WOMAN IS HELD FOR POISON PEN NOTES

Flood of Anonymous Letters Leads to Arrest of Miss Samuels of Goshen.

MANY HERE ATTACKED

GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Theresa Samuels, 30 years old, unmarried and a member of a well to do and respected Jewish family of this village, was arrested this afternoon by Post Office Inspectors Fitch and Duryea and charged with writing the slanderous anonymous letters that have so painfully affected the lives of many young women and their families and friends in and around New York city for the past few months.

The arrest of Miss Samuels was the outcome of many weeks of diligent investigation by Inspector P. F. Fitch. Assisted by a handwriting expert of New York city, William J. Kinsley, by the resources of the Post Office Department's secret service and by various persons who volunteered their services to put an end to an unbearable state of affairs, Inspector Fitch finally made up his mind that all or the greater part of the twenty-eight "poisoned pen" letters that were written in recent months to young brides or to girls about to be married were the work of Miss Samuels.

How Writer Dealt Blows.

In certain particulars there were distinct similarities in the handwriting of all of the letters. The language employed in all was practically the same and was, except for necessary deletions, as follows:

"Dear Madam: I write to you at random, being an entire stranger to you, to put you wise to the fact that ——— is my husband and father of my twin babies, 6 months old. He was forced to marry me by the irate father with a shotgun. What his offence is useless to relate. How can you claim another's property?

"How he evidently had the cast iron nerve of posing to you as a single fellow I cannot understand. So you better drop him at once or I will be after you. He left me at the time my twins were born, saying he was going on a trip West and would return in six to eight weeks, though I have never seen or heard anything of him since. It is only recently I learned of his whereabouts, &c., and will make it hard for you and him both. So if you know what is good for you you had better drop him at once or I will be after you. Now please remember he has a wife and babies.

"You should find a man out before taking such a serious step as matrimony."

In each case of course the signature assumed to be that of the "wronged wife" of the bridegroom of the recipient.

One of the letters to which Inspector Fitch paid particular attention was enclosed in an envelope upon the back of which was printed "Private Pavilion, Mount Sinai Hospital." Mr. Fitch reserved this for a clue while he sought for others. He had already established through Expert Kinsley that in all probability all of the letters were written by the same person.

Search Turned to Goshen.

At first the writer was sought for in the immediate vicinity of New York city. Then Mr. Fitch learned that one woman in this village had received three letters, and this fact indicated to him that she was the especial target of the letter writer's venom and that therefore the letter writer probably lived in the same village.

The long hunt, which was spurred from time to time as letters were received by the wife of Assistant United States Attorney Claude A. Thompson, Miss Elsie Seydel of 400 West 153d street and by various other young women, led Inspector Fitch to this village this afternoon. Here he learned that Miss Samuels had visited Mount Sinai Hospital in New York city frequently previous to the death there of her mother several weeks ago. He was told that Miss Samuels's handwriting corresponded accurately to the handwriting of the anonymous letters. He developed other points of his investigation in a way that satisfied him he was justified in escorting Miss Samuels to the parlor of the Occidental Hotel here, where she was questioned.

The result of the inquisition was that she was placed formally under arrest in the presence of Inspectors Fitch and Duryea and Postmaster Charles Fitzpatrick of Goshen. She was taken before United States Marshal Roberts and placed in his custody to await examination, her bail meanwhile being fixed at $5,000. It is expected here that bail will be furnished promptly by members of her family.

Thought Mentally Unbalanced.

It is said of Miss Samuels that she has become unbalanced mentally because of the grief and melancholia that seized her after her mother, Mrs. Dora Samuels, died.

The superintendent of Mount Sinai Hospital said last night that Mrs. Samuels died in the hospital on October 8, 1915.

Assistant United States Attorney Edward W. McDonald, who will conduct the prosecution of Miss Samuels, said last night that he had received from Inspectors Fitch and Duryea in Goshen the telegraphed information that Miss Samuels had made a complete confession.

