

ANTE-MORTEM OF A LUNATIC

CORONER INVITED TO THE MANHATTAN STATE HOSPITAL.

Present Management Prefers Not to Have Charges of Ill Treatment Arise After the Death—Fractured Breast Bone and Ribs Said to Be Due Only to Disease.

Coroner Julius Harburger went yesterday to the Manhattan State Hospital, an institution for the insane on Wards Island, and took the ante-mortem statement of a Lunatic.

Supt. William Mabon of the hospital called on the coroner in the morning and said he had a case he wanted investigated. One of his patients, David Rodesky, 35 years old, of 109 East 104th street, was dying under peculiar conditions. He had been an inmate of the institution for about a month.

"The man has several fractures," said Dr. Mabon, "and we are at a loss to account for them. I am afraid if he dies that his family will be disposed to make trouble. I want the case investigated by a coroner."

"Well, that's something new," said Coroner Harburger. "You ask me to take the ante-mortem statement of a lunatic. I will not do it. I think it is not my province."

Dr. Mabon said that while the man is a parrot he was rational on many things. The coroner by a personal investigation now would gain valuable information which could be utilized as an inquest.

The coroner consulted with Dr. Timothy D. Lehane and decided that perhaps he had better stretch a point and make the trip. He asked Dr. Lehane to accompany him. They went up in the afternoon and found Rodesky in bad shape. The man seemed rational enough, but he was emaciated to an extreme degree. His chest was all pulled up and he had several abscesses.

"The swelling of the chest," explained Dr. Smith, "is caused by the air under the skin. The man's lungs are perforated by the fractured ribs."

"How long have you been here?" asked Coroner Harburger. "Seventy days," said the man. He had been in the hospital only about a month. "Did anybody beat you?" asked the coroner.

"If they did, what's the difference?" replied Rodesky. "Yes, but I am the coroner. I am your friend. I want to know how you received this injury."

"I got it from having a cold," replied the patient. The coroner then tried it in German, but could get nothing from the patient except that about four months ago he fell off a street car and hurt his foot. Since then, he said, everything had gone wrong.

Dr. Lehane made an examination of the patient and found among other things that he had an infected wound in the foot and he declared that the man was really a victim of pyemia.

"This man has a fracture of the sternum and possibly of the ribs, sure enough," he said, "but he did not get them from blows or external violence. There is not the least vestige of any mark indicating outward violence. But the man is really one big abscess and his bones are so fragile that the least pressure would cause a fracture. That's the trouble. It is an unusual case, but I have seen others like it. It is not a case for the coroner's office at all."

"Will this man die?" asked the coroner. "Death is inevitable. He may live a week," said Dr. Mabon, whose opinion was endorsed by Dr. Smith, in charge of the ward.

"Well, it's not very nice to be waiting for a man to die, but if that happens I want this case reported to me so I can have an autopsy made and see just what is right and what the internal conditions are," said Coroner Harburger. "I shall have an inquest and question everybody who has had anything to do with this case."

Supt. Mabon then asked the coroner and Dr. Lehane to look through the institution to show the humane methods in vogue. They did so, and agreed that the conditions were highly creditable to the superintendent's administration.

SALOON KEEPER BOW ARRESTED.

He is of the Bowery Dry Dock Hotel and May Have Needed Best Estate.

John Bow, one of the owners of the Dry Dock saloon, at 347 Bowery, was locked up at Police Headquarters yesterday on a charge of being implicated in the attempted fraudulent transfer of a piece of property valued at \$70,000. The property is at 833 and 835 Eleventh avenue. It is owned by Charles Appleby of Glen Cove, L. I.

Bow was arrested by Lieuts. McConville and Nelson of Inspector McCaffery's staff. Mr. Appleby said that his signature had been forged, and Register Guse, who was consulted, had the paper impounded and ordered an investigation.

A clerk in the Police office said the paper had been filed by Patrick Moore, a clerk employed by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. Mr. Appleby and his counsel went to Police Headquarters and talked with Inspector McCaffery. Moore told the detectives that he had been employed by Bow to have the deed registered. The saloon keeper had him to bury the matter, as Mrs. Stormbridge wanted to go on somebody's bond in court. Moore said he did not see the paper signed and supposed everything was all right, as the paper had the notarial seal of G. Anderson. The deed was dated January 28, 1906.

From what the detectives could learn Edith Stormbridge is a myth. They were unable to get any explanation from Bow after his arrest.

Bow was appointed a policeman in this city in 1887. Charges were made against him three years later and he resigned. He has been arrested several times and served time in Sing Sing prison for burglary and forgery, according to the police record.

