FIERCE FIRE IN THE DRY GOODS DISTRICT.

Twentty-four Engines and Two Water Towers Battle the Flames.

Loss of Between Three and Four Hundred Theusand Dollars in Two Buildings.

NO FIREMEN OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

A Water Tower Refuses to Work at a Critical Moment, and a "Fourth Alarm" Is Ordered—The Grand Street Building Completely Gutted.

Fire was discovered in the basement of the five-story iron front building at No. 78 Grand street, at 8:30 o'clock last night. Before the firemen got it under control two firemen were seriously hurt and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed.

The Gand street building is connected by archways and bridges with another five-story building fronting on Green street. The two are occupied by C. A. Auffmordt & Co., commission dealers in silks, kid gloves and imported dry goods and sales agents for half a dozen foreign firms.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Frederick Kind and half a dozen other clerks were sorting samples on the first floor of the Grand street building. Twenty minutes later young Kind saw smoke curling upward from the flooring. He ran out in the passage and started for the boiler room, which is located in the cellar directly under the "sorting room." As he reached the landing of the stair he was confronted by a solid wall of flame and smoke. Kind shouted fire and ran into the street. He turned in an alarm from the box at the corner of Greene and Grand streets, and then ran to the box at the corner of Greene and Broome streets. Then he returned to the burning building. His fellow clerks had disappeared. He dashed into the sorting room and, grabbing up a number of sample books, started to place them in the safe, which stood in the rear of the long, narrow room.

Meanwhile the firemen had responded to the first alarm, and the men of No. 13 Company had dragged a line of hose into the "sorting room." The place was black with smoke, and as the hosemen forced their way through the haze they collided with young Mr. Kind. The brass nozzle of the hose struck him on the head and knocked him down. He crawled toward the entrance and as he reached the door a column of flame shot through the elevator shaft and drove the firemen into the street.

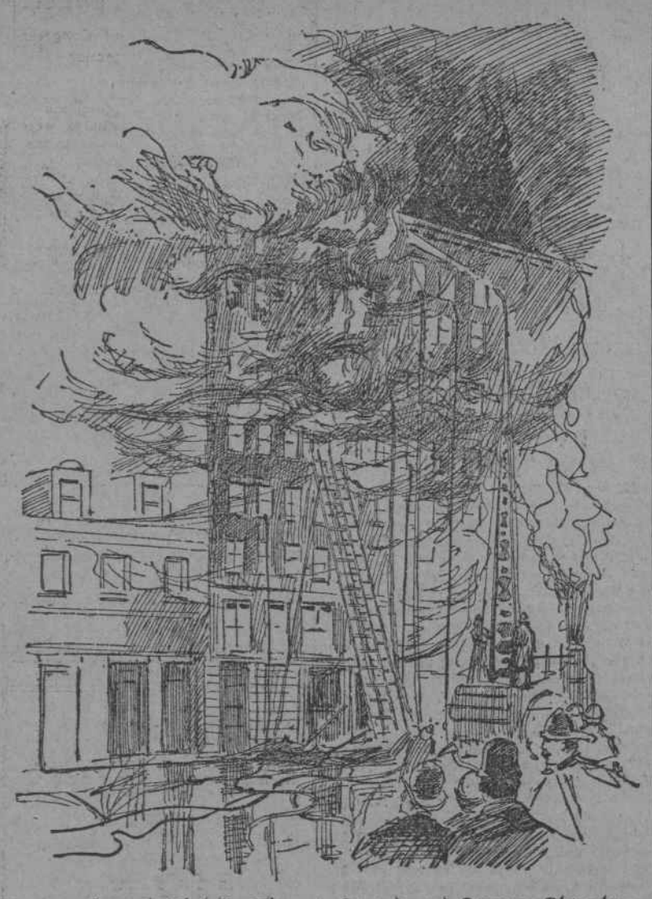
In five minutes the entire west wing was blazing. It looked as though the entire block was doomed, and two more alarms were turned in.

