LAUGHING AUDIENCE SEES A NEW FARCE

"The Blue Envelope" Produced by Lambert at Cort Theatre.

CLEVER PLAYERS IN CAST

"The Blue Envelope"—At the Cort Theatre.

John Doe.....Walter Jones
Richard Roe.....George Probert
Dr. Andrew Maurice.George W. Howard
Colonel Horatio Bulger.Edwin Forsberg
Dr. Plank.....Ralph Nairn
Prof. Coogan.....John L. Kearney
Attendant.....Ford Fenimore
Mrs. Steele.....Belle Theodore
Mary Ackers.....Ethel Valentine
Mrs. Doe.....Beth Frannklyn
Alma.....Josie Sadler
The Angel.....Carrie Reynolds

Richard Lambert made his introductory effort as a manager at the Cort Theatre last night with "The Blue Envelope." It is a farce in three acts by Frank Hatch and R. E. Homans. So there was novelty in all the proceedings, as the authors were unknown to the New York public until their play was put before a metropolitan public. Mr. Lambert had collected a company of more or less well known actors to interpret the fun of his authors.

It has been said that to detail the story of a farce is to decanter champagne. Both lose their sparkle in the process. Perhaps it is enough to say of "The Blue Envelope" that the characters shot in and out of doors; there were husbands and wives appearing inopportunely at every juncture, and that there was a beautiful and designing and equally unscrupulous blonde who had much to do with all the complications that the three acts held. There were two acts in a doctor's office and another in a sanitarium. But the elements of humor in all of them were the same.

Perhaps it is most consoling to the producer, Mr. Lambert, to record that there was constant laughter during every episode of the farce. Apparently the why and wherefore were not important to the first night spectators. They laughed. After all amusement is the end of all farces and analysis has no place in the consideration of them. It is sufficient to record that the first night gathering to witness "The Blue Envelope" had a good time so far as the outward and visible signs could be relied on.

Walter Jones played a suburban philander in his customarily apoplectic and amusing manner. Carrie Reynolds was an apparition of blond beauty throughout every scene of the play. George Probert, Ethel Valentine, Josie Sadler—comic in her quiet way as a slavey—and George Howard were some of the other capable actors that Mr. Lambert had engaged for the production.

NEW YORKERS IN PALM BEACH.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Sets a New Speed Record of Her Own.

PALM BEACH, March 13.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., borrowed W. Earl Dodge's private car yesterday while her own was in the shop and had it attached to a special train to Miami. The seventy mile run was made in a few minutes more than an hour. She was accompanied by Miss Angelica Brown, Burrill Hoffman, Jr., and W. S. Hanford. They returned in time for a late dinner at the Beach Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John King of New York made a thirty mile trip to Hobe Sound to-day in one hour and fifteen minutes, which is the best time for any boat during the present season. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Olcott made the same run in their motorboat Rita.

Harry Black of New York arrived to-day from a Long Key fishing camp, where he has been tarpon fishing with Louis Quintin Jones and Harry G. McVickar. R. W. Goelet has arrived from the same camp. John H. Hanan and a yachting party also reached here to-day.

Nat Goodwin arrived at the Breakers with eight actors to begin a moving picture play to-morrow. Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Andre also registered there. Arrivals at the Poinciana included John Watts and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holt of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Carey gave a dinner at the Beach Club for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Pierre Lorillard and Post Mitchell.

SCHIFFS AT WHITE SULPHUR.

Driving Parties Continue to Occupy Guests' Time.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff arrived to-day from New York. James Rintoul registered from London. Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Janney joined the Philadelphia colony. Mrs. Edward M. Jeffreys and Mrs. J. Norman Henry also arrived from Philadelphia. Mrs. Jeffreys and Mrs. Henry drove to Alleghany this afternoon. Six of the carriage and saddle horses Dr. and Mrs. Henry selected from the Greenbrier stables early in the year have just been shipped to Piney Creek Farms, their country home near Northeast, Md.

Mrs. Charles N. Welsh has taken a cottage for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joy have arrived from Syracuse, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shaw from Boston and J. B. Brunt from New York.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

St. Regis—Mrs. Malcolm Caruthers, Chicago.

Belmont—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Todd, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Silver, Halifax.

Savoy—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ridgely, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCall, Pittsburg.

Marie Antoinette—Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Cressy, Concord, N. H.; H. H. Skerrett, Philadelphia.

Woodward—Miss Carrie Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Coba, Belfast, Me.; Mrs. Marshall Clarke, Chicago.

