

New York Sep 24th 1897

Mayor Strong's
Private Secretary

Dear Sir

Your letter from the Mayor received and contents noted. You suggest that it would be a good plan for me to submit copies of the Gleason campaign song to all the managers of the anti-Tammany political campaign. I have mailed copies of the campaign song to every anti-Tammany leader in Greater New York some time ago.

I remain Yours Truly

P. Ryan 347 Est 30th St

THE CABLE BUILDING,
621 BROADWAY.

Sept 24th 1897

Dear Mr. Mayor,
William Corcoran
presented your letter - and
was directed to Employment
Monday morning -

It gives me more pleasure
to respond promptly to a
request from you. than it
could possibly be to you
to know it had received atten-
-tion.

Very sincerely yours
Edw. L. Strong
Edw. L. Strong

138 East 36th Street.

Sept. 24. '96

Wm. W. L. Strong

My dear Sir

Pursuant to my
verbal suggestion
to you today I beg
herewith to respect-
fully present my
resignation as a mem-
ber of the Supervisory
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Very truly
Yrs
Geo. Sturges

138 East 36th Street.

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Sept. 24-97

247 FIFTH AVENUE.

My dear Col. Strong-

The absence of both of my colleagues for the past two weeks has kept me so closely confined to Fire Headquarters as to prevent my getting to the City Hall as often as I would like. They are still away and may not return for another week - and as Chief Bonner is also off on vacation I am kept pretty hard at it.

I have wanted to see
you again in relation
to naming the new
fire boat. It seems to
me that it would be
very fitting to have it
called the "William L.
Strong". This is
peculiarly your own
administration; and
no matter what happens
this Fall no man and
no set of men can
rob you of the honor
and the credit of the
good it has brought to
the people of this great
city. I simply thought
the naming of this boat

after you would be another way
of fixing a peg in history - but I
leave the determination of the matter
absolutely to your own good
judgment.

I am leaving the City for over
Sunday as I am thoroughly in need
of rest when the end of the week
comes at hand. But next week I
shall try and see you. I have had
some hopes of the political situation
but today it looks bad. And the

whole fight will have
to be made on the
record of your adminis-
tration which is the
only chance of victory
and yet you are not
the nominee - But who
knows - !

With very best wishes
always

Sincerely yours
James M. Sheffield
Gen. William L. Strong -

*Sickels, Sweet & Lyon,
Wholesale Hardware & Cutlery,
35 Barclay St. & 40 Park Place.*

New York, September 24th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

New York.

Dear Sir: -

I hereby tender my resignation as School
Inspector of the Twenty-fourth District. Removal
from the district renders this necessary.

Respectfully,

Robert Sickels

LAW OFFICES OF
Hawes & Norman,
Equitable Building,
(120 BROADWAY)
New York.

GILBERT RAY HAWES A LIVINGSTON NORMAN.
CABLE ADDRESS "SCENIC"
TELEPHONE 1143 CORTLANDT.

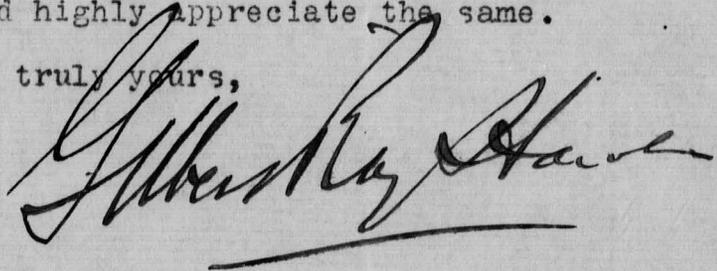
Sept. 24th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Mayor:-

You know how interested I am in literary matters and what efforts I have made, in conjunction with others, to preserve and restore our city library. If you can so arrange it as to designate me as one of the parties to receive the recently published volumes of Dutch Records, I should highly appreciate the same.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gilbert Ray Hawes", with a horizontal line underneath.



New York City, September 25, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed Resolutions of the Paving Inspectors were unanimously passed by District Assembly 49 Knights of Labor at their last regular meeting which was attended by the Representatives of over Fifty thousand men. The Paving Inspectors are a body of men who have performed faithful service for a number of years, but whose faithfulness and length of service have never been fully recognized. We believe Mr. Mayor that you would reward merit and length of service in your own business, and as your administration is being conducted on business principles, would you not recommend reward in this instance?

We therefore respectfully request that a hearing be given a Committee of Representative Men before the Board of Apportionment when they will show your Honorable Body where the City will save thousands of dollars by bringing about this very necessary reform.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Michael Kelly
Secretary.



New York City, 1897.

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Would not the best interests of the City be served by paying an annual salary to us, "The Civil Service Inspectors" who have had, and always will have the public interest at heart?

The Building Inspector receives an annual salary. The ENGINEER INSPECTOR of Paving, a recent creation receives \$3.50 per diem and overtime while on contract work, and when not employed on contract work at the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

Why then should we be exempted, when there is sufficient work for us, providing our positions are not usurped by incompetents?

Why not pay us an annual salary?

We are sure that the continual employment of a competent, practical, honest body of Inspectors, to supervise ALL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS to the City will repay the City ten fold for the money expended on their salaries by saving Thousands of dollars to the taxpayers, and make this metropolis what it should be.

We sincerely hope this will meet with your approval.

RESPECTFULLY,

Michael. Kelly
Secretary





New York City,.....1897.

We, the Inspectors' Association K. of L. respectfully ask for an annual salary of \$1,200, in lieu of the per diem wages we are now receiving.

Why we ask this-

We are competent, practical men, some of many years' service, who have passed competitive Civil Service examinations for the position of Inspector of Paving, and being appointed as such, should, in the interests of the City, be regularly employed. As the case now stands, many of us do not receive 6 months' wages out of the 12, because it is claimed there is not sufficient work, we being employed only on contracts. Work, however, can be found for us, if the miles of street openings made every year by Plumbers, Gas, Subway, Railroad, and other corporations were supervised by an Inspector of Paving, instead of, as now, by men who are known as "Corporation Inspectors", these men are not practical, neither have they passed Civil Service examination - they are appointed by the Commissioners of the different departments, paid by the various above mentioned Corporations at the rate of \$120 per month, thereby serving two heads. Can conscientious work be done in this way?

It is a common occurrence to see these corporations tearing up pavements, for the purpose of laying pipe, making connections, etc. and upon completion of same, instead of refilling the excavations made, and restoring the pavement to its former condition, have the work so done, that the result is many depressions soon after the pavement is relayed. This would not happen if supervised by competent Inspectors. We would call your attention to a communication of February 24th, 1897, from Deputy Commissioner H. P. Wilds to the President of the Board of Aldermen, relative to "The restoration of pavements over openings made in public streets by Plumbers", which plainly shows the necessity of proper supervision.