Chief Bonner arrived on the scene just after the last alarm. By his orders the firemen devoted their attention to the Grand street front. Twenty-four engines, a number of trucks, and the two water towers had responded to the "hurry call," but during the first half hour of the battle the fire fighters were badly handicapped. One of the water towers wouldn't work, and it was almost a physical impossibility to get near the front of the building, on account of the heat and smoke.

It was at this stage that Company No. 12 managed to raise a short ladder on the Grand street side. Two of No. 12's men—John T. Gallagher and James McNulty—mounted the ladder, dragging a hose behind them. Half way up a solid sheet of flames burst from the second-story windows of the burning building. With it came a shower of broken glass and glowing embers. For an instant the two men on the ladder were literally bathed in flame and smoke. They dropped the hose and slid down the ladder. When they landed in the arms of their comrades both were unconscious. Gallagher was badly cut about the face and shoulders by the shower of broken glass. McNulty's face and hands were burned. Both had breathed the smoke and flame and were nearly suffocated. They refused to go to the hospital, and, at their own request, were taken to No. 12's engine house.

At 1 o'clock the firemen had the blaze under control. They had kept the fire in the Grand street building, which was completely gutted.

The west wing and the first and fifth floors of the entire building were occupied by Franz Merz, dealer in German dress goods. The second floor held the stock of Hugo Bondy, dealer in kid gloves and imported hosiery, and valued at $300,000. Dexter & Lambert, importers of fine silk goods, occupy the third and fourth floors. All these firms are represented by C. A. Auffmordt & Co., who carry the accounts of the various concerns and really their sales agents.



Scene of Last Night's Fire on Grand and Greene Streets.

The big building of C. A. Auffmordt & Co., dry goods importers and agents, at No. 78 Grand street and Nos. 33 and 35 Greene street, was gutted, and the loss is estimated at between $300,000 and $400,000. A defective fire-alarm box and an accident to water tower No. 1 were two causes of the great loss. Four alarms were sent in, as the dry goods district was seriously threatened. Two firemen were hurt.

PROVIDES FOR PURE BEER.

Measure Introduced in the State Senate Prohibiting the Use of Adulterants in Brewing.

Albany, N. Y., April 14.—Senator Ford introduced in the Senate this morning the bill drawn by Dr. William J. O'Sullivan, of New York City, providing for the brewing of beer, ale and porter in this State. The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Health, of which Dr. Brush, of Brooklyn, is chairman.

Dr. Brush said the bill woudl be given immediate attention by his committee. He said he recognized the fact that 90 per cent of the beer now being sold in this State was impure. Most of the beer was a menace to the public health.

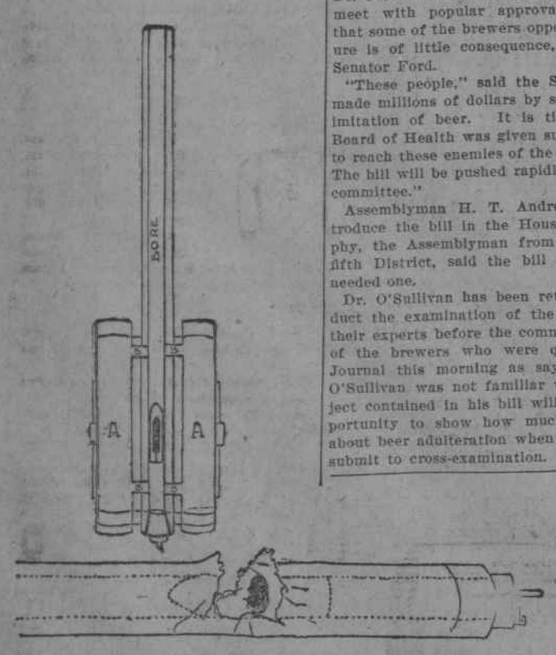
"This bill," said Dr. Brush, "is a move in the right direction. Germany was forced to enact stringent laws in order to protect her citizens from poisonous beer. The abuse is more flagrant in this country than it ever was on the other side of the water. My experience leads me to believe that some very decided measure is necessary at this time. The bill introduced by Senator Ford requires the brewers to turn out beer that will reach a certain standard of excellence. The standard is the one now in force in Germany, France, Brazil, and, I think, the Republic of San Domingo. We will try and make arrangements for a hearing on the bill this week."

