AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT

The Danger From Expectorating in Public Places.

A Stringent Law Enforced in New York—How Disease Spreads From the Sputum—Pleading for a Fruit Stand—Current Notes of Interest.

A correspondent of the Commissioners, signing himself, "A Citizen," has called the attention of the board to the crusade now going on in New York City against expectoration in public places. It appears that a stringent law has been enacted for that city upon the subject, and that several arrests have been made and several persons remanded for trial under the law. If convicted, these will be fined according to the nature of the offence.

"Citizen" also submits a statement of Dr. John B. Crosby, Commissioner of the Board of Health, in defence of the law and relative to the dangers of promiscuous expectoration on the sidewalks and elsewhere. With reference to the latter subject, Dr. Crosby says:

"It is a well-known fact that most of the diseases of the respiratory tract, including diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, pneumonia, tuberculosis, influenza, and, probably, all forms of acute bronchitis, are the result of the action of germs which are present in the secretions of the respiratory organs. It has been shown also by recent investigations that in many instances these germs are present for long periods of time during convalescence from these diseases in the mucous secretions and in mild and unrecognized cases.

"Through spitting in public conveyances, on sidewalks, station platforms of elevated railways, in public buildings, etc., the germs producing these diseases are widely disseminated and are constantly tracked into the houses on the soles of shoes, and by means of the trailing skirts of women, which have been soiled by the expectoration. These considerations from a public health viewpoint are quite sufficient in themselves to justify the enactment of stringent regulations prohibiting the practice, aside from the filthiness of the habit and the public nuisance which those who practice it become.

"As showing the great importance of this relation to only one disease, it may be mentioned that in the Borough of Manhattan during the last year there were over 9,000 cases of tuberculosis reported, and it is conservatively estimated that at least 20,000 cases of this disease exist in the Borough of Manhattan, and the vast majority of these latter, in the infectious stage, are moving freely around the streets of the city expectorating on the sidewalks, in public conveyances, and wherever it may be convenient.

"It is not necessary to emphasize the dangers which arise in this way through the dissemination of the tubercule bacilli, which are the cause of this disease, and which are contained in the expectoration in almost incredible numbers. It has been estimated that 30oz person in the active stage of the malady may discharge not less than 2,000,000,000 of these in the sputum in the course of twenty-four hours. The department of health has long emphasized the fact that tuberculosis is communicable and distinctly preventable; that it is not directly inherited, but is produced solely through its transmission from some human being or animal suffering with it, by means of the germs thrown off in the diseased tissue.

"The danger from this disease is even greater because the large majority of cases are among the poor in the overcrowded, badly ventilated tenements, and among the laborers in the workshops, printing offices, sweat shops, and stores of the city. Through the presence of such large numbers of cases and the lack of precaution in regard to the disposal of the expectoration, the streets and public conveyances, floors of public buildings, etc., become infected, and the germs spread, through the drying and pulverizing of the sputum, floating in the air as dust."

The Commissioners have referred the communication to the Health Department for consideration and report, with especial reference to what may be done to lessen the evil of promiscuous expectoration on the sidewalks, streets, and public places in Washington.

D. W. Glassie, acting as attorney for George Thon, has sent to the Commissioners a statement relative to the use of a fruit stand in front of the premises 608 Eleventh Street northwest. He asks that the order of the lieutenant of the First precinct directing him to remove the stand be revoked and that it be allowed to remain. The attorney submits the following reasons given by Mr. Thon why he should not be compelled to comply with the orders of the police:

"I rent the entire premises, consisting of a two-story and basement house, and am entitled to the proper and legitimate use of the same without hindrance.

"Between the sidewalk and the house is a deep, dangerous area about five to five and a half feet wide, provided with steep steps leading down to the basement, without barrier or guard.

"I do not reach the basement from the outside. The entrance to my store room is reached by steps. There is projecting from the front of the house and extending about three feet three inches a bay window, leaving the remaining part of the area open and exposed.

"For the purposes of the business and to display my fruit I have extended an inclined fruit holder over said open area from the bay window to the edge of the sidewalk, where it stands a trifle more than a foot in height.