"The inspectors did very clever work," said Mr. McDonald. "All they had to go on at first was the fact that a woman in Goshen had been especially singled out by the animosity of the writer and had received three letters. Then Fitch went to Goshen, nosed around, heard all the talk, drew his inference, got possession of specimens of Miss Samuels's handwriting, procured the help of Postmaster Fitzpatrick and so was able to make the arrest.

"We have in our possession about twenty of these slanderous letters. The last one was written on December 11, 1915, to Miss Elsie Seydel, and was enclosed in the Mount Sinai envelope. I will arraign Miss Samuels before United States Commissioner Houghton at 2 P. M. to-morrow and will ask that she be held in $10,000 bail, provided that her mental condition justifies the ordinary procedure. In my indictment papers I shall specify every letter written as a distinct offence, and the penalty for writing any letter is five years in prison, $5,000 fine or both."

AIR TRIP COSTS HER LIFE.

Woman, 74, Wanted to Fly Once Before She Died.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 16.—The desire of Mrs. Lulu Comstock, aged 74, of this city "to fly once before I die" was granted to-day and cost her life. She arranged for a flight with an aviator, Anton Meyerhoffer, Jr., that ended with the falling of the flying boat into San Diego Bay.

A few minutes after the seaplane was in the air, according to the story told by Meyerhoffer, Mrs. Comstock was seized with a fit and grasped the aviator, which caused him to lose control of the machine.

REPRESENTATIVES of the nations in the British War Relief Association's benefit at the Booth Theatre to-night. Standing—left to right—Mrs. Cosmo Hamilton as Dolly Varden, Mrs. Lois Dale as Russia, Miss Mabelle Adams as Canada, Mrs. L. A. O'Brien as England. Seated—left to right—Mrs. W. A. Johnston as Italy, Mrs. John Sloan as Japan and Mrs. Frederick Pope as a Russian peasant.

E. H. Sothern will give a benefit performance of "Lord Dundreary" at the Booth Theatre this afternoon in the interest of the British War Relief Fund, of which Dr. Livingston Seaman is president and Mrs. Oliver Hereford vice-president. The performance will be preceded by a one act sketch entitled "A Nocturne," by Anthony P. Wharton.

An artistic programme, to which several writers and artists of note have contributed, will be sold in the lobby by young women in costume. The proceeds of the benefit will be used in purchasing winter clothing for the allied armies at the front in Europe.

Dr. Seaman, president of the War Relief Association, has received a letter from King George expressing his thanks for the kindly offer of the benefit and giving direction for sending the clothing and other supplies which will be bought from the proceeds of the performance.

Among those who have contributed illustrations to the programme are George Bellows, Enrico Caruso, Charles Dana Gibson, William Glackens, Childe Hassam, John Sloan, Edward Simmons and Walter Hale. Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Charles Hanson Towne have contributed pro-Ally verses and the bas-relief cover design of the programme is the work of Oliver Hereford.

The programme sellers in costume will include Mrs. L. A. O'Brian, Mrs. Forbes Robertson Hale, Mrs. Cosmo Hamilton, Miss Molly Pearson and Miss Haldee Wright, as England; Mme. Terese Cerutti and Miss Sidney P. Thompson as France, Mrs. Lois Dale and Mrs. Frederick Pope as Russia, Mrs. William Johnston, Miss de Montfort and Miss Mary Nash as Italy. Others will represent Ireland, Belgium, Scotland, Canada, Serbia and Japan.

FAITH NO CRIME, HEALER'S DEFENCE

Detectives Tell in Court of Paying Pastor Murray Fees for Cures.

DECISION IS RESERVED

W. John Murray, pastor of the Church of the Healing Christ, a group of about 400, which meets every Sunday in the Laurel room of the Astor Hotel, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Breen in the West Side court charged with practising medicine without a license.

The evidence on which the charge was brought was presented by Detective Isabella Goodwin and Sergt. Horton, who told of having visited the pastor with complaints of fictitious ailments, which he diagnosed and treated by prayer.