Senator Ford said the bill as drawn by Dr. O'Sullivan was a model one, and would meet with popular approval. The fact that some of the brewers opposed the measure is of little consequence, according to Senator Ford.

"These people," said the Senator, "have made millions of dollars by selling a cheap imitation of beer. It is time the State Board of Health was given sufficient power to reach these enemies of the public health. The bill will be pushed rapidly through the committee."

Assemblyman H. T. Andrews is to introduce the bill in the House. Dr. Murphy, the Assemblyman from the Twenty-fifth District, said the bill was a much-needed one.

Dr. O'Sullivan has been retained to conduct the examination of the brewers and their experts before the committee. Some of the brewers who were quoted in the Journal this morning as saying that Dr. O'Sullivan was not familiar with the subject contained in his bill will have an opportunity to show how much they know about beer adulteration when they come to submit to cross-examination.



Why the Dudley-Power Pneumatic Gun Exploded.

This gun, which the inventor claims is superior to the pneumatic dynamite gun for throwing high explosives, was shattered by the explosion of a projectile in it yesterday at Matinecock Point, Long Island, after it had been fired successfully five times with projectiles filled with nitro-glycerine. The gun is fired by means of compressed air and gas, which is formed by exploding smokeless powder in one of two large tubes which run parallel with the gun barrel on either side. Into the sixth projectile, which was about fifteen inches long by five inches in diameter, were poured some four pounds of powder unknown to the army and naval experts present. A fuse was put in the end of the projectile instead of an oak plug, as would have been the case if the shell had been empty. For some unexplained reason the shell stuck in the gun barrel, and in a second the fuse exploded the powder in the projectile, and the gun at that point was shattered to fragments.

In the picture AA represents the tubes or cylinders where the gas is formed, and BB the valves by which the gas makes the circuit described. The break in the gun is shown in the section of the main gun barrel.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN CENTRAL PARK.

Runaway Team Collides with Another and Three Persons Are Injured.

Banker S. F. Smithers and Mrs. F. C. Gosterhoffer Thrown from a Carriage.

MOUNTED POLICEMAN EGAN HURT.

Blame for the Accident Is Placed on a Coachman, Who Was Badly Frightened When He Saw the Danger.

An exciting runaway occurred in Central Park at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A team of horses attached to a two-seated wagon, occupied by S. F. Smithers, a banker and broker, at No. 37 Wall street, and Mrs. F. C. Gosterhoffer, of No. 68 West Ninety-second street, took fright on the cross drive opposite One Hundred and Fourth street, and dashed madly eastward.

Sergeant Eagan, of the mounted squad, saw the runaway and gave chase. He had just succeeded in overtaking the team and in seizing one of the horses by the bridle, when a coach driven by Tony Resler, of No. 132 Avenue A, was turned squarely in front of them, Resler having lost all presence of mind when he saw the runaway approaching.

The vehicles came together with a crash. Sergeant Eagan was thrown from his horse and the animal was knocked down. The officer clung to the runaway's bridle, however, and was dragged for two hundred yards, when he was forced to let go. The light wagon, in striking the coach, broke an axle, and the occupants were thrown to the ground.

Mr. Smithers sustained a fracture of the collar bone and was taken in the Park ambulance to the Presbyterian Hospital. His residence is at No. 507 Madison avenue. Mrs. Gosterhoffer was painfully cut and bruised and was also taken to the hospital, but later in the evening was removed to her home. Sergeant Eagan received severe bruises on the hip and knee, and was also injured about the head and shoulders, but not seriously.

DOG COMMITS SUICIDE.

Suddenly Becomes Mad, Chases a Man and Then Leaps from a Third Story Window.