JAMES E. MARCH.

James E. March Association

37 MARION ST.,



NEW YORK.



HEADQUARTERS

Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor of City

New York, 9/26/1897.

Sir:

I wrote you several days ago requesting that you honor us by reviewing our parade as it passes through City Hall Park on the morning of Wednesday 29th inst, that being the occasion of our annual outing - I have not yet received an answer, but presume that your silence gives consent and that we shall have the distinguished privilege of being reviewed by yourself and friends the same as we were last year - Our Standard-bearer, Mr James E. March intended to visit you to receive your reply in person, but for the past few days unexpected pressure of business has prevented him - We will pass through City Hall Park between 9⁴⁵ to 10⁴⁵, D.V.

Hoping to be honored by an early reply accepting our respectful invitation

Remain Sir, Very Respy B. Goldsworth - Secy

Cable Address:
"PARKAVENUE"

PARK AVENUE,
32 TO 33 STREET.

AMERICAN
AND
EUROPEAN PLAN.

WM. H. EARLE,
PROPRIETOR.

New York, Sept. 26 1897

Dear Sir:

I want to obtain an interview with you for publication in a syndicate of about 80 daily newspapers — a non-political interview which I shall be glad to submit to you before publication.

I shall call tomorrow for the purpose of learning whether I can talk with you and when.

Respectfully,
George Frankham Bain

Hon. W. L. Strong -

MANAGER
BAIN'S PRESS SYNDICATE,
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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION,
FURNISHING MATERIAL TO 8000 NEWSPAPERS.
P. O. BOX 184, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Park Ave. Hotel,
New York, Sept. 27.

My dear sir;

I am at a loss to understand why ~~the~~
Mayor turned me down with such vigor unless
he was laboring under some misapprehens-
ion of my identity or my mission. If this
should be true, I shall be glad to call again.

Thanking you for your personal cour-
tesy, I am,
Yours very truly,
George Grantham Bain

Mayor's Secretary,

New York 27 Sept. 97

The Honor Mayor Strong
City

I have spent all last year's summer in Havana where I have been experimenting with one of my remedies which will cure positively in a day "yellow fever", at the same time I became greatly experienced.

I am willing to go to the diseased district, but as I have been some months out of employment and without money I cannot get there.

I read that Your Honor received an appeal for help from the Mayor and Council of Biloxi Miss.

I am willing at any

time to start for those countries where I can give the greatest satisfaction in removing the disease and in helping the patients.

Hoping that Your Honor will consider this I put myself at your disposition.

I remain
Yours Very Respectfully

Ernest Bajoni Chimist

400 West Broadway.



DE VOURSNEY BROTHERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

COACH, CARRIAGE,

Fire Engine, Hose Carriage and Truck Lamps,

389 Broome Street,

New York, September 27, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,
City.

Dear Sir:-

The Metropolitan Railway Company has torn up Broome St. from the Bowery to Center St., and the street is impassible, and we, as property owners, doing business on said street, are deprived of the use of the street, and our business is greatly damaged thereby.

Have we any redress against the Railway Co. of the city for damages, or have we no rights that railroad companies need respect, and how long is this condition of things to last? It is now about six weeks or more, and operations now have ceased.

Please let us know if you can do anything to relieve us, or must we commence action in the



DE VOURSNEY BROTHERS,

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389 Broome Street,

New York,

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courts for redress?

Respectfully yours,

De Voursney Bros

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK
Nº 1 MADISON AVENUE,
NEW YORK.

September 27th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall, City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I enclose to you herewith tickets for Box. 39 for the First
Republican City Convention . I hope you find them of service.

Faithfully yours,

Leunel E. Quigg.

Personal

640 Madison Avenue, .

Sept. 23th 1897.

To

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

S i r:-

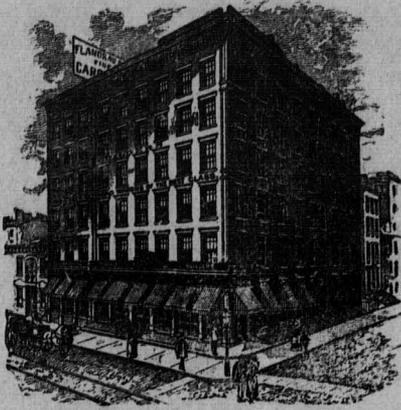
The Board did not organize yesterday. Should you be consulted farther in the matter I take this method of saying (for I shall not be present) that while I regard my special duties to be a close and constant inspection and supervision of the service of each institution and of the new buildings being erected, I am quite willing to assume the duties of President, in accordance with *the* views you expressed to us yesterday.

Very respectfully yours,

Stephen Smith

CABLE "FLANDRAU"

TELEPHONE "SPRING 45"



FLANDRAU & CO.
TRADE MARK

**CARRIAGE
BUILDERS.**

KEYES & WILSON,
DANIEL T. WILSON, FIRM.

372 374 & 376 BROOME ST.

NEW YORK. September 28, 1897.

Answering yours of

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

Dear Sir:-

We beg leave to call your attention to the condition of Broome St., which has been in its present horrible condition since the middle of August.

The railroad company started to lay a single track; then stopped and went on to put down a double track, which they have done. They have moved the water and gas pipes and opened the street for more than half the way. We have paving blocks all across the front and gravel on our side entrance, though this last condition has been much modified in the last few days, but it is impossible for any customer of ours to drive to the door. They have to get off at some distance below and walk up, or go around the back way, and it is a serious loss to us, and we must hold somebody responsible for it.

The street is now in a horrible condition and there is not a stroke of work being done upon it, and it is an injustice, and we appeal to you, knowing that you will do all that you can to facilitate the restoral of the street to its proper condition and allow us a chance to use the property to do business in, for which we pay the taxes. We don't care whether it is the Department of Public Works, the Board of Aldermen, or the Metropolitan Railway Co., we ask that this street be put in such shape and made so that our business can be transacted, and let these outside parties fight their battles somewhere else except in front of our doors.

Believing that you will give this the prompt attention it deserves, we are,

Yours respectfully,

Flandrau Co.

*We occupy
372, 374, 376 Broome St.
& 179 Mott St*

New York September 29th 1897.

