MURDERS SLEEPING HUSBAND.

STRANGE CRIME OF A GENTLE-FACED MATRON OF 43.

Puts a Pistol Close to His Body Under the Bedclothes and Shoots Him Twice—Thought of Suicide First—"God Knows What I've Suffered," She Wrote.

At some time, probably about dawn, yesterday morning, and in their cosy and scrupulously neat little rear flat on the third floor of the apartment house at 61 East 106th street Mrs. John F. Stover, a gentle-faced, matronly little woman, 43 years old deliberately murdered her husband, John F. Stover, by shooting him in the back and in the back of his head as he lay sleeping in the bed which she herself had just left.

A letter which she wrote either before or after the tragedy indicates that the woman had maturely considered her crime and that she had intended to make the taking of her own life a part of it. Yet with abundance of time and opportunity in which to carry out that part of the arrangement she failed to do so.

Out of the maze of her own statements, some of which are contradictory and some incoherent, it would appear that she got out of bed before her husband awakened, took his revolver from the bureau, placed its muzzle close to the back of his head and fired. She followed this up by putting the pistol under the bedclothes and again firing it into the already dead or dying man's back.

After this deed she apparently went calmly about her housework, spreading the table for breakfast and setting it for two persons, as she was in the habit of doing every morning. Whether she wrote the letter that was found in the room before or after the shooting is uncertain. But with her husband dead or breathing his last the woman kept about the flat for a considerable time before she made any effort to communicate with her neighbors.

About 7 o'clock she went down to the apartment of Mr. Juch on the floor below and immediately under her own rooms and told Juch that her husband needed a doctor and asked him to go for Dr. Morris Brinkman, the Stover family physician. She told Juch and told another neighbor that Stover had shot himself. When Dr. Brinkman arrived she met him at the door of the flat.

"My husband is dead," was her first greeting.

"What do you mean?" asked the doctor.

"I mean," replied Mrs. Stover, "that he is dead; he has been shot."

"Shot!" exclaimed the doctor; "how did it happen?"

"Well, he tried to shoot me, and——well, you know," replied the woman. She was in a state bordering on collapse by this time, although she had been quite cool up to the time the doctor came.

"No, I don't know," said Dr. Brinkman, "I don't know anything about it; what do you mean?"

"Oh, you know," replied the woman, and not another word about the shooting save the monotonous repetition of this set phrase could the doctors get out of her. He went to the bed and there found Stover lying peacefully on his left side as though he were asleep, although now stone dead. The body was still warm and rigor mortis had not set in.

Dr. Brinkman made no further examination than was necessary to establish the fact of death. Then he hurried away to the East 104th street station and notified the police. Detective Putz hurried around to the house. He found Mrs. Stover down on the floor below, talking with some women. She went up to her apartments with him and admitted to him, the detective says, that she had shot her husband.

The woman said that she had some money which she had saved from her earnings as a dressmaker in Philadelphia before she married Stover. She said that Stover was all the time trying to get this money away from her; that he had tried to get her to give him money the night before because he wanted to extend his business; that he had threatened to shoot her; that he squandered the money she gave him on other women; that her health had been ruined by him; that she had intended to leave him and go back to her home in Philadelphia, and that she had already sent her jewelry there to prevent his pawning it.

It appeared from the letter already mentioned, which was undated and written in lead pencil, that Mrs. Stover's original idea was to kill herself alone. The letter was found between the leaves of a book. It said:

You will rue the day you came from Philadelphia. You used hard language so loud to me and you did not care if the neighbors heard you, and carried it back to Philadelphia.

I know now why Mrs Miles, the washerwoman, said that this flat was cleaner than the people who were in it.

I beg you to let my mother bury me in her plot in Philadelphia, as I do not want to be near you even in death.

You will never know how much I have suffered, how much you have tried my patience. You do not know what patience is.