McAlpin—W. J. Erickson, Baton Rouge; Mrs. E. A. Starling, Pittsburg; Mrs. J. C. Richardson, Middleboro, Ky.

Plaza—Mr. and Mrs. J. Barlow Cullum, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Clement Studebaker, Jr., South Bend, Ind.

Gotham—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Roebling, Jr., Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Simons, Jr., Dongan Hills, N. J.

Waldorf-Astoria—Mrs. A. L. Congdon, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sweatt, City Mills, Mass.; William M. Wood, Boston.

Lauderdale—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Tinker, Mrs. C. Borland, Miss P. Knight, W. O. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Thurston, Boston.

Claridge—Frederick Burbank, Buffalo; Frank A. Philip, La Crosse, Wis.; Mrs. George Driscoll and Miss Winifred Driscoll, Montreal.

Martinique—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Egger, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. George Alsop, Newport News, Va.

Manhattan—Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Hamilton, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Toler, Brewster, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Adams, Boston.

Astoria—Dr. P. F. Boyle, South Bethlehem; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. West, Buffalo; Henry A. Hartland, San Juan, P. R.; James Reynolds, Rochester; M. Z. Dibble, Washington.

Vanderbilt—Mrs. J. W. Towle, Miss Towle, Miss Mageith, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison Smith, Philadelphia; C. P. Sullivan, Houston; W. J. Ruggles, Columbus, Ohio.

Swift & Company's sales of Beef in New York City for the week ending Saturday, March 11th, averaged as follows: Domestic Beef, 11.48 cents per pound.—Adv.

RIVAL DANCERS TOP THE PALACE'S BILL

Colonial and Alhambra Also Present a Programme of Headline Acts.

GOOD BURLESQUE SHOWS

Two rival dancing teams—Maurice and Florence Walton and Joan Sawyer and George Harcourt—appeared at the Palace Theatre yesterday. The Walton programme was the same as on previous weeks. Miss Sawyer introduced two new dance steps with her partner and a group of ballroom dances. Others on the programme were Lucy Gillett, Ethel Kirk and Billy Fogarty, Frank Orth and W. J. Dooley, Carrie De Mar and company in "Quick Action," which took the place of Hattie Williams in "An Army Widow," Bickel and Watson and Belle Baker.

Jack Wilson and his former vaudeville and musical comedy partner, Kitty Gordon, are not together at present. Mr. Wilson is appearing this week at the Colonial Theatre in a minstrel act assisted by Frank Hurst and Lillian Boardman, while Miss Gordon is acting for the motion pictures. On the remainder of the Colonial's programme are Wilbur Mack and Nella Walker, William Gaxton, Lester Conrad, Shirll Rives, Ben Harrison, the Four Meyakos, Glen Ellison, the Primrose Four and the Oxford Trio.

The Dolly Sisters, having conquered the dancing fans around Longacre Square, have moved to Harlem and are to be seen this week at the Alhambra Theatre. Among others on the bill are Julian Rose in Jewish impersonations, Dolly Connolly, the Mosconi Brothers, Frances Nordstrom and company, Helene Davies, Myrl and Delmar and Degnon and Clifton.

Kittens were much in evidence around the Columbia Theatre last night. The name of the new burlesque presented there was "Puss Puss" and there were several kitten choruses, according to the programme. This latest attraction is a new addition to the Columbia Amusement Company's list of the "advanced" burlesque. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by a good sized audience.

"Hello Girls" is being presented this week at the Yorkville Theatre and it is keeping the burlesque fans well entertained. Good comedy, singing, dancing and several vaudeville acts constitute the bill. The principals in the cast are Mona Raymond, John O. Grant, John K. Hawley, Ama Blonde, Mabel Howard, Ida Lavender, Sam Bennett and Ed Jordan.

MRS. H. M. DAY A HOSTESS.

Entertains Sewing Class for Nursery and Child's Hospital.

One of the long established sewing classes which work for the benefit of the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital held its first meeting of the season yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Henry Mills Day, 6 East Forty-fourth street. Those associated with the meetings of this class are actively interested in the management of the annual charity ball, for so many years a feature of New York social life, which netted at the ball held at the Waldorf-Astoria on February 1 $16,000. The subscriptions to the class and the garments made at the various sessions will go to the nursery and hospital.