"The fruit display stand is wholly on my own premises, does not extend as far upon the sidewalk as the post and barrier arranged in front of and extending north on Eleventh Street from me. The stand provides better protection to pedestrians on the sidewalk.

"My display stand is of tasty design and much more attractive than either of the unsightly areas, the one in front of my premises and the one in front of premises 610.

"To remove my stand will be to remove all barriers against accident and protection to pedestrians, and will have deprived me of the advantage of my location for business. It will impair my business if it does not wholly destroy it, without corresponding good results to anyone else. A fruit stand on these premises without an outdoor display would force a suspension of business within a few months.

"My fruit display does not exceed the usual display by retail dealers in all cities and towns of the United States, and I am at a loss to understand why I should be singled out and be compelled to house and conceal my fruit behind a five and one-half foot unsightly area.

"I obey the law, like other citizens, meet all my obligations, like other citizens, and insist, as I have a right to do, that the same treatment that is meted out to other law-abiding citizens shall be accorded to me, and that I shall not be annoyed or molested in the proper and legitimate exercise of my rights in conducting my business."

The statement of Mr. Thon has been referred by the Commissioners to the Police Department for consideration and report.

Frank Ivey Wood, of 427 Massachusetts Avenue, has written to the Commissioners with reference to the special assessment bill against lot 11, square 1084, for curb and sidewalk. Mr. Wood encloses the bill and calls attention to the fact that interest on the assessment is charged from September 22, 1898, which date he is informed is the date of a letter mailed by the Commissioners to George T. Klipstein, Alexandria, Va. It also appears from the records that a copy of the bill was left at the residence of Mr. William A. Kimmel on March 24, 1900. Continuing, Mr. Wood says:

"This property was formerly owned by me and on June 11, 1897, I conveyed the same to George T. Klipstein, which deed was duly recorded June 14, 1897, in Liber 2233, folio 29. On June 4, 1898, said Klipstein conveyed the property to William A. Kimmel, which deed was recorded June 23, 1898, in liber 2315, folio 341, and by deed dated July 10, 1900, said Kimmel conveyed the property to me, which deed was recorded August 3, 1900, in Liber 2188, folio 340.

"From the facts above recited it will be seen that on September 22, 1898, the date of the alleged service on said George T. Klipstein, the latter was not in fact the owner of the property and such service was, therefore, invalid. Under the circumstances I respectfully request that the interest on the assessment laid be charged only from the date of proper service in the case and that I be furnished with a corrected bill.

"I have paid all general taxes due on said property and in view of the fact that the lot is about to be sold for nonpayment of said assessment I would ask that this matter be given immediate attention."

The matter having been referred to the Special Assessment Clerk, J. W. Daniel, he reports that when the special assessment for curb and sidewalk in front of square 1083 was levied, August 20, 1898, lot 4 stood on the books of the Assessor's Office in name of George T. Klipstein and a bill was mailed to Mr. Klipstein, who lived in Alexandria, Va. An examination made recently by Mr. Daniel shows that said lot was transferred by Mr. Klipstein on the 4th of June, 1898, to William A. Kimmel, upon whom the bill was served March 24, 1900. This being the first valid service, Mr. Daniel thinks interest can be charged only from March 24, 1900. It is understood that the Commissioners will approve the above report.

Andrew B. Duvall, the Attorney for the District, has submitted to the Commissioners a supplementary opinion upon the application of W. H. Manogue that the owners of the west ten feet of lot 25, square 1272, assessed in the name of Charles H. Reintzell, be permitted to pay the general taxes due from 1880 to 1890 without penalties and costs. The matter, after being once decided, was reconsidered by the Commissioners and the Attorney was asked to give an opinion upon the interpretation of section 156, Revised Statutes, which was referred to in his previous opinion on the subject. The Attorney was asked specifically whether the section referred to relates solely to Washington and Georgetown. Upon the point raised the Attorney says:

"By act of Congress approved February 11, 1895, changing the name of Georgetown, etc., it was provided that 'all general laws, ordinances, and regulations of the City of Washington be and the same are hereby extended and made applicable to that part of the District of Columbia formerly known as the City of Georgetown, and all general laws, regulations, and ordinances of the City of Georgetown be and the same are hereby repealed.'