Dear Sir will you please let me
Have the permission to ask your
Honor to grant me permission to
Beg through the City of new York.
As i am very sorry to say that this
Is the only way that I can support
My self ~~and~~ a young man 23 years
and was Born in new York City
I have a Farther working as Watchman
But he only get six dollars a week
And I have a Brother working But
He only get enough to support
Him self and one Dauther so I
Though your Honor would grant
Me Permission to Beg I got Blind
while working ~~at~~ the J. Band & M
Cornell iron Foundry June 13th
1895. I remain your humble
Servant James Egan 2064
First Avenue New York City

I am. An. American citizen

EUROPEAN AGENCIES—MRS. S. RUMBALL (Court Hairdresser), 151 New Bond Street, London;
ROBERTS & CO., 5 Rue de la Paix, Paris;
LUIGID d'EMILIO, Royal Pharmacist, Naples, Italy.



MARY SCOTT ROWLAND

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SALESROOM AND LABORATORY,

123 FIFTH AVENUE,

(Bet. 19th & 20th Sts.)



Cable Address, "Scottrow."

NEW YORK, Sept 29 1897

W. N. Strong Esq Sir;

I should think that a commission should be appointed at once to enquire into beliefs T Hollis' mental condition for certainly no sane man would allow contractors to do what they are now doing.

This block (19th + 20th) when I returned on Sunday night I found full of croking which I fully expected to see men putting in place on the next

morning (Monday) it is now Wednesday
afternoon and not a thing has
been done, three fine days lost.

Of course no asphaltting can
be done until the curbing is
laid, and those doing this work
are loud in their condemnation
of Genl Collier who permits contractors
to thus retard the work.

If the business people of
this avenue haven't been badly
treated then I don't know who
has. I am only one of the many
who have suffered pecuniarily
beyond estimate,

Mary Scott Rowland.

GEORGE E. BEMIS, President,
13 Astor Place.

Rev. D. REDMOND, Ph. D., Vice-Pres.
125 St. Mark's Place.

Miss H. JOLLENBECK, Secretary,
415 W. 54th Street.

Miss E. M. JOHNSTON, Treasurer,
241 E. 30th Street.

Mrs. JOHN W. TRIMMER, Junior Sup't.
61 Grove Street.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.
NEW YORK CITY LOCAL UNION.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boundaries:--34th Street to 5th Avenue, to Washington Square
to Broadway to Battery--East.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. E. K. SPEIDEN, Look-out,
30 W. 9th Street.

Mr. CHAS. W. LAWRENCE, Missionary,
227 E. 48th Street.

Rev. D. REDMOND, Ph. D., Temperance,
125 St. Mark's Place.

Mr. M. R. BIRNIE, Good Citizenship,
280 Rivington Street.

Mr. J. VICTOR MILLER, Evangelical Work,
134 Nassau Street, Brooklyn.

280 Rivington Street, New York,

September 29, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

The condition of many of our streets on the east side last Sunday was disgraceful. In some places it was dangerous and almost impossible for people to traverse the sidewalks. Trucks loaded with chicken boxes, express wagons, push-carts and baskets blocked our streets and sidewalks on every side.

From what information as our committee could gather, it appears that you are mainly responsible for this state of things. Why a class of people who do not observe the legal holidays of our State, should be permitted to violate the Sunday laws, simply because they have one or two religious holidays in the coming week, is an inconsistency we cannot explain, nor can we understand why the Mayor and the police department should sanction the open violation of any law.

Our Committee, representing the Christian citizens of the above territory, regard this action on the part of our authorities as a reproach to our city, an injustice to our citizens, and a disgrace to our city government, and as such we enter our earnest protest. We believe that public sentiment will uphold us in this protest and in our demands to have an honest enforcement of the Sunday laws.

(Signed) On behalf of the
Christian Endeavor Committee on Good Citizenship,

~~Malcolm R. Birnie,~~
Chairman.

Malcolm R. Birnie

Copies of this letter will be sent to the New York press.

New York Sept 30th 1899

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor - City of New York
Dear Sir:

Mr Frank Parkley Copley, who is a working journalist, employed by the Evening World for over two years, desires to transfer his personality to Europe where he contemplates entering the journalistic field again. He has no acquaintance on the other side and a letter of identification from you, such as you gave to Messrs Hillegas and Sangree the young gentlemen, who went to

Africa a few months ago, will greatly aid in smoothing his way while making European connections &

You will incur the obligations of the writer, as well as those of Mr Copley's many friends on Park Row by complying with this request.

Very Resp^y,

Willis C. Pratt.

Ever your loved,

J.P. MORGAN & CO.
Wall St. Corner Broad.
New York.
DREXEL & CO.
Philadelphia.
MORGAN, HARJES & CO.
Paris.

New York, Sept. 30th, 1897. 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir,

This letter will introduce to you Mr. Arthur Perry of Boston, President of the Eastchester Electric Company, which is interested in lighting what were formerly the villages of Wakefield and Williams Bridge, and are now included in Greater New York.

Mr. Morgan simply desires to secure for Mr. Perry a cordial hearing in regard to some difficulties which his Company seems to be encountering, which he feels sure you will accord him.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Morgan

DR. ~~EMER~~ LEE,
10 W. 49th St.,
New York.

Office Hours, 9 to 12.
Telephone Connection.

Sep. 29, 1897.

My Dear Sir:-

The splendid improvements throughout the city representing the work of your department under the city government, and the stand by you against the further menace to health and peace of the people, in the matter of the contention in Amsterdam Ave, has won my confidence and high respect for the department now under your leadership.

The noble improvements planned and carried out by your department are regarded in the light of professional experience as of the highest usefulness to the whole community, and even of greater importance to health than the work of the department of health itself.

With my high respect and hope for still further public improvements, as fast as possible,

Sincerely,

Emmer Lee, M.D.

Gen. E. H. T. Collis,

New York.

DR. ELMER LEE,
10 W. 49th St.,
New York.

Office Hours, 9 to 12.
Telephone Connection.

Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

There is a wide belief that the public improvements now going on in Fifth Ave, are detrimental to health, this belief is shared in to some extent by physicians, but is in fact, without substantial proof. The excavations are detrimental to business and to convenience, and for these reasons the desirability of haste is justifiable. This work is as you say a great one and will ever constitute one of the many splendid and useful public works under your administration. It would greatly please me as it would others to see the completion of the work in Fifth Ave, but I am not impatient when aware as I am of the immensity of this improvement.

With great respect and confidence,

Elmer Lee, M.D.

Wm. Strong, Mayor,

New York.

Leonard Darbyshire,
160 Broadway.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, *New York,* Oct. 1, 1897.
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

The public mind is being attracted towards questions of municipal government as never before.

The general concensus of opinion with regard to such industries as gas, water, electric lighting, street railways, etc., seems to favor public control of franchises but private operation and management.

