THE CASE HAS CRUMBLED LIKE A HOUSE OF CARDS

George Haas Sold the Candy That Became the Messenger of Death.

POLICE ARE AT FAULT.

The Evidence Gathered Against Mrs. Botkin Vanishes Into Thin Air.

The fabric of evidence built by the local police around Mrs. Cordelia Botkin has crumbled like a house of cards. Not one vestige of the incriminating testimony remains, and the authorities must begin all over again. Their energies have been misdirected. Witnesses that believed they knew something of the tragic death of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane have labored under a terrible mistake. Their knowledge does not possess even the value of a coincidence.

The poisoned candy that brought death to the two unfortunate women in Dover was bought in this city and not in Stockton. The death-laden confections were purchased at the establishment of George Haas. This information, which, unlike that which came from Stockton, is absolutely correct, was like a thunderbolt to the local police.

The discovery means more than a change in the scene of operations. It lifts a tremendous cloud of suspicion from Mrs. Botkin, and, while it does not leave her completely free from the shadow of guilt, it forces upon the authorities the necessity of constructing a new case on very different lines from that so boastfully presented for the last two weeks. The only positive testimony that remains to confront Mrs. Botkin is the assertion of John P. Dunning that he believes the woman wrote the anonymous threatening letters to his wife. Even Dunning will not say that the address on the package of candy was penned by the accused woman, and local experts are positive that it was not.

There has seldom been in local police annals a case where the detectives were so completely at fault. Chief of Police Lees studiously refrained from corroborating the assertions of the Stockton people in reference to the purchase of the candy. The Chief was waiting, he said, for the arrival of the detective from Dover. When Detective McVey arrived and the grim instruments of death were examined and photographed there was no longer an excuse for delay. The Chief of Police began his inquiry. He sent for the proprietor and clerks of the Wave candy store at Stockton. He detailed a detective to investigate among the candy shops of this city. Yesterday morning the crash came and the great case of the prosecution fell to the ground.

The witnesses from Stockton positively declared that the box of poisoned candy had not been bought from them. They were able to say beyond question that neither the box nor the candy had come from their shop. In an instant the Chief of Police found himself precisely where he had commenced two weeks ago. He had arrested a woman at the instance of the Delaware authorities. At their command he had charged her with murder. Beyond that nothing had been done except to make a most serious mistake. The Delaware officers had been told that evidence of the most vital character had been secured against Mrs. Botkin in this city and in Stockton. She had been identified; the official reports declared, as the woman who bought the candy. The official romance pictured her at the ferry postal station securing stamps and sending the messenger of death on its way.

Inspired by these unwarranted reports the Delaware authorities charged Mrs. Botkin with murder. All the material evidence, they believed, was here. They had only the unsupported assertion of Dunning to justify them in their action and the local authorities must tell them so. Chief Lees is more than ever convinced that Mrs. Botkin must be extradited. He has nothing with which to justify her trial for murder in this State.

After the witnesses from Stockton had told their story and had destroyed all the hope of the prosecution, another witness was summoned. He was George Hass and he came to tell the Chief of Police what he had already told Detective Gibson, that the box and the candy had been purchased at his establishment on Market street. The police were dumfounded, but they could do nothing but accept the inevitable. Haas gave satisfactory reasons for declaring that the poisoned sweatmeats came from his store before they were prepared for their work of death. The box is unique and is handled on this coast by Haas only. The candy is of such a make that the witness could easily identify it as his own manufacture.

But George Haas could go no further. Neither he nor his clerks can tell when the box was bought or by whom. Hundreds of similar packages have been sold in the last few weeks. Hundreds of people pass in and out of the store every day. To the girls who serve the customers of the establishment few people possess an individuality. The girls in the store have been questioned from every possible point of view, but they can tell nothing. There was nothing in the purchase of the box of candy to make them remember the incident. These girls do not know Mrs. Botkin and are quite sure that they cannot identify her. They will be given, however, a chance to do so. The outcome is already a certainty that the accused woman will not be identified. It seems as if the identity of the cruel murderess of Mrs. Dunning and her sister is to be lost in the crowd that passes to and fro on the street.