Among the members are Mmes. Henry Clay Adams, William M. Kingsland, George Hillard Benjamin, George H. Macy, Edward J. Berwind, Robert Nicol, John M. Bowers, Oliver Bronson, Henry D. Nicoll, Edward Oothout, G. Morgan Browne, F. Ashton De Peyster, J. Otis Post, Gherardi Davis, Henry Mills Day, Charles F. Roe, Edwin S. Steese, William H. Harris, Algernon S. Sullivan, Thomas Hicks, John D. Wood, Frank S. Witherbee and Charles I. Hudson. The next meeting will be held on March 20 at the home of Mrs. G. Morgan Browne, 64 East Fifty-fourth street.

Another class which works for the benefit of the Fresh Air Association of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, will hold its first meeting of the season this morning, at the home of Mrs. Frederick Roosevelt, 8 East Fifty-second street.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont are at the Ritz-Carlton.

A bridge tournament will be held at the Gotham this afternoon under the auspices of the West End Exchange.

Mrs. Frederic Esler will give receptions with music this afternoon and on March 21 at 47 East Forty-ninth street.

Miss Edna May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max May, will be married to Lester M. Livingston this evening at Sherry's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scribner, Jr., left yesterday for Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for the remainder of the season.

Miss Juliana Cutting has organized an after theatre dance and supper club, to begin to-night in the Della Robbia room of the Vanderbilt.

Miss Betty Collamore will give a bridge party this afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Bischoff, 180 West Fifty-ninth street.

Miss Eleanor Blodgett will give a reception with music for the Thursday Evening Club at Sherry's on Thursday night. Ignace Paderewski will play.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntington Wilson, who have been at Palm Beach, will leave to-day for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson passed the early winter at Santa Barbara, Cal.

The Baroness Huard gave a talk on her experiences in the war zone last night at the home of Mrs. William Barclay Parsons, 35 East Fiftieth street, for the benefit of the Hospital Villiers in France.

At the home of Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, 19 East Thirty-seventh street, this afternoon Mrs. N. L. Duryea will tell of her experiences in relief work in France since the beginning of the war. No request for money will be made.

The opening of the exhibition under the auspices of the junior committee of the American Ambulance Hospital took place yesterday at 24 East Fifty-seventh street. During the afternoon there were talks by Miss Kerr, a nurse, who was actively engaged in assisting in the hospital work at the front, and by Regis Post, who drove an ambulance. Among those assisting at the exhibition, which will be open for two weeks, were Mrs. Lewis Morris, Mrs. George Whitney, the Misses Pauline Robinson, Harriet Alexander, Elsie Nicoll, Carol Hardiman and Beatrice Pratt. Mrs. Robert Bacon presided at the tea table.

In New York To-day.

New York Theatre Club, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M.

Testimonial for William Winter, Century Theatre, 2:30 P. M.

Society for Political Study, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M.

Sphinx Club, army and navy dinner, Waldorf-Astoria, 7 P. M.

Women's Republican Club, meeting, Delmonico's, 10:30 A. M.

Tobacco Merchants Association, meeting, Hotel McAlpin, 1 P. M.

Humanitarian Cult, meeting, Leslie Hall, Eighty-third street and Broadway, 8 P. M.

Linnean Society, dinner, 101 West Seventy-eighth street, 6:30 P. M.

Torrey Botanical Club, address by Dr. M. A. Howe, Schermerhorn Hall, 8:15 P. M.

Joint meeting Society of Mechanical Engineers and Illuminating Engineers, 29 West Thirty-ninth street, 8 P. M.

KIDNAPPED

"My child! Help!"

CRUIKSHANKS LEAD SALE.

Total for Day at Franklin Auction Reaches $3,025.

Sales from the Cruikshank collection at the auction of the Franklin Library yesterday and last night in the Anderson Galleries led all other individual items. A descriptive catalogue of the works of George Cruikshank, by George W. Reid, one of the 135 copies issued in 1871 including etchings, woodcuts and lithographs, was bought by N. J. Bartlett for $70. A novelist's library edited by Thomas Roscoe in seventeen volumes with seventy-four etchings by Cruikshank went to H. Mischke for $45, and Hone's Political Tracts, many illustrated by Cruikshank, was obtained by Curtis Walters for $53.

"Typographical Antiquaries," by Thomas F. Dibdin, a fine copy of the best edition, was sold to H. O. Harris for $62.50. A set of colored plates by Westall, "A Picturesque Tour on the River Thames," was bought by E. F. Bonaventure for $52.50. A copy of Claudin's "Histoire de l'Imprimerie en France" was bought by Dr. Joseph Martini for $62.50. Scribners bought a catalogue of the pictures owned by the Duke of Portland, for which they paid $36. They also bought Gebhart's Botticelli for $35. George D. Smith bought a copy of the limited edition of "American Book Prices Current" (1895) for $46.

