PATRIARCHS IN A NEW BALL ROOM.

Desertion of Delmonico's for the Waldorf Marred a Tradition.

But the Change Did Not Affect the Spirit of the Dancers, and All Was Joyous.

Floral Decorations a Marvel, Women's Toilettes Superb and a Dazzling Show of Diamonds.

ELISHA DYER, JR., LED COTILLON.

Supper Was Served in the Big Dining Room, and Distinguished Foreign Diplomats Were Among the Patriarchs' Honored Guests.

The Patriarchs danced in the gray dawn this morning. And they danced out at least one tradition nearly a quarter of a century old.

Yet the fact that last night's was the first ball in the history of the Patriarchs to be held away from the shelter of the Delmonico rooftree did not interfere with anybody's pleasure. No one seemed to detect an inauspicious omen in the circumstance, and there were no conjectures about the possibility of Ward McAllister turning in his grave. In fact, all the revellers declared that the Waldorf ballroom was nice enough for anything, and the supper a thing of joy.

The new environment was not the only outward and visible sign of a tendency to break away from McAllisterian tradition. There was a handwriting on the wall, legible enough, even though it was outlined in festoons of leaves and blossoms. It proclaimed that the Patriarchs' dances as originally planned are a thing of the past.

The Patriarchs were the best thing invented by the late Ward McAllister. They were designed as a broad meeting ground for society in a general sense, and as a means of extending courtesies to strangers within the gates of Gotham. The latter-day Patriarchs have changed all that. There may have been 250 people at the first ball of the 1896-7 season, given last night, and there may have been less. There were certainly no more. In fact, supper was ordered for a much smaller number. Nevertheless, the occasion smacked of all its old-time brilliance and verve.

The Patriarchs are never early. Last night they were unusually late. A great many of them had shown their gowns at the opera first. On alighting from their broughams they were ushered up a short flight of stairs to the cloak rooms, which had been apportioned off on the balcony floor. Thence, after divesting themselves of their wraps and primking themselves discreetly for the fierce light that beats upon the dancing floor, they descended to the ballroom.

Decorations Voted Superb.

The decorations were viewed with eyes made critical by long experience in such matters. They were voted superb. Small had excelled himself in the effort to convert the magnificent apartment into a tropical glade, without interfering with the dancers. Not a particle of woodwork was to be seen around the balcony, either above or below, where it abuts in a crescent above the floor. It was smothered in smilax and all manner of delicate vines, which looked as if they would wither at a breath, and yet gleamed fresh and green the long night through. From between the tendrils peeped roses, so cunningly woven into the mass that one would have sworn they grew there.

Giant palms and all the rich foliage of the Florida jungle reared themselves. The wonderful oval mirrors with which the opposite side of the room is panelled were framed a foot deep with American Beauty roses drooping among generous tangles of their own stems and leaves. The windows on the western side were curtained with heavy ivory silk, over which ran a delicate tracery of feathery asparagus vines.

Music of Brass and String.

Hidden in the bowered balcony were two bands, which relieved each other throughout the night in making music for the feet of the dancers. They were the Waldorf Orchestra and Lauder's Band of twenty. Lauder's people played this programme:

Waltz	Geisha
Two Step	El Capitan
Waltz	Kantaka
Polka	Herzens Konigin
Waltz	Spring Flowers
Waltz	Frau Schan Wehrn
Polka	Cotton Pickers
Waltz	Les Blondes
Deux Temps	Victorine

The dresses are described in another place. It remains to be told here that the display of diamonds was remarkable, and that an extraordinary amount of white satin was worn. Indeed, there were accidental groups and clusters formed now and then which were enough to create the illusion that a galaxy of brides had gathered together. Sometimes, as in the case of Miss Bertha Munde, the prevailing style was varied by the wearing of white moire. Nor need it be said that no two of these white gowns were alike, even in the smallest details. Some of them were enveloped in priceless lace, others in tinsel and others with flowers. Among the black costumes none was so striking as that of Mrs. John C. Westervelt. It was of tulle over satin, and it fairly glittered with jet.

