

THE HEROIC DEED SHE SAVED FOUR.

Mrs. Riker Heroically Climbed Flaming Stairs Barefoot.

CARRIED CHILDREN OUT.

Then She Returned to the Rescue of Her Aged Father-in-Law and His Son.

At the peril of her own life Mrs. Lillian A. Riker rescued four persons from being burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed her villa at No. 333 Highland avenue, in Vernon Park, an aristocratic section of Mount Vernon, early yesterday morning.

Through blinding smoke she groped, saving her two children, her father-in-law and brother-in-law; then making an attempt to save her jewels, she was driven back by the flames.

Mrs. Riker is a widow. She has two children, and with her lived her father-in-law, W. B. Riker, eighty years old, the founder of the Riker Drug Company, of New York, and his son, George. Shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning the villa was awakened by smoke. She quickly ran to the room occupied by her little girl and boy. Hastily seizing the child, she hurried down the front staircase, which was already aflame, to the street. Undaunted by the flames which were fast eating toward the second floor, the heroine retreated, re-footed and re-ascended the front staircase to the second story, where she was again driven back by sleeping unaware of her danger. Calling the young man to follow, Mrs. Riker half-dragged, half led her father-in-law to safety. Still he was not satisfied, for she re-entered the building to save her jewels, but was driven back by the flames, which scorched her hair and singed her hands and feet. The only thing Mr. Riker, Sr., saved was his gold watch, which he kept under his pillow. The clothing of the entire family was burned and nothing was left to furnish them with wearing apparel.

When the Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene, they found the villa a mass of flames. The firemen were frozen up and the mercury lingered around zero. The hydrants were finally thawed out, but the flames were still able to save the adjoining houses.

While the firemen were working to save the property Mrs. Robert Patterson, wife of the late Senator Patterson, sorted her effects, whiskey and cakes among them, while Miss Grace Bernhardt braved the heat and danger to save her jewelry from a fire which had broken out in the kitchen. The Riker villa was lavishly furnished with silver, china, tapestries and bric-a-brac, which were saved. Not a thing was saved, and the loss is estimated at more than \$20,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FARM SERF ATE WITH THE DOGS.

Half-Witted Man Rescued After Forty Years of Misery.

WAS INJURED BY A KICK.

Story of Savage Tyranny Unfolded by Neighbors When He Went to a Hospital.

Derby, Conn., Jan. 11.—Unlike the peasants of European countries, who look upon a half-witted person as one entitled to special indulgence, and even a certain superstitious veneration, Farmer Henry Plumb has kept John Wesley Parmelee in a condition of serfdom for nearly forty years.

Parmelee has just been discharged from the Bridgeport Hospital, after an operation for an internal injury, caused, he says, by one of the many kicks Plumb has bestowed upon him. Although a man of middle age, Parmelee has no more than the intellect and will power of an ill-used child. He covers when Plumb's name is mentioned and his mouth quivers if the subject of his return to the farm is broached. Yet he fears the consequences of absconding himself.

But this gray-haired infant will not be allowed to fall into the hands of his tyrant again. Attorney A. D. Penney, of the New Haven Probate Court, has applied for the appointment of a conservator over him. This action has been taken at the instance of Plumb's neighbors and of his aged mother, who lives in New Haven.

According to the neighbors, and to such few coherent revelations as can be extracted from Plumb, the farmer must have experienced a savage pleasure in tormenting a fellow mortal who was unable to defend himself. On no other hypothesis can one explain the statement that Parmelee was compelled to eat with the dogs, if he would eat at all, and that he was beaten and kicked regularly on no provocation.

His condition bears out this story, for his body is gridironed with the scars of chastisements, old and recent. The neighbors testify that Parmelee's screams of pain and appeals for mercy have often led them to the Plumb farm with protests against such cruelty. But their protests have been of no more avail than Parmelee's screams.

It was Plumb's practice, according to these narrators, to tie up his victim by the wrists and then beat and kick him at leisure. Parmelee's wrecked mind is attributed to a blow the farmer struck him on the head with an iron chain when he was only fifteen years old. He had then been in Plumb's service six years. The farm is only three miles from this place.

A BRAVERY MEDAL FOR MISS CHANLER.

Her Heroism in Cuba and Porto Rico Merits This Recognition.