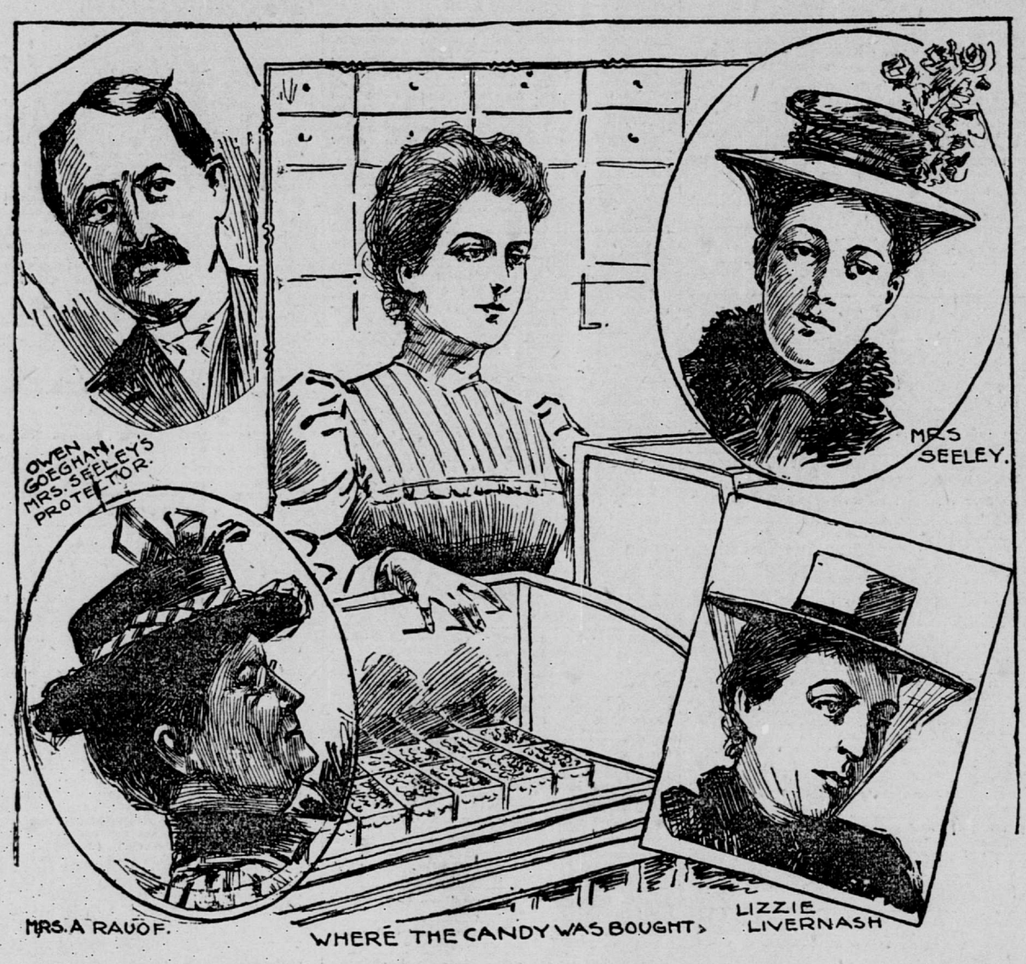
The developments in the case yesterday inspired Mrs. Botkin with new hope. "I am glad," she declared, "the the police have at last obtained some positive information of value. Since they know that the candy was bought in this city and not in Stockton they may be able now to get on the track of the cruel person who took the lives of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane. I felt sure that the shadow of suspicion that had been thrown over me could not long remain. I believe that in a short time my name will be removed from all association with this dreadful affair, and I am more than ever convinced that I will not be forced to go to Delaware.

"I cannot see how it is possible for Dunning to charge me with the authorship of those anonymous letters, and I refuse to believe that he has done so. There must be some mistake in the reports. My attorneys give me every assurance that the end will not be long delayed. I will tell the police and the public that I did not buy the box of poisoned candy. As far as I know I never was in Haas' candy store in my life. I have no fear of investigation. The deeper and more thorough the inquiry the more evident will my innocence become."

When the new discovery was made Attorney Knight called upon Chief of Police Lees and offered to discuss the situation in a purely friendly way. The lawyer wished to meet the Chief half way, to reveal his client's defense and to learn what evidence the authorities may possess. If there is nothing serious against Mrs. Botkin her attorney would like to secure her immediate release, but this is impossible in view of the complaints of murder already made. These charges will not be withdrawn, and the Chief of Police will stand by his first determination to have the accused woman extradited to Delaware. As soon as possible after the arrival of the application for extradition Chief Lees will appear before Governor Budd and ask that the application be granted. Unless something far more material appears in the nature of evidence the application is not likely to receive favorable consideration from the chief executive.

Another stumbling block was thrown in the way of the prosecution yesterday when it became known that the official expert on handwriting is unable to identify the known handwriting of Mrs. Botkin either with the anonymous letters or with the address and note of the candy box. It is now generally admitted that the anonymous letters were not written by the same person who penned the address and the note. If they were, the writer was unusually expert in disguising her handwriting. The failure of the expert on handwriting to make any progress of value to the prosecution is of the most serious import. The uncertainty of the expert throws great doubt upon the assertion of Dunning and undermines the case of the State in its most vital part.

