

says that it is not a pupil's desk at all but an usher's desk. But William Shakespeare may have been an usher! And indeed he can be made over into anything required to fit him to his posthumous relics.

THE SHAKESPEARE SHUFFLEBOARD. William Shakespeare died in 1616, but at this house but at New Place, which he had purchased in 1597. Whether he had ever lived in this part of the present house is no more and no less a guess than, as we have seen, the guess as to his father's residence there. He may have lived in the Greenhill house or in the other Henley street house, perhaps one of the houses the Stratford Alderman pulled down in 1903 to build a library when Miss Marie Correll petitioned Parliament and the Crown itself to interfere and got not only jered at for her pains. We cannot find anything to guide us in ascertaining whether after Shakespeare's residence in London his wife and family lived in this particular house with John, the father, or whether on the acquisition of New Place all of them removed to the larger mansion from whatever other premises they occupied in the town. But at the date of Garrick's jubilee this house had been for about a century in various hands, had been used for a tenement, again as a shop, again as a tenement and shop combined, &c. How during all these vicissitudes did William Shakespeare's shuffleboard happen to remain on those premises? We are saved a headache in trying to grapple with these questions by Mr. Skipsey himself, who says that he ascertained that when the neighborhood was scoured for antique furniture, bedsteads, chests of drawers, settles, &c., to give an air of verisimilitude to "Shakespeare's birthplace," this particular shuffleboard was brought over from the Falcon Inn just opposite!

SHAKESPEARE'S FLAGON. This is a flagon, sure enough, and, fortunately for it, there is no record of its having been brought across the street from the Falcon tavern. But admitting that it might have remained on these premises from 1564 to 1851, and that Shakespeare did not take it with him when his family went to New Place to live in or about 1587, still we are bothered to remember that Shakespeare could hardly have used it or even owned it. For our biographers tell us that he must, in order to have written the plays and poems, have left Stratford and gone to London somewhere about his eighteenth birthday, say in 1582, and boys of 18 do not use "flagons."

SHAKESPEARE'S SIGNET RING AND BROOCH. And again, do boys of 18 wear signet rings and brooches, or did they in those days? To account for Shakespeare in all we must remember that he fled from Stratford before Sir Thomas Lucy's baillifs on account of an "unluckiness in Deane stealing," as the old entry has it, at about his eighteenth year. And he returned not to this squallid little birthplace but to New Place, the grandest mansion in the town, so grand that it was selected for the residence of Charles I.'s Queen, Henrietta Maria, on her Warwickshire visit. Was he assured that it was the one that Falstaff proposed to value at forty marks as against his landlady's reckoning, but that Prince Hal assented at eightpence, we could better believe in it than when told that the rich London theatre proprietor and richest man in Stratford wore it. And, by the way, there is no coat of arms thereon, but only a "W. S." which can upon occasion be tortured into something besides the initials for William Shakespeare. We commend to those who parade the fraudulent coat of arms the dilemma that arises just here!

SHAKESPEARE'S TOBACCO PIPE. This, in defiance of the theory that Shakespeare wrote the Shakespeare plays, in which tobacco is the only thing never by any accident mentioned or hinted at, I believe, still exhibited to tourists in spite of Mr. Skipsey's threatened nervous prostration. But Shakespeare, if he were a smoker, would perhaps have contracted the habit in London, since boys of 18 or less do not in these days use the weed, and he did not abandon it on his return to Stratford, and his residence after his return was at New Place, how did the tobacco pipe happen to be here in Henley street? That remarkable person the Rev. Francis Gastrell razed New Place to the ground. But this was long years before this Henley street house was pitched upon by our fellow countryman Mr. Barnum as Shakespeare's birthplace. So perhaps the utmost that can be said is that anyhow the relics are quite as authentic as the house that contains them or the roof that covers them! The really interesting thing to find out would be what induced or guided Mr. Barnum to select this particular one of John Shakespeare's Henley street houses as the birthplace of the great dramatist. That point settled, we might properly proceed to inquire why the birthplace trustees selected that particular chamber as the one in which the dramatist first entered upon existence. But Mr. Barnum is dead and the birthplace trustees will not tell aught of their secrets. All that Trinity parish records tell us is that William, son of John Shakespeare, was baptized April 26, 1564. But as the entry does not state the age of the child receiving the sacrament we are lost to know the date of his birth, whence possibly a record or tradition might be found as to which of the two domiciles the parents were occupying at the date of his birth. But unless William Shakespeare was born 8 years old he could not have been born in the premises now exhibited for a slight fee to the Birthplace Trust as "the birthplace."