It still lacked a few minutes of 1 a. m. when the maitre d'hotel announced supper. The Ball Committee, consisting of James P. Kernochan, W. Watts Sherman and William C. Whitney, led the way to the dining room, on the Fifth avenue side of the hotel, through the Oriental and the Louis Quinze drawing rooms. Supper was served at little tables of four, six and eight covers.

This arrangement threw the distinguished guests of the Patriarchs into immediate contact with their hosts, instead of being segregated at what was derisively known as the "royal table" under the McAllister regime. Last night's distinguished guests included Mustapha Bey, Baron le Ghait, the Belgian Minister; Baron Fava, of Italy, and other diplomats of note.

This was the menu:

The Patriarchs' Ball. Dec. 21, 1896.

Menu.

CHAUD.
Consomme de Volaille.
Huitres a la Poulette.
Terrapin Philadelphie.
Croquette de Bisque-Veneu.
Bouchees de Volaille.
Canard Canvasback.
Cafe.
FROID.
Filet de boeuf Macedoine.
Aspics de Foie Gras Historie.
Mayonnaise de Volaille.
Salade de Homards.
Galantine a la Viatoria.
Sandwiches Assorts.
Relettes.
Entremets de Douceur.
Gelee aux Alterieurs. Charlotte Parisienne.
Meringues a la Creme. Petits Fours.
Glaces de Fantaisies.
Moet-Chandon Imperial brut.
Claret. Mineral water.
The Waldorf.

Supper over, the slogan was "On with the dance!" That was at 2 o'clock. The cotillon was led by Elisha Dyer, Jr., who had for a partner Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies. Mrs. Baylies was in pale blue. Expensive gewgaws were distributed as cotillon favors.

Some Who Were There.

Among the Patriarchs who attended the ball were:

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Count Alexander Hadik, Lispenard Stewart, Miss Clarisse Livingston, Perry Belmont, Craig Wadsworth, Miss Daisy Post, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Drexel, C. C. Baldwin, Miss Katharine Duer, T. Frelinghuysen, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tiffany, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, Miss Clews, the Misses Gerry, Henry R. Taylor, Worthington Whitehouse, Richard Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Elliott, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, William Sloane, Miss Evelyn Sloane, the Misses Clarkson, Miss Caroline L. Goodridge, the Misses Delafield, Richard S. Palmer, Fernando Yznaga, Mr. and Mrs. Karrick Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, Mr. and Mrs. John Hone, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Tailer, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, Charles A. Munn, H. D. Robbins, Edward Crowninshield, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Miss Virginia Fair, Mr. and Mrs. I. Townsend Burden, Miss Evelyn Burden, Eliot Gregory, Frederic O. Beach, Augustus A. Gurnee, Robert C. Sands, the Misses Morton, Miss Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. C. Albert Stevens, James W. Gerard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Richard T. Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Tiffany, Miss Tiffany, Miss Garrison, R. B. Van Cortlandt, Bronson Winthrop, Winfield S. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Creighton Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sorchon, Mr. and Mrs. Casimir de Rham, Miss Beatrix Jones, the Misses Gurnee, Schuyler Schieffelin, Alexander M. Hadden, Arthur Kempe, the Messrs. Pell, George A. Morrison, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newbold, Mr. and Mrs. W. Starr Miller, Miss Euretta Kernochan, Miss Whitney, Louis Webb, the Misses Webb, Gordon Paddock, Miss Blight, Mr. and Mrs. Amory S. Carhart, A. Navarro, S. Ollin, B. Davis, Henry Havemeyer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Porter, Muller Ury, John C. Furman, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Rockefeller, Edward H. Bulkley, J. D. R. Baldwin, Miss Willing, Miss Taylor, Gilbert Franklyn, Ralph N. Ellis, George R. Fearing, I. Townsend Burden, Jr., Miss Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lanfear Norrie, the Misses Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds, Jr., the Misses Barber, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Cammann, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hoffman, Miss Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kidd, Miss Georgette Kidd, Leonidas Westervelt, Mrs. Edward L. Keyes, Miss Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. James Clinch Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Taller, the Misses Hoppin, Mrs. W. W. Hoppin, Livingston Beekman, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Edey, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Duer, the Misses Wetmore, Count Sierstorpff, Miss Madeline Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond, the Misses de Peyster, Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, James J. Van Alen, Miss Van Alen, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarkson Potter.