With the failure of the expert and the crash of the Stockton episode it would seem as if the prosecution had suffered reverses enough for one day, but the Grand Jury was yet to supply another cause for dismay. The strongest witnesses discovered by the police were examined by the official inquisitors, and they could tell nothing of value. They know nothing that bears directly upon the commission of the dreadful crime. They are acquainted with the facts of Mrs. Botkin's career and know of her relations with Dunning. Beyond that they are as ignorant of the motive and the perpetrator of the murders as the police themselves. The official inquiry will be pursued further, however, with a hope that some fact of moment may be developed. Unless some startling fact is brought out it is extremely unlikely that Mrs. Botkin will ever be indicted for sending poisoned confections through the mails.



Witnesses Who Could Tell Nothing to Connect Mrs. Botkin With the Poisoner's Crime.

LEES' CHAIN WAS MADE OF FOG

All the Links of Evidence Gathered by the Venerable Chief Blown Away Like Mist.

The whole fabric of alleged evidence that for two weeks past Chief Lees has been weaving around Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was yesterday so rent and torn that not one shred remains behind which the Chief may seek to hide his chagrin and disappointment. The whole wobbly structure of inconsistencies that the prosecution has built up around the woman accused of the Dover murders has fallen and its builders are sadly mixed up with the ruins.

Through the efforts of Detective Gibson the work of weeks is undone and the scene of deepest investigation is shifted from Stockton to San Francisco and from the candy store of Kuhn to the store of G. W. Haas. Chief Lees must begin anew his search for evidence that will warrant the charge of murder against Mrs. Cordelia Botkin.

Since the beginning, despite the many absurd inconsistencies that The Call has pointed out, Chief Lees and Detective McVey have pursued the theory of the Stockton candy box, blind to all possible channels of information outside that theory. Using the drag net they have this last week gathered in from Healdsburg and from Stockton their witnesses and their clews, and one by one their witnesses have developed that they knew nothing and their clews have dissipated into thin air.

Mrs. Rauof, who has been largely advertised as one of the brightest of the galaxy of the prosecution's stars, knew little and told nothing when on Tuesday she was brought by Detective Wrenn from Healdsburg and subjected to the sweat box by the Chief's board of strategy. Miss Lizzie Livernash submitted all of the evidence that she had not, and the efforts of the inquisition adduced as much from the other channels, of which Station D of the Postoffice Department was the most important.

Then, to complete the ruin of the Chief's unique theory, came, like a bolt from the skies, word from Detective Gibson that the box and its contents, the ribbon and the wrapping, had been fully identified by George Haas, the well-known Market-street candy man, as the output of his store; furthermore, that his establishment is the only one on the coast which uses such a box.

For two days Detective Gibson had been displaying among the different confection-shops the box and its attachments, but with no result until he placed it before one of the ten pretty girls of the Haas establishment. She immediately recognized it as one of the store boxes, as did all of her co-workers to whom it was shown. To clinch his sudden good fortune, Gibson called in Mr. Haas, who corroborated the statements of his employes.

"I recognized not only the box but the candy as soon as it was shown me," said Mr. Haas. "We are the only people on the coast who use the box, which is made by Jones & Co. of Philadelphia. I was summoned by Chief Lees early this morning to the City Hall, where, with a strong magnifying glass, I made a most minute observation of the box and its contents, and I did not hesitate to say to the Chief that the box and the candy were without doubt from my store. One feature of the box which makes my identification doubly sure is that the box is—or was—pink and not white in color, as has been reported. This I proved to Mr. Lees by tearing a piece of the paper and showing him the obverse side. The change in color is accounted for by the fact that I buy my boxes in a great quantity at one time and store them for six months or more. The color is one that quickly fades. I reiterate that the candy and the box are from my store."

With the object of finding one among the girls in the store who could recall some unusual circumstance in connection with the sale of the box in question, Detectives McVey and Gibson called at the store, and besides displaying the box thoroughly catechised every employe of the place, but to no avail. They one and all recognized the box, but that was all. To-day or to-morrow, as the plan stands now, Mr. Haas and his employes will be taken to the Central police station to see if there be one among them who can identify Mrs. Botkin as the erstwhile customer of the store.

To say that Chief Lees was stunned at this sudden collapse of his evidential structure is a poor expression for the stroke that the head of the department suffered. For a time he refused absolutely to believe that Detective Gibson's clever discovery was more than a coincidence, and with all the happy faith of another childhood, and by the power purloined from the Grand Jury, he haled before him W. F. Kuhn, the proprietor, and F. G. Gattrell and Raymond Miller, clerks of the Wave candy store of Stockton.