The total for the day was $3,925.55. The sale will continue to-day, to-morrow and Thursday.

Old Ceiling Decorations Shown.

On exhibition in the galleries of Henry Symons & Co., 26 East Forty-fifth street, are two large ceiling decorations from an old country house in England painted by Sir James Cornhill, who was knighted by King George I. They are still rich in color and in excellent preservation.

"AIDA" IS SUNG AT THE OPERA.

Mme. Homer as Amneris First Time This Season.

"Aida" was sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening before a large audience. Mme. Rappold was the representative of the unfortunate slave. She makes a good picture in this role and sings most of the music with a good quality of tone. Unfortunately she indulged last evening in a large and depressing variety of bad attack, which made her singing sound laborious. Mme. Homer was the *Amneris* for the first time this season. It is a role in which her handsome appearance counts for much.

Mr. Martinelli has frequently been heard as *Rhadames*. He was in good voice last night and delivered the music with abundant vigor. The same words might be used to describe the achievements of Mr. Amato as *Amonasro*. Mr. Rossi was the *King* and Mr. Scott the *Ramfis*. Neither of these was impressive. Mr. Bavagnoli conducted, and he also was not impressive. The general effect of the performance was good, but there was nothing of high distinction.

Symphony Club Plays To-day.

The members of the Symphony Club of New York will give their annual concert this afternoon in Aeolian Hall at 3 o'clock for the benefit of the Braerley League Cripple School. The orchestra is composed of amateur musicians of society and it will have the assistance of members of the New York Symphony Orchestra. Harold Bauer will be the soloist and David Mannes will conduct.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

The wedding of Miss Frances W. Henry, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Henry, to Harvey Graham will be celebrated in St. Batholomew's Church on May 1. The wedding ceremony will be followed by a small reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, 344 Lexington avenue. Miss Henry will have her sister, Miss Grace Henry, as maid of honor, and the other attendants will be the Misses Jeannie Emmet, Eleanor Mellon, Margaret Strong and Gabrielle Gourd. Edward Shippen will act as best man.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Golda Correa, daughter of Mrs. E. H. A. Correa of 201 West Seventy-ninth street, to James Harden of this city. Miss Correa's father was the late vice-president of the Home Insurance Company. The wedding will take place in June.

MISS FERGUSON MOVES OVER TO THE EMPIRE

"Pay-Day," Given as a Farce at the Booth, Now Grips Audience.

Elsie Ferguson supplanted Maude Adams at the Empire Theatre last night, appearing of course in "Margaret Schiller," which was so successful at the New Amsterdam Theatre. Miss Ferguson has grown more and more into the part of the patriotic German governess. She has enriched her impersonation with many details that contribute to its force as well as to the impression of Hall Caine's melodrama founded on the incident of England's Premier and the German governess in his family. Klaw & Erlanger have surrounded Miss Ferguson with an excellent company. Norman Trevor and Gareth Hughes contribute most effectively to the scenes in which they appear with Miss Ferguson. The play fits well into the smaller frame of the Empire Theatre.

When "Pay-Day" was acted as a serious drama at the Cort Theatre two weeks ago it did not survive half an hour—that is to say it was dead before the first act was over. But now that its authors, Meaney and Bailey, are putting it forward as a burlesque the piece has taken on a new vitality. Last night it was acted at the Booth Theatre before a large audience which delighted constantly in its absurdities. There are some entertaining novelties in the scenes to make the resemblance to a moving picture play much stronger. So, like "Robert Macaire," what was originally intended to be a serious drama has turned out successful in burlesque as a means of amusement.

Frances Starr so delighted audiences at the Standard Theatre with her performance in "Marie-Odile" that she came back there last night with her poetic and imaginative performance of the little novitiate who was so religious that she could not tell St. Michael from the handsome German uhlan who came with the other officers into her convent. How she found out the difference makes the interesting story of Edward Knoblauch's play which David Belasco has realized so wonderfully.

Plays and Players.

More than forty stage stars will participate in the testimonial performance to be tendered to William Winter at the Century Theatre this afternoon.

Mizzi Hajos and Tom McNaughton are rehearsing a novel act in which they will appear at the big vaudeville benefit for the Actors Fund at the Century next Sunday night.

Antonio De Novelle, musical director of "The Road to Mandalay" at the Park Theatre, was presented with a gold watch by his colleagues last night in recognition of his fiftieth anniversary as a musician.

The company, which is to present "Come to Bohemia," the operetta by Kenneth M. Murchison and George S. Chappell, left yesterday for Atlantic City, where the premiere will take place on Thursday evening.

