

NICHOLAS FISH, PROMINENT NEW YORK BANKER, KILLED IN DRUNKEN BRAWL IN NEW YORK

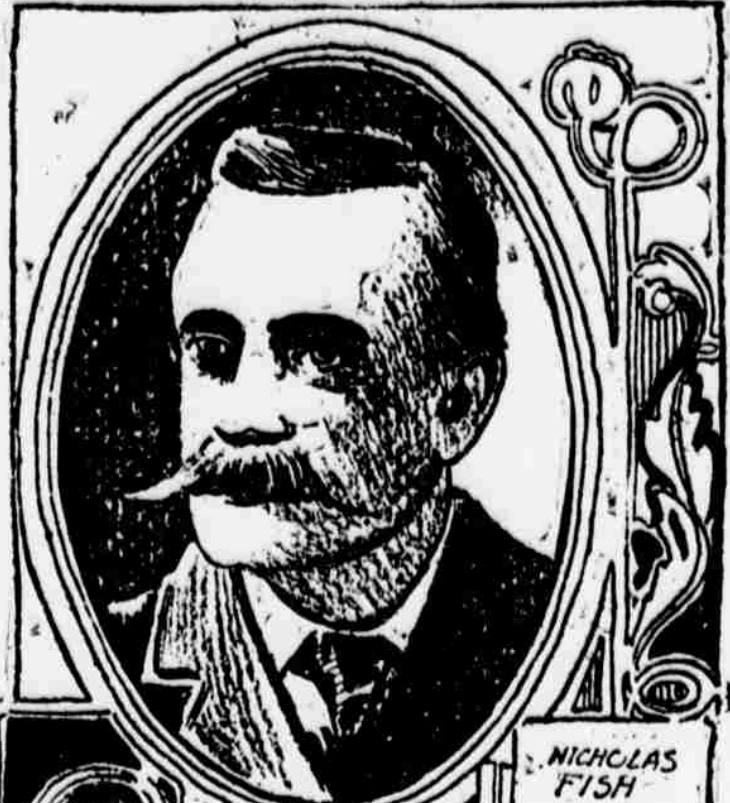
Nicholas Fish of the famous New York family, banker, father of Hamilton Fish, the rough rider, hero of the Spanish war, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, the New York society leader, was so brutally attacked in a public drinking place in West Thirty-fourth street, New York, Sept. 16, that he was picked up unconscious on the sidewalk in front of the place and taken to the Roosevelt hospital. There he died.

The killing of the famous banker by Thomas Sharkey, private detective, pool room hanger-on and Chinatown guide, in a quarrel over a woman, was as evil an episode as New York has known for years.

Mr. Fish was killed by a blow so savage that it ruptured a blood vessel in his brain. His skull was not fractured by his fall, as was at first supposed.

Sharkey, the slayer, is a giant in size and strength. He was drunk and ugly when he entered Ehrhardt's saloon and discovered the frail old banker drinking with Mrs. Libby Phillips and Mrs. Nellie Casey.

THE VICTIM, HIS WIFE, AND SISTER-IN-LAW.



NICHOLAS FISH



MRS. STUYVESANT FISH



MRS. NICHOLAS FISH

Phillips' company, and that he knew Mrs. Casey well.

There was a third woman in the case whom the police speak of as Mrs. Pickle and who is said to live in Harlem. It is said that Mrs. Pickle is a sister of Mrs. Casey and that the meeting between Mr. Fish and Mrs. Phillips was for the purpose of introducing the banker to her.

Sharkey is now in jail in default of \$10,000 bonds charged with homicide. The two women were released on \$500 bail each. They figure on the police blotter only as witnesses.

Mrs. Fish is totally prostrated. She has been under the care of a physician ever since she was brought almost insensible from Roosevelt hospital.

After the gruesome formalities of the coroner the dead man was taken to his home in Irving place.

The funeral services were held from St. Mark's church, the Rev. Dr. Batten officiating.