Gattrell, it will be remembered, announced that he had been approached by a woman who wanted an empty candy-box in which to place some of her own confections. As to consent to such a request was contrary to the policy of the store, Gattrell procured for the woman another box, and with it she left. This upon the 28th or 29th of July.

Upon this showing Chief Lees had hung his faith, and until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when Mr. Kuhn arrived, there his faith hung. A glance at the box and another at the candy, and Chief Lees learned that the work and the worry, the star chamber conclaves and the torch-light investigations of a long month were for naught, and that from the hour he must begin afresh to elaborate the same theory with facts from different channels.

The box was not from Kuhn's—nor was the candy.

Of his connection with the case Mr. Kuhn, who is a business man typical of the hustling San Joaquin Valley, talked freely. "I saw at a glance," he said, "that neither box nor candy was of my stock. In fact I came to the conclusion that they were not as soon as I read the description of the things in The Call, and I so notified the authorities. It is nonsense to say that a candy-maker cannot recognize his own candies. He can, just as readily as a tailor can recognize his clothing. Chief Lees was positive that he had discovered among the chocolates the mark of the lopsided mold which I had described, but I found no trouble in pointing out to him his mistake. I think that he is now of the opinion that the candy did not come from Stockton."

Investigation proved that the Chief certainly was of that opinion, so much so that Gattrell and Miller were tendered their expenses and returned to Stockton with not so much as an audience.

EVIDENCE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

Chief Lees Asks That Mrs. Botkin Be Indicted Under Section 347 of the Penal Code.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Lees and Detective McVey presented to the Grand Jury all the evidence so far gathered in the Dunning case. The object of their move is to secure an indictment against Mrs. Botkin under section 347 of the Penal Code, which makes it a felony for a person to send poisoned food through the mails. An indictment for murder will not be asked for by Chief Lees, as that would defeat his purpose to send the accused woman to Delaware, if he can possibly do so.

If Mrs. Botkin were indicted for murder she would have the right to demand a trial here, and should she be acquitted she could not again be placed in jeopardy on the same charge. The plan of the police is to secure an indictment on the minor charge, thereby taking the case out of the jurisdiction of the Police Court and then hold the prisoner indefinitely.

If sufficient evidence to fasten the murder of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane upon Mrs. Botkin could be obtained subsequently, the indictment would be quashed and extradition might then follow.

Yesterday's proceedings seem strange from the fact that if the police can show reasonable or even presumptive proof that Mrs. Botkin deposited the death package in the mail her guilt of murder would be indicated and she should be tried on that charge.

The Grand Jury devoted four hours to the case yesterday and adjourned subject to a call for a special session. It was learned that no startling evidence was presented by the prosecution, and an intimation was given by a juror that a bill against Mrs. Botkin was not likely to be brought unless the police produced more definite evidence than has so far been presented. Acting District Attorney Hosmer conducted the case for Chief Lees and Detective McVey.

The witnesses examined were Chief Lees, Detective McVey, Mrs. Rauof, the nurse; Mrs. Louise Seeley and Miss Livernash, a reporter who interviewed the accused woman at Healdsburg and Stockton before she was arrested.

Chief Lees was the first witness, and he gave the Grand Jury a detailed statement of the case, including the telegrams he had received from the Delaware authorities, which contained the information that Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane had been killed by eating candy containing arsenic, which had been sent to Dover from San Francisco. He also presented a subsequent message asking him to arrest Mrs. Botkin, which he had done. The Chief then gave his theory of the crime and Mrs. Botkin's connection therewith. He then presented photographs of the anonymous letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Botkin to Mrs. Dunning, and also reproductions of the note and superscription on the box of candy. The Chief could not present the testimony of experts on the handwriting, as comparisons have not yet been made.

Detective McVey was next called. He laid before the jury all the evidence he brought from Dover, which consists solely of the remainder of the poisoned candy, the wrapper containing the address, the box and the handkerchief and note inclosed with the murderous gift.

Mrs. Rauof, the nurse at whose home Mrs. Botkin visited while she was in Stockton, told her story, which has repeatedly appeared in the newspapers. She simply related the circumstances of Mrs. Botkin's visit and illness while she was at her home. It was supposed, for a time that Mrs. Botkin had confessed to her nurse, but the latter denies that she was ever taken into the confidence of the woman now under arrest.

Mrs. Louise Seeley, a former friend of Mrs. Botkin and Dunning, who was accused by Mrs. Botkin of being the author of the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning, swore that she had never seen the letters, much less having written them. She declared complete ignorance of their existence until they were referred to in the newspapers.