The present list of Patriarchs comprises the Messrs. John Jacob Astor, Edmund L. Baylies, August Belmont, Heber R. Bishop, George S. Bowdoin, James Abercrombie Burden, William A. Duer, Sir Roderick Cameron, W. Bayard Cutting, S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Charles D. Dickey, Hamilton Fish, Frederic Gallatin, John Lyon Gardiner, Elbridge T. Gerry, William Gibson, Robert Goelet, Ogden Goelet, J. Hooker Hamersley, George Griswold Haven, Adrian Iselin, Columbus O'D. Iselin, Bradish Johnson, James P. Kernochan, Charles Lanier, Woodbury G. Langdon, Johnston Livingston, Edward Livingston, Bradley Martin, J. Pierpont Morgan, William Oothout, William Cruger Pell, Whitelaw Reid, William Rhinelander, J. Hampden Robb, James H. Roosevelt, Eugene Schieffelin, John Steward, Jr., Anson Phelps Stokes, Edward N. Tailer, Cornelius Vanderbilt, James M. Waterbury, Eugene L. Winthrop, William C. Whitney, M. Orme Wilson, Buchanan Winthrop and William Rhinelander Stewart. There were several absentees in this list last night, including Bradley Martin, Whitelaw Reid, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Ogden Goelet and Robert Goelet.

SOME OF THE GOWNS.

White Satin Predominated and There Were Striking Effects in Embroideries and Flowers

The gowns at the ball last night were unusually beautiful and remarkable for their variety of style and material. Velvet, satin, silk, chiffon and lace were used in fashioning them, and embroidery, jet and flowers for their trimmings.

Baylies, Mrs. Edmund L.—Light blue satin. The skirt was of dancing length, and had enormous butterflies scattered all over it, embroidered in silver. The bodice also had butterflies on it, holding down bands of blue chiffon on each side of the front, from where they were carried up to the shoulders to make little cloud-like puffs which answered for sleeves. She wore a blue aigrette in her hair.

Bryce, Mrs. Lloyd—Cream satin, trimmed with point lace, on which some beautiful jewels were arranged on the bodice. She wore diamonds in her coiffure.

Beckman, Mrs. James—White satin, spangled with gold. The corsage had a little bolero jacket of gold embroidered satin, picked out with gold "paillettes," coming from under a trimming of soft white lace.

Church, Miss Angelica Schuyler—White satin. The waist had a deep gold belt, which met a bertha of white chiffon.

Church, Mrs. Benjamin S.—Sapphire blue velvet, trimmed with point lace.

Cutting, Miss—Pink satin, trimmed with pink tulle and red roses.

Cutting, Miss Madelaine—Blue satin, combined with embroidered blue chiffon.

De Forest, Mrs. George B.—White satin, embroidered with silver flowers. The corsage showed little trimming, just soft puffs of lace here and there.

De Koven, Mrs. Reginald—White satin, trimmed with jet and red roses.

Dyer, Mrs. Elisha—Silver gray satin. It was fussed up a bit with some exquisite lace, just enough to relieve its otherwise severe simplicity.

Grant, Miss Julia Dent—Pale pink satin. The bodice was trimmed with clouds of pink chiffon, which made a deep, full bertha, and frills over her shoulders, in lieu of sleeves.

Grant, Mrs. Frederick Dent—Yellow brocade, effectively trimmed with golden brown velvet, which was draped on the waist, forming a corselet. Loops of it were mixed with others of lace around the shoulders and neck.

Keyes, Miss—White satin with quantities of white chiffon on the bodice.

