

TO AID SWEATSHOP EMPLOYEES. Plan to Relieve the Congested Clothing District of East New York.

The Baron de Hirsch association has decided that there are too many men and women employed in the clothing trade on the East side in New York city, and that the sooner their number is diminished by starting a colony for them elsewhere where they can learn different trades the better it would be for all concerned.

This was decided upon after much consideration. There are about 60,000 men and women employed in the different branches in the clothing trade in New York city. They cannot all make a living. Because of the great number wages have been greatly reduced.

Good pay for a week's work is only \$9, but not many can get work all the week through. There are so many eager to work that three or four days a week is as long as they are wanted.

It is believed that if 40 per cent. of the tailors can be induced to go elsewhere, where a colony can be started for them, the other 60 per cent. can make a comfortable living.

Meyer Schoenfeld, leader of the Brotherhood of Tailors, says: "The idea is a very good one. Why, I alone could get over 5,000 to leave the city to start a colony where they can be taught other trades. They ought to be made tinsmiths, carpenters, painters and the like."

But before I could be induced to go into this thing I would have to get a guarantee that if the men with their families should consent to go away they must be supported for at least a year. If this could be accomplished it would bring the tailoring business to the level of other trades and there would be less dissatisfaction and fewer strikes."

It is the intention of the Hirsch association to start several colonies in the limits of Greater New York.

WILY SCHEME OF JIM CORBETT. Hides Himself of a Soubrette's Attention in a Peculiar Way.

James J. Corbett, formerly champion pugilist, is a man of resources. He proved this at Martin's in New York city.

Mr. Corbett went into Martin's late one night recently to have a farewell luncheon with a few friends prior to his departure for the west.

Somehow a young woman of the stage, who appeared to know Mr. Corbett quite well, became a member of the party. She devoted much attention to Mr. Corbett; in fact, the young woman's attentions were so marked as to become rather embarrassing to Mr. Corbett.

Finally he hit upon a rather brilliant idea. Bird Woodthorpe, "Nat" C. Goodwin's stage manager, and Mr. Corbett's former secretary, was sitting at another table. Mr. Corbett had a short conference with Mr. Woodthorpe, then he returned to the table at which the persistent soubrette was seated.

DIFFICULTIES IN WAY. Dr. Nansen Discusses the Use of Reindeer in Relief Expeditions.

Says They Will Be a Great Help if They Can Be Transported to Alaska—Danger of Dying En Route.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the arctic explorer, was asked what he thought of the plan of bringing reindeer from Norway to get relief to Klondike miners.

He said that if the reindeer were taken overland across the country they would probably reach Alaska in time to accomplish the desired object, and if they could reach Alaska they would undoubtedly be of great assistance in the relief work. The difficulty, however, would be to get the deer transported.

Dr. Nansen said the moss on which the reindeer subsist was about the only food they would eat, and they would starve before they could eat much of anything else. They had sometimes been trained to eat bread, but not very successfully. While there was an abundance of moss in Norway he thought it would be impossible to gather it in such quantities as would be necessary for the feeding of 500 deer in transportation from Norway to Alaska.

The deer themselves seemed to know how to gather it better than human beings. He believed that if 500 reindeer were shipped from Norway it would be impossible to keep more than a small percentage of them alive until Alaska should be reached.

According to his opinion Iceland horses would be better for this work, for they would subsist on the moss of the arctic regions and also on hay or other provender. They were also hardy and would do the work after they had reached Alaska as well as the deer. It would be much easier to transport them, he said.

TO WALK ACROSS ATLANTIC. Capt. Oddieve, of Boston, to Try His New Sea-Going Shoes.

Capt. William C. Oddieve, of Boston, has planned to walk across the Atlantic ocean next July. He will begin his journey July 4, and will be accompanied by Capt. William A. Andrews, famous by reason of his voyages across the Atlantic in a small boat.

The sea-going shoes of Mr. Oddieve are the most wonderful part of the whole affair. They are really a pair of cedar boxes, five feet long, with fins on the bottom and sides. They are very light and capable of sustaining 140 pounds, but as Oddieve weighs only 130 they are as good to him as a steamer deck.

Into each of these wooden shoes the water walker's feet are thrust down deep and a rubber gear-like affair is fastened to his leg, thus effectually keeping out the water. Rubber boots reaching to the thigh are also worn. When this equipped Oddieve is able to walk many miles and to travel over choppy seas and even the very swell of the ocean.

BELIEVE GOULD IS ENGAGED. Guests at the Dinner Think He Will Marry Miss Clemmons.

