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triple and quadruple expansion engines, boilers that carry 100 pounds, and more of pressure, machinery in separate compartments, twin screws and less engineers and more sailor officers than ever. "How it happens, is told by an officer whom Melville's recommendation to me describes as unequalled in knowledge of engineering and absolutely trustworthy. This officer says: "The key to the whole situation may be found in the fact that the navy is managed, practically, by a certain clique of line officers, better versed in the arts of intrigue than in their own profession."

BICYCLE THIEF IN JAIL. He is Believed to Be the Man Who Shot Two Men in Providence and Escaped on a Stolen Wheel.

Taunton, Mass., Aug. 8.—The police this morning arrested Herbert Willis on suspicion of being a noted bicycle thief, who has been operating in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He lives in Taunton and is about twenty-two years old. There is little doubt about his being the person who shot two men in Providence, then stole a wheel from one of them and escaped. He is employed in a fish market here. His hands show the cuts he received when he dashed through the window in Dawson's place in Providence, and it is known that the wounds were dressed by a doctor in this vicinity soon after that occurrence. When he was arrested this morning Willis whipped out a revolver, but Officer Bolton

MAY CHILDREN PLAY ON THE SIDEWALKS?

Merchant Bayer Demonstrates His Views by Smashing a Boy's Tricycle.

He Says Little Lawrence Simon Collected a Crowd of Lads, Who Annoyed Him.

CHILD'S MOTHER SUES FOR DAMAGES. She Wants the Court to Overrule Bayer's Decision and Award \$2,000 Damages for Her Son's Injuries.

The question as to what rights children have to the sidewalks for the purpose of playing is to be decided by an action which has just been brought in the City Court. Lawrence Simon, a curly-haired lad ten years old, lives with his mother, Mrs. Olga Simon, at No. 130 West Twenty-fifth street. William Simon, the boy's father, is a furrier at No. 172 West Twenty-third street. He is separated from his wife, but is very fond of his little son, and, on July 29 last, made him a present of a tricycle. Lorenz Bayer has a picture-frame business

demolished. Lawrence's middle finger of his hand was injured and his left leg was cut by coming into contact with the tricycle.

Bayer told the boy's mother later that Lawrence had proven a nuisance, as he had attracted a number of other lads in front of his store and they had annoyed him. Mrs. Simon placed the case in the hands of Lawyer August P. Wagener, of No. 59 S cond av nue, who, with the consent of the father, had Mrs. Simon appointed by Justice O'Dwyer guardian ad litem for the boy. Suit has been begun for \$2,000 damages against Bayer in the City Court. The papers were served yesterday upon Bayer, and he has six days in which to answer.

Lawyer Wagener said yesterday that he believed he had a good case against the storekeeper. The boy, he said, was rightfully and lawfully on a street in the pursuit and enjoyment of pleasure and recreation. The tricycle was not upon Bayer's sidewalk, any way. The city, Lawyer Wagener said, did not owe the house owners, the sidewalks.

Mr. Bayer says he can prove that little Simon had been playing with his store for some time before he swooped down upon him. He also says he is entitled to a clear sidewalk and that he has a perfect right to refuse to allow boys to play on his store. He denies that he ill-used the boy.

NOT MRS. BOCK'S SLAYER. William B. Archer, the Third Man Arrested by the Police, Proves an Alibi Like the Others, and is Freed.

The Annie Bock murder is still a mystery. Three suspects have been arrested, and the last, William B. Archer, was discharged yesterday at the direction of Chief O'Brien, who said there was absolutely no evidence upon which to hold him, other than his close resemblance to the man described by Rosa Schwartz, as having a dark mustache.

Archer accounted for himself on the night of the murder and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the police. Goldman, the first suspect, and Levy, the second, also bore a resemblance to the man Rosa Schwartz said she saw with the dead woman on Fourteenth street last Monday night. Jacob Bock, who claims to be the husband of Annie, still fears to enter the rooms formerly occupied by her. The detectives have found no clew yet, and the case threatens to be added to the long list of unsolved crimes that is part of the police history of New York to-day.

TO RAVE FIFTH AVENUE. Contract Awarded to the California Asphalt Company.

Commissioner of Public Works General Collis awarded the contract for paving Fifth avenue with asphalt on a concrete foundation to the California Asphalt Paving Company yesterday. The area to be paved is from Ninth to Fifty-ninth streets, and the time within which the work is to be completed is 120 days. It will require 67,000 square yards of asphalt, 38,000 cubic yards of concrete and 12,200 lined feet of curbing. The total cost will be about \$320,000.

