

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 6, 1895

S. Sexton, Esq.,

No. 12 West Thirty-fifth Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 1st addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department for consideration and report, and several inspections have been made of the premises No. 4-6 West Thirty-fifth Street, occupied as a stable by W. T. Thorne. The stable was found in an excellent sanitary condition and it seems from the report of the sanitary officers that no action in reference thereto is necessary on the part of the Board of Health. The stable is occupied by only four horses, two of which are owned and used by Dr. Bull and the other two are used in coupés which have a license from the Mayor's Marshal. It was represented to the officers of this Department that these coupés did not stand in the streets regularly or for any longer periods than were necessary in the transaction of an ordinary livery or coupé business. Improper occupation of the streets by coupés, carriages, carts, etc., is not within the jurisdiction of the Health Department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

No. 15 West Thirty-Fifth Street,

St. Louis, Mo.,

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Dear Mother

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My dear Mother  
I received your kind letter  
of the 3rd and was glad to  
hear from you and to  
hear that you were all  
well. I am well at present  
and hope these few lines  
will find you all the same.  
I have not much news to  
write at present. I am  
still at school and  
will be home in a few  
days. I will write you  
again soon.

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New York, June 6, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

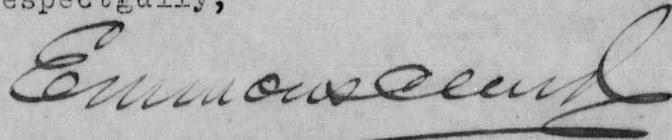
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 3rd enclosing communication from S. Sexton ,  
12 West Thirty-fifth Street, concerning an alleged cab stand in that  
street, and requesting that a report be made directly to the com-  
plainant and a copy of such report be transmitted to the office of  
His Honor, the Mayor, was duly received. I return herewith the  
complaint of Mr. Sexton with a copy of the communication which  
has been addressed to him this day.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

(Enclosure)

P.O. BOX 2371.

*W. E. Strong & Co.*  
Commission Merchants

75 & 77 WORTH ST.

(New York)

PHILADELPHIA, 322 CHESTNUT ST.  
BOSTON, 78 CHAUNCEY ST.

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New York, June 3, 1895.

Dear Colonel,

There is a boy who sells newspapers on the Corner of Worth St. and Broadway in the afternoon, who stands on the North East Corner, to whom I wish you would call the Health Board's attention. It looks to me as though it were a case of leprosy.

It may not be so, but I have seen it down in the West Indies, and *he* shows all the marks of it.

Yours truly,

*F. L. Smith*

Dear Colonel,

June →

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

(New York)

JOHN W. WOOD  
Commissioner of Fisheries

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 7, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

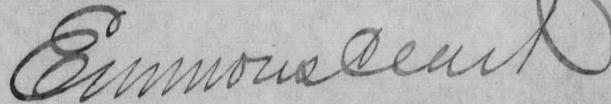
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 5th enclosing a complaint of F. L. Stoll,  
No. 75 Worth Street, in respect to a supposed case of leprosy was  
duly received, and I enclose a copy of the report of Dr. Charles S.  
Benedict, Chief Inspector of Contagious Diseases, upon the subject.  
A copy of this report has also been forwarded this day to Mr. Stoll.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, June 7, 1895

Hon. Charles G. Wilson,  
President.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that in compliance with your instructions the complaint of F. L. Stoll, Esq., 75 Worth Street, was referred by me to Diagnostician F. W. Lester, who reports having seen and examined the boy referred to in the complaint, by name Orassis Garbiami, age 17, of 44 Baxter Street.

Dr. Lester pronounces his disease non-contagious, and of such a nature as to make it unnecessary for interference on the part of the Health Department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Chas. S. Benedict, M.D.,

Chief Inspector.

A TRUE COPY,

*Samuel*  
Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 18, 1895

Manuel Cohn, Esq.,

No. 224 East 114th Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 7th to His Honor, the Mayor, was referred to this Department. As the occupant of the premises failed to comply with the orders of this Board to improve the sanitary condition of the stable, a warrant was procured from a police magistrate for his arrest and he was held for trial at the Special Sessions. Promises were made from day to day during the last week that the stable should be vacated, and on Saturday, June 15th, the horses were removed, which will abate the nuisance complained of.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 18, 1895

Gustave Gimkl, Esq.,  
No. 238 East 114th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your complaint to His Honor, the Mayor, in respect to stable Nos. 234-236 East One Hundred and Fourteenth Street was referred to this Department. The nuisance from this stable was already under consideration by the Board of Health and as its orders for the sanitary improvement of the premises were not complied with the occupant had already been arrested and brought before a police magistrate. Promises were made from day to day that the horses would be removed from the stable, and on Saturday, the 15th instant, the stable was vacated, which removes the cause of complaint.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

June 18

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 18, 1895

Mary J. Dougherty,

No. 230 East 114th Street,

New York City.