Mrs. Goodwin said that she went to Murray's home at 113 West Eighty-seventh street on November 10, taking with her a girl who posed as her daughter. Murray, after collecting a fee of $2, prayed over her companion. Mrs. Goodwin said that he did this on two other occasions. On December 9 Sergt. Horton, posing as a laborer, accompanied Mrs. Goodwin and was prayed over for an alleged disordered liver, paying $1 for the prayer.

Magistrate Breen reserved decision until next Thursday, when Murray will appear before him in the Eighth District Court. In the meanwhile Murray was released on $1,000 bail.

At his home after the trial Mr. Murray said that while he had prayed as the detectives charged there was no violation of the law.

"I did not diagnose illnesses or pretend to treat them," he said. "I merely prayed with the sufferers as a minister of Christ. There is no wrong in a person seeking prayer for spiritual or bodily hurts, whether in conjunction with or in place of a physician's services. It is a matter of Christianity, not of healing by mental exercise. God alone can cure, whether by drugs or otherwise, and my parishioners come to me to beseech His aid. There are others in my church who do the same thing, and while we take fees for our time from those who can afford more cases are prayed for with no thought of pay. In fact we as often as not give help to those who need it.

"All this is the result of the spite of a woman in my congregation who is piqued because she thinks she has been wrongfully used in not getting certain offices. She has made other charges, serious ones, involving immorality on my part. There is no truth in any of them."

WHITMAN DENIES URGING TAX.

Never Said $6,000,000 Direct Levy Would Be Needed Next Year.

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—Gov. Whitman denied to-day that he ever said that the next Legislature would be called upon to levy a direct tax of from $6,000,000 to $10,000,000. The Governor was credited with a statement to this effect and the letter sent to him last night by Comptroller Travis, in which the latter predicted that there would be only a small direct tax levied and perhaps none at all, prompted the Governor to deny the statements attributed to him. He said such reports were "absolutely without foundation" and added:

"For the past months I have devoted a great deal of time and effort in the endeavor to bring about retrenchment in the cost of State government, with the idea if possible of reducing the expenses of the State to a point where a direct tax next year could be avoided.

"I regard the effort to increase the revenues of the State as secondary in importance to the effort to reduce the expenses to a minimum with proper administration. I shall look with favor on any proposed increases of revenue by indirect taxation when we are satisfied that these increases of revenue are required by the urgent needs of government and to avoid direct taxation, and only then."

U. S. LAWS STOP BEST BILLIARDIST IN FRANCE

Champion Cassignol and Son's Fiancee Are Halted as Smugglers of Blouses.

Francois Firmin Cassignol, the French billiard champion, and his son's fiancee, Mlle. Mary Louis Bailhus, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Houghton yesterday on a charge of smuggling about $500 worth of women's blouses when they arrived here Wednesday on the French liner Espagne. Cassignol tried to explain in French that he had been unjustly accused by Assistant United States Attorney Carstarphen.

Cassignol came here to play the American champion, Willie Hoppe, and the Japanese cue expert, Kogi Yamada. His son was at the front fighting, so to console Mlle. Bailhus he brought her along for a tour of this country. Before leaving Paris, Assistant United States Attorney Carstarphen says, they bought over $1,000 worth of blouses and divided them up on the steamer so that $500 worth were in Mlle. Bailhus's trunk when they arrived.

Cassignol declared all the goods in his trunk, but neglected to list the blouses in his companion's baggage. The customs inspector invited them to return to see Collector Malone, who after examining them turned the case over to Mr. Carstarphen. He believes that the blouses were to be sold here. Cassignol was held in $1,000 bail and Mlle. Bailhus in $500. They furnished bonds.

HUNGRY 300 CHEERED WITH FREE LOAVES

Tom Merry Gives Heartening Words With the Bread He Distributes.

When the doors of THE SUN'S free bread depot at 2 Prince street (next to Foley, the florist) opened yesterday afternoon and revealed the smiling features of Tom Merry and Dick Bright there were seventy-five miserable and dejected men standing in line and shivering.

Some of them had stood there trying to warm up to an unresponsive shaft of sunlight for more than an hour. Others had been there less time, but looked no less forlorn as a rowdy sort of person, Jack Frost, went dancing over their toes.

