

WIDOW LE FEBRE HOLDS THE FORT. Will Not Be Dispossessed from the Little Cottage She Calls Home.

Believes She Owns the House, Although She Is Said to Be Only a Squatter. HAS DOORS AND WINDOWS BARRED.

She is Ninety-seven Years Old, Lives All Alone, and Communes in the Dark with the Spirits of the Dead. Her Romance.

Up on the top of a high, snow-covered bluff, facing on Seventy-ninth street, Brooklyn, stands a weather-beaten frame house, with high peak roof and projecting eaves.

The neighborhood is sparsely settled and there is no other house nearer than two and a half blocks.

The sole occupant of the old ramshackle building is, and has been for years, an aged woman. She is known to the older residents as Mrs. Catherine Le Febre and is said to be ninety-seven years of age.



She is ninety-seven years old, and lives alone in a century-old house, on the outskirts of Brooklyn. Efforts are being made to dispossess her, but she has doors and windows barred, and will admit no strangers.

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THE OLD WOMAN'S ROMANCE. There is little known about the aged woman's history.

It is said that she is a native of Alsace and that she ran away from home to marry Captain Le Febre, a dashing young officer of the French army.

When she first moved to this old house Mrs. Le Febre was quite active for an old woman.

Her health failed, and now she is confined to the house for weeks at a time. She has never wanted for the necessities of life, as she has stored away wood for her stove and potatoes and other vegetables from her garden.

MELTING SNOW FOR WATER. Since the dispossession proceedings were always at the door, the woman has not dared to leave her home.

A Journal reporter and artist called upon Mrs. Le Febre yesterday afternoon. The path from Seventy-ninth street led around the base of the hill to a door at the rear of the house.

In response to the reporter's knock there came to the door an aged woman, with wrinkled face, short gray hair, and wearing a shawl about her head.

made in two sections. The lower part was left securely bolted, while the widow Le Febre opened the upper half and asked in German what was wanted.

MR. BENNETT'S STORY. James Bennett, of Eightieth street and Twelfth avenue, told the reporter all that was known of the queer old woman.

"That house," said Mr. Bennett, "was built by my grandfather, Albert Van Brunt, about a hundred years ago. His son, Henry, had just been married, and the house was built for him and his bride, who occupied it for many years.

DRIVES OUT EVIL SPIRITS. Mrs. Mary Michaelson, who lives near the Bennetts, and has been able to get better acquainted with the widow Le Febre on account of her knowledge of the German language.

IN COURT OVER A DOG. Miss Wilmot's Neighbor Alleges That Her Pet is An Annoyance. Mrs. Nellie Wilmot, of No. 1039 Fulton street, Brooklyn, has a dog, and the animal

week ago the priest left his home adjoining the church at Central avenue and Bloeker street, to attend a sick person. He contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia.

FELL DEAD IN THE SNOW. A Former New York Policeman Expired Suddenly at Sea Cliff, L. I. Sea Cliff, L. I., March 17.—Edward Lewis, a former New York policeman, died very suddenly here to-day.

MAYOR APPROVED THE BILL. Wurster Said the Civil Service Commission Needed the \$10,000.

STEAMBOAT MOSQUITO SUNK. Patchogue, March 17.—The steamboat Mosquito, the property of the Patchogue Steamboat Company, sank in ten feet of water at her dock during the storm last evening.

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SNOWBALLED A STATUE. The Bronze Figure of Henry Ward Beecher Used as a Target by Two Hundred Boys.

While the steps of the City Hall in Brooklyn and all the streets diverging from that point were filled with people, waiting for the St. Patrick's Day parade, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a small boy on the edge of the great crowd threw a snowball at the statue of Henry Ward Beecher.

There were about two hundred small boys in that crowd when that little snowball sailed through the air and came down upon the bronze features of the statue, leaving a white patch where one of the eyes had been.

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But There Was Sunshine for the Enthusiastic St. Patrick's Day Paraders.

The Irish Societies of Brooklyn United This Year in One Grand Pageant. SIDEWALKS LINED WITH PEOPLE.

The Procession Reviewed at the City Hall by Mayor Wurster and the Board of Aldermen—Flags Displayed on All the Public Buildings.

Brooklyn's City Works Commissioner failed to clean up the streets in time for the parade of the Irish societies yesterday, but they didn't mind the slush at all.

Probably there was a good deal of enthusiasm over the union of the two factions in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, each of which for the past fifteen years has been holding its own celebration.

The procession was formed at the Bedford avenue fountain. Christopher Cusick as the grand marshal, and his aides were William McLoughlin, Miles McFarland, Daniel O'Leary, John McKellop, Thomas Finnegan, John Boonick, Michael McNamara, John Quinn, Christopher Gibbons, Jeremiah Cahill, James McGowan, Peter McEldowney, John O'Connor, Patrick McDevitt, Dominick McPeeney, James Kelly, John O'Connell, Michael Kelly, Thomas Rice and Michael Kelly.

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PUBLISHER BOWEN'S WILL. It Creates Trust Funds for His Widow, Sons and Daughters—General Public Requests.

The will of the late Henry C. Bowen was filed for probate yesterday with Surrogate Abbott in Brooklyn. Provision is made for a monument over his grave in Woodstock, Conn. Mrs. Bowen, the widow, gets his personal and household effects and real estate in Brooklyn and Woodstock, the property at her death to revert to the residuary estate.

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WAGNER ASKS FOR HELP. He Declares That Mrs. Connor Annoys Him by Following Him About and Giggling.

The Wagner-Connor feud, of Wallabout street, Williamsburg, has broken out afresh. Eighteen years ago Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Wagner disagreed.

Dennett and Dr. Parkhurst in Court. Just as Magistrate Parkhurst adjourned the Centre Street Court for the noon hour yesterday Dr. Parkhurst, accompanied by "Angel" Dennett, entered the courtroom.

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