The Clune Film Manufacturing Company has leased the Forty-fourth Street Theatre for twenty-six weeks, beginning April 3, and will show there the feature film "Ramona," taken after the story of the same name by Helen Hunt Jackson.

It now develops that Flo Ziegfeld and Charles Dillingham have taken an option on the Century Theatre. It will explore this week, and an announcement concerning the playhouse will probably be made to-morrow or Thursday.

Sir Herbert Tree gave a dress rehearsal of "King Henry VIII." at the New Amsterdam Theatre last night preparatory to its opening this evening. On Sunday afternoon he will make an address at the theatre under the auspices of the Drama League of America.

Joseph Brooks presented with an all star cast at Toronto last night Haddon Chambers's old play "The Idler, renamed "The Great Pursuit." It will have its first performance in New York at the Shubert Theatre on March 22. The company includes Marie Tempest, Phyllis Neilson-Terry and W. Graham Browne.

Not to be outdone by Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, his rival for popularity on the films, is to appear in person at the Hippodrome on Sunday night, March 26. She will devote what she receives toward the half million dollar campaign being waged by the motion picture industry to help the Actors Fund. Miss Pickford's contribution will be nearly $2,000.

THOMAS M. MULRY'S FUNERAL.

Impressive Services for Banker Held in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The funeral services of Thomas M. Mulry, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, were held yesterday morning in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The services were elaborate and impressive.

Among those present were 200 members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in which Mr. Mulry was an active worker. The Catholic Club, the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Emigrant Bank also sent large delegations. Among other organizations represented were the alumni association of Fordham University, the graduating class of Fordham, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the State Board of Charities, the Charities Organization Society, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, the University of Notre Dame and the Catholic University of Washington.

There were 110 prelates participating in the ceremony, among whom were forty Christian Brothers. The Rev. Father Joseph Mulry, brother of the deceased and president of Fordham University, was the celebrant of the solemn requiem mass. The deacon was the Rev. Father Mallick Fitzpatrick and the subdeacon was the Rev. Father William Kerby. Twelve monsignors took part in the ceremony, including Mgr. Thomas J. Mooney, Mgr. Lavelle and Mgr. McNamara.

Col. William B. Shafer.

Col. William B. Shafer, 75 years old, for many years in the United States customs service at the Barge Office, died on Sunday at his home, 326 McDonough street, Brooklyn. He served through the civil war with the Harris Light Cavalry, and was retired with the rank of Colonel. He was a member of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., and the Invincible Club. His wife, three sons and two daughters survive.

John McGuire.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., March 13.—John McGuire, 79 years old, said to be the last survivor of the crew of the Confederate iron clad Merrimac, which was defeated by the Monitor in Hampton Roads in 1862, died to-day in the home of the Misses Gilmore in Division street.

Simon Preil.

PATERSON, N. J., March 13.—Simon Preil, who for thirty-five years was a resident of Paterson, died yesterday at his home, 8 Goodwin street, aged 62 years. He took an active interest in charitable institutions. He was one of the founders of the Ahwath Joseph Temple here. He leaves a widow and nine children.

CARDINAL GOTTI DYING.

Chief of Missionary Workers of Roman Catholic Church.

ROME, March 13.—Cardinal Gotti is seriously ill and has received the last rites of the church.

Cardinal Gotti, who is Prefect of the Propaganda, has been a Cardinal since 1895, and is nearly eighty-two years old. He has charge of all church work in the missionary lands, which includes part of America and Africa.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

PHILIP T. WILLIAMS, a deputy mortgage tax collector and prominent in Republican politics, who died in Brooklyn February 11 last, left an estate of $1,500, which goes to his wife.

FRANCIS F. HILL, who died in Brooklyn on March 5, left $135,000 in trust for his wife, Hilda F. Hill, and his son, Francis C. At their deaths it is to go to two grandchildren, Francis F., Jr., and Ruth Hill.

MRS. EMMA M. STOKES, who died on September 30 last, left an estate of $379,016, of which $353,504 was in securities. She owned United States Steel bonds worth $266,000 and New York city stock valued at $87,000. She gave a life interest in $15,000 to her daughter, Emma Florence Pilling and the remainder of the estate to her daughter Ella Susan Doris.

WILLIAM H. MORTON, who died at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, on January 27, left $40,000, of which six cousins get $5,000 each. The residuary estate is to be divided equally among three of these cousins, Katherine, Mabel E. and Hamilton H. Durand of 441 Park avenue, Manhattan; Anna M. Gibson of 149 Rutland road, Flatbush, associated with the testator in the office of the Aetna Life Insurance Company for more than twenty years, gets $5,000. Another business associate, Mabel E. Jones of Bloomfield, N. J., gets $2,000, and Arthur M. French, a friend, gets $2,000.