They had been drinking together a long time—three hours, according to the waiter who served them—when Sharkey came in, and, probably at the invitation of Mrs. Phillips, at whose house he had spent the previous night, sat at the table with them.

It was over Mrs. Phillips the quarrel started and the death blow was struck.

Sharkey says he had been drunk for a week, and that he does not remember exactly what happened, except that Mr. Fish objected to him and finally jolted him with his elbow and

that he responded with a blow. He said:

"If Mr. Fish had not been drinking and I had been sober there would not have been any trouble, and Mr. Fish would be alive and I out of the Tombs. I don't believe it was a hard blow, and do not think he would have fallen had he been sober."

Though the police say Mr. Fish had no previous acquaintance with the woman, another story prevails in the neighborhood of the tragedy. There it is said he was frequently in Mrs.

MURPHY IN CROKER'S SHOES.

Head Triumvir of Tammany to Succeed to Leadership.

Charles F. Murphy, head of the Tammany triumvirate, who has been selected by the present rulers to succeed Richard Croker as leader of the organization, was formerly dock commissioner.

Politicians predict that in the event of success at the primaries the Croker faction in the wigwam will unite on Murphy as the former boss' successor.

The Carroll men, however, sneer at the Murphy boom.

William Devere's success at the pri-



maries, his friends claim, makes him the logical leader of Tammany, and he will fight for the honor.

Latest Oriental Fad.

Another oriental fad has bloomed forth, largely, it is believed, as a result of the reigning fondness for the kimono dressing gown or wrapper. The Chinese or Japanese gown requires shoes to match, and there is quite a demand for the straw slippers which Chinese wear. They are without heels or back and a novice needs practice before being able to keep them on the feet, especially in going up or down stairs. The odd foot covering harmonizes well with the kimono.

VARIED TYPES OF WOMEN.

Interesting and Picturesque Are Those of Eastern Europe.

The most interesting and picturesque girls in the world are the Russians, declares a Parisian writer. They are ready to die for an idea. The Russian girl nihilist is not afraid to be sent to Siberia or to be imprisoned in a tower, or to be hanged by the neck for her ideas. She is always ready to translate her ideas into acts. Roumanian girls are exquisite. They have all the attractions without the vices, of their ancestors of ancient Rome. The girls of the other Danubian states do not yet count for much, as they are not educated. Bulgarian maids are, however, making progress because of many American teachers in Sofia and elsewhere throughout the principality.

Increase of Live Stock in Ireland.

Some very suggestive tables showing the changes which have taken place in Irish farming during the past half century are given in the statistics recently published by the Department of Agriculture. According to these returns there was in Ireland last year a population of 219 persons to each 1,000 acres of land, as against a population of 315 to every 1,000 acres in 1851. With this diminution of 30.5 per cent in the population in fifty years, there has been an increase in the number of cattle in the country from 143 to 230 per 1,000 acres, while the number of sheep in the country has gone up from 102 to 215 per 1,000 acres, in the same period.

Power of Shells.

In 1870 an ordinary shell when it burst broke into nineteen to thirty pieces. To-day it bursts into 240. Shrapnel shells in 1870 scattered only thirty-seven death-dealing missiles. Now it scatters 340. A bomb weighing about 70 lb. thirty years ago would have burst into forty-two fragments. To-day, when it is charged with peroxide, it breaks up into 1,200 pieces, each of which is hurled with much greater velocity than the larger lumps which were scattered by a gunpowder explosion.

PASSING OF "BOSS" SHEPHERD.

Once Political Ruler of Capital City, He Had a Checkered Career.

Local politics of the capital of the United States city once were ruled by Alexander R. Shepherd, who died recently in Mexico. It was when the District of Columbia had the territorial form of government and he was governor. He made many improvements in the city's appearance, and while charged with corruption and refused confirmation by the senate when President Grant appointed him commissioner upon the change from territorial to district government, he later was hailed as the founder of Washington as it is to-day and praised for his work.