"Now," said Mr. Merry, working as usual on the principle that cheer and charity go together, "step lively, boys! Here's a smile with every loaf and good luck thrown in."

They trooped in one at a time, each getting his loaf and some of them responding, almost against their wills it seemed, with a laugh for the quips, and jokes and general cheerfulness of Messrs. Merry and Bright.

And after the first seventy-five had been supplied with a loaf apiece and a pat on the back and a "Buck up, old man!" others filed in and filed in and filed in until when the doors of the bread depot were closed at 5 o'clock more than 300 had uttered in their hearts, if they had a heart left, a "Thank you" to the generously disposed readers of THE SUN who by their contributions made the free bread depot possible.

When the day's business was over Mr. Merry turned to his account book and made the following entry: "Mrs. Simon Krankel, $5, and Mr. Anonymous, $5."

BARNARD OFFICERS ELECTED.

Trustees Fill Posts for 1916—Gift for Scholarship.

The trustees of Barnard College have elected officers for 1916 as follows: Dr. Silas B. Brownwell, chairman; Frederic B. Jennings, clerk; Mrs. A. A. Anderson, vice-chairman; George A. Plimpton, treasurer; Albert G. Milbank and Miss Clara B. Spence, members of the executive committee until 1919.

The election of Mrs. George McAneny (Mary Jacobi, '99) as trustee for 1915-1919 was confirmed.

The trustees accepted a gift of $150 from the Society of the Daughters of Holland Dames for the establishment for the present year of the Wilhelmina scholarship. This has been awarded to Miss Evelyn Van Duyn, 1916.

MYSTERIOUS 'MISS X' NAMED BY MRS. COLT

Wife, Seeking Divorce, Admits Never Believing in Guilt of Girl in Case.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 16.—How "Miss X," said to be the daughter of a prominent New York man, went to Europe on the same steamer with Harris Dunscomb Colt in 1908, spent a night in the Hotel Continental, Paris, and later went to Stuttgart, Germany, with him, was told here to-day by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Colt in her suit for divorce.

The name of the mysterious young woman was kept a secret by consent of both counsel. Mrs. Colt said that "Miss X" travelled without maid or chaperon.

Colt is being represented by former Assistant District Attorney Rand of New York, who was recently counsel for the Hamburg-American officials. Under the cross-examination of Attorney Rand Mrs. Colt said that she did not know of any improper relations between her husband and "Miss X," and finally admitted that she had never believed that any had existed.

"Did you ever call your husband a brute?" asked Attorney Rand.

"I have, and I do yet," answered Mrs. Colt.

"Did you ever call him a damned liar?"

"I don't remember."

"Do you still consider him a cad, a brute, a hypocrite and a coward?"

"I do."

Mrs. Colt declared that her husband's dispute with her about the care of their child had made her a nervous wreck.

She did not deny that she had been sent to a sanitarium, but said that her husband had done this in order to take the child away from her.

Before going to the sanitarium she said she signed a pledge at her husband's request, promising not to drink whiskey. She broke the pledge, she said, when she found that Colt was having her watched and annoyed. The pledge, she believed, applied to whiskey and did not include brandy, gin or absinthe.

Mrs. Colt said that when she lived with her husband she always took a cocktail for dinner. When she was ill, later, she drank whiskey and brandy by the teaspoonful, but denied that she had taken these to excess.

When she was asked by Judge Case if she always drank according to teaspoonful measure, she replied:

"Oh, I drank highballs all my life."

JUNIOR LEAGUE REHEARSING.

Annual Entertainment to Include Motion Picture Play.

Members of the Junior League are busy rehearsing for their annual entertainment to be held in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on January 24, 25 and 26. It is to be entitled "The City of Beautiful Nonsense" and there will be a moving picture feature which is sure to be of great novelty as well as amusing. This will be called "The Flame of the Kapur," the scenario of which has been written by Miss Grace Henry.

