

## TALK OF NEW YORK

Gossip of People and Events Told in Interesting Manner.

### Identity of "Mme. Ruiz" Is Revealed



NEW YORK.—The identity of the mysterious "Mme. Ruiz," whose name was frequently mentioned in connection with the suit of Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt for divorce from Alfred G. Vanderbilt, has just become public through the beginning of another divorce suit in which Mme. Ruiz is the defendant. The plaintiff in this case is Senor Don Antonio Ruiz y Olivares, attache of the Cuban legation at Washington, and the defendant's name is given as Senora Dona Agnes O'Brien de Ruiz. The complaint in the suit has not yet been served upon Mme. Ruiz, as the plaintiff's counsel, George Young Bauchle, has not yet succeeded in ascertaining her present whereabouts.

There is said to be a strong likelihood that a successful prosecution of the divorce action may be followed by a suit for alienation of affection against a man as yet unnamed. Mr. Bauchle said that the divorce action is based upon statutory grounds. "An unknown man" is specified in the complaint, but it is said that when the papers are served upon Mme. Ruiz the complaint will be so amended that the name of the corespondent will appear.

Mr. Ruiz was married to Mary Agnes O'Brien in this city August 17, 1902, according to the records. Miss O'Brien gave her birthplace as Missouri and her age as 25 years.

They did not live happily, it is said, and after a few years decided to live apart. Since that time Mme. Ruiz has lived at several exclusive New York hotels and of late has had an apartment in Lexington avenue. Her name was brought into the Vanderbilt case through the disclosures that shortly before he eloped with a young society matron, Harry Brenchley, formerly a partner in Alfred G. Vanderbilt's horses, had purchased an \$11,000 automobile for Mme. Ruiz.

### The Problem of Living in New York



live in New York by the cost rather than value of things. An apple purchased on Fifth avenue costs twice as much as the same apple bought on Fourteenth street. The dollar Bowery shirt costs twice as much on Broadway. This is the city where they "pay the price."

The self-indulgent man who spends \$300 a day has not saved his money out of his wages. The woman who could not manage her household for a season on less than \$75,000 is not the daughter or the wife of a wage earner. Economical beginners really have no actual relation to the existing problem of living in New York.

What does it cost to live in New York? More than you can ever hope to earn in wages; and, so far as the chances of speculation are concerned, that infers the necessity of "pull." If you haven't a "pull," social or political or financial, your speculative chances are slight. Obviously this state of restless endurance is demoralizing. It undermines character. Presently you find yourself following the procession of people who are living beyond their means, because they seem to be enjoying themselves at it.

The only way to live within your income in New York is to become blind to the very extravagances and allurements that make this the metropolis, and to sacrifice the pleasures of temptation for the comforts of an honorable old age.

Sociologists claim that the lowest possible yearly expense for a workman with a wife and three children, embodying a normal standard of living, is \$950. The statement was made recently by the New York department of charities that the average laborer's family in New York is existing on \$700 a year. The minimum rate of rent on the East side for the barest necessities is four dollars a month. Coal costs from 10 to 15 cents a pair, a fabulous price when estimated by the ton.

Yet between this poverty and the "economy" of the small salaried employe who is compelled to adjust his earnings to the demands of his occupation there is small difference. We

### New Theater to Educate the Children



The directors named in the new institution are: Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Rev. P. S. Grant, Otto H. Kahn, R. J. Collier, Miss A. M. Herts and Charles E. Miner.

The theater is to have its home for teaching, etc., for the present in Mr. Collier's residence at 20 Gramercy park. For the coming season the newer organization will continue to supply entertainments of a dramatic order for and at the Educational alliance, but in due time it expects to have a suitable theater building of its own.

In addition to the directors named there is to be an advisory board, of which one member has been selected. Rev. Dr. G. S. Hall, president of Clark university of Worcester, Mass.

Briefly stated, the object of the theater is education on both sides of the footlights, which is to say it aims to familiarize the younger generation with some of the best plays, both classical and modern, by permitting young people to take part in the performances and the stage management, and in turn by so educating a generation which later on shall demand in the greater theaters a high order of plays and take away from the managers the excuse sometimes heard nowadays that they cannot afford to produce plays for children.

While it is the outgrowth of the Children's Educational theater, which has been in existence long enough to demonstrate its right to live, in connection with the Educational alliance in East Broadway, the new theater really will be a new adventure in New York.

able dressmaker, her sartorial position is achieved by a reckless disregard of money.