THE ANNE HATHAWAY COTTAGE AT SEOTERY. We have no record of any ceremony of marriage between William Shakespeare and any bride. But that he was married we have two suggestions, the marriage license and the marriage bond, both of which occur in reverse, the bond having been given after the license is issued of before it. The license is to permit William Shakespeare to marry "Anna Whately of Temple Grafton" and is dated November 28, 1582. But the bond, which Fulk Sandells and John Richardson sign as sureties, and which is sealed with a seal bearing the initials R. H. H. and is dated the day after, uses the name of the bride as "Anne Hathaway."

When then did Shakespeare marry? If the bride was a daughter of Richard Hathaway, whose initials the "R. H." of the seal may have been, then another question arises, namely, Richard Hathaway's daughter was named "Agnes" and "Anne" at all. A Miss Leith suggests that the careless spelling may not be confined to the names of the bride-bridemaid, but that "Whately" may also be a misspelling of "Whately" and that one George Whately was a member of the Stratford town council at the same time with John Shakespeare, and that

his daughter it may have been, and not Ann Hathaway at all, that Shakespeare married.

Miss Leith's suggestion is as good as any other where all is suggestion and guesswork, but while our faith may be equal to accepting careless orthography as reconciling "Agnes" with "Anna" or "Hathway" with "Hathaway," it balks when asked to understand a maiden "Whately of Temple Grafton" as a maiden "Hathaway of Shottery." But even if an Anne Hathaway lived at Shottery, she never lived in the cottage now called here (which contains of course the very settle where she was courted, &c.). The Hathaway cottage at Shottery long since disappeared. The present one stands on a part of Richard Hathaway's farm and curtilage and has been rebuilt many times and altered many times. Mrs. Baker, who did the honors of the fake cottage as "the last of the Hathaways" so many years, was a pious fraud, all three of the aforesaid Hathaway families having become extinct about a hundred years before Mrs. Baker's birth. Yet another of THE SUN can see Anne Hathaway's bedroom, the settle in the fireplace where the lovers spooned as they watched the embers die, &c., for a trifling fee. And no complaint of threatened brain paralysis comes from the pretty girl at Anne Hathaway's cottage gate who does not scorn a kiss in exchange for a nosegay from the real Anne Hathaway garden.

APPLINGTON MORGAN.

DIVIDING COLFAX LIBRARY. Son of Former Vice-President Shares the Collection with Historians.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 15.—Disposition is being made of the valuable private library of Schuyler Colfax, former Vice-president of United States, following the death of Mrs. Colfax and sale of the family home here. Some of the books go to the Northern Indiana Historical Society and the South Bend Training School and the remainder are being taken by the son, Schuyler Colfax, Jr., and sent to his home in Rochester, N. Y. Something like 1,000 volumes, among which are many old and valuable works, have been divided between the historical society and training school. All books of a historical character go to the former. Included are many volumes of the Congressional Record of the four years of the civil war, when Mr. Colfax was Speaker of the House of Representatives, and of the years he served as Vice-President.

NEWPORT STILL DOUBTS.

No Confirmation of Report That Miss Sherman is Engaged to Lord Camoys. Newport, R. I., July 15.—The report of the engagement of Miss Mildred Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts Sherman of this city, and Lord Camoys of England came as a surprise to the members of the social colony here. No direct confirmation or denial of the report will be made by members of the family. Mrs. Sherman was not approachable to-day, but Mr. Sherman said that he had no information upon the subject to give out. The report of engagement formed one of the chief topics of conversation in social circles here to-day.