I hope to God that after I have left you you will not make any other woman as miserable as you have made me. God alone knows what I have suffered.

ALICE E. STOVER.

Mrs. Stover, when taken to the police station, seemed to be in a half-dazed condition. Both there and at the Coroner's office later in the day she started to walk out unconcernedly as though nothing had happened. She was held without bail and sent to the Tombs.

Dr Brinkman says Mr. Stover came to him with an introduction from one of the most eminent surgeons in Philadelphia. Mrs. Stover had been to consult him several times about her health. Her manner was so incoherent and she talked about so many irrelevant things that the doctor suspected that her mind might be somewhat unbalanced.

The people in the house describe the Stovers as quiet, refined folks, who were never heard to speak to one another in a raised or angry tone during all the time they lived there. Stover had a prosperous carriage painting business at 2108 First avenue, between 108th and 109th streets. This was his busy season and yesterday morning four or five workmen, some of them extra hands, reported for work.

Among the letters found in the flat and tending to throw light on the tragedy was one from Mrs. Stover's brother, Frank Hartzel, of 1418 Euclid avenue, Philadelphia. It was dated March 12. In it the writer told his sister that if she would send her bankbook to him he would place it in a safe deposit vault. He said that he could not place her jewelry in the vault until he received an order from her. He also told her to send her will and closed his letter as follows:

I hope you will hurry and get better and come to Philadelphia to live. Then we can go to church with Blanche and the rest of them.

The murdered man's body was taken to the Morgue where an autopsy will be made. Either of the wounds inflicted was sufficient to have caused death. Coroner Brown has set the inquest for Wednesday next. Meantime her counsel will have Mrs. Stover examined by physicians.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Eight new cases of smallpox were reported yesterday.

While five laborers were working in an elevator on the Maine steamship North Star at Pier 32, East River, yesterday, the elevator rope snapped and they were thrown into the hold. They were all taken to the Hudson street hospital, but none was seriously hurt.

Policemen of the West Sixty-eighth street station raided a second-floor flat in West Sixty-fifth street yesterday afternoon and gathered in Lydia Barclay and Leah Wilson, who said they were chorus girls. In the police court they were held for examination.

William Jones, the salesman in the optician's store at 11 East Forty-second street, who was accidentally shot in the abdomen by the watchman's revolver as it fell from his pocket last Monday, died yesterday in Flower Hospital. Bernard Westendorf, the watchman, is under $1,500 bail, pending the inquest.

EXPLAINS 4-YEAR-OLD ROBBERY.

Former Servant of Dr. Madison C. Peters Arrested—Husband Told on Her.

Mrs. Madison C. Peters of 133 Bainbridge street, Brooklyn, appeared in the West Side police court yesterday as complainant against Mary Thiel of 987 Second avenue, a former servant, whom she accused of stealing from her nearly four years ago. The theft had been forgotten by Mrs. Peters until Tuesday, when Frederick Thiel, the former servant's husband, called on Mrs. Peters and told her that he believed that his wife was a thief.

While the Rev. Madison C. Peters was pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church he lived in the parsonage at Broadway and Sixty-eighth street. The Thiel woman was employed there as a servant. On the night of April 2, 1898, the parsonage was robbed of silverware worth $118.50. The Thiel woman was not suspected of being concerned in the theft, but she was discharged not long afterward for dishonesty.

On Tuesday Frederick Thiel took a pawn ticket representing a silver cup over to Mrs. Peters, whose husband is now in Baltimore. Mrs. Peters saw the cup in a pawnshop and declared that it was part of the property stolen nearly four years ago. On Thursday night, on information furnished by her husband, Mrs. Thiel was arrested at 202 West Forty-third street, where she was employed in a laundry. She denied that she stole anything from Mrs. Peters and declares that her husband committed the robbery and has fixed up the charge against her to get rid of her.

