

A BELGIAN BLOWER

Unable to Earn Anything Like the Wages He Could Get Without a Bit of Trouble in America.

WHY NO MORE OF THEM EMIGRATE.

A New York Politician Who Always Had a Ready Reply for Too Inquisitive Questioners.

MISS WASHBURN AND HER LATE DEBUT

Talks Gathered by Reporters During Strolls Through Two Cities.

T. Vaylesteke, of Brussels, Belgium, was a guest at the Duquesne yesterday. He is a brewer of the Belgian capital, and has been a few weeks in this country on a pleasure trip.

"Trade in general is not very good at present, and the great mass of the working people are not very well off. They are not discouraged, though, and manage to get on fairly well. One thing about Belgium is that the country is overworked. Why don't we send some of them over to America? Well, we can't expatriate them, and if they want to go themselves, what are we to do? There is no reason, in Belgium, why the people should emigrate here. The reasons which induce emigration in Europe are wanting in my country. People emigrate rather than serve during a war; they are also driven out by poverty; a despotic government often sends many people to foreign lands, and Belgians, unlike other Europeans, are not travelers, and so, acquire little information about foreign lands.

"But when they hear from their countrymen on this side how much better wages are paid here it is not in inducing them to emigrate."

"Ah, but do they hear? No; they know nothing of this country. They don't know that they can get any better wages here than they do at home. The Belgians who come here are careful not to write anything that would induce others to follow. At least, so I have been told. A friend of mine told me that he came over one time to this country, and there were a good many glassblowers on the ship. They told him they were going to earn very much more money in glass factories in America. He said to them, 'Well, when you get settled, I suppose you will write home and tell the others of your good fortune.' They said, 'Ah, no; we have taken care not to make any mention at home how much money we make. The union made us promise that, or we couldn't come.' They made us take an oath."

"What union was it, Mr. Vaylesteke?"

"SILENTLY IMPOSED BY OATH."

"Ah, I don't know. They told my friend some union or association had imposed silence upon them not to say to the others what wages they got. Glass blowers in Belgium would find it very hard to get along. Yes, the country is certainly overworked, and that is why every kind of labor is so cheap. Perhaps a good many would come to America if they knew about the higher wages."

Mr. Vaylesteke says that Belgian beer is not good, and that American beer is far superior to it. He thinks railroad officers who are not nearly as polite to strangers as they might be, and says that any person coming to this country who could not speak English would find it very hard to get along. He says there should be an interpreter at each of the principal depots to direct strangers.

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How Her Mother's Prejudices Were at Last Overcome.

T. S. Conners arrived in the city yesterday. In a conversation he mentioned the Washburn failure, which has been again brought prominently before the public by the handsome daughter of the house taking to the stage to contribute her share toward the support of the family. Said he: "I happen to know the circumstances thoroughly. Miss Minnie received a very good musical education, and being the possessor of a very fine contralto voice, has always been in demand, having been sought for as far as Baltimore. She had expressed a desire to go on the stage, but her parents would not give their consent. A few weeks ago she wrote to Mr. Conners asking for an engagement, and received a reply requesting her to come on to Atlantic City for a trial, which she did at once. It proved satisfactory, and she was engaged. Not until then did she notify her parents of her success. Her mother wrote her asking if she would have to wear tight, and upon receiving an affirmative reply, immediately wired to Baltimore, where the company was organized this season, for a box, so she could be present and give her daughter encouragement. The company has been rehearsing at Atlantic City for several days, and on Sunday came very near leaving four members of the chorus, one of whom was Miss Washburn. They were in a small boat in one of the inlets, and the company was blown into the breakers by the tide, and in some ways upset. Not one of the party was hurt, but the boat was finally beached, with the entire party clinging to the sides. It was a very narrow escape for them. If the boat had been blown into the heavy breakers nothing could have saved them."

HE MADE HIM SKEEDADDLE

How an Old-Time New York Politician Vanquished the New School Teacher.

A number of drummers were discussing the derivation of the word "skeedaddle" at the Anderson, when a gray-haired member of the tribe from New York related the following: "All the old-timers in New York," he said, "remember George Boyd, who flourished as a politician in the '60s. Though a man of some wealth, Boyd was a typical money-grubber, showing avarice, broad-shouldered, strong as Hercules and ever in good humor. Boyd had a strong pull in the Twentieth and Twenty-second wards. A man of limited education, he tried, among his followers, to pose as a profound scholar, and the way he would sling his blabber words at the leaders was enough to make Noah Webster turn in his grave. The word 'skeedaddle' had come into vogue among the soldiers, and was used as a put-up-of-expressing a retreat or runaway. Boyd caught on to it and rung it in an every occasion. One night when the bar room was crowded, and he was leaning against the bar, a young fellow, Steve Hudson, a teacher in one of the public schools, made up his mind to strip the hide of scholarship from Boyd's shoulders, and as he said, 'show him up.' 'Mr. Boyd,' he said, 'you pretend to know something of syntax and prosody; now just tell me the derivation of the word 'skeedaddle.' You have used here so expectantly at Boyd, while Hudson was congratulating

CUPID'S BAD PRANKS.