"I am of the opinion that this act of Congress rendered section 156, Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia, applicable to Georgetown. As was heretofore suggested by me there is no claim and can be no claim in this case, that the owners of this land were in any way misled or shamefully beaten of its assessment in the name of Reintzell, and under the circumstances of this case I see no reason for advising the granting of the request."

John B. Brady, Inspector of Buildings, yesterday submitted to the Engineer Commissioner his report of the operations of the office for the month of March: Permits were issued for the number and character of buildings as follows: Brick dwellings, 71, $347,775; frame dwellings, 34, $37,750; brick repairs, 61, $62,891; frame repairs, 48, $8,875; apartment houses (brick), 2, $341,300; apartment house (frame), 1, $6,000; stores and dwellings (brick), 2, $7,-200; store and dwelling (frame), 1, $1,700; store (brick), 1, $3,500; stores (frame), 2, $8,175; engines and boilers, 3, $1,750; warehouses, 3, $3,000; vault, 1, $40; oven, 1, $500; church, frame, 1, $2,500; wood and coal yard, 1, $300; Athletic Park, stands, fences, etc., 1, $15,000; baseball park, stands fences, etc., 1, $10,000; stables (brick), 4, $7,100; stables (frame), 3, $4,100; shed (brick), 1, $10; sheds (frame), 36, $1,-261; total, 282, $764,907.

The following summary will show the distribution of improvements in the different sections of the District and the value of the same: Buildings northwest, $373,760, and repairs northwest, $61,448; buildings county, $314,105, and repairs county, $6,396; buildings northeast, $77,-100, and repairs northeast, $2,269; buildings southeast, $19,940, and repairs southeast, $1,821; buildings southwest, $6,675, and repairs southwest, $761; total buildings, $791,580, and total repairs, $73,427.

Commissioner Ross, who has charge of the Police Department, announced yesterday that there are a comparatively few names on the eligible list for appointment on the force. Between now and July 1 there are to be thirty-five new policemen appointed and it is understood that there are not at present enough names on the list from which to make these appointments.

There are only two examinations to be held between now and the end of the present fiscal year and applicants must have their examinations then in order to be considered in the batch of new appointments.

Proposals were received yesterday at the District Building to furnish engine, wheel, shaft, etc., for the harbor boat Vigilant. The James Clark Company of Baltimore bid $4,725, W. S. Moore's Sons of Alexandria bid $2,985, and Forsberg & Murray bid $2,696.

P. H. Larkin, Vice President of the Morris Smokeless Furnace Company, has called the attention of the Commissioners to their product and have asked the privilege of demonstrating its utility by equipping any boiler in the District of Columbit which the Commissioners may select for the purpose.

It is understood that in view of the widespread impression that there is no device which will do away with coal smoke absolutely, the Commissioners will give this company opportunity to do what it asks, especially as the experiment is to be conducted to a satisfactory conclusion or otherwise without expense to the District.

The Inspector of Buildings has submitted to the Commissioners the proposal received from J. M. Dunn to paint the roof of the Webb School Building for the sum of $100 and recommends that it be not accepted. The Inspector states that he has conferred with the Superintendent of School Repairs and that the latter has submitted a statement that he can do the painting for $80, and the Inspector recommends that he be authorized to do the painting.

"Nana" in Washington.