Thiel said yesterday that he met the woman several weeks after she had been discharged by Mrs. Peters, and that he had been tricked into marrying her. After their marriage, he said, he saw his wife cleaning silver marked "P." She told him that she had been married before and that the silverware was a wedding present. Latterly he learned that his wife had never been married before and he suspected that the silverware came from the Peters home.

Magistrate Meade held the woman in $1,000 bail for examination on Monday.

MAYOR KLINE'S NAME FORGED.

Telegram Sent From Syracuse to Albany That Killed Electric Lighting Bill.

SYRACUSE, March 14.—Owing to the forgery of the name of Mayor Jay B. Kline to a telegram, which some one sent to Assemblyman Fred W. Hammond at Albany, a bill before the Legislature has been killed and much bad feeling has been stirred up among the politicians here. A conference was held to-day and the fact made public that the following despatch was received by Mr. Hammond at Albany on Tuesday evening:

Hon. Fred W. Hammond, Albany, N. Y.:
Please have your Syracuse Lighting bill recommitted, so that another hearing can be had on the same. JAY B. KLINE.

The following day, in accordance with the despatch, Mr. Hammond had the bill, which is calculated to do away with monopoly in bidding for electric lighting of second class cities, laid aside, and owing to the fact that the end of the session is near it will not be taken up again. Mayor Kline wondered what was the matter, and this morning he received a letter from Mr. Hammond acknowledging the receipt of the above despatch. Mr. Hammond arrived in town to-day and with the Mayor went to the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and looked up the original of the telegram. It was in a handwriting not recognized by either of the men. No one can surmise who sent it, unless it was some one who opposed the bill and took that way to defeat it.

FOR GENERAL, FIRST BRIGADE.

Question of Right to Vote Certioraried to Supreme Court.

TRENTON, N. J., March 14.—The Supreme Court to-day allowed the writ of certiorari applied for by Col. Robert G. Smith of the Fourth Regiment, Jersey City, contesting the right of the Captain of the First Troop of Newark, and the commander of Battery A, Field Artillery of Orange, to vote at the coming election of a Brigadier-General to succeed Gen. P. Farmer Wanser as commander of the First Brigade. This election has been enjoined pending a determination of the status of the officers in question.

Should the troop and battery commanders take part in the election two more votes would be given Essex county, and presumably would go to Col. Campbell. A formal judgment will be entered in the Supreme Court, the case by understanding between court and counsel going direct to the Court of Error and Appeals, where it will be argued on March 24.

KUBELIK WAS AMUSED.

Paderewski's Outburst Over Him in Cleveland Makes Him Laugh.

CHICAGO, March 14.—The despatch from Cleveland saying that a Paderewski recital had been nearly stopped by the pianist because he discovered that an announcement of Kubelik's coming had been made on his programme furnished amusement to Kubelik and his manager, Hugo Gorlitz, when it was shown to them. Kubelik tried to express himself in two languages. Manager Gorlitz helped him out.

"You see. Kubelik is not jealous," the manager said. "The others are jealous of him, but he isn't. Why, he has taken boxes to hear other musicians play."

Kubelik sent $250 to New York last night to pay for a box at Paderewski's next appearance there. In reply to the story that Kubelik only receives $200 a night for playing, Kubelik issued a statement saying he made $11,000 in four appearances in Chicago and had cleared $100,000 since coming to America.

FOR THE GOSPEL SETTLEMENT

Entertainment This Morning at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. George Riddle will give his reading of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" with accompaniment of Mendelssohn's music by the Boston Philharmonic Club at the Waldorf-Astoria this morning in aid of the Gospel Settlement at 211 Clinton street.

This settlement is doing a great work among the people of its neighborhood. It has kindergartens, classes in cooking, dressmaking clubs, district visitors, nurses, &c. It needs, however, money and a large number of persons to take an interest in its welfare.

Tickets for the entertainment may be procured of Julia G. Inness, 145 West Fifty-eighth street.

Veteran Railroad Employee a Trolley Victim.

