Mystery in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Alfred Carlesen dwells in the second story at No. 212 Stuyvesant avenue. Owing to lack of employment he experienced difficulty in supporting his wife and five children, and about three years ago he began to make frames, card cases, comb racks, ect., from acorns, cones and moss as a means of getting a livlihood, and to get the material he wandered in the woods near the city in autumn. In making the articles he was aided by his wife and two eldest children, and his boy, about twelve years of age, went out to sell them. The boy who was unusually bright, sold the things rapidly, and obtained orders for new things, until the family was made comfortable. On the 14th of October, 1879, the lad went out with several large pieces of work that had been ordered, and since that time his parents have not seen him, although they have made dilligent inquiry and there has been an earnest search by the police.

During the past year Mr. Carlsen has had work out of the city, and in his absence his wife and eldest daughter, Matilda, now eleven years of age, continued making the fancy articles, and they were delivered to the customers by Matilda. On Thursday morning last several articles being finished, the child went forth to deliver them to the customers, bidding her mother goodbye with a smile on her face. She has not since been seen, although a dilligent search has been made by both the parents and the police. Chief Campbell has detailed a skillful detective to work upon the case.

Mr. Carlsen cannot account for the strange disappearance of his two children. He always treated them with kindness and they liked their home. He fancies that some persons, with a view to making the fancy articles (which are very peculiar in their construction) have abducted his children for the purpose of learning how to make the articles. This conjecture is based upon the fact that the children were often asked by peddlers and others how the things were made.

Death in the Cars.

The Altoona *Tribune* of the 29th ult. says: Last evening the habitues around the depot were startled by the announcement that a man had died suddenly on fast line bound west a short time before reaching Altoona. It appears that a wealthy young German, whose name, from papers on his person, was found to be George Pappenberger, was taken sick while the train was near McVeytown. Dr. A. P. Frick, of the United States Army, was hastily called, but when he reached the side of the man, who was in a sleeping car, the poor fellow was dead. The doctor pronounced it a case of apoplexy. The body was placed in a bunk and when the train arrived in Altoona was carried into the Logan House, where Coroner Humes held an inquest.—The man had probably first taken the train at New York, as he had a through ticket from that city to San Francisco, on his way home from Europe. He had eaten his dinner in a hotel car and had just ordered supper, and while waiting was talking pleasantly to a companion when the sudden summons came. He apparently fell forward on his face, as his nose was considerably bruised. Pappenberger was a young and handsome German, and lived in Victoria, British Columbia. He intended to stop and see a married sister who lives about two miles from Rockford, Ohio, and he confided to his companion that he soon intended to go to Germany and marry a blue eyed lass. In his pockets were a number of letters, about five hundred dollars in gold, a ticket to San Francisco, orders for immense numbers of furs, and it is said a paper directing what should be done with his body in case of sudden death.—Mr. John Riley, Superintendent of Transportation, took charge of his effects. The body will be prepared for burial and forwarded to his friends. There was no one who knew him accompanying him on the train.

After Fifteen Years.

From Washington comes a curious story of what is either quickened conscience or a very strange mistake only rectified after fifteen years. In 1865 a youth named McElroy, roomed with a departmental clerk. McElroy awoke one fine morning and found his roommate had disappeared with his (McElroy's) overcoat, in the pocket of which was $250. Nothing was heard of the missing departmental clerk. McElroy concluded it was only an ordinary case of boarding-house theft, and took no further trouble about it. In 1873 he heard that his ex-room-mate had been shot and killed in China, consequently he wondered what was up when he saw an advertisment for him in a Baltimore paper a few days ago speaking of something of importance to his interest. He answered it, met a stranger by appointment in Washington, and saw his former room-mate, who paid him the $250. The ex-clerk said that when he left the house he carried off McElroy's coat by mistake for his own.—On reaching his place of business he found a telegram from his uncle in New York asking him to go there at once. The uncle in question was captain of a ship about to sail for China, and wanted his nephew to go with him, so he went, without having time to drop an explanatory note to McElroy. In China he made money fast, and noticed that another man of the same name was killed while he was in that country. When he returned to America he made it his first object to pay the $250 he had unintentionally borrowed from McElroy, with interest

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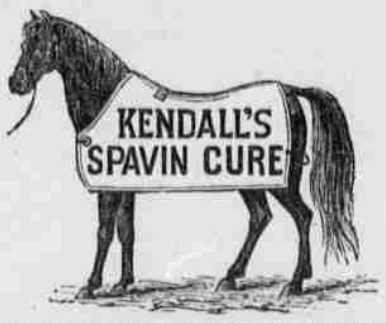

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