Brightside Day Nursery. A new building of the Brightside Day Nursery will be opened to-day at Oakhurst, near Elberon, N. J. A reception will be held in the afternoon. The new structure, which was built to accommodate 100 children, is the gift of Mrs. S. R. Guggenheim and is a memorial to Mr. Guggenheim's mother. The Brightside Day Nursery was opened eighteen years ago by Mrs. S. R. Guggenheim and Miss Julia Clemons. It is a non-sectarian institution. The new building presented by Mrs. Guggenheim was erected by White S. Coyne of Long Branch from the plans and specifications of Leon Cuddeback. The buildings are in the center of a pine wood near the ocean. Only children whose mothers are breadwinners are taken at the home, and any who have been there are kept track of until they are 7 years old, when they go to public school.

Waldo Officer of Spanish War Veterans. Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo has just been appointed chief of staff to Commander Bernhardt Wall, Department of New York Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Waldo served in the war with Spain in the Philippines as a Lieutenant in the Seventeenth United States Infantry and was later a Captain in the Philippine Scouts. To Commander Waldo has been granted permission by Col. George R. Dyer of the Twelfth Regiment to have his headquarters at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, and Thursday night of each week will be headquarters night.

The Seagoers. Sailing to-day by the Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, for London: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Eastman, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Bennett, Capt. J. E. Farrell, Dr. and Mrs. Gladstone Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Morse, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Parker, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stimson and Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Vaughan.

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NAVAL MILITIA OFF TO FIGHT

HERETOFORE THEY'VE STUDIED ONLY SEAMANSHIP.

But This Time They Will Have a Part in the Defense of New York From the Onset of Part of the North Atlantic Squadron—Back on Saturday Next.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—In accordance with a programme drawn up by the Navy Department, Commander Davis of the naval militia division of the navy and Rear Admiral Osterhaus, the new commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, the work of mobilizing the joint navy and naval militia forces began to-day for the most elaborate joint maneuvers ever undertaken by those combined forces. The problem calls for an attack upon the rear entrance to New York city by way of Long Island Sound. The Sound will be defended by the Atlantic torpedo fleet, Commander E. E. Eberle, assisted by the vessels of the naval militia of the Atlantic coast. The attack will be made by the Atlantic fleet of battleships and cruisers, having on board militias of some States not having vessels of their own. The naval militias of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, however, will be divided on each side, a portion of these militias assisting in the defence with their ships and the remainder being distributed among the ships of the battleship fleet.

The original scheme called for joint exercises with the land defenses under the army, but this was abandoned and only the navy and naval militia will participate. The officers and men of the naval militias were directed to embark on the battleship to-day as follows: Maine, 98, on the cruiser Washington at Portland; Rhode Island, 110, on the battleship Michigan at Newport, Connecticut, 130, on the battleship Connecticut at New London, New York, 158, on the Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Minnesota and New Jersey at New York city, District of Columbia, 108, on the battleship Virginia at Hampton Roads; Pennsylvania, 97, on the battleship Idaho at Philadelphia, and South Carolina, 108, on the Nebraska at Hampton Roads.

The joint exercises will begin July 18 and last about two days and nights. The battleship fleet will endeavor to enter the Sound and the torpedo fleet and the naval militia vessels will oppose them. The maneuvers will be confined to the waters at the eastern end of Long Island.

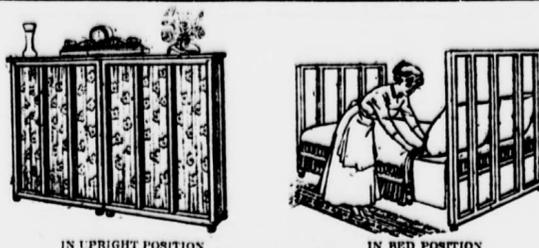
The First, Second and Third battalions of the New York Naval Militia sailed from New York yesterday to join the training squadron which is to take part in the sham battle at the entrance to Long Island Sound and later to share in the naval maneuvers at Gardiner's Bay.