17 COUSINS FIGHT TO BREAK A WILL

Stray Cat Hobby Revealed in Contest for Mrs. Barney's $300,000 Estate.

CUT WOOD AT 84 YEARS

Testimony that Mrs. Jane E. Barney, widow of Hiram B. Barney of H. B. Claflin & Co., extended a home to all the stray cats that came her way, but neglected to feed them after she took them in, was offered before Surrogate Cohalan and a jury yesterday in the contest by seventeen cousins of Mrs. Barney's will. The contestants received only $1,000 each, while the bulk of the $300,000 estate went to another cousin, Louis P. Ennis, cashier of the Security Bank.

Mrs. E. L. Heroy, a deaconess, testified that when she was visiting Mrs. Barney at New Providence, N. J., she was surrounded by Mrs. Barney's feline friends. She used to stand guard in the dining room while Mrs. Barney watched in the kitchen to keep the hungry cats from making away with all the food in sight. She said that when Mrs. Barney did feed the cats she permitted them to eat from her own plate while she was at the table.

Mrs. Phoebe Kent of New Providence, who was called to testify concerning the peculiarities of Mrs. Barney, proved to be an interesting witness on her own account. She said that her trip to New York yesterday was the first in forty years and that the last time she rode out of New Providence on a railroad train was thirty-nine years ago, when she went to Newark, about fifteen miles away.

Mrs. Kent said she occupied the upper part of Mrs. Barney's house at New Providence. She was questioned concerning a letter Mrs. Barney wrote to Louis P. Ennis in December, 1913, in which she said she was caring for a tenant who had been injured. Mrs. Kent declared that the statement was false, and that while she was confined to her rooms by a sprained ankle for ten weeks Mrs. Barney did absolutely nothing for her. "She thought only of herself," said Mrs. Kent.

Mrs. Kent said that Mrs. Barney usually had about nine cats in her home. She told of an argument with Mrs. Barney over storing coal. Mrs. Barney wanted the coal put in the parlor, but finally consented to have it put in the cellar. Mrs. Barney, who was 84 years old, insisted on cutting her own wood and once hurt her back doing it, the witness said.

"How do you know that Mrs. Barney did not feed her cats?" asked William C. Relyea, attorney for the executor of the will.

"Because I saw a cat die on her stoop from starvation," said Mrs. Kent.

The case will go on to-day.

$100 A VISIT TO BIG TIM.

Dr. R. F. Kennedy Wins $2,800 Verdict Against Sullivan Estate.

A jury before Supreme Court Justice Newburger returned a verdict for the full amount yesterday in a suit of Dr. Robert F. Kennedy to recover $2,800 from the estate of Timothy D. Sullivan for services rendered during several years prior to his death. The bill did not include $750 paid to Dr. Kennedy for accompanying Big Tim on a trip abroad a year before he died.

Dr. Kennedy charged $100 a visit for calling on Sullivan in the sanitarium at Eastchester, where he was a patient at the time of his death.

NASH ESTATE IS $500,000.

Brothers and Sisters Are Heirs of Columbia University Treasurer.

The will of John McLean Nash, lawyer and treasurer of Columbia University, who died March 8, disposes of an estate of more than $500,000. Mr. Nash divided his estate among his brothers and sisters.

Thomas and Catherine Nash get the property at 60 West Forty-eighth street and Miss Nash receives the residue. Mrs. Elizabeth N. Rhodes and Stephen Edward Nash get $5,000 each and David and Henry Nash receive certain personal effects.

"PHILO" TO HAVE OWN HOME.

Oldest Columbia Organization to Realize Century Old Dream.

The Philolexian Literary Society, established in 1802, the oldest undergraduate organization at Columbia University and one of the oldest in the United States, is to have a clubhouse of its own after waiting 114 years. "Philo," as Columbia knows it, was formed when Columbia was at West Broadway and Murray street.

Announcement was made yesterday when it was stated that the university trustees have set aside a plot south of Furnald Hall and adjoining that building at Broadway and 115th street for a "Philo" house. Plans will be rushed and the building begun as soon as possible. Mayor Mitchel was a member of Philolexian when he was an undergraduate at Columbia.

MICHAEL CLARKE.

Associate Editor of the "Irish World" Dies at 72 Years.