His admirers claim that to him is



Alexander R. Shepherd, due to the architectural beauty of the capital city, as it stands to-day, and the claim is not disputed.

A Lady Cabby.

In the New Zealand town of Nelson woman has been asserting her rights in quite a new direction. A local lady recently secured a cab and horse and entered into competition with the Jehus of the town, who at once took alarm and protested that she had no license. This difficulty was quickly overcome, and the lady "cabby" entered the lists on equal terms in that respect. Now with her smart turn-out she is securing all the fares she can find time to drive.

HEARTH AND BOUDOIR

A FEW TOPICS OF DISTINCTLY FEMINE INTEREST.

Smart and Useful Dress of Woolen—Blouse Suits for the Little Girl—The Proper Way to Pack Flowers.

No Extra Weight.

There's a tendency toward light-weight wool fabrics for autumn—yes, even for winter gowns. Praise be!—women are tired of dragging heavy cloth around—well—what use?—none at all since the lighter weights are just as warm and so are suitable for cold weather wear.

The weight of a fabric is often due to a concealed mixture with cotton or to stuffs used in the dye. It is cumbersome and not nearly as warm as a lighter weight material that is all wool.

Soft white wool goods are conspicuous in recent exhibitions, as well as bright and more subdued colors. Deep greens and blues, violets and lavenders, grays and browns—all are shown in lavishness and with a certain tint in each that is deliciously new.

Isn't it a bit odd that every year the old colors come back to us conspicuously new? To the end of time, likely, they will be the same—still, always with an unusual freshness of hue not seen in any predecessors.

Smart and Useful.

The smart yet useful dress depicted is made of a soft gray twilled woolen material and the simple coat bodice can be worn over a blouse or with a front of lace and muslin. The skirt is simple and of a convenient walking length; while the coat can be worn open to show the blouse or front beneath, or buttoned up in double-breast-

can at least make an attempt, and even if the laugh lacks the ring of heartiness, it is infinitely better than the frown or sigh.

For the Little Girl.

Blouse suits are always becoming to little girls and make the best of all frocks for school and knockabout wear. This stylish model is suited to serge, flannel and similar wool fabrics and to both linen and cotton of the sturdier sorts, but as shown is of blue serge with bands of black braid and gold buttons.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (8 years) is 4½



yards 27 inches wide, 3¼ yards 44 inches wide, or 2¾ yards 52 inches wide.

To Pack Flowers.

It is a mistake to use cardboard boxes in packing flowers to be sent by mail. Always use a tin box, lining it with a sheet of damp moss and above this a sheet of florist's paper, or tissue paper if the other is not at hand, taking care that it fits into the corners and around the sides. The flowers should be placed in, row after row, until there is a layer of flowers

VARIETY IN SLEEVES



ed fashion. For travelling or for wear on one of the dull days we meet with so often now, there is nothing so convenient as a dress of this kind, which is at once soft and warm and yet by no means heavy. Woolen materials of different sorts are indeed very fashionable, as womankind has found out that they crush and soil less easily

fitting into the other all over the bottom of the box. Never crowd nor put one layer on the top of another. The rows must be as close together as possible; the flower heads of each row should be on the stems of the row immediately preceding it, so that when the box is finished only flowers are to be seen and no stems.

Fashions in Collars.

The cape collars so conspicuous just now call into service all the fine, short-haired furs. Ermine will be fashionable, partly as a medium of black and white combinations. It is ready in capes, cape collars, long cloaks, empire scarfs, stoles, muff's and trimmings. Chinchilla, seal and baby lamb are standard, and beaver and otter will gain new favor. The flat stole, in one form or another, is the most fashionable of the small fur pieces. It is wider and longer than in recent seasons. Loosely fitting blouse coats, with long basques or skirts, are made in flexible fur and are ornamented with touches of embroidery and lace on belt, collar and cuffs. More loose box coats of fur will be seen than in the last few winters and all the flowing, exaggerated lines of the summer coats are to be repeated in fur for those who can afford such costly garments.