Marshall, Mrs. Charles H.—Satin trimmed with point lace, which was draped on the waist and held there by jewel ornaments.

Moore, Mrs. Clement C.—Rose pink satin, set off with witching little frills of white lace, put on in the direst sort of way, giving the idea that they had just fluttered there and might fly away at the least provocation.

Neilson, Miss Belle—White satin trimmed with black velvet.

Neilson, Mrs. Frederic—White satin, set off with lace and diamonds.

Thompson, Mrs. R. M.—White satin with black velvet and old English point lace. She wore a beautiful amethyst necklace and a diamond star in her hair.

Thompson, Miss Sarah Gibbs—Worth creation of white peau de soie, made absolutely plain. The material was draped and stretched over the bodice. The cachet of the costume was its fit and graceful lines, which showed off those of her figure to wonderful advantage. She wore a white aigrette in her hair, and carried a bouquet of violet orchids.

Trevor, Mrs. Henry G.—White satin, trimmed with an exquisite silver garniture.

Wyckoff, Miss—White satin, with white chiffon clouds for sleeves, and cascades of it doing duty for a bertha.

Blight, Miss Alice—Palest blue satin, with white lace on the corsage, and aigrette.

Burden, Mrs. William F.—Mauve spangled satin, trimmed with absinthe green ribbon. Her sleeves were short affairs, Marie Louise puffs, with knots of green. Her white aigrette sparkled with jewels.

Brbey, Mrs. Henry I.—Dark velvet, with point lace, pearls and diamonds.

Belmont, Mrs. August—Mauve satin, with the corsage trimmed with chiffon, covered with diamonds.

Blight, Miss Edith—White satin, trimmed with white chiffon and pearls.

Morton, Mrs. Levi P.—Pale blue brocaded satin, trimmed with rare lace. A collarette of diamonds and sapphires.

THE PATRIARCHS BALL AT THE WALDORF, AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS.

The scene of this ultra-fashionable dance was last night removed from Delmonico's to the above-mentioned hotel. The attendance was limited to less than four hundred persons, but the affair was very brilliant, the costumes of the women being exceptionally magnificent. The cotillion was lead by Elisha Dyer, Jr., and Mrs. Baylies, and was late in beginning.

AGED COUPLE UNITED IN DEATH.

Were to Have Been Married Soon, but Both Died Within Two Weeks.

Mr. Sweeney Was Taken Ill While Calling at His Sweetheart's Home.

Mrs. Boyd Nursed Her Lover Tenderly, but He Expired in a Few Days.

TEN DAYS AFTERWARD SHE DIED.

Spoke of Meeting Mr. Sweeney in Heaven on the Last Day of Her Illness. They Had Known Each Other Since Childhood.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Boyd, on Friday, and that of her fiance ten days ago, prevented a happy union which was to have taken place shortly. Both the prospective bride and groom were well advanced in years. The groom-to-be was Joseph Sweeney, for many years a resident of Grand street. Sweeney was sixty-six years old, while Mrs. Boyd was sixty-four. She was the widow of James Boyd, a cigar manufacturer who for years conducted an establishment on South Sixth street, Williamsburg. Mrs. Boyd was the mother of three children, a son and two daughters. One of the daughters is a Mrs. Willard, who, with her husband, is engaged in the theatrical profession, and both came on from St. Louis to attend the funeral, which took place on Sunday.

Sweeney, it is said, had known Mrs. Boyd since girlhood, and after the death of her husband began to bestow his attentions upon her.

The bridegroom to be died at the home of his prospective bride, No. 141 South Fourth street. He was stricken while visiting her, and death was due to typhoid pneumonia. A physician was called, and he said that it would be dangerous to remove him to his own home. Mrs. Boyd nursed the man until death came, and a few days after his funeral she, too, was taken ill, due to exhaustion. On Friday night she died. Before the end came Mrs. Boyd exclaimed to those about her bedside:

"I was to have been married in a week to Mr. Sweeney, but he has preceded me in death, and we will meet in heaven."

