

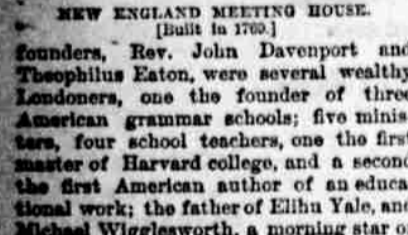
THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.

WILL SHORTLY CELEBRATE ITS 500TH ANNIVERSARY.

Historical Matters That are Being Celebrated—How and by Whom the City was Founded—Pictures of Historical Places and Venerable Buildings.

The city of New Haven, Conn., is about to celebrate the 500th anniversary of its birth, the 23rd of April being the day set for the event.

The municipality of this town traces its descent from the parish of St. Stephen, Coleman street, London. On the 16th of October, 1636, a party of these sturdy New Englanders, together with their parson, John Davenport, decided to leave the bosom of their mother country and sail for America, where religion and thought would be free.



NEW ENGLAND MEETING HOUSE. (Built in 1701.)

founders, Rev. John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton, were several wealthy Londoners, one the founder of three American grammar schools; five ministers, four school teachers, one the first master of Harvard college, and a second the first American author of an educational work; the father of Elihu Yale, and Michael Wigglesworth, a morning star of American literature.

In the fall of 1687 these men, after a long journey, nearly overcome by hunger and like hardships, reached the beautiful harbor, located and called the place Plantation, afterward New Haven. The first session of this mammoth oak tree formed the support of the ark in which two stalwart generations of Bechers hammered by Lyman Beecher transferred the role of the family from the avil to the pulpit.

Tradition tells of the kindness of the earlier Beechers. They were simple, lowly, always ready to help those in need, and, as a consequence, lived in comparative poverty, traits which the descendants of the old stock still exhibit. Henry Ward Beecher and his wife used to make frequent visits to this historic spot.

In the year the settlers began to erect houses, and in the latter part of 1688 the colonists had permanent dwellings. These old houses were queer buildings, built with rough hewn boards and shingles. But as the early inhabitants were wealthy, comparatively speaking, accustomed to large houses in London, they expended liberally on their new houses.



THE OLD BEECHER HOUSE. (Built in 1703.)

For the fourteen months following the arrival of the settlers these people lived under a provisional government, having no charter, and each working for the public as well as private good, this sort of life resembling some of the horrors of the wilderness. Then a council was held and a government adopted, one clause of which was: "No man shall be an elector who is not a regular communicant of some regular church."

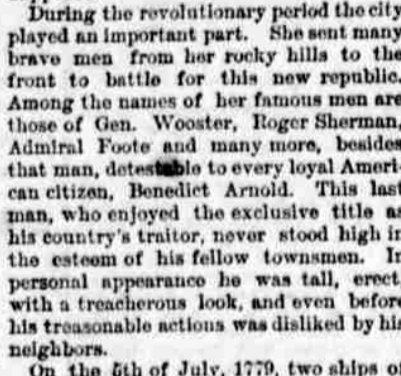
As soon as this was accomplished a formal treaty was made with the Indians, whereby, for a few seats, a dozen each of hoes, hatchets and porringers, and a coat "made after English manner" for the chief, all the rights and interest in all "rivers, lands, ponds and trees" of a vast section was conveyed over. The chief Momanquin and his leading men placed these signatures to the treaty:

CONTRASTS IN NEW YORK.

METROPOLITAN LIFE IS FULL OF LIGHTS AND SHADOWS.

The Recent Festivities of Fasching Thursday in Venice Offer by the Inexpressible Sad Suicide of Anselm Stoltenka and His Wife to Avoid Strating.

The contrasts of metropolitan life are sometimes startling—nay, almost appalling. But a few days ago the attention of the lovers of the poetry of motion in New York was attracted by the representation of Fasching Thursday in Venice at the Metropolitan opera house.



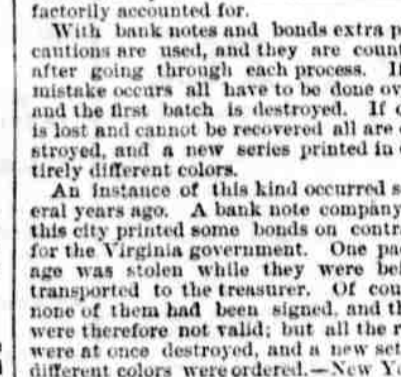
A SWEDISH QUARTET. Seven dances, including many tableaux and the pantomimes, composed the programme. First came the Serenade, then the Mirror dance and the Rondo, followed by the Pas de Deux.

On the 5th of July, 1779, two ships of the British squadron landed at the harbor and sent two divisions of infantry to sack the town. After several small skirmishes on the evening of that day the redcoats had possession of the city.

THE OLD BENEDICT ARNOLD HOUSE. The state house was first located in New Haven in 1763. This building was soon followed by the present one, which, having outlived its usefulness, is now only cherished as a relic of the past.