Some of the Marital Woes Rehearsed in the Desertion Court.

CALLED DOWN BY JUDGE MCCLUNG.

Peter Walker Declares He Was Never Married to Kate Bowers.

MANY DIVORCE APPLICATIONS FILED

The list of sociological failures billed for a hearing before Judge McClung yesterday was a lengthy one, but some had been settled and in some cases the parties did not appear, and as most of those who came to the scratch had private counsel, Mr. Goehring's case was easy, mostly supervisory. The case of Mrs. Deardorf against her husband, J. L. Deardorf, was first called. He is charged with having given Mrs. Deardorf a settlement with a string tied to the conditions and she feared that he would not carry out his part of the separation contract and wants him put under bond to insure performance. He agreed to give her \$5 a week and keep alive a life insurance policy in the Royal Arcanum for \$3,000 for her benefit, and she on her part was to refrain from interfering with him while following out that which is right in his own eyes. Judge McClung, while paying the defendant the compliment of observing that he did not believe any of his statements, said he had no power to interfere so long as Deardorf kept the financial part of the agreement. Mrs. Deardorf said she was willing to sacrifice her rights as a wife if her husband departed himself so as to prevent scandal. Owen Clark did not respond, but an attorney stated that Mrs. Clark had agreed to a settlement and the costs would be liquidated.

WALKER DISPUTES HIS MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Kate Walker as she styles herself, or Miss Kate Walker as her alleged husband, Peter Walker, contends in his title, stated that she and Peter took a trip to Chicago and on the 6th of last October were married early in the morning by 'Squire Reed and she further said Peter had the marriage certificate in his possession. She said she was 17 years old at the time and there was no marriage certificate, they simply getting off the train, going to a hotel where a toilet was made, after which the repaired to the splicer's office. Kate had been indiscreet enough to write two letters, which fell into the hands of Peter's counsel, D. R. Jones. Kate is a tall and very energetic young lady and her part in the scene is quite unbecomingly considerable. The letters were submitted to Judge McClung. Kate refused to acknowledge authorship, but Peter deposed they came from her. They appeared to prejudice her cause with the judge. Peter and his counsel mainly decried their efforts to showing that the trip to Chicago was a mere lark and that no marriage had been formed, while Kate and her counsel, John A. Cox, attempted to prove a valid marriage. Mrs. Best, a sister of Kate, testified that Peter at one time before the date given for the marriage had said he would have through blood to get Kate.

A MOTHER'S TELLING TESTIMONY.

Kate's mother, Mrs. Bowers, testified that if Peter had married Kate he had deposed himself as a husband at the Bowers mansion for several weeks, and Mr. Bowers deposed that Peter had admitted to witness that he was married. Mr. Bowers stoutly refused to be ruled by the technical rules of evidence, but told his story to suit himself. Kate having admitted that she knew nothing of any license gotten in Illinois, Mr. Jones contended that the circumstance shown to show that there was no marriage, as the laws of Illinois require not only license, but parental assent or that of a guardian, also, where parties are under age, and Kate was only 17 while Peter doesn't look much older. He then called a young lady named Matthias who testified that Kate had told her about a week ago that she, Kate, wasn't married to Peter, but that she had secured the license support her anyhow. A Dravosburg saloon keeper named Thorp, was next called to show that if Kate were a married woman some of her actions were somewhat questionable and he testified that she was one of a quartette of two male and two females who came to his place and asked for lodgings. During the night they seemed to be keeping up too much of a picnic for a respectable party, he thought, and finally about midnight he awoke his sons and inquired what they thought of their mother's whole party. The sons agreed and preparations for a conflict were made but when the lodgers were escorted to 'get a proper night's rest, and force was not needed. Mr. Thorp was confident that he recognized Kate as one of the party, and that neither of the men with her was Peter Walker. The judge seemed to think it a case of six of one and half dozen of the other, and dismissed it, dividing the costs equally.

THE WIFE WANTS A SQUARE DEAL.