At the home of the deceased, the daughter, Mrs. Williams, said that, while she had understood that her mother was to marry Mr. Sweeney some day, she had heard of no date being set for the wedding. Whatever her mother had said on the subject was said, she believed, while she was ill, and she did not think that she knew exactly what she was saying, as she was suffering from fever and was irrational.

The funeral of Mrs. Boyd occurred on Sunday, from the Trinity Methodist Protestant Church, South Fourth and Roebling streets, and the services were largely attended.

Militia Boys to Honor McKinley.

The committee appointed in the Twenty-second Regiment to make arrangements for the participation of the regiment in the inauguration ceremonies of President-elect McKinley next March met at the armory last evening. Lieutenant-Colonel William V. King presided, and it was voted that the regiment was to be represented at least 500 strong with officers and men. The details of the representation were withheld until arrangements are effected in each separate company.

New Receivers Get the Assets.

A decision was handed down by Justice Truax yesterday ordering that the assets of the Murray Hill Bank be turned over by Benjamin B. Odell and Edward H. Hobbs, the first set of receivers, to Miles M. O'Brien and Spencer Trask, the second set of receivers. Odell and Hobbs were appointed by the Brooklyn court in an action brought by the Attorney-General. The others were appointed in the New York courts in an action brought by the stockholders.

A careful housekeeper always has Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the house.—Advt.

INSURED ON PAPER ONLY.

Restaurant Keeper Discovers His Policy Is Worthless, and Has the Agent Arrested.

An alleged insurance swindler has been landed in the toils by Restaurant Keeper Foosa, of No. 505 Pearl street. Through his efforts John Harris, an agent of the "Union American Fire Insurance Company," purporting to have offices at No. 26 Cedar street, was arrested yesterday and held in $500 bail by Magistrate Flammer.

Early in January last Foosa took out a policy for $500. Later he learned that no such company existed. Last week an agent called with a policy for the new year and asked for the $2 premium. Foosa put the agent off, telling him to call next day. Instead, a young man giving the name of J. J. Collins presented the policy and was arrested by a detective in waiting. Magistrate Flammer discharged the prisoner, as he claimed to be simply an agent acting by mail, and knew nothing about the company.

The next day Harris, the original caller, showed up. Foosa sent for the police and had this one arrested. Harris also claimed to be an outside agent, living at No. 61 Bond street, Brooklyn. In default of bail the prisoner was locked up in the Tombs.

DIVORCED FROM A POET.

He Was Happy When Decree Was Granted, and Said He Would Write a Poem in Honor of the Court.

Adelbert Berger, of Newark, N. J., is a brushmaker by trade, a poet by inclination. He wears a string of medals fashioned from brass to prove that he is a good brushmaker, and carries with him several dozen verses to substantiate his claim to being a poet.

Yesterday he appeared in Chancery Chambers, Jersey City, to answer his wife's application for divorce upon the ground of desertion and with undisguised pleasure heard that she had been granted her freedom.

The poet is about four feet ten inches tall and has long black hair which curls upon his shoulders. He wore an old black ulster that dragged upon the ground, and was trimmed with cat fur. His hat was an old-fashioned, bell-crowned beaver. Strung across his lemon colored, double breasted vest, which had seen better days, were the medals. He told a crowd of lawyers that he had won them at Waverly fair making brushes. He recited some altered poetry for the lawyers.

When the lawyer informed Berger that the decree had been granted, the poet clasped his hands in ecstacy.

"Dot Chancellor is a nice man," he said. "I will me compose a grand poem and to him alreatty send it." Then he bowed to all the lawyers and left the court room. The poet-brushmaker and his wife were married eighteen years ago. He is fifty-five years old, his wife, a handsome woman, much younger. She says that if he had paid more attention to brush-making and less to writing verse, they might have lived together happily.

DENVER'S STARVING MEN.

Ministers Stirred Up Suffering Thousands to Make a Demand on the City Council.