WOMEN SOCIALISTS TO MEET.

International Conference Called for Next Month in Germany.

A call for the first international conference of women socialists throughout the world was received yesterday by the New York section of the Socialist party. Some of the societies of women socialists in this city have elected delegates to the conference, which begins on August 12 in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany. There are about twenty societies of women socialists in this city. Some will elect special delegates and others will send delegates to represent more than one society.

The call, issued from Berlin by F. A. O. Ullrich, reads: "Women comrades of all countries: Make a point of sending as many delegates as possible and help the cause to be done. Joined by the bond of common principle our object must be to make the socialist women's movement through our common work an ever more indispensable factor of the general struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat. The prize is worth the labor and the sacrifice. It is the complete emancipation of the female sex."

Among the questions to be taken up at the conference are: the establishment of regular communications between the various societies and the question of a common program. The latter will be moved strongly by the delegates from this country.

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of Challis, Albatross, Dotted Swiss, Plain and Figured Lawn, \$3.75, 5.25, 8.50 Reduced from \$6.50, 8.75 and 14.75

Attractive Values in Women's—Seasonable Hosiery—Men's

- Women's Ingrain Black Gauze Cotton or Black and white silk finished Gauze Lisle Thread Hose, 35c Per Half Doz. \$2.00
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Women's Fine Gauze Black Thread Silk Hose, with double soles, Value \$1.35 Pair, 95c
Men's French Pure Thread Silk Socks, in black, white, tan, grey, navy, etc., Value \$2.00 Pair, 1.35

Boys' & Young Men's Clothing At Extremely Low Prices

- Boys' Norfolk and Double-breasted Belt Suits, in Blue Serge, Cheviots and Fancy Mixtures, some with extra pair knickerbocker pants, 8 to 17 yrs., Value \$8.50, \$5.95
Boys' Knee Pants, of All Wool Fancy Cheviots, medium weight, 6 to 17 yrs., Values up to \$1.50, 75c
Boys' Madras Blouses, in white and colored effects, Value 95c, 69c
Young Men's Suits, Single and Double-breasted Models, in Serge, Fancy Worsteds and Cheviots 32 to 38 in. chest measure, Value \$12.50 to 20.00, \$9.75 to 14.50

West Twenty-third Street

CLEARING TIME

Special Sale of "two piece" Suits to measure, \$16. The backward season has caused a flood of the finest woolens. We give our customers the full benefit. The style and tailoring must be perfect in every detail or they remain here.

ARNHEIM, Broadway & Ninth Street.

GRADE CROSSING DANGERS.

President Peters of the Long Island Road Says Autoists Should "Stop and Look."

In an effort to reduce the number of accidents to automobilists at grade crossings the railroad in and around New York city and Long Island have inaugurated a campaign to show chauffeurs the dangers incurred by reckless driving over grade crossings. President Ralph Peters of the Long Island, who has just returned with President McCrea of the Pennsylvania from an inspection trip of his entire road, said yesterday:

"There are 8,738 railroad crossings in the State of New York, and with an annual appropriation from the State at present of only \$300,000 for eliminating them, it will be many years before all of those over which there is frequent travel will be done away with. It is very evident that in the meantime greater care must be exercised by those running automobiles if the number of accidents is to be decreased."

"On the Long Island road alone there are 692 crossings with highways at grade. Of this number 429 are unprotected by gates, flagmen or bells, while we have eliminated 289 at an expense of approximately \$100,475,000. Included in these are the crossings under the Bay Ridge improvement, now well under way. As soon as the city is ready to join with us, we expect to start in the work of eliminating 300 grade crossings in the Borough of Queens at a total cost of \$12,000,000. The chief engineer of the Board of Estimate is now studying the matter closely. However, this work takes a great deal of time, and in the meantime people who use crossings should stop before going over the tracks."

Fruits and Vegetables. Cheapest products of hot-houses and tropical gardens are on display in the Fifth Floor Grocery Section. We make a specialty of packing STEAMER BASKETS, at prices from \$5 upward, and delivering same to vessels.

R. H. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices. Macy's B'way at 6th Av. 34th to 35th St.

Please use BLUE TRANSFER CARDS when you make purchases in more than TWO Departments and expect to take them with you. Use RED CARDS when goods are to be delivered.

Midsummer a Harvest Time For Great Bargains in Things You Need.