Contractors Kelly & Booth, through A. D. Crane, their attorney, entered a protest against the opening of bids on the ground that their offer had been thrown out because of a defect in certification. Commissioner Collis refused to pay any attention to the protest.

These were the bids: California Asphalt, \$3.85 per square foot; concrete, \$3 a cubic foot; curbing, 50 cents a lineal foot. Barber Company—Asphalt, \$3.75; concrete, \$4.50; curbing, 60 cents. Frank Bamford Company \$3.90, \$4.75 and 60 cents. Sicilian Company, \$3.91, \$4.40 and 60 cents. Warren Street Company, \$3.81, \$4.25 and 60 cents. There will be no asphalt laid in front of the Manhattan Club, owing to the ground. The prices are higher than those of previous contracts for similar work because of the superior quality of work demanded.

ALL WANTED TO "ACT OUT." Cross-Eyed, Deformed and Colored Youngsters Reply to an "Ad."

In response to an advertisement in morning newspaper, for a little girl also six years old, and a boy a year older play in "Shore Acres," scores of children of all ages and sizes gathered at the Fl Avenue Theatre yesterday morning. In the line, which extended almost Sixth avenue, there were a negro girl and a girl and a little hump-backed boy. At 11 o'clock Stage Manager Whitten permitted the children to be admitted to the theatre, and there was a serenade for position. The first girl applicant was a red-headed, cross-eyed girl. "What's your age?" asked Mr. Whitten. "My stage age or my real age?" "Well, both," said Mr. Whittenmore. "My real age is ten, but my stage is six."

Mr. Whittenmore did not succeed in leading the children he desired.

STOLE MRS. COOGAN'S JEWELRY. Living Marks Makes a Full Confession at Narragansett.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Coogan, the New York millionaire, succeeded in obtaining a confession from the man who stole Mrs. Coogan's diamonds. Irving Marks, alias Herbert Mark, declared that he had hidden in Marks' room in the Mathewson on and having taken the box containing the diamonds to Jewell's. Marks had bought a number of the diamonds, including a few of the Coogons, but that Benton, Marks' neighbor, who has disappeared, had most of them. When Marks' room at the Narragansett was searched a great quantity of jewelry was found secreted there. There was a stock of watches and jewelry, and among them was a peacock diamond belonging to the Coogons.

Only Six Days of Wedded Bliss. Justice Smyth, in the Supreme Court day approved the report of Before Ward and granted a decree of absolute divorce to George C. Spann from Juliette.

The couple were married after an acquaintance of two years, and together six days covered evidence sufficient to obtain a divorce.

"CAMMEYER" Stamped on a Shoe MEANS STANDARD OF MERIT 6TH AVENUE CORNER 20TH ST. The Biggest Shoe House in the World MIDSUMMER CUT In the Price of Women's WHITE & BLUE CANVAS Button Oxfords At \$1.00.

These are 640 pairs of these shoes that we have been selling since the beginning of the season for \$2.00, and not wishing to carry over a single pair, therefore have cut the price in two. Women's White Canvas 3-button Oxfords, \$1.00 Reduced from \$2.00

Also, small quantity of Women's Button Shoes, in enamelled leather, Russia calf and Soolma, former prices \$2 to \$3, all be sold at \$1 per pair. Remember, these are only in all odd sizes and widths; do not guarantee to fit every foot, but those who are fortunate obtain their size have good use for rejoicing.

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION. ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES MAILED FREE ON APPLICATION. A. J. CAMMEYER, 6th Ave., Cor. 20th St.

SUITS To Order, \$14.

First I built up a name for the Best fitting clothes in New York. I have had that reputation now for several years, and I propose to keep it by keeping my work right up to the top notch. And now with the same cutters and the same tailors I am building up a reputation for the best values in the United States—the same perfect fit guaranteed.

TROUSERS TO ORDER, \$4.00. Fine Belgian Striped Worsteds, Cassimeres, Scotch Tweeds, Cheviots, Homespuns—\$7 ones, \$8 ones, \$9 ones, \$10 ones—at \$4.

J. J. Oestreicher IMPORTING TAILOR 6TH AVE. COR. 28TH ST. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 7 O'CLOCK. L STATION AT DOOR.

FLINT'S FINE FURNITURE SAVES MONEY. Riches may take to themselves wings, but knowledge of how and what and where it is best to buy will save your money.

A visit to our establishment just now will teach you much about furniture buying. You will see the most beautiful patterns, the hand-somest coverings, the most tasteful carvings and ornamentations, at greatly reduced prices. You will learn that it is a wise economy to BUY OF THE MAKER.

GEO. C. FLINT CO. 43, 45 and 47 WEST 23rd ST. NEAR BROADWAY. FACTORY: 154 and 156 WEST 19th STREET.

