# Alleged Solution of an Old

Time Mystery. FARMER'S DEATHED CONFRONTAN

Sensational Story, Which, If True, Clears Up the Mystery of the Disappearance of the Millionaire's Bedy-Stolen and Held

Fer Reward.

ALBANY, Sept. 8 .- The Press and Knickerbocker today prints the following sensa-Honal story, which, if true clears up an old-time mystery:

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Sept. 8.-A pood-Har story regarding the robbery of the somb of A. T. Stewart and the disposal of the body has just come to light through the death of a farmer near here. On the night of Nov. 8, 1878, the body of A. T. Stewart was stolen from the family vanit in St. Mark's church, the casket was broken open and the decomposition of the body was so offensive that the day efter the routery a person standing in the deor of the tomb would be nearly avercome by, the fearful odor. This it was thought would make it impossible to consult the remains for any length of time, but the robbers successful in heepingtheir secret.

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The work was said to be that not a former's Baltimore resurrectionist, 6-A. Christhen, whose photograph was identified by a noman living near St. Unik's in that of amm she had even around the tempahant I o'clock on the morning the rephery was committed.

This failed to reveal app trace of the body, however, and dudge Hitton, who had charge of the Stewart estate, offered \$50,000 for the return of the body or \$10,000 for the conviction of any of the partici-

On the hills between Windsor and Susquehana, a short alistance from this city, there resided until a short time ago a farmer named Mixon. One evening in November, 1878, a young man, well dressed, knocked at the farm house door and asked for lodging. He said that he was a Western farmer, but meeting with poor success had come East in search of work. He was engaged by Mixon. He gave his name as Thomas Forester, and for young man was considered by the neighbors as strangely reticent. Every day, rain or shine, through snow or mud, he would make his way to the postoffice and ask for mail, but no mail came.

In December, while visiting a remote corner of his farm one afternoon Mixon came noon his bired man filling in a hole. In response to an inquiry, Forester said be had met aukunk the evening before and was burying his clothes. In the spring of 1880, Forester was taken

seriously ill with pneumonia. On his deathbed he unfolded a remarkable tale. His name was not Forester, but McCarthy and his residence, was in New York city. He was a member of the gang that removed Stewart's body from the vault.

at the gaming table had left them penfless, were discussing the situation when one of the party suggested that if they all right. Another replied:

"We haven't this money, but we can get his body which would mean the same thing?

men delegated one of their number to superintend the robbery and plan the details. Heat once opened negotiations with a resurrectionist." who agreed to make the attempt for \$10,000, his helpers to receive \$1,000 each, half of the sum to he paid in advance and the balacies when the body was delivered to a certain knot

McCarthy was one of the helpers and watched outside the railing with a horse and buggy in order to give an alarm should anyone approach. The men carried their grewsome burden in a sack. In hoisting it over the fence the bag caught on the iron rall and was alightly torn. The odor which emanated from it was so fearful that two of the men were taken violently ili. The bundle was thrust into the wagon and driven to a point on Canal

Here it was carried into a basement and thurst into a barrel of "pickle," that had been chemically prepared with a view to killing the stench. The barrel was head? ed up, labelled "Fish" and given in charge of McCarthy to take into the country. The label, it was thought, would allay any suspicions should any odor escape. McCarbby saw the barrel shipped to Susquelianus and then be followed on the

After securing his position with Mixon he procured a team and conveyed the barrel and its contents to the farm where he dug a hole and buried it, pending negotia-Mons for its delivery. This was the work he was engaged in when discovered by

The number implicated in the plot necessituted a large reward and it was for this the complicators waited, mails they became convinced that they rould not obtain the money without publicity and probably prosecution. Thus the master was daupped for a time and McCarthy thought the projectors were glad to be rid of the scheme that had become notorious.

Mitton, who from his retired life know mothing of the robbery and of the world, est it down := the vagazion of a dying man. Just ere he died three days ago he told an-other farmer of the story and who looked he she gante and found it with a skuleson. And at last is the great case suded.