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—Four thousand men, who claimed they were out of work, starving or on the verge of starvation, met in the Coliseum Hall yesterday and listened to a number of red-hot speeches against the members of the City Council. The speakers were the Rev. Thomas Uzzell and the Rev. Myron W. Reed, who have always been considered friends of the appressed and needy.

The former suggested, as the quickest way to bring about a change for the better, to take out half a dozen members of the City Council and bury them in the bed of Cherry Creek as a warning to their successors that the chances of the workingmen should not be overlooked in order that politicians could fatten their own purses at the expense of the many. Resolutions were passed calling for the construction of city water works, street paving and viaducts in order to keep the unemployed busy.

The Rev. Mr. Reed reminded his hearers that under the Constitution they have yet left to them the privilege of carrying arms, stating that "we may yet be called upon to exercise that prerogative."

OVER MORGAN'S GUARANTEE.

New York Banker Will Not Get These Mortgage Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Bids for $2,780,000 first mortgage bonds, now held in the sinking fund of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, were opened at the Treasury Department to-day, and this afternoon awards were made, as follows:

Speyer & Co., New York, Central Pacific 1897, $218,000 at 100 and accrued interest; Central Pacific, 1898, $1,320,000 at 100½ and accrued interest.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, Union Pacific, 1896 and 1897, $338,000 at 103.05; Union Pacific, 1898 and 1899, $601,000 at 103.30; Kansas Pacific, 1896, $142,000 at 100.

Aslel & Co., New York, Kansas Pacific, 1895, $158,000 at 105.51.

The Government had been guaranteed a price for these bonds, and prospective bidders were notified that bids below this would be rejected. The guarantors were J. P. Morgan, of New York. They offered to take all the bonds at par and interest at least, or none. A computation showed that the highest bids in each group would net the Government about $600 more than the Morgan guarantee, and the awards were made as stated.

Manhattan "L" Case Postponed.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The hearing before Attorney-General Hancock, on the application of Mortimer Hendricks against the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, of New York City, will not take place this week. The hearing was fixed to take place next Wednesday, but the Attorney-General will not be in Albany this week.

War Veteran Burned to Death.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 21.—Edward Balcom, sixty-three years old, of Thomaston, was burned to death Sunday afternoon in a fire that partially destroyed his house. He was a veteran of the late war. He left a widow and several children.

LONG LOST CHILD SPURNS HER MOTHER.

Mrs. Stamper Finds and Loses Her Daughter After Thirteen Years.

Implored Jessie to Come to Her, but Received Reproachful Letter in Reply.

Unhappy Woman Is in New York and Her Unloving Child in Topeka, Kan.

ADOPTED BY WING SHOT IRWIN.

Sequel to the Story of a Home Broken Up and Children Scattered—Mother Reunited to All Now Save Her Youngest.

Jessie Irwin does not remember her mother. She was only three years old when they parted, and that was thirteen years ago.

Yet she has written her mother a cruel, chiding letter, in response to a well-meant and affectionate attempt to reunite a family that was sundered by misfortune. And that is the end of Mrs. Mary Stamper's search for her child.

Mrs. Stamper lives at No. 159 East Ninety-sixth street. The joy of finding the long-lost Jessie and the pain of being repulsed by her, have come to her within the last two weeks. All that she has now to remind her of her shattered hopes are a few pretty dresses suitable for a girl of sixteen, which she had procured in view of her daughter's expected arrival.

It was in Kansas City that Jessie was separated from her mother. There were five children in the family—three boys and two girls. Jessie was the youngest. The father was a hard drinker, and after a bitter struggle in the face of bad health and worse luck, the woman who is now Mrs. Stamper broke up her home and allowed her children to be adopted into various families.

The older children were taken into the households of neighbors in Kansas City. Jessie was adopted by W. T. Irwin, of Topeka, the noted wing shot. The mother came East soon afterward and sailed for England, her native place. From time to time she heard word from her older children, but could never obtain any information about Jessie, whom she loved best of all. After a while she returned to America, got a divorce from her husband, and two years ago she was married to John Stamper, a cigarmaker.