Miss Lizzie Livernash, a newspaper woman, gave the details of interviews she had had with Mrs. Botkin, and the substance of several conversations which took place while she was in the accused woman's society.

As the procuring of an indictment is always an ex parte proceeding Mrs. Botkin was not present in the jury room when the testimony was given.

NO MORE CHINESE FOR THE OMAHA VILLAGE

THOSE ON THE WAY WILL NOT BE LANDED.

Treasury Department Has Notified Collector Jackson That Its Permission Has Been Revoked.

The exposures recently made in The Call of the fact that about 200 Chinese admitted at this port on the way to the exposition at Omaha had escaped and were living in this State as courtesans and laborers, have been taken into consideration by the Treasury Department at Washington. Collector Jackson was advised yesterday of the opinion of the department by a telegram ordering him to refuse a landing to the remainder of the Chinese now on their way from China to Omaha.

Some time ago, upon the representation of the Mee Lee Village Company, having in charge the Chinese village at the Omaha Exposition, the United States Government agreed to admit to this country some 500 and odd exhibitors, dancers, actors, clerks, etc., from China, the Mee Lee Company giving bonds that these people would be returned to China not later than two months after the close of the exposition. Three hundred and twenty have been admitted at this port and twelve more are expected on the steamer from Hongkong in a few days. Two hundred and fifty are coming by way of Port Townsend. Under the telegraphed instructions received yesterday all these will be excluded.

The Chinese bureau officials have not yet succeeded in finding the eight Chinese women who came here from the Omaha village and became inmates of disreputable houses. These women were sold for $2000 each and were imported here under the pretext that they were to attend booths in the Mee Lee village at the exposition.

Collector Jackson received also a ruling of the Treasury Department in the matter of a Chinese who had a certificate of registration, but who had been absent from the United States for more than a year. He sought admission, despite the one year proviso, on the ground that he had been detained in China owing to the serious sickness of his mother. The department ruled that this was not a valid excuse, and that the sickness of no person other than the applicant would relieve him from the operation of the one year limitation clause.

PATRICK SHEA CONVICTED.

Brutal Assailant of Eliza Godecke Will Meet His Just Deserts.

Patrick Shea has pity only for himself. On June 16 last he criminally assaulted Eliza Godecke, a young girl, and when her aged mother attempted to save her daughter the rough drove her from the room, paid no heed to the pleadings of his young victim and completed his purpose. Wednesday he was put on trial, and many witnesses closed a chain of evidence about him, and yesterday he was found guilty of the crime with which he was charged. When the jury returned its verdict he broke down and cried like a child; for himself he had naught but pity, for others none. As there are two prior convictions against the criminal he will probably suffer a sentence that will mean life behind prison bars.

Meyerhof Not Poisoned.

Autopsy Surgeon Gallagher performed an autopsy yesterday morning on the body of Martin M. Meyerhof, the grocer who fell dead a few days ago at his place of business on the corner of Mason and Geary streets. He discovered no traces of poison in the stomach and found evidence that death had been caused by fatty degeneration of the heart. The body had been embalmed, but despite that fact, Dr. Gallagher is confident that Meyerhof was not poisoned, as had been suspected by his friends.

Read the anecdotes about "Soapy" Smith by Cy Warman, in next Sunday's Call.

WILL GLORIFY LEES IN MARTIAL MUSIC

POLICE DRUM CORPS A PALPITANT FACT.

The Sextet Composing It Were Once Butchers, and Now Practice Their Arts on Do, Re, Mi.

At last a worthy ambition of Chief of Police Lees is to be gratified. He is to have a drum corps. When he shall ride at the head of a procession, all stately with lace, and like Dante's boatman "hoar with eld," there is to be a ratapian to his glorification. The noise will be louder than his gold braid, and for all the attention the rest of the parade will attract, it might as well go away from there. It won't be in it.

The corps has been organized. So far it is untamed, but the trainer has hopes. It is made up of Policemen Butterworth, McLaughlin, Webster, Evatt, Heins and Bunner. The six were practicing in the shooting gallery at the City Hall yesterday, and the rest of the force was with difficulty restrained from using them as targets. The noise was enough to wake the dead, and would have done so except that the dead know a good thing. Suffering fell to the living. By a strange coincidence each of the sextet was, before his elevation to the upper circles, a butcher. Each is competent to yank the sheepskin from the palpitant carcass, but at hammering melody out of the same after it has been tanned and stretched, they all are a little lame yet, but expect to be better before Lees has convicted Mrs. Botkin.