Frank Handy, 47 years old, an inspector of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, sustained serious injuries during the rush hours yesterday morning while directing the movements of the trolley cars at the dangerous crossing in Fulton street and Court Square. He was struck by a Bergen street car and hurled violently to the track. He was unconscious when picked up and at the Long Island College Hospital, where he was taken in an ambulance, it was found that he was suffering from a fracture of the skull and internal injuries.

Crank Worried About the Molineux Case.

Henry Isenberg, an ex-policeman of Orange, N. J., went to Police Headquarters yesterday and asked to see Col Partridge. He wanted to tell the Commissioner who really was guilty of poisoning Mrs. Kate Adams, he said. To Capt. Titus he told a rambling story accusing an Orange policeman of the deed. Detective Sergeant Braun escorted him to the Essex Market police court, where Magistrate Hogan committed him to the insane ward at Bellevue.

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CABLE CHESS MATCH BEGINS.

SEVENTH CONTEST BETWEEN AMERICA AND ENGLAND.

Eight Boards in Opening Games Will Be Increased to Ten To-day—Pillsbury and Marshall to Play in London—Outlook a Good One for American Team.

The annual contest by cable between America and Great Britain for chess supremacy was duly begun yesterday morning on eight boards and will be continued to-day on ten boards. It is in the nature of this contest that the decision cannot be reached in one day. However, the American players may feel reassured on the outlook yesterday evening when hostilities closed for the day. The teams were paired as follows:

America.		Great Britain.
1. Pillsbury	vs	Lawrence
2. Barry	vs	Mason
3. Marshall	vs	Atkins
4. Hodges	vs	Lee
5. Hymes	vs	Mills
6. Voigt	vs	Bellingham
7. Delmar	vs	Trenchard
8. Newman	vs	Blake
9. Howell	vs	Mitchell
10. Helms	vs	Girdlestone

The Americans played the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards and the Britishers on the even-numbered boards. Previous to the beginning of play and before the names of the teams were exchanged in order to ascertain the pairing the usual complimentary messages were exchanged between the officials and the players. A despatch from Pillsbury to the Brooklyn Chess Club assured the managers of the contest that he and Marshall would play their games with Lawrence and Atkins respectively over the board in London to-day.

The British team this year is seriously handicapped by the absence of J. H. Blackburne, and besides it appears to be much weaker than any which took part in previous cable encounters. All the members of the American team have played before in these matches. The Kentuckian, Showalter, was this year prevented from taking part in the match and so Helms, a former champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club, was called upon to take a place on the team, while the veteran Delmar consented to fill in a vacancy, caused by the inability of the Philadelphia player, Bampton, to assist in the match. Helms first played on the team in 1897, while Delmar's last appearance was in 1899.

Precisely at 10 o'clock in the morning the first moves were sent to London and vice versa. The American team was conducting play at the Assembly rooms of the Academy of Music at Brooklyn, while the Britishers played their games at the Café Monico, London. Close openings prevailed. Of the Britishers Blake alone started with P—K4 while the Americans only chose an open game on the fifth and ninth boards, but Mills on the former board defended with a Sicilian, so that there were only two open games, both of them being Ruy Lopez.

Ma-on revived, in his game with Barry, an old form of attack, which was frequently used twenty and thirty years ago and which sometimes is called English opening. The Bostonian bids fair to uphold his excellent record, for he outmanoeuvred his adversary in the opening and virtually isolated White's queen's pawn. When hostilities ceased the position was still in favor of Barry. On the fourth board Lee offered a queen's gambit to Hodges, the latter declining to take the gambit pawn. Late in the day Hodges improved his position and just before the adjournment he won the exchange. This game ought to be won by America.