People walking on Sixth avenue, near Twenty-third street, about 7:30 o'clock last evening, were surprised to see a dog leap from the third story window of one of the buildings. The dog broke both of his forelegs and was shot by Policeman Frederick Behr.

The animal was a nine-months-old bull pup belonging to the son of Mrs. Schneider, who keeps the barber shop at No. 390 Sixth avenue. The boy was leading the dog with a string when a customer entered the shop. The dog dashed at the customer, breaking the string. The customer ran out of the shop and into the hallway of No. 388, still pursued by the dog. On the second floor the man eluded the dog, which had gone mad, and which ran into a vacant room on the third floor and leaped through the open window.

LOOKS BRIGHT FOR ARIZONA.

Her Statehood Bill Ordered Favorably Reported by a House Committee.

Washington, April 14.—The Arizona Statehood bill was ordered to be favorably reported this morning by the House Territories Committee. This object was not gained, however, until a strong protest had been made by three members of the committee against taking a vote at this time.

The five members who voted for a favorable report were Messrs. Scranton, of Pennsylvania; Perkins, of Iowa; Lefever, of New York; Turner of Virginia, and Cooper, of Texas. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Low, of New York, and Hadley, of Illinois. Mr. Owens, of Kentucky, who was present, decliped to vote and subsequently withdrew from the meeting. Mr. Avery, of Michigan, and Mr. Harris, of Ohio, were paired with Messrs. Knox, of Massachusetts, and Harrison, of Alabama, the two latter being opposed to the bill.

BILL FOR SUNDAY SHAVING MAY PASS.

McGraw's Measure Likely to Receive the Indorsement of the Assembly To-day.

Barbers All Over the State Can Work Till 11, and in First-Class Cities Until 1.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL DEFEATED.

It Originally Provided for Closing All Barber Shops on Sunday—Supreme Court Declares the Present Law to Be Constitutional.

Albany, N. Y., April 14.—The McGraw Barber bill is a special order in the Assembly to-morrow, with every prospect of its passage there.

The bill, as originally introduced, provided for the closing of all barber shops in the State on Sunday. It was introduced in deference to a sentiment prevailing in Brooklyn against the present law, enacted last year, and to the effect that New York and Saratoga are privileged to keep their barber shops open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, while in all other parts of the State they are to be kept closed.

The original McGraw bill, during its course in the committees in the House, was amended to such an extent that the primary purpose of the bill was defeated. The amendments provided that barber shops in cities of the first-class might be kept open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, while in all other parts of the State they might be kept open until 11 o'clock in the morning on Sunday.

The bill in this shape failed of passage in the Assembly the other day, only fifty-nine votes being recorded in its favor. The vote by which it was lost was reconsidered, and it was made a special order for to-morrow. During the last few days the friends of the bill have been active, and they claim they can obtain the necessary majority when the vote is reached now.

The Court of Appeals handed down a decision to-day holding the present Barber law constitutional. The suit was brought to test the constitutionality of the law which discriminates in favor of New York and Saratoga in the matter of opening barber shops on Sunday. The opinion in the case was handed down by Judge Vann. All of the Judges except Judges Gray and Bartlett concurred in the decision. Judges Gray and Bartlett have each written a dissenting opinion.

The appeal was taken by Henry J. Haynor from a judgment of the Court of Special Sessions, in New York City. Haynor was fined $5 for having shaved a man after 1 o'clock on Sunday, June 9, 1895, in New York. The judgment of the Court of Special Sessions was affirmed by the Appellate Division.

Haynor's contention was that the law is unconstitutional, on the ground that it is class legislation. Judge Vann's opinion declares that the law in question does not reach beyond the limits of legislative power in depriving any one of liberty or property within the Constitution's meaning. Judge Vann also overruled the allegation that the law is class legislation, and reaffirms on this point the statements given in the opinion of the Appellate Division.