### ATTORNEY FOR CANAL COMMISSION



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Richard Reed Rogers, general counsel of Panama Canal Commission, who accompanied Secretary of War Taft on his recent visit to the isthmus.

### THE "PIE GIRL" IS ALIVE.

#### ACTOR IN STANFORD WHITE DINNER NOT DEAD.

Susie Johnson Declares Money Was Paid Her to Disappear from View—Tells How Feast Was Planned.

New York.—"The Girl in the Pie," who figured so prominently in the amazing revelations of upper life in New York's Bohemia a few years ago and who was reported to have died of consumption, is alive and literally kicking. Susie Johnson—such is her name—did not get married, did not die

of consumption and was not buried in Potter's field, as was alleged when the notorious pie incident was brought up during the first trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

#### CAT HAS ODD LITTER

##### SURPRISING PROGENY BORNE BY MALTESE TABBY.

Kittens Tied in Knot Like Double Siamese Twins—Mother Possessed of Peculiarities But Is Good Rat Catcher.

Brooklyn.—Tabby, a fine maltese cat, besides being a source of great comfort to her mistress, Mrs. Grinnell of 598 Lafayette avenue, is really an extraordinary and uncommon creature. She can be counted on once every six months to produce a sensation.

Ever since one Sunday morning she has had all the neighborhood agog. The fame of her latest exploit has spread to remote parts of the borough. Tabby gave birth to a most remarkable litter of kittens. Three of them had each seven toes on their forefeet and five on their hind feet; but this is or was not to be wondered at, for Tabby herself is possessed of these peculiarities.

The remaining four, wonderful to relate, were all tied in a knot. They were veritably like the Siamese twins, twice over. How they nursed and how they lived a whole week, and might have been living yet had not Mrs. Grinnell humanely ended their complicated existence, is a modern wonder.

There were four separate and distinct bodies, and from four pairs of lusty lungs they gave forth lusty meows, and with their legs they pushed and pawed each other in futile attempts to get apart. And the bewildered mother also tried to separate them. She was so much concerned about her strange offspring that she paid no attention at all to the three

### New Birds for the Mountains.

Denver Man Brings Them All the Way from Sweden.

Denver, Col.—Two strange birds have arrived in Denver, having journeyed all the way from Sweden. Now they are domiciled in the city park. If the plans of their owner, W. F. Kendrick, succeed, they will be the progenitors of a new race of birds in the Colorado mountains.

They are the capercaillie, pronounced caper-kei-zi, and are the size of a small turkey. In habits they are much like grouse and ptarmigan. They thrive best at timber line, and subsist on pine, spruce and hemlock boughs and mountain berries.

Mr. Kendrick, who is tremendously interested in birds and animals, has had an ambition for some time to start

A reporter the other day met the young woman, who is hale and extremely hearty.

"Why did you not contradict those reports of your marriage, desertion and pathetic death?" asked the reporter.

"Money," replied the pie girl placidly as she slipped off her dancing slipper and shook out an ordinary bit of sand. "Money," she repeated thoughtfully. "The same money that makes men take long chances down on Wall street, the same money that makes them sacrifice fame and friends, the same money that makes Mr. Rockefeller happy and Mr. Carnegie build libraries kept Susie Johnson, 'the girl in the pie,' out of sight. I was doing pretty well, thank you, by just keeping still. But now the time for keeping still is past. I just want to say that a lot of stuff published about me was not true."