That Christmas dinner of Howard Gould, at New York, was something more than a mere piece of charming hospitality, it seems. There was a method in the young millionaire's hospitality. There was a motive for the luxurious dinner in the gift room of Holland house.

PROTEGE OF GEORGE GOULD. Sympathy Aroused for Georgia Girl by Sad Story of Her Mother.

When Mr. and Mrs. George Gould were returning from a visit to Jacksonville, Fla., several years ago, the train upon which they were passengers was struck by another train near Waycross, Ga., and Mrs. Gould was hurt—quite seriously it was then feared. She was taken to a hotel in Waycross.

No trained nurse could be obtained, but the housekeeper of the hotel proved an excellent substitute, and soon won the confidence and friendship of Mrs. and Mrs. Gould. Impressed by her evident refinement and gentle ways, Mr. Gould questioned the housekeeper, and learned that she had been the only daughter of a railroad magnate, reared amid luxurious surroundings. Her father spared no expense in her education.

A young man named Graham, her equal in every respect except wealth, won her love, and they plighted their troth. Her father, having the most ambitious hopes for his only daughter, repulsed young Graham's suit and threatened to disown the girl if she failed to do likewise. She answered by leaving her home and marrying Mr. Graham.

Mrs. Graham was very happy for two years in the home her husband made for her. Then illness seized upon her husband, and in a few months he died, leaving her alone with her baby girl, and with death came dread poverty to add its blight to the saddened home. Friends of the widow interceded with the father in her behalf, but were sternly repulsed, and she was left to face absolute want. Hearing of the vacant position of housekeeper to be filled in the hotel in Waycross Mrs. Graham applied for it and was accepted.

Mr. Gould was much interested in the story, and soon he and his wife were again settled in their New York home. He wrote to Mrs. Graham that if she would send her daughter to him he would have her well educated. This offer was gratefully accepted, and in due time messages from little Miss Graham to her friends in the south told that she had become a pupil of one of the best-known schools in New York city.

PEDESTAL FOR LOGAN STATUE. Arrives at Washington from Rome.

The pedestal for the statue of Gen. Logan has reached Washington from Rome. It is 18 feet 11 inches long and 9 feet 11 inches wide. Its height is 17 feet 4 inches, not including any part of the plinth of the equestrian statue. It contains on each side a group of figures in high relief—one representing Gen. Logan in the uniform of a major general in consultation with officers of his command, each in the uniform of his rank, and the other group representing Gen. Logan in a civil capacity taking the oath as senator of the United States.

Each group is composed of nine figures. At each end of the pedestal there is an allegorical female figure. One represents war, or the defense of the union, and the other represents peace, or the preservation of the union. The pedestal is also surmounted by four eagles, one at each corner of the entablature. These figures add much to the architectural effect of the structure. The total weight of the pedestal is more than 48,000 pounds.

LEAF TOBACCO A GOOD CROP. Kentucky Farmers Happy Over the Showing Made This Year.

Kentucky farmers have made a great deal more money this year than last, mainly through the great advance in leaf tobacco. This state grows over 50 per cent. of the entire crop of the world, and the most of it is sold at Louisville. The trade has just ended, the total sales being 169,172 hogheads, whose valuation, at an average of \$85, amounted to about \$14,380,000. Last January the average valuation was only \$59, but by June the price had risen so fast that they brought an average of \$100 apiece. On some of the commonest types the advance is fully 400 per cent. This was partly caused by a shortage in the crop, and partly by improvement in the trade of manufacturers. New tobacco is now being sold, and though there is but half a crop, prices are so high that farmers will get more than for several years.

STEEL IN HIS STOMACH. Strange Discovery Made by Surgeons in Superior Hospital.

Patrick McCann, formerly a well-known contractor, underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital, Superior, Wis., which brought to light a peculiar state of affairs in his anatomy. He had been complaining for several days and within a day or two his case became so alarming that Dr. Connor, who was attending him, decided that an operation only could save his life. That was made and disclosed within the patient's stomach a piece of flexible steel five and a half inches long and three-fourths of an inch wide, very much resembling that used in the shank of shoes for stiffening purposes. McCann was confined in the insane asylum at Oshkosh two years ago and it is probable that he swallowed the iron at that time. He has been around the country a great deal since and also in Europe. The foreign substance never troubled him until a few days ago.

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COMPTOIR D'ECHANGES (CLEARING-HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Maquette de cette semaine... \$7,273,239.00 \$904,913.00

MAISON MONTAINE. Nouvelle-Orleans. Papier exceptionnel... 7 1/2

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