There is still the painful lack of a fifer. Nobody on the force seems willing to yield to others the boon of being a fifer, and so a contest may be arranged. The men will run 100 yards, and the one with the most wind left at the end will be given the coveted position. The fat men declare this will not be a fair deal, but they must take their chances with the rest. However, there is no absolute need of a fifer, and there is doubt whether any man on force could run 100 yards and have enough breath left to whisper his own name, much less fife to the mightiness of Lees. The drums can do the business all by themselves, and when they once get under way "The Drums of the Fore and Aft" will never again be thought worthy of mention. Those were fiction drums anyhow, and these awful six are the real article.

WITH RED CROSS WORKERS.

Beds and Bedding Donated by Generous People for the Convalescent Home.

A public meeting of the Red Cross Society will be held in Century Hall, 1213 Sutter street, on Saturday afternoon. A complete report of the work accomplished by the society during the past two months will be read. All members and friends interested in the good work are invited to attend.

Mrs. W. H. Crocker sent a donation of $100 yesterday and pupils at Mills Seminary sent $25.

Mrs. Lambert of 1615 Broderick street donated a double bed, mattress and easy chair to the Convalescent Home yesterday. Mrs. J. P. King sent a wire cot bed, mattress, bedding, blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow-cases.

Supplies were sent yesterday to the Heavy Artillery, Sixth California, Seventh California, Utah Cavalry, First Tennessee, Red Cross tent, Fifty-first Iowa, Division Hospital, First Washington and Second Infantry.

More Chinese Excluded.

Twenty-eight Chinese claiming to be natives of this country and fifty with certificates as traders, accountants, clerks, etc., were denied a landing yesterday by Collector Jackson. The men with the certificates were excluded because of the recent ruling of the Treasury Department that none but merchants, students or tourists for pleasure are entitled to land. These men cannot take an appeal, the judgment of exclusion on the part of the Collector being final, but the Chinese claiming to be native Yankees have the right of appeal. Four asked for writs of habeas corpus yesterday and writs will be issued.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

SALT RHEUM FOR YEARS CURED

I had Salt Rheum for years. My leg from knee to ankle was raw and swollen, and the pain was intense. I tried doctors in Hartford, Waterbury, and New Haven, to no avail. CUTICURA RESOLVENT, CUTICURA (ointment), and a box of CUTICURA SOAP completely cured me. GARRETT T. SAYERS, Hartford Electric Light Co., Hartford, Conn.

SPEEDY CURE TREATMENT FOR TORTURING, DISFIGURING HUMORS, WITH LOSS OF HAIR.—Warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle anointings with CUTICURA, and mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT.

Sold throughout the world. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Props., Boston. How to Cure Salt Rheum, free.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hale's "The store mother likes" GOOD GOODS.

This big store has enough "store news" to fill columns of a newspaper. We're making history—making it fast. First, then, don't forget our concert, 2 to 5 to-morrow. Remember that although King Cotton has reigned for months he's about to die, and woolens will ascend Fashion's throne. We've a little army downstairs unpacking new goods—hosiery, gloves, veilings, millinery, belts, dress goods, ribbons, silks, satins and velvets; fall goods with all the gorgeous color combinations that the fall season has decreed. We are bubbling over with enthusiasm over our new dress goods. We've been talking "good goods," and now we are opening up better goods.

great semi-porcelain and glassware sale still on!

sale prices.
3-inch Semi-porcelain Fruit Saucer, dozen 25c
8-inch Dinner Plate, blue decoration, each....12c
7-inch Breakfast Plate, blue decoration, each....10c
Decorated Handled Coffee Cup and Saucer, each....12c
Tea Cup and Saucer, with decorated handle....10c
China Fruit Saucers, 5-inch, decorated....5c
China Fruit Plates, 6-inch, decorated....10c
Butter Dish, glass covered....10c
Syrup Cup, of glass, with plated top....10c

crash suits $1.00
We offer to-day Ladies' Mixed Crash Suits, fly front, nicely made, seams in jacket made extra strong; just the thing for the country; skirts all lengths, with good deep hem, in sizes 34 to 40. $1
Others, better of course, reduced to.... $2

In addition to above we offer Ladies' Plaid Crash Suits, Eton effect, sizes 34 to 40; cut from $5 to $2.75

lace curtains.
We were very pleased with the attention our Lace Curtain window attracted last week. The leading feature was the latest novelty, the "Point de Calais" Curtains, 3½ yards long, 50 inches wide, in white and ecru, in three qualities, $6.50, $8.00 and $10.00 per pair. We hang them free and keep all necessary fittings.