Some time ago Judge Magee sentenced William Landon to the pay his life \$2 50 a week, basing the amount on the representation of his earnings. Yesterday evidence was given to show that Landon's earnings were \$5 a day, and the Court was asked to increase the weekly allowance, but action was deferred until both sides could be heard. The case of Elizabeth Lierman vs. George Lierman was called, but Elizabeth was not on hand. George's story was heard. He said they were married 1881 and that some six years ago she deserted him without provocation. He admitted that he had heard since Mrs. Lierman left him she had become a mother, but he knew not just when and was not supposed to pass an opinion as to the paternity of the child and further was inclined to hold that he was not under obligation to support a woman who left him without cause, as he contends. The case was continued until Elizabeth could be heard from. The parties reside on the South side.

THE CASE OF CLARA A. HOFFMAN VS. WILLIAM HOFFMAN.

Hoffman was also continued. Clara was putting in an appearance and her husband contending that she was the deserting party and that she had left without cause. The McElreath case went over again for another month.

RIGHT SORROWFUL COUPLES.

An Unusually Large Number of Marriage Ties That Weigh Heavily.

A number of divorce suits were entered yesterday. Attorney R. H. Scandrett filed the suit of Edward C. Wolf against Anna M. Wolf. They were married June 9, 1881, and it is charged, he deserted her June 20, 1881. Attorney Alcorn entered the suit of John Gavens against Catherine Gavens. They are Italians and were married February 2, 1874. He alleges that she ill-treated him. On August 20 she hit him on the head with a hairbrush and struck him on the leg with a piece of timber. August 31 she again assaulted him and on September 6 she drove him out of the house with a hairbrush and spit in his face. She broke the dishes and would not cook for him or behave as a wife to him. She threatened to kill him and frequently put him out of the house. O. P. Senie, Jr., filed the suit of C. F. E. Williams against Mary Bell Williams. They were married March 12, 1888. He charges her with infidelity and names W. G. Ashby as correspondent. Attorney Edmundson entered the suit of John H. Word against Ann Word. They were married June 25, 1886, and she deserted him August 20, 1888. Attorney Keimman entered the suit of

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ANNIE GOLDEN, BY HER NEXT FRIEND, WILLIAM C. GUTHERLET, AGAINST JOHN P. GOLDEN.

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They were married in July, 1871. She alleges that he ill-treated her and she had to leave him September 17, 1891.

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CARPET SALE CONTINUED THIS WEEK.

Satisfied With Small Profits—No Fancy Prices! During the coming week thousands of strangers will visit our city intent on buying carpets. To our extensive stock of 50,000 for their benefit, and they desire to buy now or later on. The following are but few of the inducements we will offer to our trading with us. Goods shipped free within 100 miles of Pittsburgh. 18 1/2 good ingrain carpet, worth 25c. 25c better ingrain carpet, worth 35c. 25c good heavy two-ply carpet worth 45c. 35c better heavy two-ply carpet, worth 50c. 48c best all-wool filling carpet, worth 65c. 58c best all-wool extra super, worth 75c. 35c good styles of brussels, worth 50c. 58c good styles of brussels, worth 70c. 60c good styles of brussels, worth 85c. 80c good styles of brussels, worth \$1. 80c good styles of velvet carpet, worth \$1.50.

HALF TICKETS TO FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT AT ATLANTIC CITY VIA B. & O. R. R.

For the firemen's tournament at Atlantic City, September 29 to October 2, inclusive, the B. & O. R. R. will sell round trip tickets from Pittsburgh at one fare for September 25 to October 2, inclusive, and will be valid for return passage until October 6, inclusive. This low rate is not restricted to firemen, but is open to the public, and presents the last opportunity of the season to enjoy a cheap trip to the seashore. The B. & O. R. R. provides fast limited express trains via Washington with Pullman service.

PROF. J. S. CHRISTY

Opens his Dancing Academy Monday evening, September 21, with six competent instructors. There will be an orchestra of ten pieces for the occasion. The opening is complimentary to the public, and the friends. Classes for beginners will be formed every evening next week except Tuesday. Circulars in all music stores. Office 1015 1/2 4th St. Academy 1012 1/2 Penn avenue.

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ANOTHER OUTPOURING

By River and Rail to the New Town of Blaine.

The Blaine company is entitled to the distinction of having conducted two of the most successful excursions and sales of lots on record. The outpouring yesterday by rail and river to the new Monongahela river town was only equalled by the rush to the same place on July 16, on the occasion of the first great excursion and sale. That Blaine ranks high in the favor of investors is beyond question.

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