A very interesting and spirited encounter took place on board five, where Hymes had to contend against a Sicilian defence, played by Mills. Matters reached a climax just before the adjournment and the position was left in favor of Hymes. The game on the sixth board ran almost identically with that of the fourth table and Voigt too succeeded in isolating one of Bellingham's pawns. The Englishman, however, by pinning a knight, is making trouble for the American. Delmar, on the seventh board, showed superiority in the opening, but eventually Trenchard assumed the initiative, pressing the attack with great skill. The game between Howell and Mitchell stands rather even and will probably be drawn on the resumption of play, although there are plenty of possibilities for either side. Helms on the last board has slightly the better position, but his advantage is far from being a winning one at present. The scores:

SECOND BOARD—ENGLISH OPENING.

Mason British.	Barry U. S.	Mason British.	Barry U. S.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—QB4	P—K4	13 Kt—Q	P—Q
2 Kt—QB3	Kt—KB3	14 K—R	Q—R4
3 Kt—QB3	P—QR3	15 Kt—KK1	Q—R4
4 P—K3	Kt—KB3	16 P—R3	BxB
5 P—Q4	PxP	17 QxB	QxQ
6 PxP	P—Q4	18 KtxQ	KR—K
7 Kt—B3	B—KK15	19 K—Kt	P—R3
8 B—K3	PxP	20 K—B	Kt—K2
9 BxP	B—P2	21 QR—B	QKt—Q4
10 Castles	Castles	22 B—Q2	P—QKt3
11 B—K2	Kt—Q3	23 KtxKt	KtxKt
12 Q—Q2	Q—Q2	24 Kt—B3	

Adjourned.

FOURTH BOARD—QUEENS GAMBIT DECLINED.

Lee British.	Hodges U. S.	Lee British.	Hodges U. S.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	13 R—B	BxKt
2 P—QB4	P—K3	14 KtxB	BxKt
3 QKt—B3	Kt—KB3	15 Q—Q3	Q—Q2
4 Kt—K5	P—K3	16 KR—Q	KR—QB
5 P—K3	QKt—Q2	17 R—B2	P—QR3
6 Kt—B3	Castles	18 R—K2	Q—B2
7 B—Q3	P—QB4	19 B—B2	P—K3
8 Castles	PxQP	20 Q—B3	QKt—Q4
9 KPxP	PxP	21 B—Q2	KtxKt
10 BxP	Kt—K3	22 BxKt	Kt—Q4
11 B—K3	R—Q	23 R—Q3	Kt—B5
12 Kt—K5	R—B	24 R—K	

Adjourned.

FIFTH BOARD—SICILIAN DEFENCE.

Hymes. U. S.	Mills. British.	Hymes. U. S.	Mills. British.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—K4	P—QB4	16 Kt—R4	B—K2
2 Kt—KB3	P—K3	17 Q—Q4	KR—Q
3 Kt—QB3	P—Q4	18 Kt—B5	BxKt
4 PxP	PxP	19 QxB	Kt—B
5 B—Kt5ch	Kt—QB3	20 P—KR4	P—B4
6 Kt—K5	B—Q2	21 Q—Q4	R—K
7 KtxB	QxKt	22 P—B4	R—K5
8 Castles.	B—K2	23 Q—B3	Q—K2
9 P—Q4	PxP	24 B—Q4	P—B4
10 BxKt	PxB	25 B—K5	P—Q6
11 QxP	B—B3	26 Q—R5	Kt—Kt3
12 Q—B5	Kt—K2	27 RxP	KtxB
13 B—K3	Castles KR	28 RxR	PxR
14 QR—Q	Kt—Kt3	29 PxKt	
15 P—QKt3	B—Q	Adjourned	

SIXTH BOARD—QUEENS GAMBIT DECLINED.