Judge Gray in his dissenting opinion says: "Regarded as an exercise of police power, it cannot be justified as either necessary for the good of society or as conducive to its welfare, and it is violative of constitutional privileges in that it restrains unduly and unequally the liberty of those engaged in a lawful business."

Judge Barth[illegible] dissenting opinion says that while [illegible] Court has properly held that the Christian Sabbath is one of the civil institutions of the State, and that the Legislature may regulate its observance and prevent its desecration, he thinks the Haynor case presents an instance where the lawmakers have overstepped the bounds of legitimate legislation in the alleged exercise of police power.

"I think," says Judge Bartlett's opinion, "that Chapter 823 of the Laws of 1895 is void as violating the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and for the further reason that it is not a proper exercise of the police power."

NO ONE ELSE IS SO HOMELY.

John T. Conway Made a Policeman on Account of His Physical Ugliness.

President Roosevelt has found the most physically ugly man in the Police Department. He is John T. Conway, who yesterday became a member of the metropolitan force. He and forty-nine others were appointed by the Board.

When the Commissioners were scanning the lists there was a halt when Conway's name was reached. Commissioners Andrews, Parker and Grant simultaneously looked in the direction of President Roosevelt.

"I believe," said Mr. Parker, addressing Mr. Roosevelt, "you interviewed Conway. What sort of stuff is he made of?"

"He's a bully fellow; one of the best men on the list and has the making of a good officer in him, but"——

"Out with it," prompted Colonel Grant.

"Dare I say it? Well, Conway is by all ways the ugliest man on the force. But he's a bully fellow."

"Well, beauty is no bar to a man's appointment," remarked Major Andrews, and the ugliest man on the list was duly made a policeman.

TO BE HELD AS WITNESSES.

The Smiths, Who Saw Murphy Attack His Mother, Arrested.

Patrick Smith, his wife and seven-year-old daughter are now in the custody of the police and will be held as witnesses against Martin Murphy, accused of the murder of his mother.

The Murphys lived in a house in Eleventh street, and last Summer the man beat his mother until she was insensible. She died shortly afterward and Murphy was arrested and is still in the Tombs.

The Smiths were witnesses of the assault and disappeared after Murphy's arrest.

Patrolman Gassman found the Smiths yesterday.

SHE SAW GOOD ST. ANNE.

A Little New Yorker Has a Marvellous Vision, and Is Cured by Holy Relics.

Four months ago to-day Mrs. Annie Cassada carried her five-year-old daughter Mary to the church of St. Jean Baptiste, in East Seventy-sixth street, and knelt at the shrine of St. Anne. Little Mary kissed the holy relic and took the bottle of sacred oil. As she was carried out of the door the child laughed and said:

"Mamma, I feel better already. The pain isn't nearly as bad as it was. St. Anne will cure me.

Mary was a victim of hip disease. Four doctors agreed that hers was a hopeless case. She could not stand on her feet. Her body was twisted and distorted. Finally her mother decided to take Mary to the shrine. They have paid six visits to the holy spot.

"I was better right away," the child said yesterday, "and now I am almost well. After mamma took me to the church the second time I came home, and that night St. Anne came to me in a dream. She was dressed in white and wore a beautiful white veil. She told me that I would get well. I say my prayers to good St. Anne every night and morning. In the dream she told me that I must have faith, and I have faith."

Mary's parents verified the child's story. The father, William J. Cassada, is a carpenter, and a man of excellent reputation. They live at No. 536 Ninth avenue.

Adder Which Bit Miss Higgs Caught.

The spotted adder which, it is supposed, bit Mary Higgs, of Fishkill Landing, and nearly caused her death has been caught. James Murray, who lives opposite the Higgs family, captured the serpent alive in front of his house. It is eighteen inches long. Miss Higgs is recovering.

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ALMANAC TO-DAY.

HIGH AND LOW WATER TO-DAY.

Sun rises....5:22 a. m. | Moon rises.... ——
Sun sets....6:39 p. m. | Moon sets....9:35 p. m.