I should esteem it a favor to receive from you an expression of opinion upon the subject, together with the result of the operation of any of the above enterprises, either privately or by a municipality, which may have come under your notice.

Very truly yours,

Darbyshire



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
97 CEDAR STREET,

NEW YORK, October 1st, 1897,

Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear sir:-

It gives me very great pleasure to enclose the accompanying invitation to attend at Columbia University on the afternoon of October 16th, and participate in the placing of a tablet commemorative of the Battle of Harlem Heights. The Society will proceed by Boat to the scene and will be much gratified if you would accompany them and say a few words at the unveiling of the tablet.

We shall be escorted by a Regiment of U. S. Troops, and will be received by the University.

A carriage will be at your service from
the boat, and in the parade.

Yours very respectfully,

J. S. Tallmadge
President.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

COMMITTEE:

E. F. SWEENEY, CHAIRMAN
J. W. GODWIN
E. LOBE
S. ROSENBERG
A. B. STEWART
F. S. SYLVESTER
E. BRAINERD, SECRETARY

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, 1897.

DICTATED

TO ALL GOVERNORS OF STATES, AND MAYORS OF CITIES:

Dear Sir:--The number of letters received here from all parts of the country from persons who state it as their intention to go to Alaska and the Klondike in the Spring, including many from your own state, lead us to ask your consideration of this letter. Of course, it is probable that many such persons will not go, but in any case, the movement of population appears likely to be extraordinary.

Under these circumstances it is highly important to our people that they should be able to form some approximate idea, even if only a slight approximation, of how many are likely to come here. Will you, therefore, kindly oblige the undersigned by stating your impression on the following points:

1. How far has the "Klondike fever" affected your city or state?
2. What is your impression as to the number of persons who will start in the spring?
3. Do they appreciate the difficulties and hardships of the trip?
4. Will they be fully prepared for the expense of going?
5. Will they be likely, to any extent, to become a public charge?
6. When will they start?
7. Will there be many women?
8. Where do they expect to outfit?
9. How can they best be reached by an authentic statement of exactly what to expect.
10. Would you be willing to make public a carefully prepared statement, to be approved by public officers, showing the distances, dangers, and probable expense of an Alaskan prospecting journey?
11. In case the expected movement is large, is it your idea that Americans should be advised to go to the Canadian territory, or to the American, the chances for success in either being apparently about the same?

This bureau has been established by the Chamber of Commerce, to answer all questions as to outfitting, cost of transportation and the like from here, which is the chief point for such work, but the character of the questions asked by many who state their intention of going gold seeking, indicates that a large proportion of the inquirers do not realize what they are proposing to undertake. Seattle can outfit all BONA FIDE intending prospectors, and many conservative men are anxious lest the city be greatly overstocked already. We think it well that all persons should be thoroughly advised as to what they may expect, in order that no person not properly prepared financially or physically shall undertake to come here, in vain, at his own loss, or to become a public burden.

Hence, I am led to address this letter to you, in hopes that some public good may result. An answer will be highly appreciated. I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

Erastus Brainerd Secy



CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
UNVEILING OF
HARLEM HEIGHTS TABLET.

146 BROADWAY,
(Room 409.)

New York Oct. 2 1897

His Honor

Mayor William L. Strong

City of New York:

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to forward the enclosed invitations, and, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, to express the pleasure your presence on the occasion would afford them and the body they represent.

This Society erected the statue of the patriot Nathan Hale in the City Hall Park; and it now purposes to commemorate the one Revolutionary victory we achieved in this vicinity. It was a success of no mean proportions or significance and merits public recognition as a leading event in our local history.

The President of the Society, Mr. Tallmadge, will present the Tablet to the University, President

Low will respond and
accept for the Trustees,
and brief addresses will
be made by Prof. William
M. Sloane and one or
two others for the Society and the University.

It would be most
gratifying to have you
address us as the
representative of the City.

Very Respectfully

H. P. Johnston

Chairman Committee

EAST SIDE HOUSE SETTLEMENT,
76TH STREET AND EAST RIVER.

The Hon. W^m L. Strong Oct. 3/97

My dear Mayor Strong:—

We are looking forward to the enjoyment of your promise for the evening of Friday, October 15th. Col. Waring has also accepted, and Mr. Avery W. Andrews hopes to be well enough to be present. No publicity nor the newspaper reporting of the meeting, which is purely social and educational (to encourage the men in their citizenship aims), will be permitted. The members of the Association will hope to hear from you, and the other gentlemen named, in an informal manner some commendation of their endeavours and some inspiring counsel to fellow-citizenship — not citizens, each for a selfish end, but in social comradeship for the common good & happiness. Permit me to remain with respect & regard very truly
Yrs Clarence Gordon

THE RIVERSIDE PARK
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,

SAMUEL G. BAYNE, CHAIRMAN,
J. ROMAINE BROWN, SECRETARY.

OFFICE, - - 18 BROADWAY.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & IMPROVEMENT.

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CYRUS CLARK, PETER DOELGER,
W. W. MAC FARLAND, WILLIAM F. FOSTER,
JOHN J. GIBBONS, JOSEPH J. KITTEL,
JOHN H. STUPHEN,
SIR RODERICK W. CAMERON.

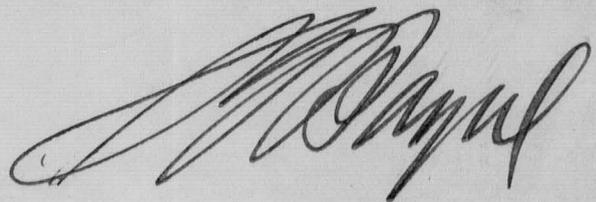
NEW YORK, October 4, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago you were kind enough to promise that the two half blocks on Boulevard between 108th and 110th streets would be asphalted at the first opportunity. I was rather disappointed to find this small patch was not included in the new letting now shown in the City Record. I talked with Colonel Greene to-day about it and he said there is plenty of time to do it yet if the city officials desire it. If the Department of Public Works would display five per cent of the activity it exhibited in the destroying of 108th street by covering it with tar for the wheelmen's parade on a few days' notice, we would have this much talked of improvement accomplished in a week.

Yours respectfully,



New York, October 5th. 1897.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have been appointed
Consul General for Venezuela in New York, and that I have
recieved my Exequator from the President of the United States

Hoping for your good will in continuing and
increasing the friendly and commercial relations between
this City and Venezuela, I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Anto E. Delgado

Honorable W. L. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York.