Bellingham. British.	Voight. U. S.	Bellingham. British.	Voight. U. S.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	13 Q—K2	B—B3
2 P—QB4	P—K3	14 QR—Q	B—Q4
3 Kt—QB3	Kt—KB3	15 KtxB	KKtxKt
4 Kt—B3	B—K2	16 BxB	QxB
5 B—Kt5	QKt—Q2	17 P—B4	R—B2
6 P—K3	Castles.	18 P—QR3	KR—B
7 B—Q3	P—B4	19 R—Q3	R—B8
8 Castles.	PxQP	20 R—KB3	Kt—B3
9 KPxP	PxP	21 P—B5	BxKtch
10 BxP	Kt—Kt3	22 RxR	QKt—Q4
11 B—Kt3	B—Q2	23 PxP	QxKP
12 Kt—K5	R—B	24 Q—Kt5	R—B2

Adjourned.

SEVENTH BOARD—DUTCH DEFENCE.

Delmar. U. S.	Trenchard. British.	Delmar. U. S.	Trenchard. British.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—KB4	13 QR—Kt	QR—Kt
2 P—QB4	Kt—KB3	14 B—QKt5	B—Q2
3 Kt—QB3	P—K3	15 BxKt	BxB
4 P—K3	B—K15	16 P—KR3	P—KKt4
5 Kt—KB3	Castles.	17 Kt—K5	P—Kt5
6 B—Q3	P—Q3	18 PxP	KtxP
7 Castles	BxKt	19 KtxKt	PxKt
8 PxB	Kt—QB3	20 Q—K2	Q—R4
9 Q—B2	Q—K	21 B—QB	R—B6
10 B—R3	Q—R4	22 P—R4	PxP
11 B—K2	Q—R3	23 B—K3	QR—KB
12 P—QR5	P—Q4	24 KR—K	

Adjourned.

EIGHTH BOARD—RUY LOPEZ.

Blake. British.	Newman. U. S.	Blake. British.	Newman. U. S.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—K4	P—K4	14 CastlesKR	P—Q4
2 Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	15 PxP	KtxP
3 B—Kt5	Kt—KB3	16 QR—K	Q—B3
4 P—Q3	P—Q3	17 Kt—Kt3	Castles QR
5 Kt—B3	B—KR3	18 Q—R5	Q—Kt3
6 P—KR3	B—Q2	19 Kt—R4	Q—R2
7 B—K3	B—K2	20 B—Q2	P—KKt3
8 Q—Q2	P—QR3	21 B—R4	BxB
9 B—R4	Kt—QKt1	22 QxB	P—KB4
10 B—Kt3	P—QR4	23 B—R5	R—K
11 Kt—K2	B—QR3	24 Q—QB4	KtQ3—Kt3
12 Kt—Kt3	QKt—Q2	25 Q—Kt3	Kt—R
13 Kt—B5	B—B	Adjourned.	

NINTH BOARD—RUY LOPEZ.

Howell. U. S.	Mitchell. British.	Howell. U. S.	Mitchell. British.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—K4	P—K4	14 PxPep	KtxP (KB3)
2 Kt—KB3	Kt—B3	15 Kt—Kt3	B—Kt3
3 B—Kt5	P—QR3	16 QKt—Q4	KtxKt
4 B—R4	Kt—B3	17 KtxKt	Q—Q2
5 Castles	KtxP	18 B—K3	BxKt
6 P—Q4	P—QKt4	19 BxB	B—R4
7 B—Kt3	P—Q4	20 B—Kt3	P—B3
8 P—QR4	R—QKt	21 R—R7	R—K2
9 RPxP	PxKtP	22 R—R6	R—Q
10 PxP	B—K3	23 R—K	R—K
11 P—B3	B—QB4	24 RxRch	QxR
12 QKt—Q2	Castles	25 P—B3	
13 B—B2	P—B4	Adjourned.	

TENTH BOARD—P—Q4 OPENING.