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND		SANDY HOOK.	
H. W.	L. W.	H. W.	L. W.
8:50 p. m.	2:34 p. m.	9:11 p. m.	3:06 p. m.
8:56 a. m.	3:17 a. m.	8:40 a. m.	2:43 a. m.

High water at Hell Gate is 1 hour and 49 minutes later than at Governor's Island.

The time used in this tide table is 75th meridian, W.

Incoming Steamships.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Ss. Kensington (Br.), Bond, Antwerp, April 4, with 10 second cabin and 223 steerage passengers to International Navigation Company.

Ss. Saale (Ger.), Kessler, Bremen, April 4, via Southampton 5th, with mdse., 28 cabin and 80 steerage passengers to Oelrichs & Co.

Ss. Mohawk (Br.), Griffiths, London, April 2, with mdse. and passengers to New York Shipping Co.

Ss. Hindoo (Br.), Douglas, London, March 20, with mdse. and 2 passengers to Sanderson & Son.

Ss. Orinoco (Br.), Fraser, Hamilton, Bermuda, April 11, with mdse. and 103 passengers to A. E. Outerbridge & Co.

Ss. Yorktown, Dole, Norfolk and Newport News, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Ss. Excelsior, Boyd, New Orleans, with mdse. to J. T. Van Sickle.

Ss. Nacoochee, Smith, Savannah, with mdse. and passengers to G. M. Sorrel.

Ss. Ciudad Condal (Span.), Lavin, Havana, April 10, with mdse. and 10 passengers to J. M. Ceballos & Co.

Valliant (steam yacht), Morrison, Nice, April 1, and Gibraltar, 4th, with 3 passengers to Wm. K. Vanderbilt; arrived at the bar at 8:30 a. m.; had westerly winds throughout passage.

Ss. Ardanrose (Br.), Smith, Inagua, March 27. Chesham, April 4; Progreso, 7th, with mdse. to W. D. Munson.

Ss. Segurance, Hofman, Tampico, April 6, and Havana, 10th, with mdse. and 58 passengers to James E. Ward.

Ss. Antilla (Br.), Herd, Nassau, April 8, with mdse. and 15 passengers to F. T. Montell & Sons.

Ss. Kaffir Prince (Br.), Oldfitch, Rio Janeiro, March 23; Bahia, March 28, with mdse. to John C. Seager.

DUE TO-DAY.

Ss. Fontabelle, St. Thomas, April 4; ss. Pawnee, Gibraltar, March 28; ss. State of Nebraska, Glasgow, April 2; ss. Teutonic, Liverpool, April 8; ss. Havel, Bremen, April 7; ss. Werra, Genoa, April 2; ss. Georgia, Hamburg, April 1; ss. Jersey City, Swansea, April 11; ss. City of Washington, Havana, April 11; ss. Concho, Galveston, April 8.

DUE TO-MORROW.

Ss. Stuttgart, Bremen, April 4; ss. Alsatia, Gibraltar, April 2; ss. Istria, Gibraltar, March 31.

DUE FRIDAY.

Ss. Campania, Liverpool, April 11; ss. Paris, Southampton, April 11; ss. Augusta Victoria, Southampton, April 10; ss. Thingvalla, Christiansand, April 3; ss. Critic, Dundee, April 3; ss. Mendota, Amsterdam, April 2; ss. Philadelphia, La Guayra, April 11; ss. Scottish Hero, Shields, April 3.

DUE SATURDAY.

Ss. Britannia, Gibraltar, April 4; ss. Niagara, Nassau, April 14.

DUE SUNDAY.

Ss. La Gascogne, Havre, April 11; ss. Buffalo, Hull, April 4.

Outgoing Steamships.

SAIL TO-DAY.

	Mails close.	Vessels sail.
New York, Southampton	7:00 a. m.	10:00 a. m.
Germanic, Liverpool....	9:00 a. m.	12:00 m.
Prussian, Glasgow.....	——	——
Friesland, Antwerp....	10:00 a. m.	12:00 m.
Prussia, Hamburg.....	——	7:00 a. m.
Orizaba, Havana.....	1:00 p. m.	3:00 p. m.
Venezuela, La Guayra..	11:00 a. m.	1:00 p. m.
Anerly, Grenada.....	12:00 m.	2:00 p. m.
Garrick, Montevideo....	7:30 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
Alamo, Galveston.....	——	3:00 p. m.