Everything considered, this is the BEST TIME OF THE YEAR for making purchases economically—for picking up extraordinary bargains. This is midsummer clearance time—necessary because our store year ends with July. Many articles may be had to-day for half usual prices—not unseasonable articles, but things that will be just as serviceable in six months. Where assortments are large enough to warrant details we print them—sale stocks on this page to-day, for example. But it is well to remember that OUR GREATEST VALUES VERY OFTEN ARE NOT ADVERTISED because the quantities are limited. That accounts for the splendid values you find throughout the store, placarded simply with "Not Advertised" cards. Particular attention is directed to the array of underprice offerings in the Basement Dry Goods section.

WAISTS:—Two Excellent Groups.

At \$1.49, Value \$2.25. Waists made of sheer batiste; entire fronts of all-over embroidery, forming insertion effect, finished with fine tucks.

At \$1.98, Value \$2.25. Valuation based upon the special sale price prevailing elsewhere for similar waists; made of sheer batiste, with small square yoke of Val. lace, finished with six Swiss embroidered medallions, with lace insertions between; attached lace collar and cuffs.

At the same price—\$1.98—choice selection is offered in various styles, some finished with fine embroidery and lace medallions, others with hand embroidery.

Finer grades in regular stocks, ranging in price up to \$43.75.

Men's \$2.00 Dinner Shirts, \$1.44

White Pleated Bosom Shirts, popular for wear with Tuxedo Suits. Made of fine white cambric; coat model, with cuffs attached; custom-finished and hand-laundered.

Men's Wash Vests: Sale at \$1.29

Several hundred in all—and every one worth a third more. Well tailored Vests and splendid fitting, made of Hygrade galathea, a most durable fabric for the purpose. In black, tan and white stripe effects, also black and white checks. Other Wash Vests in stock up to \$4.50.

Women's Linen Suits.

Special Offering of the Smartest Model Shown This Season. LONDON Custom-made Suit, as near as skilled American tailors can reproduce a foreign model garment. A "different" Suit—chic, smart, possessing all the grace and excellence of the original model from the London designer, yet costing no more than a commonplace Suit such as you might meet with at every turn.

It is fashioned of splendid quality imported shrunken linen. The jacket is a single-breasted model, made to button through, made snug-fitting, finished with self-strapping, collar of black-and-white striped satin and cuffs piped with same. The skirt is a new flare model, finished with self-strappings, panel front and rows of white pearl buttons. Shown in tan, pink, blue, white and helio linen. Similar model shown elsewhere for \$26.00. Fifty Suits in this special order collection—sizes 34 to 40.

Very Special, \$19.74

10,000 Yards 19-Inch Colored Pongee Silks 29c

Sale Making Season's Best Record for Underpricing of Pure Silk Fabrics. We have had previous sales of similar silk; but we never had enough to satisfy the demand. The volume of selling indicated the splendid judgment of values our customers possess. We have now gathered a much greater quantity than we have heretofore been able to secure.

This is a GREATER SALE—ONE WITHOUT PRECEDENT. If you can make any possible use of good Pongee Silk buy liberally. The mills could not supply it to you now at anything like a low price. The sale stock is ample. It embraces ample quantities of white, cream and natural Pongee, as well as all the wanted colorings. In addition a special offering of BLACK PONGEE SILK AT 49c.

Pure Silk, fine quality, 26 inches wide. One of the best wearing Silks you can buy. Finer Silks in regular stocks, including foreign novelties, ranging in price up to \$7.98 a yard.

Hand Bags: 900 Samples at Remarkably Low Prices.

Three different groups—and every Bag concerned new—of late design, and in every way desirable samples, not to be duplicated at such low prices, so early selection is advisable. \$2.00 to \$3.00 Bags, 94c. Six hundred Bags, in all desirable leathers, including fancy calfskin, crasse pin seal, English Morocco, frogskin and pigskin; German silver frames, some mounted with stones; also genuine gun metal frames; leather and chain handles.

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Hand Bags, \$1.49. Designs and leathers similar to those mentioned above—only larger and more elaborate. One hundred in all. \$5.00 to \$20.00 Bags, \$3.49, \$4.96, \$6.49 and \$9.89. The cream of the entire collection of Samples and unquestionably the best values we have had in a long time.

Included are Fitted Automobile Bags, large size Carriage Bags, Vanity and Envelope Bags—the finest of the kind manufactured. In this particular lot there are 200 bags.