Girdlestone. British.	Helms. U. S.	Girdlestone. British.	Helms. U. S.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	13 Kt—B4	Q—K
2 P—K3	Kt—KB3	14 R—B	QKt—B3
3 P—QB4	P—K3	15 PxBP	KtPxP
4 Kt—QB3	QKt—Q2	16 Kt—Q2	P—Q5
5 P—QR3	P—B4	17 Q—K	P—Kt4
6 Kt—KB3	P—R3	18 Kt—K2	P—K4
7 P—QKt3	B—K12	19 PxP	BPxP
8 B—Q3	B—B	20 P—KR3	PxKt
9 Castles	B—Q3	21 QxKt	P—B5
10 P—R3	Kt—K5	22 P—QKt4	B—Kt
11 Kt—K2	P—B4	23 QR—K	Q—Q2
12 B—Kt2	Castles.	24 Q—QB2	

Adjourned.

Donor of Cup Watches the Play in England.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 14.—There was a good attendance at the Café Monico to-day to witness the opening of the chess contest by cable between American and British representatives. Among those present were Sir George Newnes, the donor of the Newnes cup; Sir Charles Howard Vincent, and Major Minto Elliott, the Earl of Minto's brother. Mr. Pillsbury acted as American referee. He said at the close of play that the games were very level, and that it was too early to predict the result. He described Hymes's move, rook takes pawn, as a very clever little trap. He thereby recovered his position by a move so deep that Mills, his English opponent, at first did not believe that it was correct. Pillsbury arrived in London this morning. He expects to make a tour of Europe lasting eighteen months. Ambassador Choate is expected to witness the playing to-morrow.

Cadets Easily Defeat Harvard's Fencers.

WEST POINT, March 14.—Harvard and West Point competed in a fencing match here to-day and West Point won by a score of 9 to 0. The Army was represented by Cadets Breckenridge, Strong and Bull, while Harvard's representatives were Roberts, Palfry and Henderson. The bouts were keenly enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Pitcher Mathewson to Enter Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 14.—Christopher Mathewson, who won such signal success on the diamond last year as pitcher for the New York nine, is to enter Cornell University. He will come to Ithaca early next fall and will take the four years' course in forestry, being especially interested in that line of work.

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PASTOR SUED FOR DIVORCE.

The Wife of the Rev. John C. Crowther Seeks Separation.

ONEIDA, March 14.—The Rev. John C. Crowther, pastor of the Bennetts Corners Church, near this city, has been made the defendant in an action for divorce. He had instituted similar proceedings against his wife, Lena A. Crowther, but before the case could be tried he withdrew the complaint and exonerated the defendant. Now Mrs. Crowther seeks to have a decree entered setting aside the marriage. For some time she has been making her home with her parents at Mansfield, Pa., and it is understood that the action was begun there. Mansfield was formerly the home of the Crowther family and it is alleged that while living there Mr. Crowther consorted with disreputable characters. Both the clergyman and Mrs. Crowther have engaged the best of legal talent to defend them at the trial.

Blondin Goes Back to Massachusetts.

Joseph Wilfrid Blondin of Chelmsford, Mass., the French-Canadian who is accused of murdering his wife in April last, was remanded to the Massachusetts authorities by Magistrate Brann yesterday in the Centre street court. Detective Proctor started with him for Boston on the noon train.

DIED.

BLACK.—At Washington Barracks, D. C., on Friday, March 14, 1902, Robert Ludlow, son of William Murray and Gertrude Gamble Black, aged three months.
Funeral private.

ELKINS.—On Thursday, March 13, 1902, William L., Jr., youngest son of William L. and Louise Broomal Elkins.
Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at his late residence, Menlo Lodge (Elkins), Montgomery county, Pa., on Monday morning, March 17, 1902, at 11 o'clock precisely. Interment private. Trains leaving foot of Liberty st., New York, at 8 A. M., Monday, will stop at Elkins station. Please omit flowers.

HALLIWELL.—Annie, wife of Charles E. Halliwell.
Funeral services will be held at her late residence, 2 West 84th st., on Saturday, March 15, 1902, at 10 A. M. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.

