Built by "Fitz" Emmet and Called "Wolfert's Roost"-Description of a Famous Mansion Where Hill Works. Eats and Steeps.

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, Secretary of State Gresham is quoted as saying that the unsought and unanimous nomination of Hill for Governor at Saratoga "is the most remarkable event in our poll-

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



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. No man in politics has shown more skill and determination in the game than has the New York Senator. And it is thoroughly characteristic of the man to take up the leadership of his party at its darkest hour, and to run the chances of defeat that are involved in the contest this fall.

But it is not as a politician that I wish to speak of Senator Hill. His personality is unique, and his home the worthy of attention. He now poscenses one of the handsomest residences that are to be found in the vicinity of this city, to which he rethres whenever the cares of public life and of his profession will allow. It is mid by his friends that he bought the house under the belief that his poli-tical career was about ended as the termination of his term as Governor drew near in 1891, intending to devote himself to the practice of law in this city, where he has had an office

The beauty of the site of Mr. Hill's bouse was detected by the late Joseph E 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 Courteen acres of it and built himself a house. The Van Rensselaers had constructed a boulevard for a mile along the ridge, beginning with the northernmost street of the city of Albany and ending at the gates of the cemetery, where President Ar-Our is buried, and it was facing this one thoroughfare that "Fritz" Emmet placed his house. Needless to say that the dwelling being the creation of one of the most erratic actors that ever fived, no architect would have courage to name its style. It was a

house within a house, or perhaps one would say it mingled together several houses, for "Fritz" Emmet built and rebuilt his dwelling four times. Neverthe'ess, no person looking at the house could truthfully declare it was not a picturesque, artistle and homelike looking dwelling. If one looked upon the grounds also, which had been laid out by William S. Egerton, one of A'bany's leading landscape engineers, one had to acknowledge that they had a stately appearance. Mr. Emmet had in front his house a little lake fed by a brook which ran through a ravine upon the north side. Upon the lake was a gondola, imported from Venice by "Fritz" regardless of expense. Then there was a lodge at the entrance of the grounds, a stately windmil at the right of the house, and back of the house stood a fine barn, resembling the house in architecture. 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 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. The dwelling stands upon an eminence on the boulevard, facing the thoroughfare, but some 500 feet to the westward of it. A carriage road enters the grounds from the boulevard at the southern end of the plot. By this entrance is a neat lodge, in which lives Mr. Hill's coachman and the latter's fam'ly. A fine macadamized road leads from the boulevard up to the



Senator Hill's Villa

house. Directly in front of the house, but near the boulevard, is a little lake. Back of the house is a fine garden, and farther back still at the western extremity of the grounds is a grove of trees, which shield it from the west

The interior of the house is very conveniently arranged. The entrance ball is octagonal, with rooms opening out of it in a number of directions. The parlor is to the left of the hall-way. Here the centre of the room is occupied by a circular divan, in the middle of which stands a monstrous Tapanese jar, eight feet in height, larender in color and with curious fig-eres upon it. This jar, a beautiful work of art, is crowned by a brass randelabra of most elaborate design. The effect of the whole decoration is magn deent.

Upon the other side of the hallway was a large sitting room, which Mr.
Hill has enlarged. Here he has a li-brary. It is in a handsome case, de-signed by Mr. Perry. This room has a magnificant chandeller of the Japanese lantern type. There is a beautiful oil painting of Venice upon the wall, painted by Thomas Moran, and presented to Mr. Hill by the members of his milliary staff. Opposite it on the wall is a fine marine view in oil, which was purchased by Mr. Hill. The room is full of easy chairs, and probably it is Mr. Hill's favorite upon the ground floor. Here he can sit mornings read-ing the newspapers—and he is a great newspaper reader—and here in the evening he can read a nove—he likes novels. The room commands a fine view of the valley of the Hudson river.

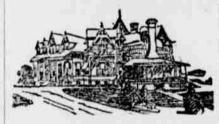
The second floor of the dwelling has the same peculiarity as the first; there isn't a square room or a square hall-way in it. One interesting feature of Hill's room on the second floor, which he uses as a writing room, is the division of the windows into two parts, either part of which can be swung outward into the room, admitting a volume of air in the lower or the upper port on of the room, as destred. There is a neat oak table in the centre of the room.

Mr. Hill's bedroom is in the centre of the house, just off this writing room. He uses a big white maple bedstead of handsome design, which was in the house when he bought it of Mrs. Emmet. The only portrait in the writing room, it should be stated, s an excellent one of Samuel J. Tilden, who has been in many ways Mr. Hill's model in political life. There is a handsome guest chamber upon this floor, with a dome-shaped ceiling of the color of dull gold. A handsome game cock adorns the room, with the inscription on a silver plate on the standard upon which it rests: "I am a Democrat." This was the gift of

Hugh McLaughlin, of Brooklyn.

There is a third floor of equally fine rooms. One is occupied by Harry S. Pearse, a young doctor of Elmira, who was a poor boy who was befrieuded by Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill paid for the boy's education and, indeed, all his expenses. The young man has just graduated from the medical school at Albany, and has entered upon the work of his profession. Mr. Pearse lives with Mr. Hill and is still aided by him in many ways. All the upper rooms of the house are crowded with costly carved chests and wardrobes, bought by "Fritz" Emmet. Another feature of the house, in the basement, is a large Turkish bath. This bath is in a large room. It can be heated by steam to any temperature. A swimming bath lined with beautiful tiles is one of the

ornaments of the room. Senator Hill's house is one of the curlosities of Albany, and ladies es-pecially are always anxious to visit it. Many are the speculations whether the Senator ever means to provide it with a mistress. Hill is now fifty-one years of age, having been born August 20, 1843. He is in perfect health, and a young man in vigor. In his personal habits he is one of the most abstemious of men. He never touches intoxicating liquors of any



Rear View of Villa.

kind, does not smoke, and indulges attended to. 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. He is fond of public life, because of the power and responsibility it confers, It is quite commonly believed that

Hill was disappointed in an early love affair, and thenceforth abjured the so-clety of women. The rumor is one of suspicion, as the Senator never talks about his private affairs. The probability is, if he ever became President would follow Mr. Cleveland's example in placing a mistress in the White House.

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.

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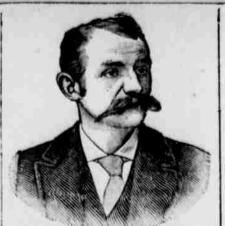
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