Oct. 6th 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong,

There will be a
carriage in waiting
& at your disposal,
to convey you to No. 4 & 6
Pearl St. cor. of State St.
to arrive at quarter of two

at which time the "Kulland
Dames of the & Pen -
Netherlands" have ordered
it to be at the City
Keel and await your
pleasure.

Very sincerely
Lavinia R. Dimpsey
Queen of the "Kulland
Dames."

The Barber Asphalt Paving Co.
N. W. Broadway.

New York. Oct. 8th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir,-

I spent two hours on Fifth Avenue this morning in company with Commissioner Collis, Water Purveyor Barney and Engineer North, as well as our General Manager and local Superintendent. Gen. Collis is quite unwell and went to his house asking me to write you in regard to the condition of the work so far as the pavement is concerned. The present condition and the plans for future work, which are not to be changed without personal orders from Gen. Collis, are as follows:

7th to 9th STREETS:

Asphalt laid; curb not dressed or set; curb can not be placed in position at present because stone cutters can not be obtained.

9th to 14th STREETS:

Work all completed and open to traffic.

INTERSECTION 14th STREET:

Half of this intersection is completed and the concrete is being laid on the other half. The work on these tracks will have to be done at night.

14th to 18th STREETS:

Curb all laid; asphalt pavement completed and open to traffic.

18th to 20th STREETS:

Curb all laid; surface coat of asphalt is being laid and will be finished to-night.

20th to 21st STREETS:

Curb and pavement all completed and open to traffic.

21st to 22nd STREETS:

Curb laid. Asphalt pavement will be laid tomorrow, October 7th.

22nd to 23rd STREETS:

Concrete laid; curb being dressed and laid to-day; asphalt will be finished and street thrown open to traffic not later than Saturday noon.

23rd to 25th STREETS:

Blocks are being removed on the east half of the street adjacent to Madison Square and this will be followed by concrete. On the west side curb will be cut on Saturday or Monday. The intention is to pave this wide strip in sections, always keeping one section at least forty feet in width open for traffic, either with the old stone blocks or with completed asphalt pavement.

25th to 29th STREETS:

Trench is not completed.

29th to 33rd STREETS:

Curb is already on the ground for the greater part of these four blocks and the rest of the curb will be delivered before the stone cutters are ready to dress it. As soon as the stone dressers finish curbing in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel - probably by Monday night - they will go to 31st Street and dress and set the curb south to 29th Street and then north to 33rd Street. Meanwhile the removal of the stone blocks will begin at 31st Street tomorrow unless delayed by the Mutual Gas Company. The concrete will be laid from 31st to 29th Str. and then from 31st to 33rd without waiting for the stonecutters, but it is believed that they can dress and lay the curb by the time that

the concrete has set sufficiently to lay the asphalt upon it.

33rd to 43rd STREETS:

Pipes not yet laid.

43rd to 48th Streets:

Pavement completed and open to traffic.

48th to 50th STREETS:

Curb laid; binder being laid to-day; asphalt will be laid to-morrow.

50th to 51st STREETS:

Curb all laid; binder will be laid on Friday and asphalt on Saturday, thus completing the three blocks from 48th to 51st Streets and throwing them open to traffic on Saturday night.

51st to 52nd STREET:

Concrete has just been laid. Curb will be completed this week, binder laid on Monday and asphalt on Monday afternoon or Tuesday.

52nd to 59th STREETS:

Pipes not completed.

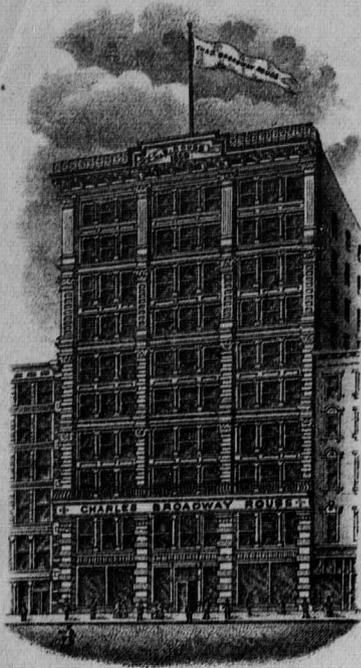
To recapitulate: On Saturday night the pavement will be completed and open to traffic from Washington Square to 33rd Street (except the curbing between 7th and 9th Streets and the intersection of 14th Street) and also from 43rd to 51st Streets. From 33rd to 33rd the work will be prosecuted wherever we can get an opening, but the rate of progress depends upon the rapidity with the curbstone can be dressed and the time required for the setting of the concrete.

The foregoing progress is, of course, ^{based upon} subject to fair weather, and every rainy day will add one day to the dates above named.

Respectfully yours,

J. V. Greene
President.

During the six days of this work we will have laid asphalt and thrown open to traffic eight blocks viz 17th to 20th, 21st to 23rd, 48th to 51st.



Charles Broadway Rouss,

Auction Dry Goods,

549, 551 & 553 Broadway,

New York City.

10 / 7 / 97.

PARIS
BERLIN
VIENNA
CHEMNITZ
NOTTINGHAM
YOKOHAMA
KOBE
BOMBAY
CANTON
SONNEBERG.

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

Dear Sir:-

From statements in the public press, it is evident that there is suffering in the yellow fever districts of the South, for the necessaries of life, which our people, will, as you know, be glad to relieve. Learning that you had been called upon for aid, to meet this need, I herewith inclose my cheque for \$100 to be used as your judgment may deem best.

We must not, in our fortunate ^Pexemption from disease, forget that section of our land, which is exposed to one of the most terrible of epidemic scourges.

Very respectfully,

Charles Broadway Rouss.

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA
NUEVA YORK

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New York, October 7. 1897.

Honorable Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

Please let me know
when it would be most convenient for you
to grant me an interview, as I wish to
call on you on a matter of business.

Yours respectfully.

Ant. C. Alfaro.

Consul General.

18 Broadway - City.

City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

OBJECTS.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING
OF THE CITY, AND TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE THE
AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York, Oct., 7th., 1897.

Hon.C.H.T.Collis,

Comm'r Public Works.

Dear Sir:

We have received several statements from citizens residing in streets South of the Park, where the new electric lamps have been erected, in regard to the promptness shown by your Department in commencing the removal of the old unsightly gas lamps. We take pleasure in communicating this to you and desire to avail ourselves of this opportunity to especially commend the manner in which the asphalt pavement is being laid on 5th.Avenue. This work, including the new curbing, will compare favorably with the best of its kind done in foreign cities.

Very truly yours,

City Improvement Society,

J. C. Sampelley

Secretary.