turkish towel 11c.
We spoke last week about how annoying it is to have a good bath and then find poor towels. Poor towels mean poor friction, poor friction poor circulation, poor satisfaction. We offer an unbleached towel, 22x40 inches, good heavy quality, usually 15c, for 11c

colored dress goods.
Glace poplin with hard finish cord surface in changeable colorings, an entirely new fabric for this fall season, 38 inches wide.... 50c Yard
Scotch plaids in extremely choice patterns, all wool, extra heavy, especially adapted for skirts, 36 inches wide.... 50c

new dress trimmings.
We've said before what an important part trimmings are to play in costumes of this fall. They are extremely rich. We opened to-day Appique trimmings—imported French goods—used for waist trimmings, collars, revers, epaulettes and cuffs.

we show:
Black cut bead and spangled gimp, ¼ to 1 inch wide....12 1-2c to 50c yard
Colored spangled edging, ½ inch wide, in all the latest colorings....25c yard
Black Mousseline de Soie bands and passementerie, beaded and spangled, 1 to 3 inches wide....85c to $2.25 yard
Black spangled and jetted Mousseline de Soie passementerie in sets to match for waist and skirt...$3.75 to $7.00 yard

dollar glove.
2-clasp in all shades, 5½ to 7½, warranted and fitted, one of the best ladies' gloves we carry.
Men's 1-clasp pique walking glove in red, oxblood and brown, all sizes, one dollar.

everything that women wear—underwear and outerwear—cool things for warm days and warm things for cool nights.

937-939-941-943-945-947 Market Street.

JONAS URY WAS A DISINHERITED SON

WAS A HEBREW AND MARRIED A CHRISTIAN.

Came to San Francisco and Enlisted and Was Murdered at Camp Barrett.

The cause that led Jonas Ury, who was killed at Camp Barrett by James Meadors, to leave New York City and come to San Francisco was the estrangement of his father, due to the son's marriage in opposition to the parental wishes.

Jonas was the eldest son of Felix Ury, a well-to-do baker and caterer on Lenox avenue, New York. He fell in love with the pretty daughter of a janitress. Jonas was an orthodox Hebrew and the young woman was a Christian. That's where the trouble arose.

"Jonas, my son, if you marry that Christian girl I'll disown you," said the old man. "Such a marriage will prove unhappy."

Nevertheless Jonas married the girl, and sure enough his father kept his word, despite the pleading of the boy's mother.

Without assistance from the paternal purse Jonas was unable to properly provide for his wife, who soon after the birth of their child summoned him into court to answer to the charge of non-support. The delinquent husband pleaded that in order to support his wife and child he would sell the clothes he was wearing and go naked, but the proceeds resulting from this transaction would not keep the wolf from the door any great length of time. Jonas also set up the plea that his father, the baker, had refused to give him any more money, and that try as hard as he might he could earn nothing.

Jonas was dismissed by the Judge and soon after he came to San Francisco and appealed for assistance to an uncle living here. The uncle, however, took the same stand as the father. He would not help Jonas because he had married a Christian girl. At last the disinherited heir of the house of Ury became desperate and enlisted in the Eighth California Regiment of Volunteers. A few weeks after he was stabbed to death by James Meadors in a quarrel over a trivial amount of money.

When the telegraphic announcement of the death of Jonas was received by his father the old man refused to discuss his son's marriage and persisted in speaking of him as though he had died single.

A PRINTING FIRM ATTACHED.

Francis, Valentine & Co. Could Not Withstand Their Heavy Losses by Fire and Otherwise.

Several heavy attachments have been filed against the plant of Francis, Valentine & Co., at Clay and Sansome streets. The first given to the Sheriff was in favor of the Donohoe-Kelly Banking Company to secure a debt for $15,112 79. The second, filed late yesterday afternoon, was by the paper firm of Blake, Moffitt & Towne, and was for $7357 99.

Francis, Valentine & Co. is one of the largest concerns in the theatrical printing business on the Pacific Coast. Several years ago the secretary, E. C. Goggin, fled to Europe, having embezzled a large amount of money. Later came two fires, which caused heavy losses and seriously crippled the concern. The partners are S. B. Valentine and Howard P. Taylor Jr. A meeting of creditors will be called without delay.

Friends of Dumb Beasts.

The office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been removed from Sixteenth street to the fourth floor of the Parrott building. To-morrow evening there will be a housewarming, and the friends of the organization have been invited to attend.

Hereafter the office will be kept open every Saturday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, and the public as well as members and their friends are cordially invited to call. The board of trustees has at the present time under consideration the advisability of holding at least four meetings a year of the whole society as a body, and listening to able addresses on the subject of the cruelties practiced on dumb friends, and to discuss as to which are the best methods to be employed in preventing them. Such meetings will no doubt bring the noble work engaged in more before the public, and do much to advance the society's interests.

Suit for Balance Due on Duties.

United States Attorney Henry S. Foote brought suit in the United States District Court yesterday on behalf of the United States against the Pacific Commercial Company to recover $87 43, with interest and costs, that sum being the balance due of duty on 3380 pounds of walnuts abandoned by the defendant in the Government warehouse and sold by the Collector.