Madam:-

Yours of June 7th to His Honor, the Mayor, was referred to this Department. As the occupant of the stable Nos. 232-234 East One Hundred and Fourteenth Street failed to comply with the orders of the Board, a warrant was secured for his arrest and he was brought before a police magistrate. Promises were made from day to day that the horses should be removed, and they were removed on the 15th instant, which practically abates the nuisance complained of.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 18, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir :-

Enclosed please find three complaints forwarded to this Department by order of His Honor, the Mayor; also copies of letters addressed to Gustave Ginkl, Mary J. Dougherty and Emanuel Cohn, from which it appears that the nuisance complained of has been abated.

Very respectfully,

*Emmons*  
Secretary.

(Enclosures)

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No complaints against

Premises 1895. 94 + 93.

Inspections against  
premises adjoining premises this year.

Have inspection made  
~~to~~ to-morrow & have inspection  
all compliments. St. Y. June 11<sup>th</sup> 95

To The Hon. Mayor.

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Dear Sir

I wish that you would  
take notice to this letter  
as I have written to the  
Board of Health already  
3 times without satisfaction  
as I have got to move  
from 169 E. 108 St on account  
of the smell in the house  
as the sewerage is foul  
and the smell that

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the cellar is in a  
filthy condition, with  
old furniture, and you  
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of water, by please taking  
of this you will oblige  
a tenant. as the people  
say it has not got  
to be done as the  
agent has got a pull  
with the health officers

Resply,

M<sup>rs</sup>. Leary  
169. E. 108th

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# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, June 26, 1895

Mrs. Leavy,

No. 169 East 108th Street,

New York City.

Sir:-

Your complaint to His Honor, the Mayor, was referred to this Department on the 23rd instant. It does not appear from the records of this Department that you have ever made any complaint in respect to the condition of premises No. 169 East 108th Street. The premises were inspected June 26th and the inspector reports as follows:

"There is an opening in the lead waste pipe from the sink on the second and third floors; said opening is closed by a cork, thus allowing foul odors to escape. The second floor water-closet is filthy and the bowl is broken."

An order has been issued and served upon the owner to repair these defects. The inspector in his report makes the following note:

"The janitor informed me that the tenant of second floor has been dispossessed. Said apartments are filthy and are occupied by Mrs. Leavy, the complainant."

This house is built on swamp land and the cellar is cemented

2- Mrs. Leavy, June 26, 1895.

"and drained so that all water that may enter the same can be readily pumped into the sewer."

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

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# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, June 26, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 24th enclosing the complaint of Mrs. Leavy, No. 169 East 108th Street, was duly received, and an inspection was made on the 26th instant. I enclose copy of report made to complainant, together with original complaint.

Very respectfully,

*Erasmus*  
Secretary.

(2 Enclosures)

"This the latest addition to the long list of amusement houses, combines all of the most recent improvements."—  
N. Y. HERALD.

**HERALD  
SQUARE  
THEATRE**

"It has often been said that the situation of this house at the Northwest corner of Broadway and 35th Street, was the best in the City."—N. Y. TRIBUNE.

COR. BROADWAY AND 35TH STREET.

CHAS. E. EVANS, PROPRIETOR.  
W. D. MANN, . . . MANAGER.

NEW YORK, June 24th, '95. 189 .

Hon. W. L. Strong,

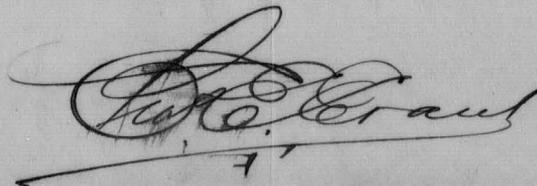
Mayor, New York, N.Y.

Dear sir:

Again I respectfully call your attention to the lot adjoining my house at No. 220 W. 122nd St., City. It has become the dumping place for the neighborhood's refuse and the stench of decomposing carcasses of animals makes it an unbearable nuisance and a menace to health. The fencing of the lot might prevent the dumping and abate the Health Board's violations, but it is imperative that <sup>the</sup> refuse be removed immediately. You will understand that the hot weather intensifies the condition.

Wont you kindly refer this plaint to the department entrusted with the power of prevention and abatement of this phase of public nuisance, and oblige

Yours respectfully,

  
W. D. Mann

June 28

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# Health Department,

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(Criminal Court Building.)