The First and Second battalions are recruited from New York city. The Third comes from Rochester. The men of this battalion left there on Friday night, reaching New York early yesterday. With the First Battalion the men from Rochester boarded the cruiser Washington and the battleship Missouri, which lay off Ninety-seventh street in the North River. The Second Battalion was divided up among the battleships Ohio, Maine and Mississippi, which were anchored in the upper bay off Totten-ville. The embarkation was made from the battalion armory in South Brooklyn, the men crossing the bay in cutters and launches. Altogether about 600 of the 1,000 members of the three battalions got off to sea.

The New York contingent will be under the command of Commodore R. P. Forshaw. His staff is composed of these officers: Chief of staff, Alfred B. Fry; judge advocate, John G. Agar; engineer officer, Lieutenant-Commander Robert J. Beach; surgeon, Lieutenant-Commander John C. MacEvitt; paymaster, Lieutenant-Commander Girard B. Townsend; signal officer, Eakford C. De Kay. The First Battalion is in charge of Capt. Russell R. Raynor, the Second is in charge of Executive Officer Kinsey Martin and the Third is in charge of Lieutenant-Commander E. N. Walbridge.

Commodore Forshaw will be at the Naval Militia headquarters at the foot of West Ninety-seventh street when the men went aboard ship yesterday morning. The embarkation began at 8:10 o'clock, and for nearly an hour the navy cutters and launches were chugging back and forth between ship and shore carrying the citizen sailors. Then the two warships hoisted anchor and steamed down the river to join the Mississippi, the Maine and the Ohio off Staten Island. Commodore Forshaw, in the Commodore's yacht, the Mohican, had meantime gone on ahead.

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Mr. Joyce, however, was in the Yorkville police court at 8 o'clock to look after Alvin Richmond, his chauffeur, who had been summoned to court for allowing his automobile to smoke on Fifth avenue Friday while his employer was in the machine. The president of the company telephoned from the court to the Battery to hold up the starting of the excursion and said he would try to get down there by 10 o'clock. He explained his predicament to the court people and they tried to help him by putting his case first. It was 9:20 o'clock when the chauffeur was arraigned. A lawyer appeared and pleaded guilty so as to hasten the disposition. Magistrate Krotel imposed a three dollar fine, which was quickly paid and Mr. Joyce jumped into a waiting automobile and set out for the Battery.

MISS ALICE DREXEL'S DEBUT. Young Hostess Recovered From Appendicitis in Time for Her Party. Newport, R. I., July 15.—Miss Alice Gordon Drexel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel of Philadelphia, made her debut to society this afternoon at a garden party given by her mother at the Drexel summer home, Fairholm. The party was the occasion for a large gathering of members of the summer colony here. Miss Drexel was obliged to remain seated while receiving her friends on account of her recent operation for appendicitis. It was at first thought that her coming out party would have to be postponed, but Miss Drexel recovered so rapidly that no change of date was necessary. She was assisted in receiving by her mother and her aunt, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer of Philadelphia.

Assignments for Brooklyn Priests. Bishop McDonnell has assigned the Rev. Thomas E. Crawford to St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, of which the Rev. John G. Fitzgerald is rector. He will fill temporarily the place of the Rev. Hugh Lynch. The Rev. John F. O'Keefe has been assigned to the Church of the Holy Name, Prospect Park West and Prospect avenue, of which the Rev. T. S. O'Reilly is the rector.

Suicide of William F. Tway. William F. Tway, a manufacturer of piano players, who lived at 416 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, committed suicide at his home yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was 65 years old and had been a sufferer from a nervous affection. His factory was at 1201 Atlantic avenue and he was supposed to be doing a prosperous business.

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