It is proposed that the great-granddaughter of the original John Jacob Astor be granted a medal of honor. Distinguished army officers have united to urge that a fitting testimonial be given to Miss Margaret Astor Chanler, of New York, and Miss Anna Bonhag, of New Orleans, for their heroic work in Porto Rico. With the strong approval of Secretary of War Alger, their recommendation has been sent to Congress.

When, at the latter end of the month of April, it was announced that Margaret Astor Chanler had renounced the pomps and vanities of the "406" to drudge as assistant nurse in a Red Cross hospital ward there were many people who doubted if she would stick to her job.

Sister Eva, the head nurse there, said at the time: "Miss Chanler seems to me to be the most promising of all the society girls who have joined the Order of the Red Cross. If I had the privilege to select one among them to work under me, I should select her without a moment's hesitation. There is not a trace of frivolity in her. She is reserved, self-contained and very womanly. She has a strong, sympathetic face. She has a face to cheer and inspire an invalid. Her commanding presence, witnessed a very difficult operation. I was impressed by the admirable way in which Miss Chanler endeavored to do her work. She flushed at first at the sickening sight, but she never flinched. We can rely upon her composure under the most trying circumstances."

Miss Chanler carried out the plea of the people of Sister Eva beyond its letter. She sought and fulfilled the most arduous duties. Accompanied by Miss Bonhag, she went to Havana, in Porto Rico, and on the very day of her landing there began hospital work under the Spanish Red Cross Society. Assisted only by Miss Bonhag, a gentle woman like herself, she founded a hospital there and made herself indispensable to every one in it.

To do this she left a beautiful graystone mansion at No. 317 West Seventy-fourth street that commands a sweeping view of the Hudson, she gave up her Summer at Tokoby, the charming ancestral seat near Haverlytown, New York. Her income of \$30,000 a year she used to help her in her work of mercy.

Early in September Miss Chanler, a cousin of William Waldorf Astor, of John Jacob Astor, of F. Marion Crawford, of the late Mrs. Corbin Wilson, of Miss Van Alen, of Miss Maria Langdon, of Miss Maria Howe Elliot and of Colonel Danvers Kane, went to Cuba to render what aid she could to the stricken soldiers. From Santiago, Miss Chanler was sent to Ponce, where she placed herself at the command of every one and finally broke down from her arduous labors. She was urged to leave her patients to a few nurses, but the women no longer being one jot of her work, she insisted that Ponce regarded her as an angel. There was a panic among them at the bare suggestion that she might leave.

Miss Bonhag, the young woman who was Miss Chanler's right hand, is a descendant of the celebrated French Canadian general. Her great-grandfather was a lieutenant of Grenville, who founded New Orleans, and her relatives are leaders of the aristocratic circles of the city.

In the recommendation of these two young women sent to Congress General Miles says: "Such noble and generous acts, performed under circumstances of such extraordinary heat and danger of contracting fatal diseases prevalent at the time, I think ought to be recognized, and I recommend that appropriate medals be presented to these ladies."

Now the Poor May Get Coal.
Albany, Jan. 11.—In the Assembly today Mr. Harburner, of New York, introduced a bill authorizing the Board of Estimate and Appropriation to purchase coal for the poor of the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond. The Department of Public Charities is authorized to distribute the same.

LAWYER MADE A RUN FOR LIBERTY.

Arrested for Swindling the Poor, Walcott Escaped at the Jail Door.

"I was only trying to see if you could catch me," laughed Lawyer Merritt D. Walcott, of No. 40 Nassau street, as he was pulled off a moving grand street car near Norfolk street by City Marshal B. Krausz. He had broken away from the Marshal at Ludlow Street Jail and fled. His run cost him several teeth, a smashed hat and a torn coat.

Walcott is now in Ludlow Street Jail to satisfy a judgment obtained last September by a man named Brundage, for the wrongful conversion of \$100. Several suits were pending against him.

Walcott advertised last Summer, offering to get work for men and women. He demanded \$100 deposit from each applicant, promising salaries ranging from \$18 to \$25 a week. He repaid a golden harvest and left his victims desolate. Since then he has been hard to find. His home was unknown. Thursday he was located at Marshal Krausz's arms after secretly visiting his office, a practice of which the Marshal had got wind.

Stories of Walcott's victims left sad stories. One woman, almost barefooted, mortgaged everything she had to raise \$100 to give him, and the promised her sick husband \$25 a week for rearranging library catalogues, a work he could do at home.