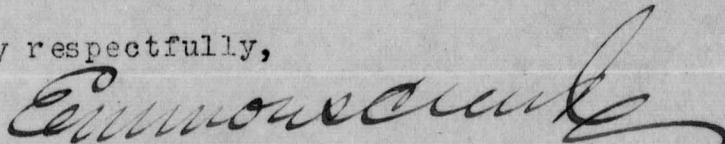
New York, June 28, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find complaint of Charles E. Evans,  
in respect to premises Nos. 222-228 West One Hundred and Twenty-  
eighth Street, referred to this Department on the 25th instant,  
with a copy of letter addressed this day to complainant.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, June 28, 1895

Charles E. Evans, Esq.,

Herald Square Theater,

Broadway and 36th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 24th to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. An order was issued some time since for the fencing of the lots Nos. 222-228 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Street. Upon inspection made June 27th by an officer of this Department it appears that the lots are entirely clean and are being filled with fresh earth, so far as is necessary to make a foundation for a fence, and that the lots will be fenced without unnecessary delay.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, July 3, 1895

William F. Brandt, Esq.,

No. 54 Greenwich Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your complaint addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, in respect to the occupation of the street in your vicinity by relay horses of the Seventh Avenue Railroad Company, has been referred to the Police Department. Similar complaints in respect to the occupation of the street at the place above named, as well as by the Second Avenue Railroad Company at Twenty-ninth Street, have been referred, after consultation between the President of this Board and the President of the Board of Police, to the Police Department for the enforcement of the corporation ordinance which prohibits such occupation. This Board has not been informed as to the action of the Board of Police in the premises.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,  
Secretary.

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# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
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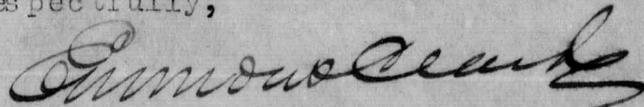
New York, July 3, 1895

Job N. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of communication addressed to William F. Brandt, No. 54 Greenwich Avenue, who complained of the occupation of the street in that vicinity by relay horses of the Seventh Avenue Railroad Company.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

(Enclosure)

*Health Department,*  
*Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,*  
*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*New York,* July 3, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 2nd enclosing a postal card (which has been mislaid) complaining of a dead dog in front of premises No. 181 Eleventh Avenue, was duly received, and upon communication with the Contractor at the offal dock, it was learned that the dead dog at No. 181 Eleventh Avenue was reported at two-thirty P.M. June 29th; was sent for June 30th and dog not found; sent for again July 2nd and dog not found. If the party complaining would report through the police station to the Contractor, at the foot of West Thirtieth Street, where the dog can be found, there will be no delay in its removal.

Very respectfully,

*Erasmus A. Clark*  
Secretary.

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 5, 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

The complaint which you handed me on the 3rd instant, made by Mr. C. Wichmann of No. 214 East Thirteenth Street, in respect to noise from the printing presses of the Trow City Directory Company, was referred to Dr. Edward W. Martin, Chemist, in charge of Inspectors of Offensive Trades, and he reports as follows:-

"Printing is done on second floor in rear of complainant's house daily from six A.M. until six P.M., and on Thursdays until eleven P.M. and often later. At times the work is carried on on other days until eleven or even twelve P.M. The presses which are used for the work at night will be moved this week to the part of the building occupied by Trow's Company and no work will be done at night in the rear.

"I did not see Mr. Wichman as he was not in, but left word for him as above.

"At the other places named in the complaint none of the people desired to make a complaint. All were notified to inform the Department should they have cause for complaint. The premises will be kept under observation nightly for the present."

Very respectfully,

*Curmons Clark*

Secretary.

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JAMES O. ...  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 9, 1892

Messrs. Ruland and Whiting,

Temple Court, Cor. Beekman and Nassau Sts.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of June 29th to His Honor, the Mayor, in respect to alleged nuisance maintained by one of the tenants of the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge during the past two years, and claiming that no relief can be obtained from the Board of Health, has been referred to the President of this Department for attention and report direct to complainant. You are well aware that this case has received great consideration from this Board and its officers, and you have on several occasions been informed of their views upon the subject.