SAIL TO-MORROW.

Orinoco, Bermuda.....	1:00 p. m	3:00 p. m.
El Sol, New Orleans...	——	3:00 p. m

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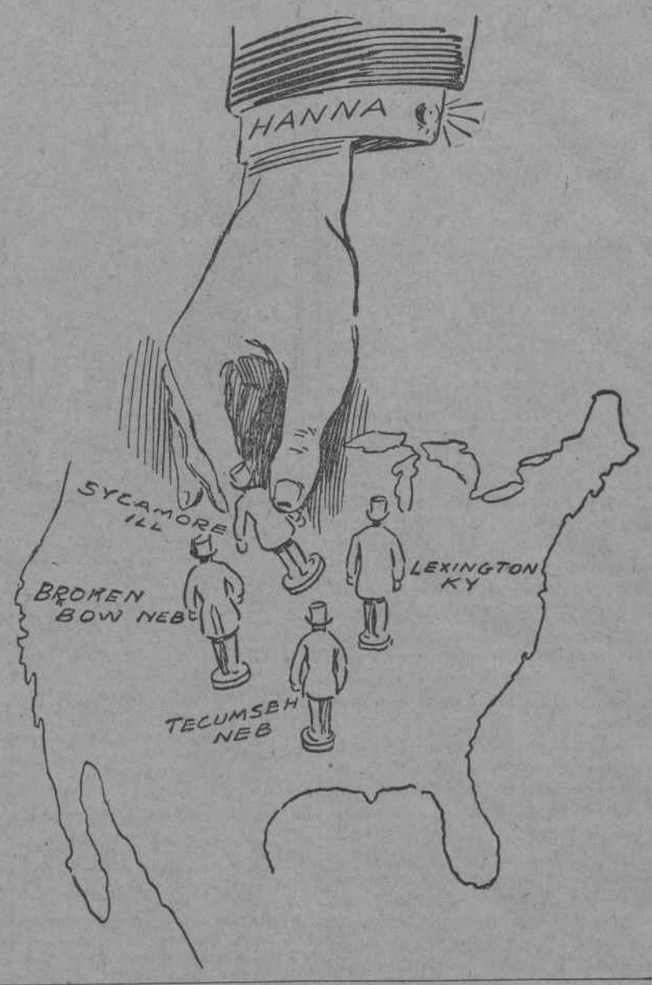

Took Mrs. Burr's Jewelry.

In the Harlem Police Court yesterday Clarence Leviness, twenty-two years old, residence unknown, was held in $1,000 bail for stealing a gold watch, three diamond rings and other articles, worth in all about $300, from Mrs. Jennie Burr, No. 12 West One Hundred and Twentieth street. Leviness was in the habit of visiting Mrs. Burr's house, and confessed to Magistrate Flammer that he committed the theft Monday evening. Leviness was intoxicated when arrested.

Don't Dig Your Grave With Your Teeth.

Herbert William Hart,
an eminent English authority,
who has made a
study of the Food question
for thirty years, says
that bread made
by bakers and housekeepers
of the ordinary white flour
is unfit to eat
and contains only an atom of nutriment.
A celebrated French scientist
has proven that a dog will
starve to death on it in less
than fifty days.
And yet the misguided masses
rely on it as a fundamental article
of food. It's trash.
Eat instead
SHREDDED WHOLE WHEAT BISCUIT,
which are made of the entire
wheat berry, thus retaining all
the nutritive qualities of the grain,
which are taken from the
wheat by the miller to make the flour white.
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The Sunday Journal

For April 19 will be another great newspaper, and one of its best features will be Bill Nye's "Comic History of England"—the funniest thing you ever read.