Board of Monith Bulletin. ALBANY, Aug. 81 .- The board of health bulletin for July says: July is always the month of largest mortality in consequence of the increase in diarrhoral dispesse, more than 10 per cent of the yearly number of deaths usually occurring in the month. There was an average daily mortality this month of \$77, having risen from 900 to June, nearly 8,000 more deaths being reported; the daily average for the past six months was 356. Compared with July of preceding years the mortality is less than it has been since 1891.

Green Bider's Great Feat. DENVER. Sept. 2.-O. B. Hackenberger won the 25-mile Labor day road race ridden under the auspices of the Associated Cycling club of Denver, and best the world's record of th. bin. Il 4-5s, by one minute, his actual time being 1h, 4m, 47s. Hackenberger is an unattached rider and ed made no record previously. His Olem was the minutes. There were

Insurance Was Paid

DULUTE, Sept A. George Fraker of Topeks, kan, the man who was supposed to have been drowned in the Missouri river two rears ago, was captured in the words near Tower, Minn.

Fraker's life was insured for see and the beirs brought suit in the Konsse souris to recover. The true west to the superme souris and was one of the most Camous insurance cases of the country. the innumnce companies were defeated in the final ducision, it being recorded last month.

It was always maintained by the copenion that Fraker was alive, but his whereabouts were unknown. Recently is became known in some way that Fraker was near Tower, where he was known under the aline of Schnedt.

Attenty Hobert Herrick and Deputy Sheriff Wilkinson of Topeks came bere and organized a party to search for him. Fraker was found in the woods and his capture was effected in a strategic man-

mer. He was brought to Dulath and taken

to Topeka at once.
Attorney Herrick and Sheriff Wilkin-son left Duluth for St. Paul and will go right through to Kansas. They did not call upon the county authorities at all. and the latter are pretty sore in consequence. Had Fraker refused to accompany them, they could have done nothing without the nid of the sheriff of this

county. The authorities here believe the Kansas men wanted to robble the ble reward themselves, and made the "blint" at Fraker. He gave up meekly and now the Kapsas men are in shape to claim the Putter \$20 Hat mount Fraker is a physician, up to the latter part of 1814 was physician to the St. Kimo

Together with seven or eight companlong the doctor went fishing on the Missouth river one day and after dark and while in company of George Harvey, James Triplett and Jake Crowleyes negro, he disappeared and was somen more. These parties afterwards swore positively that they witnessed his drowning while rowing in a leaky boat, but after a strict search his body could not be recovered.

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Springs, a langous health resort near Kan-

### DEFENDER FORMALLY CHOSEN. Will Defoud the America's Cup Against Valleysie III.

New Yorks, Aug. 31,-The third palled trial race between Defender and Vigilant was a good deal of a free. Defender won over a course of 10 miles to the windward and return by 5m. 13m., when she could have crossed the line anywhere from 6 to 10 minutes ahead of Virtlant if she had been sailed for all she was worth.

The magnificent showing that Defender made Thursday in all kinds of weather and on all points of salling avented so muse; enthusiasm that C. O. Issin, the phici manager of the syndicate which built the yacht, may have some to the sonolysion that the boat uncovered her qualities too much and possibly he decidmu to pull back a listle bit.

Valkyrie came down the Sandy Hook The plot, according to his story, was brech making short tacks. She was hatched in the rooms of a fashionable time: on four of them and the watch said One evening, a party of young men, the 17 seconds, but she was not urged. Then sons of wealthy parents, but whose losses the English boat made a long board down the Long Island shore and she was watched carefully.