The establishment of Luyties Bros. is upon premises owned absolutely in fee simple by the cities of New York and Brooklyn for the purposes of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, and leased to said Luyties Bros. for business purposes under authority conferred upon said Trustees by Chapter 368, Laws of 1892. The high building known as the Metropolitan Realty Building, Nos. 214-218 William Street and 18-20 Rose Street, takes air and light on its southerly side from Bridge property, which is not a public street. Such being

2- Ruland and Whiting, July 9, 1895.

the fact, this building should protect itself as far as its southerly windows are concerned against smoke or other annoyance that may come from the Bridge property in the legitimate use of said property. The best fuel is used by Luyties Bros. in their establishment, and no unnecessary smoke is produced, and this party has offered to extend the smoke pipe complained of above the Metropolitan Realty Building, provided its necessary attachment thereto is allowed, but this has been denied by the owners of that building.

The question in this case is largely one of property interest and not an important sanitary one, as the building is not used as a human habitation. The Board of Health does not knowingly allow its powers to be used in determining the property rights and conflicting claims of adjoining owners, and in this case you and others have been frequently advised by officers of this Board to obtain a decision from the courts. If the parties complained of have no right to prosecute their business at their present location and in the present condition, a legal injunction could be doubtless obtained without delay. A copy of a communication from the attorneys of the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge recently received is hereto attached.

The Board of Health will take no further action in this case until a legal decision has been obtained as to the rights of the parties in the premises.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 9, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held July 9th, it was, on motion,

"**RESOLVED**, That the communication of this date to Messrs. Ruland and Whiting, Temple Court, corner Beekman and Nassau Streets, submitted by the Secretary, in reply to their communication to His Honor, the Mayor, dated June 29th, in respect to an alleged nuisance maintained by one of the tenants of the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, is hereby approved, as it expresses the unanimous opinion of this Board as to the case in question."

Enclosed please find a copy of the communication above referred to, which has this day been mailed to Messrs. Ruland and Whiting.

Very respectfully,

*Erasmus A. ...*  
Secretary.

Charleston June 20th. 1895

Dear W. G. Strong  
Mayor of New York.

Honored Sir.

I take the liberty to write to you about my wandering son. I will not trespass on your valuable time only as little as possible, knowing that you will sympathise with his sorrowing Mother, My Husband died years ago, and this only son being very delicate had his own way, I fearing to chastise him would make him sicker than he was, so he grew up a willful boy & young man, and wanted to see the world. I begged and entreated him not to go, but he said that Charleston had lost all taste for him, so he left home about five years ago. I heard from once at Tampa Florida with the pirates, but in four years not one line, until to day when

I heard that He was dead, and that He died in one of the Hospitals in New York City. But I became so nervous and Heart sore that I forgot the name of the Hospital or street and that he had been kept for two days, to be identified, I will now describe my son Mitchell Brenner is about 5 ft. 2 in; fair skin, blue eyes & dark brown hair, (soon burnt) and very delicate looking, his limbs from his knees to his feet had erysipelas, and at times he had to go on crutches, his accent was very like a North Carolinian or one playing in the Minstrels, He had suffered so much that his face had an aged look, He is an heir to property from my Brother's estate at my death, and I would be rejoiced to see him once more or bring his body home, any information concerning him it will be most thankfully received by his distressed Mother.

Yours Most Respectfully  
Mrs Ann. Brenner.

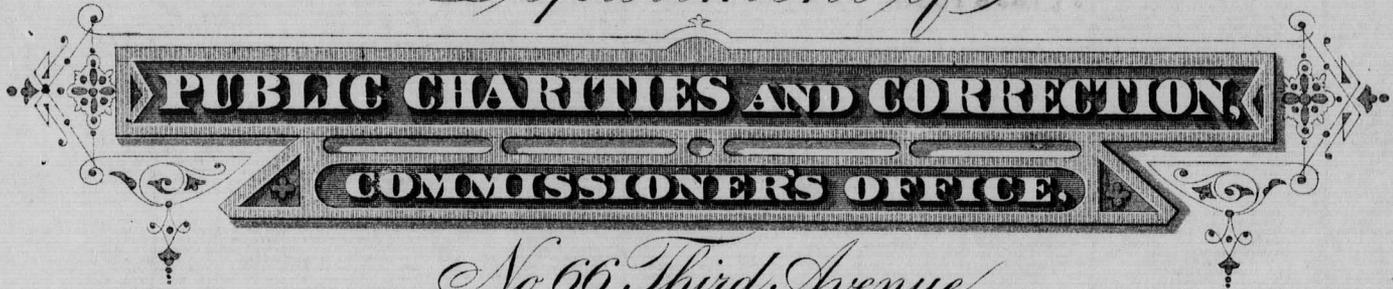
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74. Lime St.  
Charleston S. C.

*John P. Faure.*

*H. H. Porter, Pres.*

*Robert J. Wright.*

*Department of*



*No. 66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

July 9th,

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GEORGE F. BRITTON,  
SECRETARY.