Some of the scenes to be reproduced in the photo play have already been made at the country estate of Mrs. John T. Pratt in Glen Cove. Others of the scenes will be made at the houses of Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. James Byrne in this city. Miss Angelica Schuyler Brown will be the heroine of the play, and the leading male role will be played by Edward Shippen 2d. Among others to take part are Miss Cornelia Landon, Miss Theodora Larocque, Miss Edith Mortimer, Miss Henry, Schuyler L. Parsons, Jr., James Clark and Bayard Rives.

There will also appear in the photo play the Misses Cornelia Chapin, Ruth Cutting, Frances Henry, Mary Alexander, Margaret Luce and Helen G. Alexander, John P. S. Harrison, Benjamin Moore, Anderson Dana, Harvey Graham, Charles H. Marshall, 4d, Macculloch Miller, Jr., Richard Whitney and Frederic Goodwin.

Members of the league gave a private entertainment yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, 24 East Sixty-seventh street, at which were present only mothers and friends of the young people. Four little plays were acted by Mrs. John T. Terry, Jr., the Misses Catherine Colt, Louise Butler, Flora McAlpin, Dorothy Anderton, Marion Hall, Mildred Townsend, Gabrielle Gourd, Margaret Trevor, Amy Bradish Johnson, Caramai Carroll, Louise R. Hoadley, Frances Henry, Ruth Cutting and Carol Murray.

2 KILLED, 1 DYING IN MAINE BANDIT CHASE

Safe Blowers Tackle Railroad Safe and One of Pair Is Fatally Shot.

AGENT HALTS ROBBERY

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 16.—The station agent of the Maine Central Railroad at West Falmouth, where things seldom happen, found two burglars trying to blow open the safe there to-day. He gave chase, and in the pursuit which followed both he and a Portland policeman were shot and killed and the two fugitives were filled with buckshot before they were captured. One of them probably will die.

Winslow, the station agent, discovered the two burglars when he entered the station after having gone home for lunch. The men had everything in readiness for blowing the safe when he walked in. They made good their escape, but Winslow telegraphed to Portland for assistance and started in pursuit, both of the men heading this way.

Policeman Charles S. McIntosh, who was sent from Portland to intercept the men, ran into them, with Winslow close upon their heels, at North Deering. A pistol battle ensued in which the station agent fired two shots and then toppled over dead.

McIntosh emptied the contents of his gun at the two men, but only one cartridge of the five exploded. He was shot twice through the shoulder and breast, but threw himself upon the pair and stunned one of them with a blow of his club. The other closed with the policeman, and they fought desparately for several minutes until the man drove his dirk into McIntosh, stabbing the officer in the abdomen.

The men then ran into a nearby wood, but a posse, which had been mobilized at short notice, took up the chase with Deputy Sheriff Lewis in charge. They caught up with the fugitives in a pine grove a mile from the spot where Winslow and McIntosh had been killed, and opened fire. The deputy and his men, though armed chiefly with shot guns, did their work well, filling the pair with shot and crippling them against further resistance.

The posse then took the two into custody. One of the prisoners, who said he was Louis Fulous, was so badly shot that he is not expected to live. The other gave the name of Peter Petropolus. Both were Greeks from Biddeford, and, according to the police, admitted the attempted burglary at West Falmouth.

FREE BIRD EXHIBIT TO-DAY.

Will Be Opened by Miss Minahan at the McAlpin.

If folks who are interested in American birds and the conservation thereof but lack instruction as to the best ways of increasing our bird supply really want to learn about such things, they should drop into the Hotel McAlpin and visit Miss Katherine Minahan's bird sanctuary, which will be opened free to the public to-day on the second mezzanine floor.

There the visitor may see hotel rooms changed to woodland scenes by the decorating firm of Robbink & Atkins of Rutherford, N. J., with two score or more song birds, mostly canaries, chortling among the evergreens. And along the aisles will be exhibited the kinds of trees, shrubs and vines that should be planted if the birds are to be encouraged, the right kinds of bird houses, bird baths, bird fountains and similar items which have been thought out carefully with the sole idea of furthering bird propagation.