Most as plainly as though they had walked through the Santiago campaign beside the man with the camera, spectators may see on the evening of Tuesday, January 17, at Carnegie Lyceum, the things which were accomplished on the Cuban battlefield.

The war was photographed by Dwight L. Elmendorf with his wonderful telephoto lens. He kept as nearly as possible in the very center of activities, and his illustrated lecture is a marvel of vividness. Among the scenes will be "Grimes's Battery in Pull Action" and "The Burning of Cervantes's Fleet."

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DON'T FAIL TO GET IT!
A Beautiful French Miniature Given Away FREE.
Insert a paid "Want" advertisement in next Sunday's Journal and get, free of charge, a beautiful French miniature, in ornamental chased gold frame, artistically mounted on sage green fibre art panel. These miniatures are now on exhibition at the Journal Branch office:

1267 Broadway,
256 West 125th st., and
311 Washington st., Brooklyn.
WANT
To buy, sell or exchange anything?
WANT
To rent rooms, flats or apartments?
To rent rooms, flats or apartments?

The Wynn-Miller Store

A Corner from the Purple East

THE curtain rises on a new store feature this morning. It savors of magic carpets and flying genii. Go down the stairs from the first floor, toward the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street corner of the basement. You leave the humming twentieth century store behind you, and in the distance of two steps you pass into the Orient!

Here is a bazaar taken straight from some hot Indian street, and magnified up to half an acre. A Syrian band (a real one) extracts weird music from strange instruments. A jeweler squats at his work and the most exquisite silver filigree grows from his swift fingers before your eyes. A slipper maker in that corner,—a worker of embroidery in this,—odd-costumed figures move everywhere. And over and under and around on every side, the richest and rarest and costliest and cheapest of the merchandise from India, Egypt, Japan, Turkey and China.

The superb collection of Oriental art-pieces is for sale. Turkish coffee is served at all hours. The Rotunda decorations, "A One-Mule Cotton Planter," and the Crystal Shower, are also completed.

A Half Price On Barege

Summer goods of the first class,—you know them. Woven of silk and wool, with all the lustre of one and the firmness of the other, yet light and delicate as the Organdies themselves. Woven and printed in Alsace, where they know best how to do it.

We have 31 patterns in a quick-sale bargain lot, and prettier patterns you haven't seen. We'll sell them for half their regular prices.

30c. for 75c. grades.
50c. for the 95c. and \$1.15 grades.
Rotunda.
25 Per Cent. Off All Furs Room now for the Fur Store that wishes its own place in this January movement, and will not be denied.

It makes its offer in a dozen words. Everything in the store at a discount of 25 per cent. from the marked figures. Many of the marked figures were the lowest we have known in fair retail selling,—all were reasonable and low.

The goods offered are varied in sort, and there is not a very large quantity of them, as we reckon quantities. We have had a tremendous fur season,—we offer you what is left from it. There's enough to make it very interesting to you, whether your desire is for an Alaska sealskin coat or a five-dollar sable scarf.

Second floor, Broadway.
Two Handkerchief Paragraphs A day or two ago we told you about some very fine, sheer linen handkerchiefs for women, with an open-work script initial, that we would sell at 12½c. each, although they were 25c. goods. In all our handkerchief experience we never saw a lot go so quickly.

Now, we have another lot of 150 dozen of the same kind of handkerchief, to go at the same price. Judged by our own standards, it is a 20c. value. Other people call it a 25c. value. The price is

12½c. Each.

Some men's plain hemstitched handkerchiefs,—one-half and one-inch hems, that should be sold at \$3 a dozen if they had their price-rights, at

\$2.30 a Dozen.

Broadway. About 300 splendid taffeta waists—black and fancy figured in attractive colorings—are offered this morning at a greatly reduced price.

They're made in late, pretty styles, of excellent quality silk, and, at \$3, a most decided bargain. Most of them were selling yesterday at \$5, none for less than that, while there's a fair representation of good \$6 waists.

Choose from either the colored ones in stripes and large and small plaids or from the handsome blacks.

At \$3 Each.

Second floor, Fourth Avenue.
Skates The weather's right for skating, and here's the right sort of skates at the right prices:

Men's Club Skates, plain steel, 50c. to \$1.50.
Men's nickel-plated Club Skates, 75c. to \$3.50.
Women's Club Skates, 85c. to \$4.50.
Hockey Skates, \$1.25 to \$2.
Skate Bags, 25c. to 50c.
Skate Straps, 5c. to 15c.
Skate Sharpeners, 15c.