Sale of Solid Gold Jewelry

Jewelry that escaped the melting pot of the manufacturer because he was willing to dispose of it for what the gold alone would bring. Scarfpins, Cuff Links and Collar and Cuff Pins—odds and ends of designs no longer to be made. Rich picking:—

SCARFPINS, head and flower designs, plain, polished and Roman signets for monograms; also headed edge Pins in art nouveau and fancy effects; made to sell for \$1.00 and \$1.25, sale... 49c

SCARFPINS, designs similar to above, set with pearls and colored stones—some with genuine baroque pearls; made to sell for \$1.50 and \$2.00, sale... 69c

COLLAR AND CUFF PINS, plain polished, beaded edges, Roman and antique finishes; made to sell for \$2.00, sale... 94c

CUFF LINKS, polished, in oval and round designs, Roman and rose finishes; made to sell for \$2.00 and \$2.50, sale... \$1.24

CUFF LINKS, styles similar to the above, but the links are larger and heavier; made to sell at \$3.50 and \$4.00, sale... \$1.98

CUFF LINKS, engraved and etched; some set with rose diamonds, others in Roman and art nouveau designs; made to sell for \$4.50, sale... \$2.97

In regular stocks we show rich assortments of high class Gold and Diamond Jewelry, including single specimens, priced up to \$1,550.00

Vacation Trunks and Bags.

Inexpensive Trunks and Bags, made less so by a special pricing advantageous to the fund you have set aside for the vacation. "VICTORIA" TRAVELLING TRUNKS, covered with waterproof canvas, protected by hardwood slats and fibre binding, iron bottom and brass locks; fitted with deep set-up tray.

Size 28-in. 30-in. 32-in. 34-in. 36-in. Each \$4.19 \$4.54 \$4.91 \$5.27 \$5.63

"SARATOGA" TRAVELLING TRUNKS, made of selected wood, covered with heavy duck brass lock, cloth lining. Size 28-in. 30-in. 32-in. 34-in. 36-in. Each \$5.07 \$5.42 \$5.77 \$6.14 \$6.49

FURNITURE---Stock-Shaping for The Great Semi-Annual Sale.

OUR August sale of Furniture starts Monday, August 5. This final week for shaping stocks and getting things ready for the big event demands drastic action along certain lines. Summer Furniture—every piece remaining—you may own at reductions of 30% to one-half. Of like interest—all dropped-pattern Furniture—designs we will not be able to duplicate. Among them you will find pieces for every room in the home. Remnant prices. Ready!

Mission Clocks.

LARGE HANGING WALL CLOCK, like cut, 31 inches high, 18 inches across dial; woodwork finished in Dutch oak; fitted with New Haven guaranteed 8-day movement; brass hands and figures on dial; regular price \$2.97; sale... \$2.49

MISSION MANTEL CLOCK—Dutch oak finish, as illustrated; 17 inches high; has brass hands and figures; fitted with New Haven one-day guaranteed movement; regularly \$1.49; sale... \$1.14

Finer Clocks in stock, including massive Hall Clocks (on the fourth floor) at prices ranging up to \$294.68.

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It is Straus Cut Glass—world's fair prize-winning ware from our own shops—and the reductions affect our own prices—regularly the lowest quoted for finest Cut Glass. The loss we take in the price we pay to keep our glass-cutting force intact during the midsummer—a dull time when other factories close up, to sell much under real value. Ideas:

- Sugar and Cream, \$2.50 value, \$1.98. Berry Bowl, 7-inch, \$2.50 value, \$1.98. Salad Bowl, 8-inch, \$2.75 value, \$1.98. Olive Dish, 5-inch, \$1.15 value, 73c. Ice Cream Sauce, 6-inch, \$1.25 value, 80c. Low Jelly Bowl, 8-inch, \$2.25 value, \$1.69. Fruit Bowl, 9-inch, \$5.50 value, \$3.98. Handled Basket, \$5.00 value, \$3.49. High-footed Olive Dish, \$5.00 value, \$1.97.

In this sale is a large variety of finer pieces, ranging up to \$14.87.

Austrian China Samples: Final

Here is the last lot of Austrian China Samples the main floor and basement bargain tables will hold this season. There will be samples from other potteries, but no more from Austrian potteries. Share them at fractional prices while time is ripe. Included in the lot are such pieces as:—

- SALAD DISHES, JELLY DISHES, CRACKER JARS, CHOCOLATE POTS, SUGAR BOWLS, CREAMERS, CUPS AND SAUCERS, SYRUP PITCHERS, BREAD BOWLS, CELERY TRAYS, JUGS, PLATES, CHOP DISHES, VEGETABLE AND MEAT DISHES AND COMB AND BRUSH TRAYS.

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Our China and Glassware supremacy is not limited to medium and high class wares. Stocks of best aristocratic kitchen Crockery are correspondingly broad. Commonplace wares like Stone Bread Crocks, Butter Crocks, Jelly Moulds, Sturdy Mixing Bowls, Water Coolers, Refrigerator Pans, Butter Pans, Yellow and White Glassware and scores of blue jars, labelled, for the pantry shelves.