Hilton, Hong Successors to A.T. STEWART. HALF DOLLARS ARE in a hundred places around the store. It's our way of making August active in spite of heat and depressing conditions. It's our way of pushing out ends of stock and odd lots gathering of carefully chosen Fall goods already headed for the store. There must be "good-bye" for whatever would be in its way. We mention maybe one in ten of the extra specials.

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS We've been through our stock of Shirt Waists and marked a number of lines at 50c. A large table on the first floor contains over 1,000 Waists that have been 75c to \$1.50, all may go at 50c. French hand embroidered Chemises, neat patterns in front with scalloped edge, at 55c. French hand made Drawers, 5 pleats and worked edge of scallop and dots, 55c. Muslin Drawers, wide hem and 4 pleats, yoke band, 18c. Fine white lawn Dressing Sacks, embroidered ruffle down front, 2 box pleats, crush collar, large sleeves, \$1.75 kind at 50c. Fine white lawn Dressing Sacks, embroidered sailor collar, insertion across front, \$1.25 kind at \$1. Fine white lawn Skirts, \$1 from \$1.25. Fine lawn Dressing Sacks, ruffle on collar, sleeves and bottom of sack, \$1.25 and \$1.75 kinds at \$1.

FOR THE CHILDREN Good quality percale Dresses, ruffle over shoulders, trimmed with embroidery, 6 to 14 yrs., 75c. Good quality percale Dresses, wide ruffle over shoulders, yoke trimmed with rows of feather stitching, 6 to 14 yrs., 65c. Linen colored Dresses, trimmed with embroidery and insertion, 6 to 14 years, \$1.25; were \$2. 3-piece Eton Suits, lawn and galatea stripes, trimmed with braid, \$1.25, \$2. Misses' percale and lawn Shirt Waists, 50 and 75c; have been 85c and \$1.

TAN SHOES AT HALF Balance of all lines of tan Shoes are to be half price. Perfect goods, of the very best grades, not all sizes, but most any one can be fitted in something. \$3 boys' tan Shoes at \$1.50. \$4 boys' tan Shoes at \$2. \$3 women's tan Oxfords at \$1.50. \$4 women's tan Shoes at \$2. \$5 women's tan Shoes at \$2.50. These are not rejects, culs or have been, but the balance of the best tan Shoe stock we have ever had.

MASON'S FRUIT JARS Every housekeeper knows them. No one ever has too many of them, and no one ever before heard of quart jars in perfect condition at 40c THE DOZEN. In doz. cases.

PARASOLS Fancy silk, chiffon and lace covered Parasols, 50c, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50; regularly \$1.50 to \$10.

EHRICH BROS. Special Values. Misses' Suits. Misses' Eton Suits, in fancy striped duck, trimmed with braid and buttons, sizes 6 to 14 years, at \$1.98

Underwear. Ladies' Lawn and Cambric Umbrella Drawers, trimmed with deep embroidery ruffles, at .45

Grocery Dept. Fine California sugar cured shoulder, per lb. .05. Roast pork, two birds in a can, regular value, 50c, at .12. Corned Beef, 2 lb can .18. Corned Beef, 2 lb can .17.

Bicycles. We sell bicycles cheaper than any house in the world and are still the only house in New York selling a well-known genuine 1896 model bicycle for \$45.00, with lamp and bell. Other good machines for \$24.95 and \$26.95, with name plates. Bicycle sundries in complete assortment at lowest prices in New York.

Ladies' Waists. Reduction Sale of Shirt Waists, 100 dozen, value fully 50c each, at .25. 200 dozen Shirt Waists with attached collars, value 95c, at .49. Reduction Sale of Ladies' Silk Ties, at .06. Broad

Silks. 3,500 Yards Striped Habutai Silks, especially adapted for summer wear, positively fast colors, have been sold at 50c yd., now .25. 1,500 Yards Navy Blue and White China Silk. In all the finest designs; also Stripes and Pina Dots, were 75c yd., now .49.

Laces. Venetian, Net Top, Oriental and Eton's Laces, 9 to 11 inches wide, white and butter colored, value 30c yard, at .16.

6TH AVE. AND 23D ST. MORPHINE HABIT CURED. The most scientific treatment of the age. We guarantee a cure. This is not a tapering off process, and no money is required until cure is complete. Patients have the quiet and seclusion of a beautiful country home while undergoing treatment. Correspondence solicited and considered strictly confidential. Address S., box 208, Station X, N. Y. C.

Opticians. Oculists' prescriptions for glasses filled. FOX & STENDICKE, 647 Broadway, below 23d st.