Hon. Charles G. Wilson,

President, Department of Health.

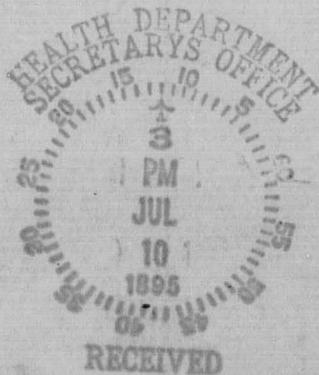
Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter was referred to our Board by his Honor Mayor Strong. A careful investigation of the records of this Department fails to show the name of Mitchel Bremer, as an inmate, during the past five years; nor can it be found on the books of the Morgue. The matter is referred to your Department, with the hope that, if the young man died in New York, you will have the record of his death.

By order,

A cursive handwritten signature that reads "G. F. Britton".

Secretary.



# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

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New York, July 11, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find communication from G. F. Britton, Secretary Department of Public Charities and Correction, in respect to a letter of Mrs. Ann Bremer, No. 74 Line Street, Charleston, South Carolina, which was referred to that Department by order of His Honor, the Mayor.

The records of deaths in this Department have been searched from January 1, 1890, to July 1, 1895, for the death of Mitchell Bremer and the name is not found.

Very respectfully,

*Emmoue Clark*  
Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 11, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held July 2nd, it was

**RESOLVED,**

That, upon the report of the Sanitary Superintendent that the application of Charles Froman, of 644 East Twelfth Street, to conduct scavenger business meets the requirements of the Board of Health, the Board respectfully recommends to His Honor, the Mayor, that a license as Scavenger be granted.

**RESOLVED,**

That, upon the report of the Sanitary Superintendent that the application of George Lachenauer, of 215 South Twelfth Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, to conduct scavenger business meets the requirements of the Board of Health, the Board respectfully recommends to His Honor, the Mayor, that a license as Scavenger

be granted.,  
A TRUE COPY,

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Secretary.

July 18

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 18, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held July 16th, the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED, That upon the report of the Sanitary Superintendent that the application of David Hoag, of Ninth Street, near White Plains Avenue, Williamsbridge, to conduct scavenger business, meets the requirements of the Board of Health, the Board recommends to His Honor, the Mayor, that a license as Scavenger be granted.

A TRUE COPY,

*Emmons*  
Secretary.

449 East 121st Str.

To the Mayor,  
City of New York.

Sir:-

On May 27th I made a complaint to you, that in spite of my repeated complaints nothing had been done in this house to improve the sanitary conditions.

You referred the matter at the time to <sup>the</sup> board of health but nothing has been done yet in the matter.

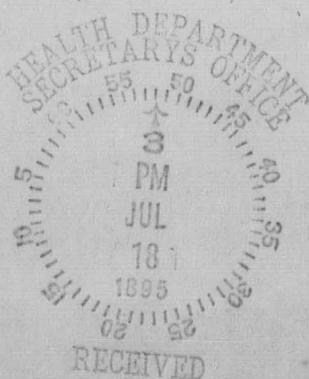
As a result I beg to report that my wife has been taken sick since with typhoid fever due ~~to~~ to bad plumbing. My physician Dr. Jas. Law states that he considers the condition of plumbing highly injurious and of great influence to retard recovery ~~from~~ the sickness.

Will you kindly give this matter your personal attention to see if nothing can be done at once without preliminary red tape, which will render any help too late as far as the patient is concerned.

I am

yours very truly,

*Alston Isakovic*



# Health Department.

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 20, 1895

(COPY)

Alois Van Isakovics, Esq.,

No. 449 East 121st Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th instant to this Department was duly received, and your letter to His Honor, the Mayor, undated, has been referred to this Department to answer. It appears from the records of this Department that the premises referred to were inspected on the 10th day of July and an order was issued July 12th, requiring "that the connection between the sink and waste pipe in the kitchen be properly repaired and made tight; that the pan water-closet on the second floor be replaced by a new water-closet properly adjusted; that each water-closet be flushed by a water-supplied cistern adjusted over the same; that the cover of the handhole and the running trap of the house drain be secured by a gas-tight joint and the opening of the fresh air inlet pipe be extended to the external air, and that the roof be repaired so as not to leak." This order was mailed July 12th to John B. Haskin, Fordham, who is said to be the owner. It having been ascertained on reinspection that no work had been done and that the order had not been complied with, a notice was sent to Mr. Haskin July 18th

2-A. Van Isakovics, July 20, 1895.

that unless the work was immediately commenced the Board would order the premises vacated. This is the situation at the present time, and no effort will be spared to secure a full compliance with the order. The absence of Mr. Haskin from the city may possibly be the cause of his delay to comply with the order.