Michael Clarke, an associate editor of the *Irish World*, died on Sunday at his home, 281 Van Buren street, Brooklyn, at the age of 72. He was born at Geevagh, County Sligo, Ireland, and received his early education at the Geevagh national school, of which his father, Thomas Clarke, was principal for fifty years. He lived in Glasgow for years before coming to America in 1883 and was actively identified with the home rule and Land League movements. He was secretary of the Glasgow Home Government Association, one of the first branches of the organization formed outside of Ireland.

Mr. Clarke was correspondent in Scotland for the Dublin *Nation*, then owned and edited by T. D. Sullivan, and the Belfast *Weekly Examiner*. He was also a contributor to the *United Irishmen*, founded in Liverpool by the veteran patriot John Denvir.

He was connected as author and compiler with school book literature in America. For the American Book Company he wrote "The Story of Troy," "The Story of Æneas," "The Story of Cæsar" and "Arabian Nights," adapted for children.

Mr. Clarke was secretary of the Anti-Poverty Society, of which Dr. McGlynn was president and Henry George vice-president. He is survived by three sons and six daughters.

Nathaniel W. Howell.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., March 13.—Nathaniel W. Howell is dead at his home in the Clove, town of Bloomingburg. He was 85 years old, and was graduated from Williams College in the class of 1853. He was a classmate of James A. Garfield. After his graduation, Mr. Howell studied law and practised in Chicago. He frequently met Abraham Lincoln before the latter gained countrywide fame. Mr. Howell was a member of the Assembly in 1864, and was a member of the Orange county board of supervisors in 1871-1872. He acted as justice of the peace for fifty years, resigning last year on account of feeble health.

William C. Supplee.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—William C. Supplee, a partner in the Philadelphia milk distributing firm founded by his father, died at his home in this city to-day of pneumonia. Mr. Supplee was 49 years of age. He was born in Lewisburg, Pa. Through sanitary methods introduced by him the firm has been awarded many medals and prizes for exhibits at expositions. Mr. Supplee is survived by a widow and a daughter, Margot. His father, George R. Supplee and three brothers, Harry, George A. and C. Henderson Supplee, also survive him.

Cornelius E. Baird.

Cornelius E. Baird, 67 years old, a retired lawyer, who was interested in mining properties and owned much real estate in Flushing, died of apoplexy at his home, 618 Eighth street, College Point, early yesterday. He was president of the Bay Vista Land Company and had an office at 18 Broadway, Manhattan. He was a prominent member of the Christian Science Church of Flushing. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Miss Electa Baird. The funeral will be held to-morrow and the body will be cremated.

Capt. Angelo J. Arata.

Capt. Angelo J. Arata of 1132 Garden street, Hoboken, a veteran pilot of the Erie Ferry Company, died yesterday. He was one of the organizers of the American Association of Masters and Pilots and was a member of Harbor No. 1 of the harbor of New York. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and other organizations. He was a native of Genoa, Italy, but came to America when an infant. For four years he served as a school commissioner of Hoboken, where he had resided for nearly half a century. His wife and three daughters survive him.

Henry O. Bernard.

BOSTON, March 13.—Henry O. Bernard, aged 77, one of Westboro's pioneer straw hat manufacturers, died on Sunday. From a poor boy in New York he became one of the world's largest straw hat manufacturers. When 17 Mr. Bernard secured work in the hat store of B. F. Beaman on Broadway. He was admitted to the firm in 1869 and soon afterward went to Westboro and started making straw hats. He leaves three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Helen Butler Field of New York.

James A. Hargan.

James A. Hargan, 65 years old, chief draughtsman in the bureau of construction at the navy yard, died on Sunday at his home, 1516 Forty-seventh street, Borough Park. He was an elder of the Borough Park Presbyterian Church and a member of Junius Scott Lodge, F. and A. M., De Witt Clinton Council, R. A., and the American Society of Marine Draughtsmen. His wife, four sons and three daughters survive.

Noah Combes.

Noah Combes, a retired farmer, 82 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Eckert, 79 Farrington street, Flushing, yesterday. He formerly lived in Rockville Centre. The daughter alone survives.

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SEYMOUR EATON OF 'BOOKLOVERS' DIES

Wrote "Teddy Bear" Verses and Organized the Tabard Inn Library.

AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Seymour Eaton, 57 years old, author and journalist, died of apoplexy to-day in his home in Lansdowne, near here. Mr. Eaton established the *Booklovers Magazine*.