She was never nearer to Vigilant than had A. T. Siewart's money they would be five miles, but even at that distance it could be seen that the challenger kicked up a good doni of fuse in the water. She stood up under the 10 or 12 knot breeze very well, however, with forestaysall and Thus the robbery originated. The young 11b set. How far she could have been knocked over with her immense cinb too-

sail is only a matter of conjecture. The America's cup committee formally Reckled at a meeting held on the committee's boat after the race to select Defender to meet Valkyrie for the America's cup

## Decided Against Rockefeller.

St. Louis, Sept. 8. - A transcript in the stuit of Alfred Merritt against John D. Rockefeller and Fred Gates for \$1,298,400 damages was filed in the federal appellate court for the Eighth district. The case was tried in the United States district court for Minnesots and a verdict in favor of Merritt for 1010,000 rendered. The suit grew out of the compolidation of avveral mining companies and a milroed 136 nailes long in the famous Mesales from rangesterritory of Minnesots. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant made thise representations as to the financial conditions of the companies which they comtrolled. Rockefeller and Getes took an appeal.

John Copper's Strange Mi NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 21.—John Coppes, the claim engineer of Dunlop's sifk mills at Spring Valley, mysterionally disappeared last Monday and his family and friends are alarmed about him as no trace of him can be found. He drew 1900 from the Nyack bank before his disappo Mr. Coppes owns a handsome new house at Soring Valley and had no financial or domestic troubles. His wife is a promiment remedian and he has a family of five children. It is teared that he has been the victim of foral play.

New Jersey People's Party. TRENTON, Sept. 8.—The prebernatorial charter don vention of the People's Party of Morrison was said in this ofty. tam B. Ellis of Treaton was positived; the suicids and for governor. There were 25 Calegalite at maz was built the convention which was probable over see the body. by Thomas H. Protter of Constroland county, chairman of Mic rents committee. There was a long discussion over the adoption of the pasty plantage. The microsoft platicero, adopted in Oubs, in 1828, was finally restlicated. Greetings were stat to

Trensurer of Williams Onlings Dand. WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Sept. 4. James White, treasurer of Williams college, has died at his home after a long libners.

Eugene V. Debs.

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A STRANGE INCIDENT WHICH BUG-GESTS MENTAL TELEPATHY.

It Is Venched the My Member of Chic go's Montal Department-A "Plye Story" Which Him Broken Down the Enles and Made In Way Into Print.

Writers of fiction have no monopoly of the strange or supernatural. There are things taking place every day in Chicago which are as devoid of rational explanation as the myeterions occurrent of the movelist's brain. Newscaper

men hear of them, but in the runk for cold, hard facts, demanded both by city editors and newspaper readers, the "pipe siories," as queer and anexplainable happenings are called in journalistic oir cles, are at a discount. Were it not for this the fallowing incident, which can be verified by the word of several reputable men, would long ago have received the space and attention it merits instead of being courigued to the wastebasket as the 'pipedream' of an opium

One cold wintry night not so long ago Dr. L. T. Potter, now connected with the Chicago health department, and a number of his companious were sitting in the office of the Oakland hotel, at Drexel and Oakwood beslevards. When a stranger of diffident manner onfered. His clothes and jewelry marked, him a person of means, but he seemed downhearted and worried, and when he asked permission of the clerk to sit in the office awinds, Dr. Potter and his companions at once sized him up as a man who had been out on a spree, was without ready cash to pay for a bed, and took this means of getting refuge from the winter's blasts. The stranger, who was young and intelligent, grow uncomfortable under the ill diagnised

scruting of the Growd and finally said: "Gentlemen, I would like to explain my presence here and why I sit up in the office in preference to taking a bed. In the first place, let me assure you is is not a matter of money," drawing out agoodly sized roll of bills. "For some years my father, who is a resident of New York, has had trouble with his family and has been a wanderer. He was at one time worth considerable money, but this has been lost, and a number of letters which I have of late received from him show me he is despondent & This afternoon I get a letter from him, dated in Detroit, saying he would arrive in Chicago tenight, take a room at this botel and end his life by turning on the gas. He added that in the event of the gas failing he had a pistol with him, with which he would send a bullet through his brain. Father hed no idea I would get this letter today, as I have been out of sown, and it was only an anexpected case of sickness I am sitting up here to intercept him when he comes in and prevent the suicide which he contemplates. Fortunately I have means enough for both and can relieve his anxiety in this respect."