Typhoid fever is a disease which is not attributed to defective plumbing by sanitary authorities, but to a typhoid germ received from food or drink. I am not informed as to the terms of your lease, but leases generally require the tenants to make ordinary repairs, and in any case it would seem reasonable that you should make the trifling repairs necessary to the water-closet on the second floor without waiting for the owner to put in a new closet.

The Sanitary Superintendent and Attorney of this Department have been instructed to spare no effort and use every measure within the power of the Board to secure prompt and full compliance with the order.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

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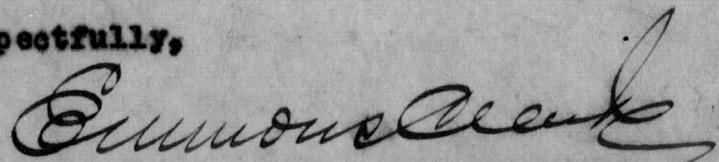
New York, July 20, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 18th was duly received, with complaint of A. Van Isakovics, No. 449 East 121st Street. In compliance with your request I enclose a copy of letter addressed this day to complainant, and also return herewith his complaint.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, July 24, 1895

Edward Berger, Esq.,  
No. 460 Sixth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 22nd to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. Your complaint directed to the Board of Health, dated July 13th, was received at nine o'clock A.M. July 15th, and an inspection of the premises No. 458 Sixth Avenue was made July 16th. The inspector reported "that storm water falling on the surface of area in front of saloon finds its way into the cellar of No. 460 Sixth Avenue, causing the same to be damp. Said area is not drained," and recommending "that the area in front of saloon be graded so as to discharge all surface water into a properly trapped sewer connected drain." An order was issued July 18th in accordance with the recommendations of the inspector, and mailed to Mr. Jacquin, said to be the owner of the premises, on that day. The owner is allowed five days by law in which to commence the work required by the order, and that time has not yet expired. At the expiration of the five days a reinspection will be made, and if the order is not complied with or the work commenced, the Board will proceed to enforce the order in the manner prescribed by law.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark, Secretary.

*Health Department,*

*Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)*

*New York,* July 24, 1895

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Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 23rd with complaint of Edward Berger,  
No. 460 Sixth Avenue, was duly received. Enclosed please find  
copy of communication addressed this day to Edward Berger, togeth-  
er with his complaint.

Very respectfully,

*Emmoussault*  
Secretary.

(Enclosure)

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1097 PARK AVENUE,

Cor. 89th Street.

New York, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1895

To Hon. Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
Dear Sir,

Allow me to inform You,  
that I have reported to the  
Health Board about 5 or 6  
Weeks ago the condition of  
my Celler complete & I keep  
my Drug Store, it originates  
from the adjoining Celler, where  
Ice is kept on Storage, and  
no proper drainage or plumbing  
has been arranged.

Mr Lawrence of

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The Health <sup>Brand</sup> has investigated  
ed & reported the same but  
I regret to say my time has  
been done up to this time,

Had I not disinfected  
the Celler myself, I could  
not have been able to carry on  
my business. The doctor  
is something unbearable;

The Landlord Mr  
Horsfield Attorney in fact for  
McO'Sheehy, has been notified  
in due time, and has promised  
to remove them. I remain in said

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Celler, but I understand, that  
he consented for Lewis to see  
main.

Will your Honor please  
attend to the above matter  
at your early convenience.  
Obliged Yours very Respectfully

S. Schmidt

N.B.

The Landlords address  
is Mr. Mansfield  
1377 Lexington av  
City

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, August 5, 1895

S. Schmidt, Esq.,

No. 1097 Park Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 31st to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. Upon the receipt of your complaint of June 24th an inspection was made of the premises No. 1097 Park Avenue, and it was ascertained that the icebox in the cellar was leaking and discharged into two overflowing pans, and that the cellar was flooded with water. An order was issued June 26th upon the occupant of the cellar, John Casey or Casini, requiring "that the icebox in the cellar be repaired so as not to leak, and waste pipe of icebox made to discharge into a properly trapped, sewer connected water supplied sink." It was ascertained upon reinspection that the order has been complied with and that water no longer is discharged from the icebox upon the cellar floor, and that the nuisance has been, therefore, abated.

Upon an inspection made of the same premises August 5th the Inspector reports "that the lead branch waste pipe of sink in rear of drug store is connected to a two inch main iron waste pipe in cellar by a defective lead saddle; that there is a small quantity

2- S. Schmidt, August 5, 1895.