Seymour Eaton's life was active, controversial and at times spectacular. In some respects it resembled that of the late Elbert Hubbard. His best remembered enterprise was the creation of the Tabard Inn syndicate, which, starting as a chain of libraries, branched into the selling of foods and drugs and failed on a big scale in 1905.

His biography in "Who's Who in America" credits him with being the "creator of the famous teddy bears." The fact is that the toy bearing that name was originated in Germany by Margaret Steiff, a poor woman, who became prosperous through the success of these toys and now has factories employing 5,000 persons. When first imported here the bears were not called "teddy bears." That name became attached to them a year or two later, after illustrated verses by Mr. Eaton, dealing with the adventures of the "Roosevelt Bears," or the "Teddy Bears" were printed in the Sunday newspapers. So apparently Mr. Eaton is to be credited with the name, but not with the figures themselves.

Mr. Eaton was born in Epping, Ont., in 1859. After seven years of district school teaching he became a resident of Boston. He started later in Philadelphia the Booklovers Library and the Tabard Inn enterprise. The feature of the Booklovers Library was a delivery system whereby subscribers received the latest literature at their homes. Branches were opened in American cities and in Europe, and the business increased until Mr. Eaton felt it necessary to organize a subsidiary system called the Tabard Inn Library, which permitted purchasers to get books at the regular retail price and to exchange any volume for another on payment of five cents. In drug stores all over the country revolving bookcases of the Tabard Inn Library are still to be seen.

Mr. Eaton founded next the *Booklovers Magazine*, which made a specialty of the reproduction of famous paintings. Then druggists' specialties and food preparations were taken up, and finally Tabard Inn undertook the manufacture of artistic house furnishings. Tabard Inn became a $12,000,000 corporation and sold a good deal of stock before going into the hands of a receiver in 1905.

After the insurance investigation of 1906 Mr. Eaton became secretary of the international policyholders' committee, but resigned after a dispute with the committee's managers.

For five years he was director of Drexel Institute in Chicago and for four years a daily contributor to the Chicago *Record*. He wrote "The Teddy Bears Musical Comedy," "Prince Domino and Muffles," "The Telepath," "Harzilla Brown, Bachelor," "The Mysterious Giver" and a series of pamphlets setting forth short cuts to business success. He married Jennie V. Adair of Winnipeg in 1884.

Dr. Henry Betz.

Dr. Henry Betz, 58 years old, who had been in medical practice in Brooklyn for thirty years, died on Sunday from pneumonia at his home, 166 Tompkins avenue. He was graduated from Bellevue Medical College and was a member of the Kings County Medical Society and the German Medical Society. His wife survives him.

DIED.

ABBETT.—Thomas Hall Abbett, son of Lillian Abbett, in his twentieth year, of pneumonia, at the University Infirmary, Princeton.
Funeral from Marquand Chapel, Princeton University, on Tuesday, at 1:30.

CARPENTER.—On March 11, Charles W. Carpenter, aged 78 years.
Services Stephen Merritt Chapel, 223 Eighth avenue, near Twenty-first street, Tuesday, 1:30.

CLARKE.—Michael, Sunday.
Funeral Wednesday, residence, 281 Van Buren street, Brooklyn. Mass at St. John's, Willoughby and Lewis avenues, Brooklyn, 9 A. M.

DROSTE.—Helen Hamlin Reid, wife of Charles F. Droste and daughter of Hugo and Helen Campbell Reid, passed away March 12, at her home, 24 Lloyd road, Montclair, N. J.
Services and interment private.

LAWSON.—William, aged 67. Services "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," 241 West Twenty-third (Campbell Building), Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock.

MADDOX.—At his late residence, 37 Baltic street, Brooklyn, suddenly, Sunday, March 12, 1916, Judge Samuel Thomas Maddox, beloved husband of Helen C. Maddox.
Funeral services at church of the Good Shepherd, McDonough street, between Lewis and Stuyvesant avenues, on Wednesday, March 15, at 2 P. M. Special Masonic services by Halleck Lodge, No. 244, at his residence on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 P. M.

SHAFER.—On Sunday, March 12, 1916, at his residence, 326 McDonough street, Brooklyn, Col. William B. Shafer, beloved husband of Annie E. Shafer, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.
Funeral services at residence Wednesday evening, March 15, at 8 P. M. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery Thursday morning. Private.

TOWNSEND.—Suddenly, on March 13, 1916, Wainer Robbins Townsend, M. D., in his fifty-ninth year.
Funeral services at Church of Zion and St. Timothy, Fifty-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, on Wednesday, March 15, at 10 A. M.
To the Society of Alumni of Bellevue Hospital: It is with sorrow I report that