Lovers of realistic art will be pleased to know that "Nana," the celebrated painting by the Russian artist, Sucho-rowsky, is coming to Washington, and is to be exhibited at 1417 G Street northwest, commencing on Monday, April 8. "Nana" was painted eighteen years ago, and first exhibited at the Academy of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, where it obtained for the artist his admission into the academy. Since that time "Nana" has been exhibited throughout the large cities of Europe and America, and has been pronounced by art critics and public to be the most life-like picture ever yielded. This is the first appearance of "Nana" in Washington, and she comes with a recommendation of over twenty weeks' continuous engagement in Baltimore, where it was visited by over 165,000 people. The "Baltimore American" says that "the artist who painted 'Nana' is undoubtedly a master of his art. The figure, life-size, is gracefully posed, and the modeling of the head and limbs show a learned acquaintance with the anatomy of the human body. The high relief which he has given to the figure is striking, the flesh painting is very true in hue, and the delicate transparency of the shadows and reflected lights which play on the surface of the body cannot but be admired. There is undoubtedly an exquisite flow of life in the figure from every point of view. The face especially has a life-like quality imparted to it. The large, dark blue eyes are soft and liquid, and from the partially opened mouth one might expect that Galatea-like, there should issue some articulate sounds."

The business Hechts' have piled up here during the past five weeks is most extraordinary.

It is significant, too! It means that the great store, with its progressive methods of merchandising, and its unique system of selling, is making friends at an unprecedented rate—forging ahead at a pace which is startling to competitors. The record established during the past week we had not the slightest idea of making, and it would seem hard to beat, but it is not impossible or improbable. The series of special sales which start here tomorrow will without doubt keep up the splendid selling of the week just closed. If saving is a consideration to you, you will surely come here tomorrow. Keep in mind that ready money is NOT NECESSARY—that purchases may be "charged" and paid for in little weekly or monthly "dribbles" which your pocketbook will scarcely feel.

Over 300 women's suits and skirts to go on sale tomorrow at about half price.

Makers of women's ready-to-wear suits and skirts have frightfully overproduced, and the market is literally "gorged." Such was the condition of affairs last week the buying manager of the suit department found in New York.

Over 300 garments bought at a sacrifice from two of the foremost New York makers will be put on sale tomorrow, and the offering holds out to you greater savings than you have ever known.

$10.00 for suits up to $20.

Black pebble cheviots — fashionable homespuns—handsome Venetians, in black, blue, tan, castor, and red. Jackets in every effect which is correct, and taffeta silk lined—skirts with flounces or the full-flaring variety. Some of these are trimmed with gilt braid and have jackets faced with peau de soie.

$19.50 for suits up to $30.

The finest broadcloths—the highest-grade Venetians—the best pebble cheviots—the best plain cheviots—all shades, including the most wanted and blue and black. All styles of jackets, including the Etons with vests. Plain and trimmed. Taffeta silk-lined jackets. Most stylish skirts.

Rainy-day skirts, $1.75

Lot of ladies' rainy-day skirts with stitched bottoms—and full width, to go at $1.75.

$5.00 skirts, $2.98

Skirts of black cheviot—full flaring—trimmed with three bands of taffeta silk—splendid linings and bindings $5 values.

Cheviot serge skirts, $4.98

100 black cheviot serge skirts trimmed with two stitched satin bands, to go for $4.98.

Taffeta silk skirts, $9.50

75 ladies' fine black taffeta silk skirts—trimmed with satin ribbon, for $9.50.

Sale of domestics.

7⅞c for—unbleached closely woven muslin.

6⅞c for—Anchor brand bleached muslin, full yard wide, sold everywhere 10c.

7½c for—white cambrics, full yard wide; extra fine, soft finish; regular price, 12½c.

4⅞c for—cream Shaker flannel, soft and fleecy; 6¼c value.

8¾c for—genuine Bates' seersucker dress gingham in plaids, stripes, and plain effects; warranted fast colors; 12½c value.

Notion sale.

1c for—box invisible hairpins.
for—ironing wax; with handle.
for—two dozen hump hook and eyes.
for—60-inch tape measure.
for—box mourning pins.

2c for—paper of English pins.
for—black spool silk, 100 yards.
for—sewing machine oil.
for—one dozen safety pins.
for—one dozen dress steels.
for—Mme. Loure hair curlers.

3c for—all colors crochet silk.
for—paper Smith's best needles.
for—steel tracing whels.
for—dozen pearl buttons.
for—length of frilled garter webbing.
for—cabinet assorted hairpins.

