

SENATOR HILL'S HOUSE.

A HANDSOME VILLA ON THE HUDSON NEAR ALBANY.

Written by "Fritz" Emmet and called "Walter's Roost"—Description of a Famous Mansion Where Hill Works, Eats and Sleeps.

Special Albany Letter. The nomination of Senator David B. Hill for Governor of New York by the Democracy of that State brings into greater prominence than ever one of the most unique characters in modern American politics.

Senator Hill's most prominent characteristic might be termed his indefatigableness. He has been "put into a hole," and, apparently covered out



Senator Hill.

of political sight so often, only to come to the surface again, that his reappearance as an aggressive leader of his party at the present time is merely a repetition of his previous career.

But it is not as a politician that I wish to speak of Senator Hill. His personality is unique, and his home life worthy of attention. He now possesses one of the handsomest residences that are to be found in the vicinity of this city.

The beauty of the site of Mr. Hill's house was detected by the late Joseph K. Emmet, the actor, in one of his roving tours, and despite the high price asked for the land by the Van Rensselaers, who owned it, he bought fourteen acres of it and built himself a house.

After Emmet died the place was put on the market at a low figure by his widow. Hill really got it for one-third of its fair cost, and for about one-sixth of what Emmet spent upon it.

The house has been reconstructed after plans drawn by Architect Isaac G. Perry, the Capitol Commissioner. It is now in every respect a model home.



Rear View of Villa.

kind, does not smoke, and indulges no luxuries upon his table. He takes vigorous exercise, and is a tremendous worker—in fact, constant and unremitting occupation seems to be the aim of his life.

It is quite commonly believed that Hill was disappointed in an early love affair, and thenceforth abjured the society of women. The rumor is one of suspicion, as the Senator never talks about his private affairs.

Whatever may be the result of the coming election it will only add interest to the remarkable political career of the man who seems now to be the natural leader of the Democratic party.

Upon the other side of the hallway was a large sitting room, which Mr. Hill has enlarged. Here he has a library. It is in a handsome case, designed by Mr. Perry. This room has a magnificent chandelier of the Japanese lantern type.

The second floor of the dwelling has the same peculiarity as the first; there isn't a square room or a square hallway in it. One interesting feature of Mr. Hill's room on the second floor, which he uses as a writing room, is the division of the windows into two parts, either part of which can be swung outward into the room.

There is a third floor of equally fine rooms. One is occupied by Harry S. Pearce, a young doctor of Elmira, who was a poor boy who was befriended by Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill paid for the boy's education and, indeed, all his expenses.

Senator Hill's house is one of the curiosities of Albany, and ladies especially are always anxious to visit it. Many are the speculations, whether the Senator ever means to provide it with a mistress.

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