*District Attorney's Office,
City and County of New York.*

October 8th, 1897. *189*

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:--

Permit me to introduce to you by the present my
cousin, Mr. Henry W. Mitchell, who informs me that he has a matter
of business in which you could render him material aid.

If you can give any assistance to him I shall be
very glad.

Very faithfully yours,

Wm. K. Scott

50 - West - 58th St. Oct. 9/97
Saturday. 7. a. m.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.
Mayor of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor

This is the Mrs. Fay
Peirce whom you may re-
member as interested in the
Poe Cottage.

I saw in yesterday's paper that
you are not yet announcing
yourself for any ticket in
the municipal field, & do
not propose to do so before
Oct. 12 - hoping that some
one will withdraw &
thus enable a stronger
combination to be made
than any yet presented.

I leave this at your door²
this morning for the purpose
of begging you, Mayor
Strong - to show yourself the
Master of this situation -
As Napoleon - & this very
day to get some citizens
about you & reinforce the
Low nomination by pre-
-eminent names in the
other prominent offices
such as are worthy of the
American name and the
American genius, -

Two citizens of the borough
of Manhattan are con-
-tentially in the national

eye of the national magnific³
-tion - viz:

John Pierpont Morgan
John D. Rockefeller.

You also, Mr. Mayor -
have done a magnificent
& famous work for New
York - & one which has
made you known all
over the country. -

9/ Mr. Morgan could be
nominated as President
of the Council - Yoursely

as Controller - & Mr. ~~4~~
Rockefeller as President
of the Borough of Manhattan
- that would be a con-
- manding & in fact alter-
- ly crushing ticket - which
would sweep over with
all opposition &, more-
- over, would lift the
plane of metropolitan
Office - which means
Service - where it ought
to be, Mr. Mayor - &
that is - in the hands

of its very greatest and ¹⁵⁻
most experienced & most
famous, Christian & liber-
= al men of affairs: -

Mr. Morgan & Mr. Rockefeller
are both connumerants
of their respective churches.

They are not ashamed, there-
= fore, to avoid themselves
before the world as be-
= lievers in & followers of
the plain & simple gospel
of Jesus Christ. - 84

When lives they are benefac^o
= lords & munificent.

They ought not to be asked
to stand, even. They should
be nominated & elected
for the plain & obvious reason
that New York has now
reached a point of im:
= mensibility & prestige where
she needs the services of
her greatest citizens &
must have them. —

Why does this city develop
— or rather, nourish — (for
our great Country develops
them;) & afford a home

To these & other financial
grants - why, I ask, is
this city the foothold of
a breeding place of these
men if they are continually
to pass her by - & I never
to ask the aid of
their organizing genius
? -

Dear Mr. Mayor - you
can get 500 citizens
together this very day
& cut the Gordian knot
of this situation by
nominating a ticket -

which will soar ⁵ way
above any word in the
field - take the name
of that truly great
citizen, Seth Low, - out
of the petty ringwump
companionship in which
it is used before the pub-
-lic, & place it in a
company of its peers -
men such as I have
named, & such as you
yourself are. -

You are rich... You can
get a hale end as an:

= Hence together in 2
two hours - a trial audi-
= ence can scatter and
get each four or five
men to make the needed
2000 affidavits to
file your "American"
ticket - the ticket
of great Americans for
the leadership & guidance
of the greatest City of the
American Continent -
of the American Hemisphere.
My honored Mr. Mayor

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— whether in earnest
or in jest - you have
often said in public, that
"women" have given you
good counsel. -

Now. Let me beg you, be-
fore God - & as the
Chief Executive and
acting father of this
City - to place in nomi-
-nation to-day its great-
-est citizens - & prove
yourself one of the true
Orators of New York!
Very respectfully yours
Melusina Fay Pierce

W. & J. Hoane,
Broadway 18th & 19th Sts.

Carpetings and
Upholstery.

R. NELSON PLACE.

New York, Oct. 9th 1897

Honorable Wm. E. Strong,
New York City

Dear Sir, - I take the liberty of
addressing you on the subject
of the interior of the City of
Buildings. Valuable portraits
are allowed to be ruined by
dyeing & hangings in the Court
house look seedy & worn -
Is it possible to appoint
a man to look after these
matters? As Messrs W & J.
Hoane's Suggestion I would make
business a pleasure & report
monthly necessary repairs
or changes with an estimate
of cost should I secure

W. & J. Hoane,
Broadway 18th & 19th Sts.

Carpetings and
Upholstery.

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New York. _____ 189

this position - Should you
consider this I will gladly
produce letters showing
my ability to look after
the city's interest in
this line. Respectfully
asking for an interview

I am

Truly Yours
R. Nelson Place

105 East 22d Street,

New York, Oct. 9, 1897.

C
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

In accordance with our conference, I have arranged the first meeting on the East Side, at the Progress Assembly Rooms, Avenue A, for Thursday evening, October 14th, at eight o'clock.

I will see you in the meantime, and give myself the pleasure of calling for you in ample time.

Trusting that you have had a pleasant outing, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Tolman

23 #181 West 134th St.,
N. Y. Oct. 10/97.

Hon. W^m. L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.
Dear Sir: —

Please pardon
my trespassing upon
your valuable time, to
inquire if you will
permit me to have a
personal interview
with you, (at your
convenience), on the subject

of an American girl's rights, viz: -
my own personal case vs. City of
New York and its government.

To condense the facts, beg
to say I have met with injustice
at the hands of one Stevenson
Constable, Supt. Building Dept.,
N.Y. City, whom I was formerly
employed as stenographer and
typewriter, and now seek redress,
if such is obtainable. I have
lately (Aug. 25/97) passed my second
Civil Service Examination as a
stenographer and typewriter, standing
#1 with the highest per cent of my class.

and yet Mr. Briscoe,
Secy. Civil Service Board,
informs me that the
Public Works Dep't.
will not employ me,
because they had a
certain favorite young
lady in their mind's
eye, whom they wished
to place, but who
failed to outdo me in
the recent examination,
as I stood highest, and
she was among 'the

second ten. Is this
law and justice or is
it favoritism and par-
tiality, where ability
is not considered.

I am capable, (as
my past records prove,) of
holding a good city
position, and yet because
I have neither financial
backing nor political
influence, I am de-
favored. Is this fair?

Twice I have successfully passed Civil Service Examinations, standing high each time, and once the highest, yet I seek for employment in vain.

Will you not, please, personally interest yourself in my behalf, as I am obliged to support myself and mother, until death releases me. I am willing, nay, anxious to obtain immediate employment, and ask for an interview with you, at any day and hour you may select, in order to submit certain letters and papers for your just verdict in the affair.