Dr. Potter and his friends were atonce interested. They congretulated the stranger on his good luck in having received his father's letter in time and tendered their services in any way in which they might be desired. Two or threw times an effort was made to find out the man's name, but he parried the questions on the ground that, as his father's plans would be frustrated. be did not care to have his identity disclosed. "You may, however, call me Melchior, as it is awkward to address a man without a name, and Melchior is as good as anything, barring the right one," The evening sped slong, and about midnight the stranger, being assured no more trains would arrive before morning, took his departure, saying he thought his father must have been detained or perhaps have happily obauged his mind.

The occurrence was so much out of the ordinary that Dr. Potter and his friends sat up for an hour or more talking it over. At I o'clock they went to had, and a few minutes later the night chaff retired, leaving an assistant who had: not heard the story in charge of the office. About 1.80 in came an eld-gentleman with a traveling long in hand, who registered as "Groupe C. Melchier, "and was maismed to a room. In the morning the chamberneid reported a strong smell of gas on the floor. The Cour of the newtonner's House. was broken in, and he was found dead. with a pistol in his right hand, and a bullet wound in his bead. He had immed on the gas and then shot him-self. By this time everybody in the house had heard the stary and of the young man's whit the wight thiors, and all wave positive that the old gentleman who had killed himself was his dethar. The afternoon papers had a report of the suicide and before piget the young

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Chars B. M. George in Chicago Inter Count.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER

It Was Out of the Regular Order to Proved Efficacions. The Rev. H. D. Fisher could not malet the temptation to tell a story on

a mother minister: 'Il was Presiding Elder Still of the Methodist cheech. The good old man is dead now, and it can't do any harm CATHOLIC JOURNAL. to tell this story of him.

"The early traveling of the elder in Kansas was frot susy. It's had a shule on which he used to ride, and this mail was not always obedient. One day the hung the stream, and from which he following ballered he could eving to the other side. But the mule couldn't swing. He could swim, however, which the elder soulán't.

"All the extra olething and the Bible were made into a bushle and tied on the mule's back and the mimal left to the water. He swam safely norces and

began eating grass on the other side. "The elder looked at the swinging limb, and dropping to ide linear, prays forwardy that he might make no meintake in getting across. Then he swung out and landed safely.

"He knelt and thanked the Lord. "But there was a new obstacle. The mule was having a good time in the gram and refused to be caught again. Boveral well directed affects flow wide of the mark, and the good sider was in desperation. He must keep his appoint. ment and he couldn't walk it. was just one thing for the older to dis, and the older did it. Down in the damp gress be dropped on his kness and prayed the Lord to help him outsit the mule.

S"This is the only in beard of in which a mice called on the in my family which brought me back. Lord to bely him couch a scale, met to the Lord did 4t, though to tack both some time."-- Top

> The homer and the occasion are be brilliant fliers, but the Incomer is the speeding bird and better Autof for lang distances. The houser has the w spread wings of all pigeons, and can sail for an enormous distance through midair. It is also considerably light than the carrier and is postered of more phenomenal powers of undarance, having been known to fly 800 miles without alighting. On a clear day, with a grood sky and favorable wind, 4000 miles is an admirable record, although 500 miles a day is the goal of every pigoon flier's ambition. A bird that can perform this remarkable fant is week at least \$100, and may be valued at \$500 if it is empable of a better record. The bird's gamenes, stantas and speci at 3 and 4 years of age, which is the natural prime of life for a fine. After they have passed their prime Burds teriorate in a homesty and could's family and at 10 or 10 years of age as Ma yout for the share of this age. This

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stream the elder and his mule strayed
in hope of fluding a safe crossing.

Finally the elder found a tree that overmitting One Durks for