Sale of new spring silks.

29c for silk taffetalines, excellent quality, large variety of spring shades; 20 inches wide—49c value.

25c for wash silk—pink and blue stripe—only about 400 yards of this. Regular 39c value.

49c for silk printed foulards—new dotted and figured effects.

59c for black India silk—27-inch width; warranted water and perspiration proof. The very article for summer dresses. Sells everywhere at 75c.

89c for all-silk crepe de chine, 24 inches in width—a number of shades, including grey, violet, lavender, blue, pink, old rose, white, and black.

98c for all-silk black peau de soie—excellent opportunity for those in want of a black silk dress. Regular value, $1.49.

$8 go-carts $5.98

100 reed go-carts which are exactly like those which furniture stores are selling at $10, to go on sale at $5.98.

98c curtains 69c

200 pairs ruffled Swiss curtains—full length and width, and in desirable designs, ready tomorrow at 69c pair instead of 98c.

Linoleum 37c

Several hundred yards of extra heavy floor linoleum in best designs and colors go on sale tomorrow at 37c instead of up to 60c.

HECHT & COMPANY,

513-515 Seventh Street.

Phenomenal millinery business.

Millinery selling reached high-water mark last week. Seemed as though this was the only millinery store in town. Night and day nearly a hundred workpeople, all adept in their line, "worked like beavers" to turn out the orders for Easter hats, and not a person was disappointed—not once did we break our promise.

Such a growth as the millinery business has accomplished is, indeed, a great satisfaction. It proves that our values are best—our hats the most fashionable.

The hats in these two lots cannot be equaled at the prices.

$2.95 for hats worth $5.00.
$4.95 for hats worth $7.50.

12½c yard { for fine striped madras . . . . . / for lace and open work dimities. / for fine corded dimities . . . . . / for striped Swisses . . . . . / for handsome dotted Marseilles . . } **All of them values up to 25c**

It's the biggest and best offering yet this season, for it means that you can buy the season's most desirable novelties in white goods at half price and nearly half price. Little matter to you how it comes about. It is an immense lot—and it justifies your attention.

Sale new dress fabrics.

29c Ladies' Cloth—all wool, spring weight, variety of new shades—including black—full 36 inches wide, sold everywhere at 49c.

49c for all-wool Henriettas, new spring evening and street shades, 38 inches wide—regular price 59c.

98c for French Broadcloth in black and all the new pastel shades—the most popular article in spring dress goods for ladies' tailor-made suits—full 54 inch—regular price $1.25.

Sale of black dress fabrics.

25c for Black Mohair—good lustrous finish—36 inches wide—regular 35c value.

45c for all-wool black Batiste—40-inch width—the most suitable thing for summer wear—regular 59c values.

39c for black soliel—the very newest thing in dress goods—a very good black satin finish. Regular 50c value.

Child's dresses 19c

165 children's dresses of a fine quality of madras and very prettily trimmed—in sizes one to three years—on sale tomorrow at 19c.

Muslin garments, 39c

A tableful of ladies' muslin garments, embracing ten styles of gowns and a splendid assortment of effects in drawers, skirts, and corset covers, all trimmed—to go on sale at 39c tomorrow.

Specials in neckwear.

75c for a lot of ladies' black silk neck bows; $1.25 values.

25c for ladies' stock collars; shades.

25c for line of neck fixings of taffeta silk, in all shades; trimmed with gold braid.

25c for choice of more than 100 different patterns in all-silk Windsor scarfs.

New ribbons, 12c

6,000 yards of fancy ribbons, in an enormous assortment of patterns, checks, and stripes galore, in lavender, purple, yellow, cerise, blue, red, and pink; in splendid widths for neck fixing; all the 25c sort. Tomorrow for 12c yard.

No. 1 satin-back black velvet ribbons; 25c for 10-yard pieces.
No. 1½ satin-back black velvet ribbons; 29c for 10-yard piece.

Glove specials.