Where Bank Notes are Printed. The president of a large bank note company in this city recently said to the writer that it was absolutely impossible for any of his subordinates to steal any of the notes.

Restaurants in Congo Land. I know no people who get oysters from trees but the Mandingoes, through whose country flow the Senegal and Gambia rivers, do so.



STOLTENKA AND HIS WIFE.

first representation of Fasching Thursday as detailed above, the New York police entered a little upper room in the tenement house No. 57 Crosby street and saw this distressing sight. A man and a woman, both apparently of the age of death from corrosive poison, and a babe three months old terribly emaciated and too weak to cry, uttering a feeble and piteous wail.

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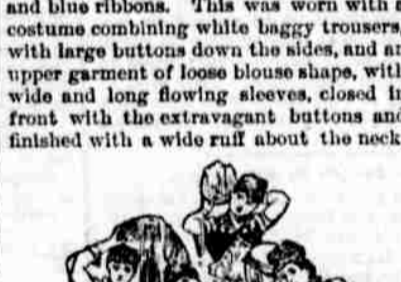
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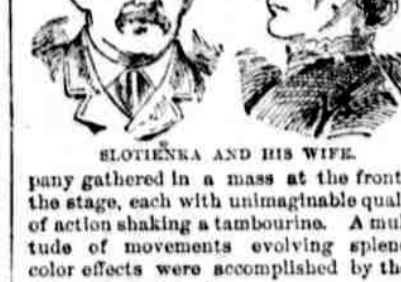
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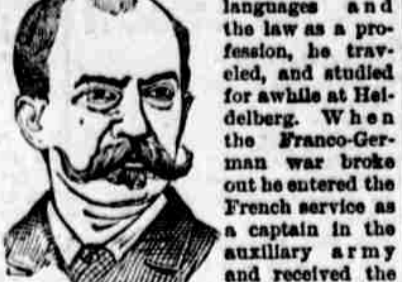
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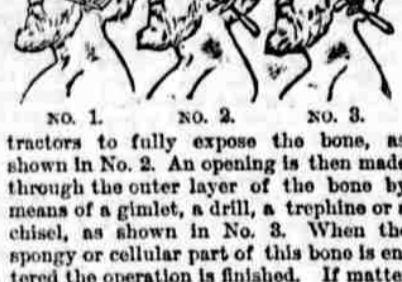
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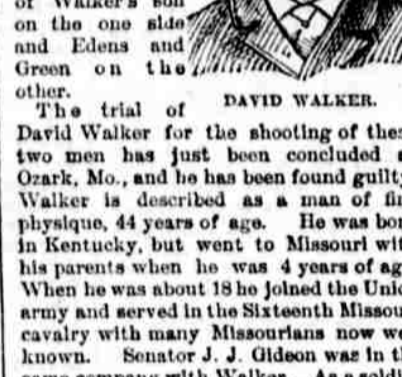
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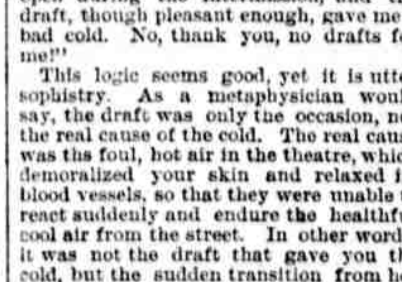
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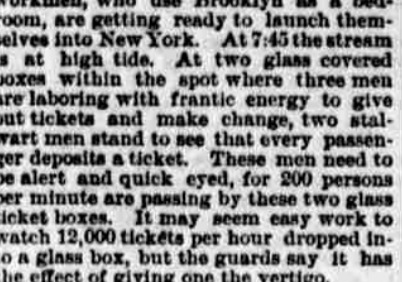
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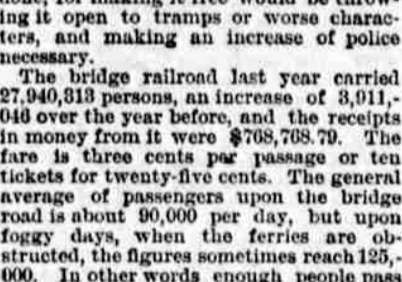
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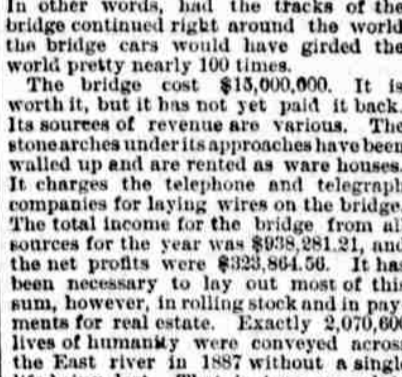
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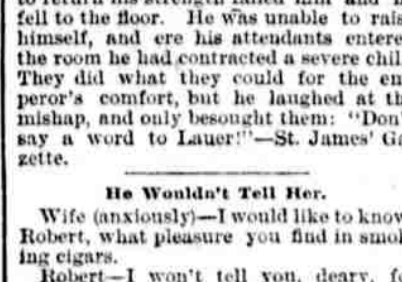
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