"of stagnant water in the cellar under drug store; offensive odors  
"arise therefrom." An order has this day been issued and sent to  
Mr. Herschfield, No. 1377 Lexington Avenue, in charge of the prem-  
ises, requiring "that the stagnant water be removed from the cel-  
"lar and the cellar cleaned and disinfected, and that the lead  
"branch waste pipe be properly repaired," which order will be duly  
enforced.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

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32 W. 19, St. -  
N. Y. City -  
Aug. 9/95

Board of Health  
N. Y. City.

Gentlemen,

Will you  
please examine, at  
earliest convenience,  
Street & gutter in West  
19 St. No. 32, Barrels <sup>set 5-1/2" x 6" dia"</sup>  
of filthy water & mud  
are allowed to gather  
there by the Contractors.

next door & persons  
occupying No. 37  
are sick with ma-  
larial disease.

It needs prompt  
attention.

Respectfully  
V. Thompson M.D.

Have Roundmen Walsh  
visit to day & notify  
being so we can answer  
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32 W. 19 St. -

W. 4. City. -

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1915 -

Hon W. H. Strong.

Mayor City N.Y.

Dr. Sir,

Will you please cause to be removed from in front of No. 32 W. 19 St. barrels of filthy water & mud.

The Contractors next  
door have stopp'd  
the gutter & produc-  
ed this nuisance.

Pathe's occupying  
No. 32 W. 19 St. have  
been recently sick  
with Malarial  
fever.

Respectfully  
Y. Thompson M.D.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, August 14th, '95 189

Dr. V. Thompson,

32 West 19th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your complaint of August 9th, addressed to his Honor, the Mayor was referred by him to this Department to answer, and was received August 12th. The premises were inspected August 12th, and the following is the report of the inspecting Officer.

"The buildings from No. 32 West 19th Street to 6th Avenue have been torn down, and the ground is being excavated preparatory to putting up a large drygoods building thereon. There is a large pile of brick taken from the old torn down buildings, about 6 feet high, 6 feet wide and 200 feet long, which obstructs the street gutter, and all rain water lodges in front of No. 32. At the time of my inspection, there was about one barrel of water in front of premises evidently from the rain of the night previous. I saw Mr. Wm. Germond, who is superintendent of the work. He immediately had one of his workmen bail the water from the gutter in front of No. 32, and dump it on the north side of the street, where there was no obstruction. I saw complainant and told him the place would be kept under observation, and see no more water would be allowed to gather there."

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

A TRUE COPY.

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, August 14th, '95-189

Benj. S. Burrows, Esq.,

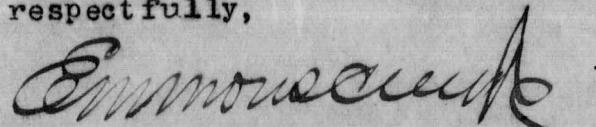
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York.

Sir:-

Yours of August 10th, enclosing a complaint addressed to his Honor, the Mayor, by Dr. V. Thompson of 32 West 19th Street, was duly received, and I return said complaint herewith, together with a copy of a letter addressed this day to Dr. Thompson.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

Two enclosures.

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Will Mr Wilson please  
look into this place  
W L Strong

New York Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1905

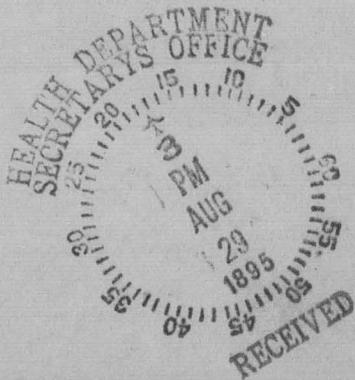
Hon. Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

I have complained  
to the Board of Health  
but of no avail.

A party occupying  
a store about 15 feet  
deep and about 10 feet  
wide, the same is  
used as a harness  
shop and sleeping  
apartments for himself  
wife and five children.  
Kindly send an officer  
to the store (20 Willett

Street) to be examined  
if the same continues  
no doubt it will breed  
disease and sickness  
hoping your Honor  
will kindly attend to  
same, you will confer  
a favor upon one of  
your Obedient Servants  
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# Health Department,

Centre Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, August 30, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The anonymous complaint, addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, in respect to premises No. 20 Willett Street, is returned herewith, with the following statement:-

Upon a complaint of the same party, made June 12th, the premises were inspected June 13th, and his statement in respect to the number of persons occupying the premises was found to be incorrect. It was also found that there was a much larger amount of air to each person than is required by law. An order, however, was issued June 21st, for additional ventilation of the premises, and for cleaning and whitewashing, which has been in the more material particulars complied with. The premises have changed owners recently, and the new owner, Solomon Kutner, of No. 4 Baxter Street, promises without delay to put the premises in complete order.