LIVED GENERAL, DIED COLONEL

Cincinnati Veteran Bore Many High Honors Lightly.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Col. Jephtha Garrard, aged 80, was found dead in his bed at the Queen City Club to-day. One grandfather, Israel Ludlow, was the founder of Cincinnati. His other grandfather, Garrard, was the second Governor of Kentucky. Two great-grandfathers were Colonels in the revolutionary war.

Col. Garrard became Brigadier-General in the civil war, but after the conflict preferred the title of Colonel, as he had two brothers, Israel and Kenner, who also were Generals. Col. Garrard was mentioned for United States Senator when Mark Hanna was chosen.

DIVORCE EVIDENCE OBTAINED ON BOAT

Charges of Collusion Raised by Wife Are Denied by Dr. George A. Powers.

LED BY LURE OF STAGE

Charges that a divorce obtained on October 25 last in New York county by Dr. George A. Powers of 353 Park place, Brooklyn, was collusive were made before Supreme Court Justice Whitaker yesterday by Mrs. Madge Crosby Powers in asking the court to set aside the decree and permit her to defend the action. Affidavits filed by Dr. Powers and others in opposition to the application caused Justice Whitaker to deny it.

Mrs. Powers, who is now living with her parents at 699 Lenox road, Brooklyn, said in her affidavit that she was married to Dr. Powers in Hoboken on January 17, 1914, and that prior to the bringing of the divorce suit she was compelled to leave him because he struck and choked her without cause, made appointments with various young women and "barely gave her enough to eat and no pleasure whatsoever," although his income from his practice was $10,000 a year.

The defendant said that because of her husband's treatment she was anxious to be freed from him and upon his offer to pay all the expenses and give her $10 a week alimony she consented to furnish the evidence. Pursuant to plans made by her husband, she said, she bought a ticket to Albany on the steamer Berkshire on August 14 last, using for this purpose $20 sent to her by her husband through his friend Hiram W. Smith, who was on the boat.

Mrs. Powers said she made the trip with a "gentleman known to the plaintiff" and gave her husband and Smith the number of the stateroom she would occupy. Smith and the other witness occupied a stateroom near by. She said that when she retired the man who was with her left her, and on the return trip she was accompanied by a woman friend. She asserted that although she was guilty of no act upon which a divorce could be granted she gave her wedding ring to Smith "with the request that he give it to the plaintiff with my compliments, which he agreed to do."

Mrs. Powers said that after furnishing the evidence she tried to induce her husband to support her, but he refused to keep his agreement and she was compelled to seek shelter from strangers. When she rang him up and asked for money he told her she would have to come to the house and get it. She said she did so and remained all night with her husband a week after the divorce papers had been served on his promise to give her $16 the following morning. Then he sent her away with only $8.

The defendant said she is only 22 years old and entirely ignorant of court proceedings, and for that reason believed she should be influenced by her husband's advice. She asserted that although she and her husband were both residents of Kings county he brought the divorce suit in New York to avoid notoriety.

In his replying affidavit Dr. Powers said that after his marriage his wife constantly bothered him in his business and private life by her temper, language and actions. He said his wife left him last April and in order to gratify her wish to go on the stage he rented a studio for her in Carnegie Hall. He then discovered that a man named Swing, who was corespondent in the divorce case, was visiting her and he persuaded her to return home on July 30. She left again on August 9 and went to live at 54 West Ninety-first street, where Swing visited her, and finally moved to 64 Riverside Drive, where she lived until she returned home to her parents in October. She took the stage name of Jean Crosby. Dr. Powers, who is 31 years old, denied his wife's charges of cruelty and attentions to other women and said he devoted all his time to building up his practise.

Dr. Powers said the charges of collusion were false, and part of "a scheme on her part to get money out of me." A week after he sued her she wrote that she was sorry she was leading such a life, and at her request he met her at 10 P. M. at the Flatbush avenue station of the Long Island Railroad. Swing was with her and when Dr. Powers tried to persuade her to give him up she laughed. Dr. Powers then demanded that Swing keep away from his wife. Words followed, said Dr. Powers, "with the result that I struck Swing and he struck me with a heavy instrument, cutting my eye."

