

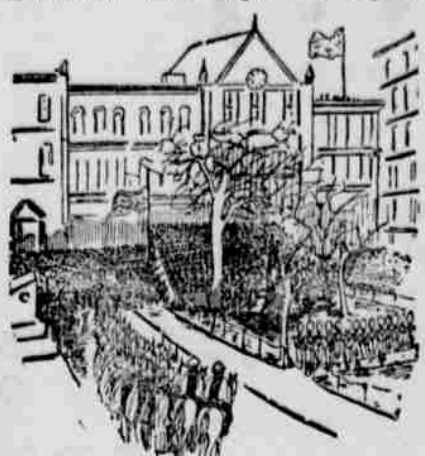
NOTES FROM GOTHAM.

LATE EVENTS IN THE COMMERCIAL METROPOLIS.

The Dedication of The Hale Statue—Work of the Sons of The Revolution—A Cable Car Life Saver—The Sailing of the *Valiant*.

Special New York Letter.
The dedication of the statue to Capt. Nathan Hale, in the City Hall Park, on Evacuation Day, was an event of no mean importance. Thousands gathered to witness the ceremonies, which were under the auspices of the Sons of the Revolution, and the statue has since been the centre of a constant group of admiring citizens.

There is probably no better test of the culture of a city than is afforded by its public statues. No matter how great may be the other evidences of aesthetic taste, a city that tolerates poor statuary must be rated low in an art sense. New York seems to have reached the point when its civic authorities strive to welcome good works of art. The Hale statue seems to meet every requirement. It is in bronze, of heroic size. The sculptor's conception



Dedicating the Hale Statue.

of the patriot spy is a good one. It affords the strongest possible lesson in patriotism. Every line of the figure speaks of heroic sacrifice and defiance. The cord-bound ankles, the plumed arms, the fearless countenance, and the defiant nod of the head, all tell the tale of devoted patriotism.

A prominent local politician, in commenting on the public interest in this new statue, said: "One of the most significant signs of the times is the patriotism of the people of this city. Of course, New York was always patriotic, but the tendency towards a public manifestation of this sentiment was never greater than now. It seems to be a sort of reaction from the sectional patriotism of the civil war. Just now the people are deeply interested in everything relating to the revolutionary period."

The Society of the Sons of the Revolution may be congratulated on their effort to arouse an interest in old-fashioned patriotism. The Hale statue is not their only contribution to a revival of interest in local historic events. Memorial tablets have been placed in various parts of the city, commemorating colonial and revolutionary events. Among the spots already thus designated are the old Washington headquarters in Bowling Green, the spot where the lead statue of King George was pulled down by colonial patriots; the corner of John and William streets, where the first blood of the revolution was shed June 8, 1770, in a conflict between Sons of Liberty and British regulars; the corner of Washington and Light streets, where Washington landed in the city in 1775. Tablets have also been dedicated uptown commemorating the battle of Harlem and other interesting events.

The opening of the Third avenue cable road is an important event in the history of New York. This is the main artery of travel in the city, and has been for the past thirty years. It is pleasant to note the success which has attended the introduction of cable cars in this city. The local press has had much to say of accidents on the Broadway line, but it must be remembered that the cable cars relieved that thoroughfare of the terrible jam that was so dangerous in the past. While there have been quite a number of accidents by the cable cars, the deaths of persons in attempting to cross Broadway have been greatly diminished. It is not so long since that it was almost a daily occurrence to see life crushed out under the wheels of vehicles on Broadway.

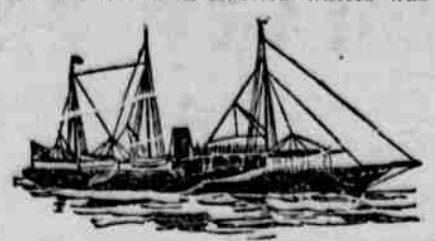


Cable Car Life Saver.

Under the side of the car body, and extending in front of the car three feet and six inches. The frame can be folded when necessary. Wire netting covers the bottom of the frame and extends upward at a right angle and in front of the car platform, being six inches from the dashboard, the horizontal portion of the netting and frame being six inches from the roadway. The wire netting is attached to the frame by springs, so that a person caught up by the fender will not be unduly shocked. Across the front end of the fender there is an elastic steel frame covered with a rubber tube five inches in diameter. This frame and tube is connected with the end of the fender frame by two short springs, making an elastic buffer, so that the blow struck is a cushioned one. There is a second rubber guard to keep a person in the fender after he is picked up.

Experiments have been made with this fender. One gentleman was positively delighted with it. He seems to regret, in fact, that the pleasure he ex-

perienced did not last longer, for he writes: "I will state that I was struck by the fender about ten or twelve times, the car running at speeds of from four to fifteen miles an hour, and in every case I was picked up without the slightest injury and with very little shock. In fact, I was picked up so quickly that I did not have time to realize exactly what my feelings were."



The Valiant.

