758, has in turn been used as a debtors' prison, as a barracks for British troops, as a jail for Revolutionary patriots and as a cholera hospital, until 1830, when it was remodelled and the offices of the Register, Comptroller and Surrogate were established in it.

The new structure when completed will be one of the largest of the city's buildings and will provide quarters for the Department of Finance, the Law Department, the Surrogate, the Register and the County Clerk.

John D. Crimmins, President of the Hall of Records Association, began the speech-making yesterday. He was followed by S. Stanwood Menken, chairman of the Executive committee of the association.

"It is interesting to recall," said Mr. Menken, "that one of the member of the realty bar who urged that these better accommodations should be provided ran counter to the Tweed regime in a controversy involving the policy of the Register's office, and suffered imprisonment because of his refusal to forego principle and sense of civic duty in a fight for reform. While forcing the friends of progress out of the Register's office were sent to the county jail time has brought a change, and now it is the enemies to improvement of the record office who contemplate the future possibilities of Ludlow street."

President Guggenheimer before proceeding to lay the corner-stone made an address in which he said: "I am glad to know that so many city and county offices will be centralized in this new Hall of Records. I believe that it is a step in the right direction. I look forward to the time when, concentrated in one district in and close to the City Hall Park, municipal buildings will be erected as useful and as beautiful as this new Hall of Records."

After Mr. Guggenheimer had spread the mortar with his silver trowel the huge cornerstone was lowered into its place amid cheers and the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Guggenheimer tapped it with the trowel and declared it well and truly laid. The only inscription on the stone are the figures "1901."

TRINITY CLUB GIVEN UP.

Big Membership, but Dr. McConnell Says Young Men Cared Only to Be Amused.

The Trinity Club, which was organized in the parish of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on the Heights, three or four years ago and has the largest membership of any similar organization in Brooklyn, has been dissolved upon the council of the Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, the rector, the vestrymen and the men's guild.

In discussing the club's failure in his parish paper Dr. McConnell gives three reasons for it: "That it did not succeed in bringing its members to church, that it was impossible to develop among the men any sense of responsibility in using the clubhouse, and that they could not extemporize even their own amusements.

"What then did our effort resolve itself into? Merely this: Soliciting young men to join an organization who failed to see that they were being favored rather than doing the church a favor, and soliciting them to assume obligations which they almost invariably failed to take seriously.

"How then could they be, even if not elevated, at least entertained? We tried two ways—planning things for them and trying to plan for themselves. The second always fell through. The first was always successful in that they did furnish entertainment, but these attempts can never tend to self-development. To keep this up continuously the church must compete with the glares of amusement. This she cannot hope to do successfully."

American Artists' Society's New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Society of American Artists was held on Thursday evening and these officers were elected: President, John La Farge. Vice-President, Kenyon Cox. Secretary, Bruce Crane. Treasurer, Samuel Isham, member of the Board of Control, H. Bolton Jones. The following were elected to membership in the society: J. Francis Murphy, H. A. MacNeil, Paul Moschcowitz, Walter Nettleton, Karl Bitter, Bryson Burroughs.

SHIRT WAISTS FOR MAIL CARRIERS.

Men in the Southern Cities Want Them—Postmaster-General Considering.

If the letter carriers of St. Louis and other Southern cities have their way the men who deliver Uncle Sam's mail all over the country will join the ranks of the shirt waist men this coming summer. Two years ago, long before the shirt-waist man was talked about, the St. Louis Post Office employees began to demand permission to leave their coats at home when performing their duties in summer, and they joined in a petition to the Postmaster-General in Washington to have something done to improve their hot weather uniform.

The demand from the Southern mail carriers for a cool uniform in the dog days has become louder since then and the shirt waist is welcomed by them as seeming to provide exactly what they want. The Postmaster-General is now considering suggestions from the employees of the department in these Southern cities for an entirely new summer outfit.

The hot weather uniform which the St. Louis men would like to see adopted consists of the regulation trousers, but in place of a coat a shirt waist of grayish material. The shirt waist is to be worn with a belt and a soft felt hat is suggested to complete the outfit.

Other inland cities in which the weather is particularly sultry from June to October have signified that they favor this uniform, but there are many carriers here and in Boston, Philadelphia and other cities in the East who are by no means anxious to adopt shirt waists, as long as the garments carry the stigma of dudedom.

The decision rests with Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith, and he is expected to send out a general order on the subject before the hot weather comes.

Col. Appleton of the Seventh Regiment to Review the Ninth.

Col. Appleton of the Seventh Regiment has been invited to review the Ninth Regiment at its armory on Tuesday evening, April 30. Adjutant-General Edward M. Hoffman will review the Sixty-ninth Regiment at its armory next Thursday night.

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STREET DRILLS FOR 71ST REGIMENT.

Riot Formation in Park Avenue Above Thirty-fourth Street.

Col. Bates of the Seventy-first Regiment has decided to drill his regiment out of doors, and has ordered a series of street drills by battalion as follows: Companies A, C, G, and I will drill to-morrow night, B, F, and H, next Tuesday and D, E, and K, next Wednesday night. Street riot formation will form a feature of the instruction. The drills will be held on Park avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Forty-second streets.

STATUARY GROUP IN PLACE.

Now a Part of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch in Brooklyn.

The eighteen-ton bronze group, "The Spirit of the American Navy," the work of Sculptor Macmonnies, was hoisted yesterday, without the slightest mishap into its place on the pedestal of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch on the Prospect Park plaza in Brooklyn. It completes the decoration of the arch. The corresponding group, "The Spirit of the American Army," occupies the other pedestal, each facing the park.