75c pair for more than two thousand pairs of women's kid gloves, in all new shades, go on sale tomorrow. Tried on at the counter if you wish them.

$1.00 pair for the famous "Clementine" kid gloves, in every fashionable shade, which is the very best $1 glove to be had. Tried on at the counter.

Hosiery specials.

7½c pair for children's fast black ribbed hose; 12½c values.

7½c pair for ladies' fast black hose; all 12½c values.

25c pair tomorrow for lot of ladies' fast black lisle thread lace hose, in five different patterns.

New corsets, $1.00

To the corsets is ascribed half of the perfect fit and stylishness of the gown. All the leading styles in straight-front and erect-form corsets, in all lengths and all sizes—here at $1.00.

Parasols..... $3.39

A lot of ladies' parasols, trimmed with two ruffles of sewing silk veiling, in black and white. $3.39 tomorrow.

CLOUDED SKIES FOR EASTER.

Predictions That Part of the Day Will Be Gloomy.

The quality of weather which will prevail in Washington today, from all indications will be inferior to that which has graced Easter Sunday in years gone by. The best that the Weather Bureau predicts, is "partly cloudy." Of course, this seemingly trite phrase can mean a multitude of conditions, as taken by the prophets at the Weather Bureau. It may mean that a discouraging film of grey cloud will shut off view of the heavens, or it may mean that fleecy cloud banks will float across the blue sky at intervals.

Perhaps at no other time is the weather so closely watched as on the day before Easter. All the finery, which is characteristic of this festal day, appears for the first time, and an unwelcome shower goes far toward destroying the effect of long hours of consultation with milliners and dressmakers.

The rain of yesterday morning was caused by the passage of a rather severe storm which is now central off the New Jersey coast. Its wake was accompanied by downfalls of rain and the District of Columbia apparently got its full share.

Across the Potomac, in Virginia, the prospect is that Easter hats and ribbons will be more kindly treated than in the District of Columbia. The weather man comes out flat-footed with the statement that the weather there will be fair. In New York, however, the day promises to be a dismal one. Rain and plenty of it is the prognostication, and feminine hearts in Manhattan will doubtless be full of sadness if the elements are so unkind as to render promenades in new Easter costumes out of the question. Washington appears to have struck a medium between the delightful day promised to the Old Dominion and the showers that will probably fall to the lot of Gothamites.

DEATH OF MRS. W. B. BROWN.

Wife of a Treasury Employe Succumbs to a Protracted Illness.

Mrs. Christabelle E. Brown, wife of William B. Brown, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Weston Flint, 1312 K Street northwest, after a protracted illness. The funeral will take place from the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Teunis Hamlin, of the Church of the Covenant, will officiate. The interment, which will be private, will be at Arlington. Mrs. Brown had lived in Washington since the close of the civil war. She came from Ohio with her husband. She is survived by Mr. Brown and two children, Mrs. Flint and Mrs. Andrew Sabin of Gordon City, Kan. Both were at their mother's bedside when she died.

Sons and Daughters of Maine.

The Society of the Sons and Daughters of Maine held its regular meeting last night. The entertainment consisted of songs and readings, composed by Maine authors, and rendered by Maine members, as follows: Song, "Rock Me to Sleep, Mother," Mrs. C. B. Keene; recitation, Mrs. A. S. Perham; recitation, Mrs. T. P. Cleaves; talk by Mrs. Cutter, on "Pioneer Life in Maine;" "Reminiscences of Early Life in Maine," by ex-Gov. Sidney Perham and F. V. De Coster. During the past week ex-Governor Perham was the recipient of a token of friendship on his eighty-second birthday by a number of the members of the society, and he took occasion at the meeting last night to express his thanks.

GOOD FOR RHEUMATISM.

"Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the 'South Jerseyman.' After two applications of this remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle was completely cured." Sallie Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale and retail, and all druggists.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

The Postmaster of Morristown, N. J., Suspended From Office.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 6.—John E. Fennell, postmaster of this city, was this morning suspended from office because of a shortage in his accounts. Joseph York, one of his bondsmen, is now in charge of the office.