Very respectfully,

*Emmerson Clark*  
Secretary.

City Hall, New York City

Secretary's Office of the Mayor,

309 E. Hedden, Bldg. 4

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*Handwritten address:*  
Mr. Wm. H. Wood  
City Hall  
New York City

August 30,

Aug 28



# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, September 5, 1895

Benjamin L. Burrows, Esq.,  
Confidential Clerk, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with yours of August 30th I return herewith the letter of Mrs. Lina Schneider, No. 2627 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and respectfully state that a transcript of the record of marriage requested by her has been this day forwarded, and the sum of one dollar and forty-seven cents (\$1.47) has been returned to her, being the amount in excess of the legal fee.

Very respectfully,

*Erasmus Clark*  
Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Benjamin P. Taylor

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 19, 1895

Chas. F. Roberts, M.D.,  
Sanitary Superintendent.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report in regard to premises No. 36  
Willet Street:

Said premises were inspected by an Inspector of this De-  
partment on a citizen's complaint, September 11, 1895, and an  
order was made recommending improvement in the sanitary condi-  
tion of the premises. He also reported no stable on the prem-  
ises.

I visited the premises this morning, and find the facts  
as stated. There is a congregation on the ground floor in  
the rear of store, and the room is very much crowded, and in  
case of fire will endanger the lives of those attending there.  
I recommend that the complaint be referred to the Fire Depart-  
ment.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) F. H. Dillingham, M.D.,

Assistant Sanitary Superintendent

A TRUE COPY,

Secretary.

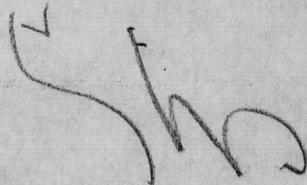
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Order. S. Robert

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 19, 1895

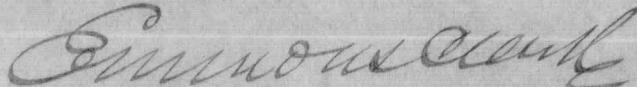


Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Sir:-

The enclosed complaint received from His Honor, the Mayor,  
is returned with a copy of a report of the Assistant Sanitary  
Superintendent, dated September 19th, thereon.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

Enclosure.

SOL. DUCKER,

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SOL. DUCKER & CO.,

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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
COMPLAINT NO. 370

New York, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895  
Honorable Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir;

There is a big nuisance maintained back of our store in a building in the rear of us which has made our employees sick and we have repeatedly made complaint to the Board of Health but it seems they are not able to remedy the evil.

Kindly instruct the Board again to take immediate steps to stop this nuisance

Yr greatly oblige  
Very Resp Yours

Sol Ducker & Co

Referred to  
Health Dept  
SEP 24 1895  
for examination and report.  
W. L. Strong,

MAYOR.

The smell is enough to knock you down

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# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 30, 1895

Messrs. Sol Ducker and Co.,  
Nos. 199-210 Greenwich Street,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of September 23d to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department for examination and report. A complaint was received August 14th in respect to nuisance at Nos. 208-210 Wooster Street, and upon the report of a Sanitary Inspector an order was issued August 16th, requiring "that the nuisance caused by the discharge of steam from the premises into the windows of Nos. 199-210 Greenwich Street be abated." On the 24th of August the Chemist reported that the nuisance was abated. Upon the receipt of your complaint another inspector visited the premises September 25th, and reported as follows:-

"A sheet metal 12 inch shaft, cowl covered, extends about six feet above the extension in the rear, and the moveable glazed sashes in the roof of said extension are left open. These conditions cause offensive odors to enter the rear windows of houses on Greenwich Street adjoining."

On the 26th day of September an order was issued requiring "that the ventilating shaft in the roof of the extension be extended two (2) feet above the roof of the main building and that the nuisance caused by foul odors escaping from open windows in the roof of the

2- S. Ducker & Co., Sept. 30, 1895.

extension be abated." At the end of the five days prescribed by the order the premises will be again inspected, and if the order last named has not been complied with the Board will take the necessary measures to enforce the same.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

# Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,  
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, September 30, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of September 24th enclosing a complaint to His Honor, the Mayor, made by Sol Ducker and Co. and dated September 23d, in respect to premises Nos. 208-210 Wooster Street, was duly received, and a communication addressed to the complainant, (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) reports to His Honor, the Mayor, the action taken by this Board in the premises.

Very respectfully,

*Thomas Clark*

Secretary.

Enclosures.