HEGEMAN.—At Newark, N. J., on Thursday, March 13, 1902, Jane A. (nee Allison), wife of George Hegeman.
Funeral services at her late residence, 75 Avon av., on Sunday, March 16, 1902, at 3:30 P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

LEWISOHN.—In London, England, on Wednesday, March 5, 1902, Leonard Lewisohn.
Funeral will take place from Temple Emanu-El, 5th av. and 43d st., on Sunday, March 16, 1902, at 10 A. M., promptly. Kindly omit flowers.

OSTERHOUDT.—On Thursday, March 13, 1902, Newton James Osterhoudt.
Funeral private.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

CHURCH OF ZION & ST. TIMOTHY, 334 West 57th Street.
8 A. M. Holy Communion.
11 A. M. Morning Prayer. Sermon by the Rector.
4:15 P. M. Evening Prayer.
8 P. M. The Consolation.
Music by Sir John Stainer.
Will be sung by the Parish Choir.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, Stuyvesant Square—Rev. W. S. Rainsford, D. D., Rector. Musical Service Passion Sunday evening, March 16th, at 8 o'clock. "The Passion," by Sir John Stainer.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Madison Av. and 71st St. Rev. L. Walpole Warren, D. D. (Rector). Holy Communion. 9 A. M. Litany, Communion & Sermon (Rector), 11 A. M. Evensong & Sermon (Rector). 8 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH (Unitarian), 34th st., corner Park av. Services 11 A. M. Dr. Savage will preach fifth sermon in series on Relations of Men and Women; subject, "Basics of Divorce." Sunday school at 10 o'clock in chapel, entrance Park av. All cordially invited.

REV. THOMAS DIXON Jr.'s novel, "The Leopard's Spots," or The Race Problem, just out at all book stores, $1.50. Doubleday, Page & Co.

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CROTON WATERSHED EXPENSES.

Comptroller Grout Finds That Acquiring Land Comes High.

Comptroller Grout issued a statement yesterday regarding the expense of acquiring lands for the protection of the city's water supply. In the course of his report he says:

The total cost of the proceedings at the end of December, 1901, exclusive of a small expenditure on account of construction, &c., amounted to $3,405,268.07. Of this total the awards paid for properties taken in these three counties, along the tributaries to the Croton River, amounted to $2,204,470.14; but to acquire this property the expenses amounted to $1,200,797.93, or about 55 per cent. of the value of the property acquired. There were perhaps between twenty-five and thirty different commissions appointed to acquire as many separate parcels of land required for this protection. During the nine years of the operation of this act thus far these Commissioners have received in fees a total of $431,136.14, an average of $47,904 a year. These Commissioners' fees started in 1893 at $22,560, reached their maximum in 1897 at $82,584.15, and were for the year 1901, $19,180.

The fees paid to real estate experts in these proceedings have amounted to $151,712.53, an average during the nine years of $16,857 per annum.

In these proceedings there was but one special counsel for the city, for which services he has received $159,838.53, starting in 1893 with $8,701.45; in 1897, receiving his highest annual fee of $28,757.82, and in the year 1901 was paid $19,744.53. He has received an average annual retainer from the city as special counsel in this work, of $17,760.

In addition to this the costs and counsel fees allowed to attorneys representing property owners in the action amounted to $131,575.48, an average annual expenditure in eight years—for nothing was paid for this purpose in 1893—of $16,446. Thus, through four channels alone, a total expenditure of $874,262.68 has been made, leaving a balance of $326,535.26 that went for services attendant upon the work of the Commissioners, experts and special counsel.

Comptroller Grout contends that a very material part of these expenditures could have been saved had the proceedings been conducted through the city's legal department.

Court Calendars This Day.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M. Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part XI.—Case on No. 4256—City Button Works vs. American Fastener Company.

Surrogate's Court—Chambers—For probate—Wills of Henry C. Hough