The amount of the shortage is not definitely known, although it is much larger than at first supposed, and may reach $3,000. The shortage was discovered by Government Inspector Snow, of Jersey City, who has been conducting an investigation for the past three days.

Mr. Fennell admits that the shortage exists, but has no explanation to make of what became of the money, and his friends say they do not understand it, as he is a man of good habits.

When the shortage was first discovered friends of the postmaster got together, and Senator Mahlon Pitney, County Clerk Daniel S. Voorhees, and Surrogate David Young agreed to furnish the $800 supposed to be needed. When they found this would not be sufficient the promise was withdrawn.

It is still claimed that friends of the postmaster will keep his bondsmen from losing anything. They are Joseph York, William H. Hibler, and William T. Coghlan, all of this city.

Mr. Fennell is a lawyer of this city, and has been a prominent Republican politician of the county for a number of years. His appointment two years ago by President McKinley was the result of a deal by which it is said a number of politicians sought to get free from some financial obligations entered into on his account. Much of his salary of $3,000 a year is rumored to have been tied up in this way.

The office affairs were conducted very loosely, and it is said that some irregularities in the employment of clerks are being charged up against the postmaster. The pay of Mrs. Ambrose, stamp clerk, and wife of a letter carrier, comes in this class. Husband and wife, under the postal laws, cannot both draw salaries, and it is alleged that Mrs. Ambrose's pay has come to her under her maiden name of Laura Denman. Another clerk, it is reported, has never passed the examination and yet received an appointment.

The report of the defalcation has caused a great sensation here. It is thought the postmaster himself was taken by surprise, as it is not believed that he realized that his accounts were in such bad shape they could not be adjusted at any time. He is a cripple, single, and about middle age, of good family, and hitherto unblemished name.

TRIED TO BURN HIS WIFE.

The Mad Act of a Drunken Husband in Paterson, N. J.

PATERSON, N. J., April 6.—Patrick Cunningham, of 92 Paterson Street, in a drunken frenzy, tried to burn his wife to death today. The woman had been out washing at a neighbor's, and had come in tired and worn out. She lay down on a lounge in their scantily furnished home.

Cunningham entered soon after, and, finding that she was asleep, crept to her side and set fire to the fringe of the sofa and then ran out of the house. Fortunately the flames leaped up where her bare hand was lying, and she awoke in pain before the fire got much of a start. She was able to beat out the flames.

While she was fighting the fire Cunningham returned and attacked her with a pair of scissors and tried to stab her to death. The police arrived in time to save her.

$1.25 to Baltimore and Return via B. & O.

Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7.

EXONERATED BY A JURY.

A Woman Who Killed a Man in Self-Defence Acquitted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 6.—In Chester today Mary Archer, a young quadroon of prepossessing appearance, was tried for the murder of Stephen Lewis. The woman has borne a good character and after she told her story it required only a few minutes for the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

She had been harassed by the importunities of Lewis. She had scorned his offers and advances. One evening when she was alone, he had in a jealous rage rushed into her house and attempted to assault her.

A big table knife was at hand. She seized it and drove it through his heart.

It is now very generally conceded that there is not another beer that can equal Heurich's in the three principal qualities of a pure and wholesome beverage, namely, age, purity, and strength. 'Phone West 34, Arlington Bottling Co., for a case of Maerzen, Senate or Lager.

A REFUSAL TO PLAY YALE.

Cut by Boston for Meeting an American League Nine.

NORFOLK, Va., April 6.—The Boston team sprung a surprise on the Yale men here today, and at the same time established a precedent that some of the other clubs of the National League may decide to follow.

Yale was booked to meet Selee's men, but the latter declared the game off, saying that President Soden had wired him not to play with the New Haven team, as they had played a game on Friday with the Baltimore team of the American League, an organization entirely outside the National League.

Manager Ellason, of the Yale team, and Manager Selee had a talk, in which the latter explained things, but nothing came of the talk, and there was no game. Both teams seem to regret the occurrence, but there is no bad feeling about the matter.

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