WILSON'S CARPET PRICES—WONDERS. \$2.50 Royal Wilton Carpets, \$1.25 yd. \$1.25 Axminster, 75c yd. \$1.50 Royal Wilton Velvets, 95c yd. Our \$18, \$20, Carabagh Rugs, \$9.75. We have a stock of Oriental Carpets at We at regular prices. New York agents for the In- terior Har- wood Co.'s Parquetry Floor- mates furnished. FURNITURE. Mahogany Parlor Tables, shaped top, inlaid, curved legs and shelf, Oak, \$5 from \$7.50. R. Rich and imitation Mahogany Odd chairs, \$1.85 from \$4.50. \$6 Beds, full size, antique ash, \$2 from \$3 and \$5 from \$7 and \$10. We oak Beds, \$4, \$6 from \$7, \$10. deliore October Carpets or Furniture for every other if you wish.

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ALFRED BENDIX LURED FROM HOME AND LOST BY OTHER BOYS.

On July 25, Alfred F. Bendix, thirteen years old, was induced to leave his home, No. 364 Arlington street, New York City, by two other boys named Carr, to seek adventure and fortune in California. The Carrs were seen, and say they left young Bendix with a tramp at Jewett, Pa. The illustration here given is from a photograph of Mrs. Bendix and her five children, taken in a group.

ers, to give them their positive rank to make vacant places as engineers possible by competitive examinations than graduates of the Naval Academy. The graduates are unpractical college They rise in the service by seniority, then, being unpractical, imagine they navy," says Congressman Wilson. American who has paid for his eld struggled for a living after he had have the same privilege to his country as the American whose son was paid for by the Government. I am not prepared to say that the Naval Academy should be abolished, but I know I never formed a great Admiral; yet the academy which governs the navy, the officers resent any suggestion from us.

TELLIGENCE NOW IN THE HOLD. "We sail only were used," said the resman, "the intelligence of the navy in the quarter deck; now that machines used, the intelligence of the navy is in hold. The Frenchmen who went to reported, not impressions of the r's splendor, but amazement at the Columbia's facility to fight and es. Who directs this faculty, the captain engineer? In battle should they not seems of equality? Engineers are doing the work of the n navy, and see how they are reward- We have 173 engineers in the line, 14 officers, or 4.13 line officers to each eer. Compare this ratio with that ers past and note how startling the gency is. In 1864, in war time, there 2,846 line officers and 1,728 engi- regular and volunteer, or a ratio of 64 to 1. Of this number, there were 247 service 464 line officers and 608, or more engineers than line xistence of war fixed these 247 service 464 line officers and 608, or more engineers than line xistence of war fixed these

HELD A STRANGER'S BABY. Mrs. Robb Thought It Was for but a Few Moments, but the Mother Had Deserted It. While Mrs. E. F. Robb, of No. 214 Third street, Elizabethport, N. J., was sitting on a bench in Washington Square Park, yesterday, she was approached by a woman who asked her if she would hold her baby until she returned from the ladies' cottage. Mrs. Robb consented, and the woman deposited in her lap a tiny lump of humanity, at the same time explaining that the baby had been born on Randall's island ten days ago. She said that she had come down from the island, only a few hours earlier and had expected to meet her husband in the Park, but had failed to do so. A few minutes later, Mrs. Robb was surprised to see the woman walking hurriedly toward West Broadway, and in that thoroughly, she was soon lost to view.

With the abandoned babe in her arms, Mrs. Robb proceeded to Park policeman William Capper, and accompanied the child to Bellevue Hospital, where the officer was left. The baby is a girl. Mrs. Robb said the strange woman was middle-aged, and was plainly, but neatly, dressed.

This Awning Safe for Awhile. Justice Stover, in Special Term of the Supreme Court, denied the application of Simon Foot, of the Grand Union Hotel, yesterday, for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the Superintendent of Incarceration and the Commissioner of Public Works to remove an awning on Broadway street, owned by the Forty-third Street Building Company, which was in the way of the sidewalk.

THE BANKRUPT STOCK OF J.N. COLLINS & CO. Will be offered at retail to-morrow, Monday Morning, at 10 o'clock, At the Old Store, 8 East 14th St. at 25 cts. on the

The stock consists of over \$500,000 worth of selected goods, including Silks, Dress Goods, Cloaks, Suits, Linens, Domestic, Wash Goods, Ribbons, Laces, Upholsterings, Lace Curtains, Smyrna and Fur Rugs, and their production of Sealskin, Astrakhan and Persian Jacked Capes, newly made for next season's trade, together high grade Pattee Bicycles, for which the late New York