Basement.

The Muslin Underwear Sale

This is the tenth day of that most important event—important, because it overtops all previous efforts of ours, and is, we believe, without equal anywhere. This means that not only in the magnitude of our muslin underwear dealings, but in point of superior quality for reasonable price, as well. The selling still goes on, steadily, briskly, especially so in some of the very inexpensive garments; corset covers for 8c., and the drawers for 10c. and 15c., and the night gowns for 38c. You'll be surprised to see what excellent garments they are for those little prices. In good supply of the higher grades, of course. We started out with a million garments.

Second floor.

Corsets in the Sale These goods were made up especially to give Corset Store a chance to figure prominently in this January selling. They are little-priced goods, but they are the qualities that usually demand much higher figures.

At 50c.—Flora Corsets; of jean with satteen strips; long waist; two side steels; bone bust; double clasp in front; trimmed with embroidery; white, drab and black.

At \$1.—R. G. corset; jean with satteen bone casings; trimmed top and bottom with lace; medium waist; white, drab, black and blue.

At \$1.25.—L. R. abdominal corset; low bust; long over hips and abdomen; spoon clasps; made especially for stout figures; white and drab. Same in black at \$1.50.

At \$1.25.—H. S. corset; of imported coutil; long waist; high corset bust; short, full hips; well boned; trimmed top and bottom with lace; white, drab and black.

Second floor, Tenth Street.

Eiderdown Sacques and Robes Plenty of styles of each, attractive ones all of them. The robes \$2.50 to \$10.

At the lower price, a robe with loose front, fitted back, pretty girle and satin-bound turnover collar; an excellent value. There are eiderdown sacques for 60c., good ones, too, for the money, up to \$3.75. Flannelette sacques, at 50c. to \$1.

Second floor, Fourth Avenue.

Belt Buckles Claps and Sets A great stock, lately imported, is now awaiting your inspection. Some are exquisitely enameled and beautifully studded with pretty tiny stones. All the new ideas in belt jewelry from the makers abroad find expression in this showing. Moderately priced—some thus:

Belts of elastic, set with jet, 50c. to \$1.75; set with jet and steel, \$1 to \$1.75; some with all steel covering at \$1.75.

No. 2. Proposals for regulating and paving with asphalt pavement on the present pavement the carriage way of 50th Street from Park to Madison Avenue.

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No. 4. Proposals for cleaning and painting the complete city iron work and tin roofs of staircases in the 15th Street Viaduct in the City of New York.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES for the above will be received at the office of the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, 100 East 26th Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899.

For further particulars, see CITY RECORD.

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Good Friends and Good Books

It is not the number of one's acquaintances and friends that adds so much to his happiness and contentment, but rather their quality and congeniality. This same observation applies to books. There are thousands and thousands of books in the great libraries that are not read once in five years, and there are others that are taken out every two weeks—as often as they can be. In short, some of them are continually in demand while others are seldom read.

One of the great attractions of the International Library is that it is made up of just those great masterpieces which are so fraught with human interest that they are read, and loved and treasured, and read and loved again.

The reader of the International Library soon learns that the BEST READING is not "dull, dry and hard reading," as he may have been lead to suppose, but interesting, refreshing and absorbing reading, which carries with it a charm and knowledge, for those contributions have only been selected which are the author's very best—those most characteristic of his peculiar genius, and which have become immortal.

These are all given complete in themselves, and when you lay down a volume after an hour or two's reading, there is much satisfaction in the feeling that your time has not been wasted, that you have been entertained and instructed, and read an author at his best.

If you will call at the store or mail a postal card, you can learn how you can secure this valuable Library at just one-half the publisher's prices by paying only one dollar and the balance in little monthly payments, after you receive the Library. To do this you should act promptly, for we have secured only one edition, which may soon be exhausted.

The Book Store, Ninth Street

Women's Shoes Again

This is not a Shoe Store that is generous in spasms. Its value-giving is persistent and continuous because it is founded on a basic principle of the business. Bargains come here naturally and of course;—not by accident.

This is why we show you this morning a number of pairs of \$4 shoes for \$2.50. They are women's shoes, made of a kidskin of two sorts,—the dull-surfaced, strong-textured kind, and the bright-finished, soft-feeling kind. Choose for yourself.

The maker who produced the shoes intended them as a first-class \$4 retail value. You can see for yourself how nearly he succeeded. But the price is \$2.50 a pair.

Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street.

JOHN WANAMAKER

Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Ninth and Tenth Streets.

THE LATEST FAD'S

Send ten cents and we will mail you a Silver Lure Stick Pin. Enclose this card with your order to J. V. C. Co., Box 500, Prov., R. I.

Proposals.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, HARDWARE, PAINTS, LEATHER AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES FOR THE BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN.

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Proposals.

PROPOSALS FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE CARLIAGE WAY OF 50TH STREET FROM THE BOULEVARD TO MANHATTAN STREET.

PROPOSALS FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT THE CARLIAGE WAY OF 50TH STREET FROM PARK TO MADISON AVENUE.

PROPOSALS FOR CLEANING AND PAINTING THE COMPLETE CITY IRON WORK AND TIN ROOFS OF STAIRCASES IN THE 15TH STREET VIADUCT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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HEARN

West Fourteenth Street.
Great White Sale

If in reading our advertisements you wonder at terseness of descriptions, bear in mind that we aim to present FACTS in FEW WORDS, instead of seeking to attain high prices by high-flown Eulogy in long prefaces. Descriptions are brief, but however limited space may be, each offering represents exceptional value in goods for present demand. Either price is lower than elsewhere current, or goods are superior to those usually sold at the figures.

Each Line Means An offering worthy prompt inspection.

Here are some prices for DRESS GOODS

that will insure quick sales.
All Wool Suiting Flannels 48 inch .29
Note the width—and all wool.
All Wool Surin Serges 38 inch .29
All Wool Cashmere—Colors and Black .29
All Wool Tailor Cloths 50 inch .49
All Wool Black Cheviots 42 inch .39
Fine Broadcloths 36 inch .49
Black Stiffenings—high lustre 50 inch .59
Silk and Wool Plaids, were .75 and .85 .59

EXPERT EXAMINATION

shows that some folks prize about quality and advertise inferior Muslin Underwear at low prices, while they sell the following thus:

FOR THAT WE SELL AT THEY ASK
Corset Covers 18 cents 25 cents
Corset Covers 20 cents 35 cents
Chemises 20 cents 35 cents
Gowns 40 cents 60 cents
Skirts 60 cents \$1.00

AND ASK

Seven, Eight and Nine dollars for Gowns such as we sell at Five, Six and Seven dollars.

Ladies' Extra Size Garments

The most complete stock in the city.
Extra size Gowns to 50 bust .59 to 2.98
Extra size Drawers to 42 band .39 to 1.69
Extra size Chemise to 52 band .49 to 1.25
Extra size Covers to 50 bust .25 to 1.25
Extra size Skirts to 38 band .49 to 2.98

Children's White Wear

No other house shows so complete a stock.
Drawers, 2 to 10 yrs. 6 to 70
Night Gowns, 2 to 10 yrs. 20 to 1.50
Skirts, 4 to 18 yrs. 20 to 2.49
C. Covers, 28 and 30 inch. 20 to .69
Night Drawers, 2 to 10 yrs. 20 to .50

Canton Flannel and Flannelette

Drawers, Gowns and Skirts for Ladies and Children at lower prices for good qualities than can be found elsewhere.

January Clearing Sales!

O'Neill's

CLEARING SALE OF Misses' and Children's JACKETS and DRESSES! FOUR GREAT BARGAINS!

Misses' Beaver Jackets in All the Fancy Colors, 14 to 18 year sizes, Formerly \$7.50; **SALE PRICE, 4.98.**

Misses' Jackets in All-Wool Plain and Fancy Cloths, 14 to 18 year sizes, Formerly \$9.50; **SALE PRICE, 6.98.**

Children's Reefer Jackets of Fancy Mixed Cheviot, 4 to 12 year sizes, Formerly \$4.98; **SALE PRICE, 2.59.**

Children's Dresses, Fancy Plaids, 6 to 14 year sizes, exceptionally well made, Formerly \$3.75; **SALE PRICE, 1.25.**

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

COWPERTHWAIT'S "RELIABLE" CARPETS

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL!

Our reductions have been very sweeping in order to make room for new goods. Such values cannot be duplicated, so secure a share.

Antique Oak Extension Tables. \$3.50 (reduced from \$5.00).

Every household need supplied. Clocks, pictures, lamps, sewing machines, curtains, etc., for either CASH OR CREDIT.

COWPERTHWAIT & CO.

104 106 and 108 West 14th St. NEAR 6th AV.

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