Dr. Powers said that while he was visiting a hospital his wife went to his home and retired. He then slept in his office all night, he said. He asserted his wife was not ignorant of divorce proceedings because she got a decree in 1913 from John Craig in Kings county, and accompanied the detectives when they got the evidence.

Hiram W. Smith and Edmund Redmund, employees of the Sherman National Bank, who got the evidence against Mrs. Powers, made affidavits denying collusion.

ONCE WEALTHY, DIES HUNGRY.

Brooklyn Man Had Only One Visitor in Fifteen Years.

William E. Tobias, 62 years old, said by the police to have been once wealthy, died yesterday morning penniless in a furnished room at 155 Adams street, Brooklyn. Unless friends or relatives are found his remains will be interred in Potter's Field.

Tobias called Emil Marohl, who conducts the rooming house, and asked him for a piece of paper on which to write the name of a doctor, saying that he was dying. He wrote one initial and fell to the floor. Ambulance Surgeon Ferguson of the Brooklyn Hospital pronounced him dead of heart disease brought on by hunger.

Mrs. Mary Watson of 46 Prospect street said Tobias had roomed in her house for fifteen years and left about three weeks ago. He received in the years he lived there only one letter and had but one visitor, an artist he called Rex. She said she thought from his conversation that he had once been a power in Wall Street.

ORIGINAL UNCLE TOM DEAD.

Daniel Worcester Created the Part in 1852.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 16.—Daniel Worcester, who took the part of *Uncle Tom* in the first production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at the Vermont soldiers Home in this village to-night. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Worcester was a native of Vermont, born in a log cabin in the town of Warren. It was while learning the painter's trade in Lowell that he became a member of a company organized by George Aiikin, who wrote the first dramatization of the novel. During the fall and winter of 1852-53 this company toured Massachusetts and Western New York. At the end of six months Aiikin went to Troy, where he organized a company of professionals and where "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was produced for the first time by a stock company on the night of June 18, 1853.

Mr. Worcester served in the civil war with the Twenty-seventh Connecticut Regiment. When he returned to the stage most of his engagements were in the capacity of stage manager, a position he held with Laura Keene during the last two years preceding her retirement.

VERSES BY JULIA ARTHUR PUT O. K. ON SELWYN PARTY

President Arch Liberates Some Classy Language, Showing That He Truly Means to Go Through With Fete Sunday Evening.

It is the annual custom of Selwyn & Co., as was told truthfully and exclusively a week ago last Monday morning, to accept a notification from Roi Cooper Megrue and other office hands connected with the Selwyn offices that President Arch Selwyn of Selwyn & Co. is to give a party to all Broadway, whether he likes it or not.

Mr. Megrue and a committee consisting of himself announced through THE SUN, as per annual custom, that he was about to announce to Mr. Selwyn that about this time of the year, as the almanacs say, it was President Selwyn's move to act like a host. Since the day Mr. Selwyn learned that he was to give the party, which will explode at the Hudson Theatre Sunday night from 10 o'clock on, his office force has been doing little else than sending to about 1,000 Broadwayites a crinkly paper announcement which tries to convey the information that the only reason Selwyn & Co. are giving the party is because they couldn't help themselves. The invitation reads:

"Selwyn & Co. regret that a sense of duty compels them to give a party at the Hudson Theatre Sunday, December 19, at 10 P. M. Regardless of their personal inclinations they reluctantly urge you to be present. Let us know if you are coming.*

"*Modernist for R. S. V. P."

Any doubt which Broadway might have had that President Selwyn wasn't going to make good at the Hudson next Sunday night was dispelled when personally he liberated for publication the following vers libre acceptance from Miss Julia Arthur last night:

Dear martyrs unto duty,
We have just received your slam.
We'll be on hand to worry you
Though you don't give a dern
I'll have to come in birthday togs
No matter how it blows;
You've kept me so derned busy that
I haven't any clo's,
With joy I'll meet the victims
Of the other Selwyn hits,
And I hope the painted Magdalene
Won't cause too many fits.
For "Rolling Stones" amuse me
And I'm always "Under Fire,"
And if weather's "Fair and Warmer"
Nothing more shall I desire.
Why a party at the Hudson?
Why not hold it (pardon the limp in the meter) in Central Park?
It would entertain the squirrels
And the nuts (some rhyme like bark).