The sailing of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt on his steam yacht *Valiant* for a ten months' cruise in Eastern waters was an event of great local social interest. The itinerary of the *Valiant* will probably be to Gibraltar, to Malta, to Alexandria, to Suez, to Aden, to Bombay, to Kandy, and to Calcutta. The trip may be extended to China and Japan, but it is said that no definite plan has been arranged. The party includes Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, Master Harold Vanderbilt, Mr. Winthrop Rutherford and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. Oliver H. P. Belmont, Mr. Frederick O. Bensch, Mr. J. Louis Webb and Dr. E. L. Keyes. Besides the regular ship's company, Mr. Vanderbilt has taken his valet and Mrs. Vanderbilt and Miss Vanderbilt have each a maid. The crew of the *Valiant* numbered seventy-two men. This departure means that society will lose one of its most prominent representatives during the coming social season.

The new anti-Tammany Democratic organization has launched itself under the leadership of ex-Secretary Fairchild. It has chosen the name of "State Democracy," but local politicians are inclined to believe that it will confine its efforts to an attempt to overthrow Tammany Hall in conjunction with the local Republican organization in the Mayoralty contest next fall. Ex-Mayor Grace will undoubtedly be the actual leader of the new organization, and his skill in local politics is well known. The question of greatest moment in connection with the new organization is whether it will receive the support of the Federal Administration. If it does, there is a promise of very lively politics in both city and State next year. It is not to be assumed that Tammany will fall in the effort to crush the new organization at its birth, if possible. The old organization was never in the hands of more skillful or determined men, and it will undoubtedly exert its fullest strength in its first struggle with this new competitor for local power.

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What Denomination?

Jay Cooke, in 1896, told the following: "One day, when I was putting Government bonds upon the market, I was greatly annoyed by the clerks telling me that there was an old man in the office who would do no business with them and must see me. To get rid of him I went out. Said he: "Mr. Cooke, I have got \$3,000 in gold in this bag. I can't do anything with it in the town where I live; they are circulating grocers' checks and everything else but money, and I am frightened because I think I will be cheated if I dispose of it. Will you tell me on your word of honor if these bonds are sound and right?" "I replied: 'If they are not right, nothing is right. I am putting all I have in the world into them.'" "After further conversation the man concluded to take them. "What denomination will you have them in?" I asked. "This was too much for the man. He had never heard that word used in connection with business. He scratched his head, and said: "You may give me five hundred in Old School Presbyterian, to please the old woman; but I will take the heft of it in Baptist."

The American Way.

Several men in an uptown hotel recently were telling of duelling experiences they had had, when it came William H. Scovill's turn. He is a fine-looking, modest man, with mild gray eyes, and resides in Hudson, N. Y. He spends much of his time here and is quite popular. His duel was thrust on him. Travelling from Paris to Nice, France, in a car, an insolent young fellow made himself objectionable to a lady. Col. Scovill told the young man that he had to stop it or be ejected from the car on the end of a boot. He then sat near the lady and saw that she was not molested. At Nice he was waited upon by the seconds of the young man. He intimated he did not care to fight, but remarked that if he saw the young man insulting any lady he would kick him. The next day the seconds called again and said their principal wanted satisfaction and gore. The Colonel had them bring him around. "Now, young fellow, put up your hands, for I am going to thrash you, if I can," said the Colonel. The young fellow was knocked out and the Colonel remarked: "That will teach you not to be insolent to ladies."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Friday Is Good Enough for Him.

Col. Joe Dowling, who was ex-Governor Campbell's Oil Inspector, has secured the Cincinnati Collectorship. In a conversation he reviewed his career in politics, and, as it occurred to him for the first time, he marvelled at the number of times Friday came to figure in it. Said he: "I was married on Friday. My first appointment, Deputy Sheriff of Montgomery County, was on Friday, and on that day Governor Campbell made me Oil Inspector. I came years ago to work for the appointment of a friend to the Collectorship, which was announced on Friday, and I was made his deputy on Friday. I became an applicant and was appointed Collector on Friday. I will assume the duties of my office on Friday, and as the 1st of December falls on Friday I will draw my first pay on that day. Next Friday I will leave for home; and, well, I expect to die on Friday. Who says Friday is an unlucky day? No, I wasn't born on Friday, but I believe that is the only missing link in the entire combination."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Love beats the reveille on young hearts and the tattoo on old ones.

Fashion Notes for Holiday Toilets.

Elegant tailor made garments or those for the promenade are of plain cloth. They are often beautifully braided or trimmed with a soutache of another shade. A novel way of using fur is in perpendicular bands on the seams, starting from a fur head at about the height of the knee. Odd combinations are encouraged, and black and white, though not new, still continue in high favor. The mingling of lace, embroidery and fur form the rich fashions of the present moment. The Eton Jacket, the Figaro and Zouave seem likely to remain fashionable for some time to come. A feature of this season's fashions is the richness of the materials used in gowns. The new dahlia tint, myrtle and brown are much seen in woolen goods combined with moire silk. These items of interest give only a faint idea of the many instructive points contained in the McDowell Illustrated Magazines from which they have been selected. These journals are the standard authorities in either Paris, London or America on everything pertaining to fashion. Besides their useful information they give valuable lessons to dressmakers and offer unusual inducements in the form of Patterns and Coupons. "La Mode de Paris" and "Album of Fashion" cost only \$3.50 a year each, or 35 cents a copy. "The French Dressmaker," an exceedingly practical magazine, is \$3.00 per annum. "La Mode," a family journal, which is intended to enter into every home, costs only \$1.50 a year, or 15 cents a copy. If you are unable to procure any of these magazines at your newsdealers, do not accept any substitute from him, but apply by mail to Messrs. A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th Street New York.

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