Mrs. Stamper's three sons are practising dentistry in Chicago, and her elder daughter has married and settled down near Salt Lake City.

About two months ago Mrs. Stamper determined to find her daughter Jessie. So she wrote a letter to Colonel Samuel Rogers, the publisher of the directory of Topeka, and asked his assistance in hunting for her child. All the information she could give him was that the name of the man who had adopted Jessie was John Irving, or Irwin. Colonel Rodgers looked through a directory of 1883. The only Irving or Irwin he found was W. T. Irwin, whose wife is still living in Topeka.

Mrs. Irwin told Colonel Rodgers that she remembered her husband bringing home a little girl in 1883. The girl now went by the name of Jessie Irwin and was living at Ingleside, near Topeka. Mrs. Irwin said that she knew nothing of the girl's history previous to 1883.

Colonel Rodgers visited Ingleside and talked with Jessie Irwin. She told him she remembered nothing of her life prior to her adoption by the Irwins. But she had kept the clothes worn by the child at the time of her adoption and these she handed over to him. Colonel Rodgers sent the clothes by express to Mrs. Stamper, but the latter could not make up her mind whether or not they were the clothes her little girl had worn.

In the meanwhile Miss Maggie Kortz, of Topeka, learned of Mrs. Stamper's decree, and, having an acquaintance with Jessie Irwin, began a correspondence with the mother. Mrs. Stamper got an idea that Miss Kortz was the missing daughter, writing to her under an assumed name, and wrote to Colonel Rodges, asking him to aid Miss Kortz in coming to New York.

Colonel Rodges's suspicions were aroused and he asked the police authorities of this city to find out what they could about Mrs. Stamper. Chief Conlin, after a thorough investigation, sent word to Colonel Rodges that Mrs. Stamper was a respectable, hard working woman. Thereupon Colonel Rodges obtained proofs of Jessie Irwin's identity and forwarded them to the mother ten days ago. Mrs. Stamper then asked one of her sons in Chicago to go to Topeka and send Jessie to her.

Jessie was glad to see her brother, but refused to return to her mother. Instead, she wrote Mrs. Stamper a cutting letter, blaming her for having married again while her first husband was living. This husband is now somewhere in the West, and Mrs. Stamper believes that he has prejudiced their daughter Jessie against her mother.

Jessie is now at the home of her married sister near Salt Lake City, but Mrs. Stamper has given up all hope of seeing the child from whom she parted so many years ago.

L. V. BELL JOINS TALCOTT.

Spectacular Wall Street Operator Will Become a Partner of the Former Baseball Magnate.

Louis V. Bell, the daring Wall Street operator who has been during the past year so many times on the right side of the market as to have "cleaned up" several good sized fortunes, will become a partner of Edward B. Talcott, the former baseball magnate after January 1.

The firm of Amory, Worden & Co., of No. 80 Broadway, of which Louis Bell is at present a special partner, will dissolve by mutual consent on the first of the year. Daniel T. Worden will retire, and the name of the new firm will be Bell & Co., with the same offices used at present. The members of the new firm will be Edward Bell, E. B. Talcott and Charles Edson, with Louis V. Bell as a special partner. Mr. Talcott will be the active board room member of the firm.

Arrangements have already been made for the out of town connection of the new house. Baldwin, Farnum & Co., of Chicago, and Sproul & Co., of Pittsburg, both firms connected with the New York Stock Exchange, will represent the house in those cities.

Another important Stock Exchange house in which a change will occur on the first of the year is that of Moore & Schley, of No. 80 Broadway. William H. Duff, who has been the Stock Exchange member of this firm for many years, will retire. Mr. George F. Cashear will become a member of the firm on that date, and take Mr. Duff's place on the Board.

Fined for Practising Medicine Illegally.

Joseph A. German, of the "European and American Medical Institute," was tried before Recorder Goff yesterday for practising medicine without a diploma. On the testimony of Mrs. Sophia Crespel, an agent of the New York Medical Society, who testified that German prescribed for her and charged her a fee. The accused was found guilty and fined $100.