Clarkson's Second Trial.

The second trial of William Clarkson, charged with stealing gold bullion from the Mint, was begun yesterday in the United States District Court, Bert Schlesinger conducting the case on behalf of the Government. A. T. Spotts, ex-coiner of the Mint, and William D. Carter, a blacksmith, were on the stand yesterday. Nothing new was elicited. The trial will go on this morning.

THE LEGACY A GIFT TO THE MOTHER

MRS. VERONICA C. BAIRD'S ANSWER TO HER DAUGHTER.

The Stock Transferred by Mrs. Barry Baldwin Jr. Claimed by the Recipient to Be No Trust.

When Mrs. Veronica C. Baird goes into Judge Hebbard's court to answer the complaint of her daughter, young Mrs. Barry Baldwin, in a suit for the recovery of some $43,000 worth of stock, there is likely to be adduced as evidence some strong assertions and positive contradictions between mother and daughter.

The suit was filed on July 19 and the general demurrer on July 30. Argument on demurrer has been delayed, owing to a crowded calendar. When that is disposed of, as it will most likely be by being promptly overruled, the answer will be filed within the statutory time.

The chief allegation of the answer will be that the stock was transferred by the daughter, not merely to be held in trust, but as a direct gift to her mother. N. S. Hurd, attorney for Mrs. Baird, in giving a reason yesterday for the delay in the case, declined to discuss the answer that he is preparing, but he did not deny reliance to a large extent upon the fact, as contended by Mrs. Baird, that she was not acting as a trustee for her daughter, although while holding the property in her own name the holding was for the benefit of Mrs. Baldwin as well as herself.

When young Barry Baldwin was a visitor to the Baird dwelling he was looked upon as merely a friendly visitor, and his marriage with the daughter was not a matter to be considered seriously. So when it came, it came as a shock, and Mrs. Baird and her daughter, too, according to the declarations of the defendant, thought the property that the young bride held in her own name would be better in the hands of the mother. The transfer was duly made.

Mrs. Barry Baldwin Jr. is of mind that she can take of her own fortune a legacy from her father, John H. Baird, and she will stand by the allegations of her complaint: that the 225 shares of California Powder Works stock and 203 shares of Sausalito Land and Ferry Company stock was transferred to her mother just previous to the birth of an heir to Barry Baldwin Jr., to be held in trust for her, or for the child, if the young mother should not survive. This she alleges she felt disposed to do in the further hope that it would reconcile her mother to the youthful son-in-law, whose advent into the family has caused all the trouble.

A FLAG PRESENTATION.

Fremont Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Is Given Old Glory in Silk.

Fremont Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, was the recipient last night of a magnificent silk flag, donated by Miss Hannah Collins, the maker, one of the members. The presentation took place at a hop given in Native Sons' Hall. The presentation address on behalf of the donor was delivered by Past President Miss M. Bertola, one of the most gifted orators of the order. In language full of eloquent, patriotic sentiments which won the hearts of the several hundred who were present, she placed the flag in the keeping of Mrs. R. D. Barton, the president of the parlor. She responded and promised that the members would preserve the glorious banner and would never be found wanting whenever there was a call to stand by the colors.

The presentation was followed by the singing of the "Star-spangled Banner" by Miss McGrath, and then dancing until midnight. Mrs. Barton, the floor manager, and her assistant, Miss T. Ring, were aided by Miss M. Cawley, Mrs. P. Barry, Mrs. J. Glavinovich, Miss A. Kerr, Miss T. Sablatscham, Dr. M. E. Falck, Miss M. Montague, Miss A. Collier, Miss L. Versalovich.

In Plaids and Bonnets.

A meeting of representatives of the Scottish societies of this city and Oakland was held Wednesday evening in Scottish Hall to arrange for to-morrow night's celebration at the Irish Fair.

It was decided that those who will participate will meet at the rooms of the Caledonian Club in Scottish Hall and parade in a body to the Pavilion headed by pipers I. S. R. Tevendale and William McDonald in full Highland costume. As many members as can do so will don the plaid and bonnet. The following programme will be rendered at the Pavilion:

Overture, Scottish medley, band; pibroch selections, Tevendale and McDonald; grand Highland dance in costume, Miss Sibyl Campbell, Miss Margaret Boyd, James Baxter and Duncan McIntosh McKenzie; Highland fling, Duncan McI. McKenzie; sword dance, Miss Sibyl Campbell; sailors' hornpipe (in costume), James Baxter.

During the course of the entertainment Scottish airs will be played by the orchestra and stereopticon views of Scotch scenery shown.