I hate to think that "duty" makes
Two nice boys suffer thus. * * *
I'll join the other victims
And help along the fuss.
Yours, old dears
(Signed) JULIA ARTHUR.

George Doran, publisher, had had it all framed up to go to Chicago Sunday night and close a million dollar deal. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Doran was seen racing through the Waldorf and shouting over his shoulder that he was trying to make a late afternoon train which would land him in Chicago to-day in time to turn right around and get back here Sunday in time for what promises to be the most ecstatic function Broadway ever has known.

The incident is noted merely to show how grand the Broadway party of next Sunday night has it framed up to be.

BURGLARS IGNORE $10,000 IN JEWELS

Rob Home of Herbert L. Bridgman, but Overlook His Wife's Gems.

Burglars in the home of Herbert L. Bridgman at 604 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, last night cast aside as worthless $10,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. Helen Bartlett Bridgman, who is the author of a book on gems. They took a gold watch, a pair of opera glasses and $25, but they overlooked a $400 pair of diamond studs in Mr. Bridgman's shirt, which they pulled from a drawer and threw on the floor.

Mr. Bridgman, who is business manager of the *Standard Union* and secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, returned from a funeral about 10 o'clock last night, to find that his front door had been opened. The library was in disorder and his wife's bedroom had been ransacked. On top of the bureau, pushed to one side lay his wife's $10,000 collection of gems. Mrs. Bridgman has been collecting these gems for many years. She had them mounted on card board covered with silk, and the police believe that the thieves did not recognize the value of the stones because they were unset.

Mrs. Bridgman was at the opera in Manhattan and did not return until midnight. By that time Mr. Bridgman had notified the police of the Bergen street station. The police believe that the burglars were amateurs. A skeleton key had been used to open the front door, but the inner door had been forced with a jimmy.

Movies Cause Divorce Action.

His wife's love for the movies caused her to leave him, Charles F. Heyder of 425 Union street, Jersey City, says in his petition for a divorce from Mrs. Louise N. Heyder of 62 Bergen avenue, Jersey City, on the ground of desertion, filed yesterday. They have eight children.

CLEARY FOUND GUILTY ON CHARGE OF FORGERY

Convicted on First of Fourteen Indictments—Jury Asks for Clemency.

NEW CITY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—William V. Cleary, former town clerk and boss of Haverstraw, was found guilty this afternoon of forging the indorsement of Thomas Allison, a former assessor of Haverstraw, on a note for $550. The verdict recommended clemency. He will be sentenced to-morrow by Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins. This is the first of the fourteen indictments which were found against him after his acquittal on the charge of murdering his son-in-law, Eugene Newman.

Cleary took his conviction stolidly. After the verdict had been returned he refused to comment on it and accompanied his attendant back to jail. It was notable that the sentiment of the court room, which through all the murder trial last summer was strongly pro-Cleary, was deeply anti to-day. His henchmen, the members of the old Cleary ring, did not appear, and his wife and daughter were again absent. His brother Ambrose, now town clerk of Haverstraw, was the only close relative of the defendant in court.

The jury was out a little more than two hours, standing 10 to 2 for conviction until a motion for the lenient recommendation brought in the dissenting ones.

The next indictment will come to trial probably on Monday. In this case Deputy Attorney-General Chambers announced that Warren Baisley, accused with Cleary of misuse of the poor fund, had turned State's evidence and would testify that Cleary had taken over the poor fund deposits in Baisley's charge and used them for his own purposes. After the twelve grand larceny charges against Cleary have been disposed of the charge of carrying a revolver will be brought up.

The maximum sentence on the forgery charge is five years.

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