Trusting you will
pardon my lengthy-
communication and
grant me the much
desired interview, I
beg to remain, Hon.

Sir,
Yours Respectfully,

A. Augusta Holland.

In distress.

23rd Sept 97 - New-Rochelle N.Y.

Dear Mayor - I ^{see} by the N.Y. Herald of
this date - that you have come to the aid
of a worthy Cuba Woman & her children,
for which, I Salute you!! I have been ~~for~~
doing that same thing for the last two years.
Now Sir - Please write to the Gleason Bros,
to call on you at your office or House,
they are the first Prisoners that Gen Lee
rescued from prison in Cuba. you
will be pleased to know them. They
are gentlemen - I have known them
from childhood. They will explain
all about their situation and Cuba to
you. I am the "Lirron" who thanked
you on the Platform at the Peter Cooper
Statute in May last, for the good and
timely remarks you made about good
Noble Man, for which you ought to be Mayor
"Viva Cuba Libre, again!!"

P.S.

Hopefully yours,

When I go to
the City - will get
the Gleason to call
on you - if you have
no objection.

Capt. Geo. W. Lloyd.

New York, Sept. 23rd 1897.

The Sun.

I enclose herewith the sum of Two Dollars, which I wish to be applied toward the relief of the destitute woman, whose letter of appeal appears in today's issue of your paper.

Suburban.

Please acknowledge receipt in tomorrow's Sun.

26 Broadway,
New York.

September 23rd. 1897.

To the,

Editor of the SUN;

NEW YORK.

My Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find Two Dollars (\$2.00) same to be used for
the Cuban woman in her misfortune,

Several sympathizers.

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Springton on Hudson
Sept 23. 1897

To his Honor, the Mayor Spring.

Your Honor

Having just
read in to-day's Herald,
that you wish to collect
a certain sum for a
Cuban lady in distress
I beg you to permit me
also, to contribute my
mite to such a worthy
cause.

Please find enclosed check
for \$5.

Yours truly
(Mrs) Emma Tappitz
Lover

No one else need to know
of this, please —

New York

Sep 24 1897

Editor The Sun.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
\$4.50 to apply on the fund for
the Mayor's protegee.

W. E. WOOLLEY
H. M. GERRANS.

IROQUOIS

ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF

ALSO
PROPR'S OF THE
GRAND UNION HOTEL,
SARATOGA SPRINGS,
N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y. Sept 1897

To the Sam.

Enclosed find

One dollar for the Mayors
worthy unfortunate woman

Yours truly
G. K.

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City Oct 11. 1897

To His Honor W. L. Strong
Mayor ^{of} N. Y. City

Dear Sir

I received news of
my husband on Saturday
of the very gravest. He was
shot on August 2nd with
another Campanian, the brother
of his comrade in death, wrote
me from the Island of
St Thomas - Danish West.

Indies. I wrote Mr Felix
Gonzales, as my husband
left in Company with
his Brother. Pedroto. Gonzales.
Felise. Gonzales. has just
left. Cuba: where he
identified both bodies -
I suspected it; and now
my last hope is destroyed.
Oh! God; I am left
all alone in this City
without friends or resources;
you are the only friend
whom has extended a
helping hand. To us; never
a night go by but I
ask God in my prayers.

To bless you for helping
us - it is through God
and your generosity and
kindness - that my Baby
and myself - are living.
I awake at nights and
fairly tremble; for our
future, and in a few
weeks time my trouble
will be added too; I am
troubled about that matter
where am I going to have
the necessary means; for a
Doctor and nurse - if
some kind friend would
help me to go to some
hospital; it would be
a great relief aff my -

mind. I am ill in bed -
also my Baby is quite sick
if I was only well, and
could get some position.
with what pleasure I
would work for my two
fatherless little ones -
before closing allow me
to thank you, both for
your sympathy, and also
for the \$27.00. I received
also for your kindness -
hoping you will not cease
to have interest in our unfor-
tunate case. I am -
respectfully Marie. Kinder

Editor N. Y. Sun

Enclosed please find 25¢
for the benefit of the poor woman and
child spoken of in today's issue of the Sun.

Major Strong's delicacy in placing
this poor woman's case in the hands of
an honorable newspaper is truly commend-
able, for had he availed himself of
the "yellow journalism" of the day, his
refined sensibilities would have been
shocked by pictorial description of her

destitution.

This small mite is given

In His Name.

From "Hunt" / The dollar

For the woman who appealed
to you for aid as printed in
yesterdays "Sun" Sun

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor

New York October 11th 1897.

I trust our chief Executive will excuse the liberty I take in addressing these few lines, as I am glad to say that I am a proud and happy father, to-day my wife having ^{given} birth to three girl triplets birth being given to same recently, will our chief Executive as well as his wife kindly suggest a name to one of the triplets and by so doing will oblige a happy father.

Respectfully Yours,

Jacob Lefkowitz

7 Ludlow St. NYC
P.S. All triplets are doing well now and I have eight in the family dependent upon me, for support at present.

From
Jacob Lefkowitz

105 East 22d Street,

New York, Oct. 11, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
City Hall, New York.

My dear Sir:-

I know you will be pleased to learn that Mr. Brookfield has consented to preside at your meeting at the Progress Assembly Hall, on the East Side next Thursday. I am having the meeting carefully advertised, and I am sure that you will be interested in the audience that will be gathered together there to meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. W. Tolman

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The Philadelphia Museums

Office of the Board of Trustees, City Hall
Office of the Museums, No. 233 South Fourth Street

Philadelphia, September 2nd, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The meetings of the International Advisory Board of The Philadelphia Museums and the tour of investigation have now been brought to a most successful close. Permit me to compliment you, and through you, your committee and the City of New York for the entertainment afforded this distinguished party of Latin-Americans and to express the very high appreciation of the Board of Trustees of this Institution.

The general impression throughout the country, in which we concur, is that this trip of business men to our manufacturing centres will have a most important and far reaching effect upon our foreign commerce.

With great respect, I am Sir,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Wilson
Director.

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To

C Philadelphia October 7th, 1897.

Mr. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York, Chairman of the Committee
for the Entertainment of the Foreign Delegates
to the Advisory Board of The Philadelphia Museums.

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the foreign delegates of the Advisory Board of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, who were present at the opening in June of this Institution, and who later enjoyed the pleasure of a tour to the principal cities of the United States, I have the honor to present to you a testimonial expressing our appreciation and gratitude for the many courtesies and generous hospitality everywhere extended.

With the assurances of our highest esteem, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Capt Andrew de Fozz

Delegate from the Engineers Club of Rio de Janeiro,
Commissioner from the Government of Brazil.