Breezy Frills.

Shaped ruffles finish elbow sleeves. Lace is much threaded with ribbon. Picture gowns should accompany picture hats.

Pompadour taffetas are made into adorable little dress rigs.

Veils and trimmings are still worn dangling at the back of hats.

Velvet hat bindings are often over an inch deep on the outside.

Even a gathered ruffle is prettier if it be shaped—flared that is.

Many large hats droop both back and front, but more in the back.

Quite the most popular are the eolienne-like weaves in wool and silk.

Elbow sleeves may be finished out with the revived white undersleeve.

A lot of very pale cream-pink roses makes lovely a white shepherdess hat.

Some muslins and organdies are often as sheer as mousseline or chiffon.

There's a certain chic in the picture-hat binding of black or corded velvet.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

GREAT MINE OWNER DEAD.

Winfield Scott Stratton Passes Away After a Brief Illness.

Winfield S. Stratton, the millionaire mining man, died at Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 14.

Winfield Scott Stratton was born in Jefferson county, Ind., in 1848, and went to Colorado when he was 24



years old. His first and greatest strike was the Independence mine, in the center of the present Cripple Creek field. It made him many times a millionaire, and was ultimately sold by him to an English syndicate for \$11,000,000.

Stratton was an eccentric character in many respects, and had his own ideas about using his money. While indulging in the freaks a rich man can afford he did not like the idea of having idle surplus on his hands, so he made many investments in Colorado real estate, and many of the best corners in Cripple Creek and Colorado Springs belong to Stratton.

Personally Stratton was of simple tastes and habits, with a marked dislike for notoriety and publicity. His charitable deeds have been many, and most of them have been marked by good judgment. He redeemed the Tabor properties for the widow of Senator Tabor in gratitude for kindness shown him when he was poor, and all who displayed unselfish goodness toward him in his days of poverty have had no occasion to regret it.

No one knows what his fortune is.

Hot Corner for Such as These.

In that land of shadows where men are supposed to repent the wrong deeds done in this life some obscure corner will doubtless be reserved for those who have been worse than sinners in that they were blunderers. There will meet the trolley man who did not notice, the boy who left door of the elevator open, the man who rocked the boat and the innuendo who did not know it was low, doubtless, too, this will be one of the most unhappy groups among the n.t.tudes.

INVENTION OF AN ACTRESS.

Miss Gertrude Arden Expects Fortune from a Railroad Device.

One of the young women who poses in the front line of the chorus in "Foxy Grandpa" is of a mechanical turn of mind, and she has made use of her inventive powers to make and have patented a lock bolt to hold the plates on



MISS GERTRUDE ARDEN

railway rails. The bolt locks the nut so it cannot slip. A patent has been applied for, and the "show girl," Miss Gertrude Arden, hopes to make a fortune with her invention. She is a widely traveled and well-read woman, and has been prominent in Southern society. At one time she owned an orange grove in Florida, but one winter, three or four years ago, a frost swept her trees away, and she turned to the stage as a means of livelihood. Prior to this change of occupation, Miss Arden had encircled the globe.

War Statistics.

According to the calculations of the Hospital, an English medical journal, 5,776 officers and men were killed in action in the South African war, and 2,019 died of wounds which they received. The deaths from disease amounted to 13,272.

In action one officer was killed to every 10.15 men, and one officer was wounded to every 11.34 men. But of those who died from disease only one in every 38.5 men was an officer. The number of invalids sent home during the war was about 70,000, and of those more than 6,000 died or left the service. The vast majority, of course, were restored to health. To prove that the war after all was not a big one, the Hospital quotes the figures of the battle of Gravelotte, in which the victorious Germans had 328 officers and 4,900 men killed and nearly 15,000 wounded.