

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The Wreck of the Frigate Hussar.

The Chicago Republican in speaking of a new and apparently thoroughly successful diving bell or submarine explorer says: "The experiments made with the explorer yesterday were in the vicinity of the wreck of the English frigate Hussar. This vessel formed part of the English fleet during the Revolutionary war, and on board of her was kept the treasure for the payment of the British Army. On the 25th of November, 1780, (Evacuation Day), the officers of the frigate, knowing of the vicinity of the French fleet, attempted to escape by running the frigate up the East river. She struck, however, on Pot Rock, at Hell Gate, and sustained serious damage. Her officers sailed her on for about a mile, to what was then known as Fort Morris, now the foot of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, supposing that they would there find shallow water. In fact, however, they had unwittingly selected the deepest part of the river, the vessel having set at least seventy feet of water beneath her keel. A hawser was got out and made fast to a huge oak tree on the bank of the river, and in a few minutes afterward an alarm was raised that the vessel was sinking. So rapidly did she settle down that the officers were compelled to rush from their cabins, leaving their clothing and even their swords, money and jewels in the boxes behind them. On the lower deck were eighty American prisoners in manacles. No attempt was or could be made to save them, and every man, so far as is known, perished. The hawser which had been made fast to the oak tree exerted such a strain upon the tree that it broke in two. Not far from where the vessel went down, Gov. Morris had an elegant mansion—a field of young corn now waves over its light green—were afforded accommodations for the officers of the frigate. The ill-fated Hussar. On the arrival of these gentlemen in England a court-martial was held, and from the evidence then given it appeared that the vessel had struck on the time she sunk, 80,000,000 in gold, silver and jewels, which were packed in fifty iron boxes bound with copper, and built into the hull of the vessel. There can, therefore, be no doubt that the treasure is lying at the bottom of the river, to reward the luck or perseverance of some one.

In 1784 the English Government sent over two brigades with men and implements to raise the frigate, but after two seasons of fruitless labor they left. In 1810 they made a second attempt to raise her with the most powerful machinery known, but the workmen were ordered off by the American Government, on the ground that the vessel and all she contained were prizes of war. The wreck was allowed to rest for a time, but in 1848 other attempts were made to recover the treasure. An organization known as the Frigate Hussar company was formed, and constant attempts were made to discover the treasure without success. Up to 1867 the company had expended \$50,000 in their search. This company now have a contract with Messrs. W. R. Taylor and J. A. Wesce, owners of the submarine explorer, to raise the treasure of the Hussar on a salvage of thirty per cent.

The plot around the wreck of the Hussar, which have been made from time to time, have resulted in the discovery of the officers' swords, which were left off any party. The alarm had, however, spread among the spectators, and a general rush was made to the doors; for a moment there was great danger of loss of life from the pressure, but some young men in the gallery above who could see what was going on near the stage called out that the fire was over. About half of the spectators then returned to their seats, while those nearest the door left the building. The disaster had indeed for a moment appeared to be at an end, as the canvas on fire had been torn down and trampled under foot. But the flames had found in the painted scenery and light woodwork an aliment too favorable, and the flames again appearing, the panic once more became general, screams were heard on all sides, several women fainted, many persons jumped from the windows on the staircase, and every man for the street, leaving behind hats, shawls, umbrellas, &c. Fortunately the theatre had been partly emptied at the first alarm, and every one was able to get away in safety.

The scene outside was most curious. The spectators might be seen, some with bare heads, and others with robes torn from their backs, hurrying to and fro in search of friends or relatives. The actors and actresses were in their costumes, while some of the ballet girls, who had been surprised while dressing, were between two toilettes—half civil half theatrical, the flames in the meantime had gained the pit and the galleries, and as the interior of the house was constructed of wood and canvas only, an attempt to check the progress of the fire was useless; all that could be done was to prevent the conflagration from extending to the adjoining houses, and in a short time nothing but the blackened walls remained.

"CHASSESPOT TIE."—The oft-repeated inquiry, "Who invented the Chassepot Tie?" has led to the investigation and solution of the problem, which is substantiated briefly as follows: This article of neck dress, which at first was worn by gentlemen and ladies of fashion, but which has since been produced in cheap and common styles, until the quantity sold has reached the enormous figure of 600,000, was first invented by Henry G. Fisk, Esq., of the firm of Fisk, Clark & Flegg, 55 White street, in 1807, and the first Chassepot ties that were ever sold came from this house. They imported the only ones that came to this country, after the invention of it by Mr. Fisk, but the great bulk of those sold by them were made in this country under their supervision. They kept the market until the goods were imitated by others in cheap and flimsy counterfeits, and yet controlled the trade long enough to make a handsome thing out of their invention.

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CLIPPINGS.

EUROPEAN Continental dandies eclipse the women in all the follies and extravagances of dress. They play their hair, paint, wear corsets and sleep in perfumed night gowns.

INTERLUDE. ASYLUMS.—The Committee on Inebriate Asylums of the National Temperance Convention, in their report commend such institutions to the sympathy and support of the temperance community, and are of opinion that, while medical treatment may not and should not be set aside, yet the only sure and successful way of thoroughly reforming the inebriate is by moral and religious instruction.

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