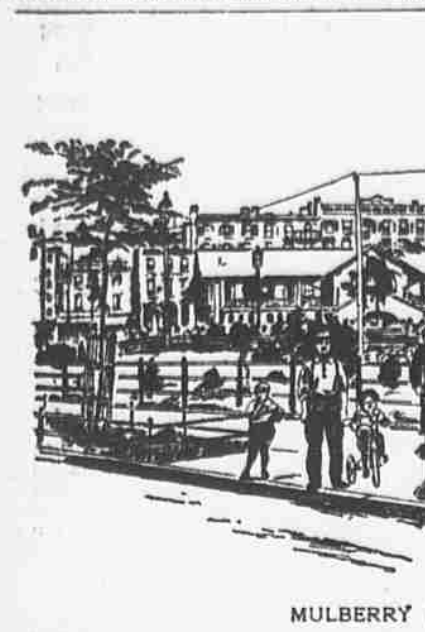


BOTTLE ALLEY'S CRIMES.

THE ALLEY NOW PART OF MULBERRY BEND PARK. "Cherry-Eyed" Murphy fails to find his former home on his return from Sing Sing. The Alley the Continual Scene of Murder, Robbery, Poverty and Disease.



MULBERRY BEND PARK

Sing Sing prisoners who has just been released. When he returned to his old haunts a few days ago he seemed bewildered. In the place of the rookeries and ramshackle tenements, which he had known ten years ago, before he started for Sing Sing, he found a park adorned with flowers and well-kept lawns.

In house No. 3, lived a score of professional beggars. There was a cellar under one of these houses which led to the cellar of a house adjoining, so that a man could get into this cellar, if he was chased by the police, and then make his escape through the hallway of almost any house on the block.

"Or for a dime," added the Baxter street bartender. Murphy, the burglar, treated the bartender with some of the money which he had earned in Sing Sing prison and then crossed the street to Sing Sing, where he was arrested with flowers and well-kept lawns.

"I see the name of Baxter street on the corner lamp-post," said Murphy. "But this is not Baxter street. It is so long since I have been in New York that I find myself lost. Why, it looks like the country around here! What is that place over there where the grass is? Is that a park?"

And then in the house of Bottle Alley. The Why gang, whose headquarters were at Park and Baxter streets, finally made Bottle Alley their exclusive headquarters. After they were arrested, many murders in the alley, but the number of robberies doubled. The Why gang, however, was not in the alley, which slanted down from the sidewalk and ran under one of the houses that faced on to the alley.

It was during the latter part of 1884 that John W. McInerney, at present Assistant District Attorney, made his report as a prosecuting officer. The majority of the cases which he had handled in the alley were those which were then an Assistant District Attorney, as he is today.

It was in the morning of the 10th of July, 1887, that the district attorney's office received information that 172 men who were arrested in Bottle Alley from 1880 to 1885 were sentenced for terms ranging from ten years to life imprisonment.

In telling his experience, Nobody could describe it properly. The people who lived there gave the health authorities a great deal of trouble. It would hardly be possible to describe the health of the people who lived there. They seemed afraid of me. I remember going there one time to investigate the cheapest lodging house ever kept in this city.

It was in Bottle Alley that the famous Buddensiek family, the first murder in the alley, was committed. The Buddensieks lived in the alley, and it was in the alley that the Buddensieks were murdered.

There were many attempts after that to make a change in Bottle Alley and its people. A few years ago, when the city was in the hands of the Why gang, the alley was almost entirely deserted.

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BOTTLE ALLEY.

"And Bottle Alley's gone?" said the burglar with a sigh. "Yes," answered the bartender, "and there'll never be anything like it again in New York."

Hunt was arrested at the time, placed on trial, and finally got five years in Sing Sing Prison for manslaughter. Sullivan's friends avowed that they would avenge his murder.

ber going in there one day to get the lay of the land, so that I might be posted on the situation if I came to the quarter for any reason.

Shortly after this, just at daylight, an old woman stumbled down the rickety steps from her room in Bottle Alley and stepped upon the corpse of a man stretched at full length on the ground at the foot of the stairs.

done abroad by Miss Octavia Hill, who was building model tenements in the slums of London.

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