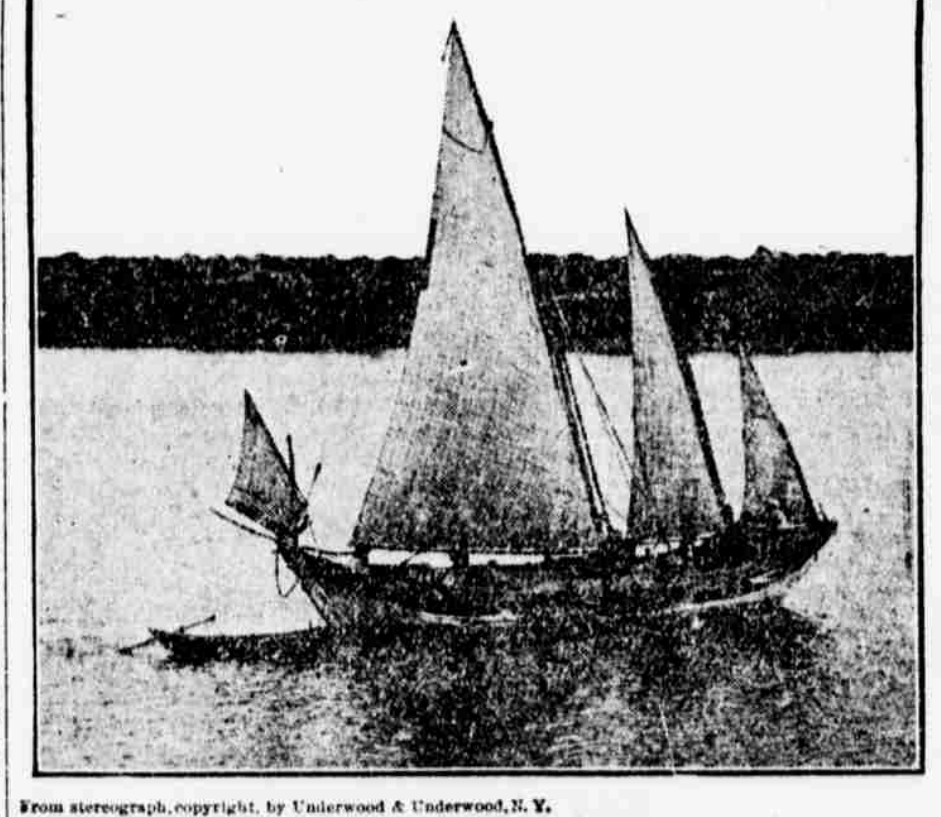
"No reporter has ever talked to me. I was spirited away when that dinner broke up and no one, not even my own parents, saw me for a long, long time. Perhaps other girls represented themselves as Susie Johnson and did the talking. I never did. They said I was married and that my husband, brooding over my role in that famous dinner, went nearly insane and deserted me. I never married. They said I had consumption. I have never been ill a day. And you'll admit I'm very much alive."

"Now that my lips are unsealed, I am willing enough to talk. My memory for dates is not very clear, but I think that dinner was given in May, 1895. I had been posing for various artists, head and figure, and was just 15 years of age. Henry C. Poor gave the dinner in honor of a business friend, whose name I do not remember, in the studio of James L. Breese on Sixteenth street."

"I think Robert Reid planned the dinner and Mr. Poor footed the bills, because it was Mr. Reid who engaged me and told me what a great event it was to be. One hundred and fifty quarts of champagne, he said, had been ordered, and the dinner was to cost \$100 per plate without the wine."

"He rehearsed me very carefully for the part I was to play. You see, I had posed for him very often and he knew just what to expect of me. He bought a great shallow pan or tub, just big enough to hold me, and had a cover of crusted baked for it. Then the crust was very carefully lifted off. I was put inside and the cover laid over me. My shoulders were draped with black gauze and a blackbird such as you put on a hat was fastened in my hair, which hung down around my shoulders. In my hand I carried a box filled with tiny birds. As soon as the crust was cut I took the lid off this box and out flew the birds. Then I popped up into view."

### AN ODD SAILING CRAFT



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Scene near the Strait Settlements, Southeastern India.

premisses by the Tabby family, and she straightway summoned her nephew, who happens to be an undertaker, and bade him dispatch the quartet of kittens. And now Mrs. Grinnell is seriously considering ending the existence of Tabby herself, for ever since she arrived at maturity the cat has been doing some funny "stunt" like this. Indeed, she is seemingly beyond reform. This, however, Mrs. Grinnell will say in her favor, she is a champion rat catcher. The extra claws with which she is equipped seem to stand her in good stead whenever she goes a-rattling.

GIVES HUSBAND TO A NURSE.  
Woman Selects Successor in Spirit of Gratitude.

Mount Holly, N. J.—Mrs. Carmine Pallante, wife of a well-to-do resident of Mount Holly, died six months ago after a prolonged illness. Angela Izzl and Christina Izzl, her daughter, of Philadelphia, nursed the woman.

The tender ministrations of the mother, Angela, so endeared the woman to Mrs. Pallante that, when she knew death was near, she chose Mrs. Izzl as her successor in the affections of her husband.

With her dying words she declared that she was happy in the thought that her husband would have a good wife after she died.

The public was in ignorance of the episode until recently, when the news was made public by Pallante, when she married Mrs. Izzl.

### TIME TO HUSTLE.



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