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Philadelphia October 11th, 1897.

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Mayor of New York, Chairman of the Committee
for the Entertainment of the Foreign Delegates
to the Advisory Board of The Philadelphia Museums.

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you letter from Captain J. Cordeiro da Graca, Delegate from the Engineers Club of Rio de Janeiro, and Commissioner from the Government of Brazil, on behalf of the foreign delegates of the Advisory Board of The Philadelphia Museums.

We have much pleasure in sending you this testimonial, under separate cover, in recognition of the courtesies which you so kindly extended to our delegates during their recent visit to your city.

Very respectfully yours,

W. P. Wilson
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Director.

EGERTON BROWN,
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AND
573 BROADWAY.
"LA PUREZA" BRAND A SPECIALTY.

Mr John Hoban Warren
10th Park Avenue

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NEW YORK, October 11, 1897.

My dear Hattie

In accordance with your kind request I write to say that I would like to have you say to Mayor Strong if in your judgment you think it proper, that I am interested in obtaining contracts for cement in the principal buildings in New York City for a well established Company the United Building Material Co. of 621 Broadway, dealers and manufacturers of Giant Portland & Union Rosendale Cements.

Among a large number of contracts which the Company has at present and is the entire Metropolitan Street Railway Company work!!! and I can give him the others at any time it may be convenient to him to give me a short interview.

I am particularly desirous of obtaining the Metropolitan Museum of Art and have applied to the trustees of that institution for an investigation of the merits ^{of our cements} by a test, under supervision of the Architect of the City Building Department - if they are the proper parties.

I have been referred to the Poor Commissioners but am not acquainted with them, and would like to have a proper introduction.

I would be glad to have the Harlem Hospital Union Avenue & 135th St, which will require an introduction to the Commissioners of Charities.

I do not ask any favor of the Public Authorities, but only ask that the parties in charge of the supervision of these works may be requested to investigate the merits of the articles in which I am interested which they will not do without the direction of some one who can recommend me, as reliable and correct in my statements.

Some of the Architects who have admitted my claims and have accepted the Cement in various buildings are, Mr Hardenburgh, Messrs Clinton & Russell, Mr Wm A Potter, Mr James Brownford, Mr John Dufais, Messrs Barney & Chapman.

Mr Dufais is using the Cement in the new Police building in Murray St. The Cement is being used in the New East River Bridge and in the aqueduct.

Perhaps you will not care to go into details, & if not just ask Mayor Steuy to grant me an interview at his leisure.

I mention the above items as they will have a tendency to attract his attention. With very many thanks believe me
Yr Obedt Servt
J. E. Egan.

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New York, Oct. 11, 1897 189

(Dictated)

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I see by the Public Press, that the matter of Right of Way in the Streets of the City of New York will come before the Board of Aldermen, for action, at its next meeting.

As the ordinance was first passed, it required that all trucks should have lights at night; as subsequently passed, it required that all but licensed trucks should have lights and licensed trucks were exempted.

There certainly is not, or ever has been the slightest necessity for trucks and wagons having lights, they not only give notice of their approach by the noise they make, but all trucks in our well lighted streets can always be seen, even in cloudy, moonless nights, at least, 500 ft. away.

I have walked and watched the streets of New York for more than fifty years and have never seen or heard of any one being injured by a truck or wagon because said truck or wagon could not be seen or heard.

The provisions, exempting licensed trucks, seems not only unreasonable, but in fact there certainly cannot be any luminous quality about a licensed truck or wagon, that does not pertain to one belonging to a business man.

Nearly all the trucks in the City are owned by business men who are not required to take out a license and why they should be compelled to place lights on their trucks, while licensed trucks are exempted, I confess I cannot understand. If the only objection was the cost, it might not be so serious a matter, but the great objection would be the annoyance and vexation of having drivers arrested and teams left standing in the streets in all kinds of weather and at all hours of night. If there was any necessity for it and if it served any good purpose, it would be a different thing and might be borne in the interest of the safety of human life, but as it is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, it would be a needless expense, a vexatious nuisance and an unnecessary exaction upon business men, who have already a hard enough time to maintain business on a paying basis.

Very truly,

G. Waldo Smith President

Law Offices
of
Olcott & Olcott,
Nos. 4 & 6 Warren St.

*J. Van Vechten Olcott,
W. M. F. Olcott,
George N. Messiter*

New York, Oct. 11, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

City Hall, N.Y.

Dear Mayor Strong:

I am interested in Dr. Frank W. Robertson, who, at present, is the House Physician of the Insane Pavilion at Bellevue Hospital, which position he has permanently held since Jan. 15, 1897. (He had held the position under temporary appointment from Sept. 8, 1896). I am informed that he has given entire satisfaction, but that the Board are now demanding his resignation, on account of lack of funds. Dr. Robertson tells me that he has stated to you, and also to Commissioner Smith that he is willing to continue in this position without salary, until the 1st of January. I am entirely convinced that Dr. Robertson is a man of excellent character and ability, and it seems to me that it would be a pity to cause the city to be without his services.

I beg to enclose to you, herewith, copy of a letter which I have this day sent to Mr. Faure.

Yours faithfully,

J. Van Vechten Olcott

Law Offices
of
Olcott & Olcott,
Nos. 4 & 6 Warren St.

~~J. Van Vleeten Olcott,
M. M. H. R. S. C.
George S. Masterson.~~

New York, Oct. 11, 1897

Hon. John P. Faure,

Commissioner of Charities,

East 11th Street, Cor 3d Avenue, N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:

I write to you on behalf of Dr. Frank W. Robertson, who now holds the position of House Physician of the Insane Pavilion in Bellevue Hospital. He tells me that his resignation has been asked for by your Board, on the ground that there were not sufficient funds to continue to pay his salary. You probably will not think it improper if I rehearse the matter as far as Dr. Robertson is concerned:

He took a temporary appointment, on Sept. 8, 1896, prior to which he had served on the house staff, in the same place, for about eight months; on Oct. 5, 1896 he took a civil service examination, which examination, you will remember, was afterward cancelled, on account of a protest made by or on behalf of Dr. Kilrow. A subsequent examination was held on Dec. 15, 1896, at which examination Dr. Robertson received something over 88%. He was appointed permanently in this position on the 15th of January, 1897, and I am informed that since his appointment has given entire satisfaction to the Board.

Dr. Robertson has told me that he has recently had a conversation with the President, and has offered to serve the Board without compensation, if he can retain his present position. I would say, in this connection, that Dr. Robertson took the position without serious consideration of the emoluments connected therewith solely, but partially with the idea of

statistically making an examination, and preparing records relative to the insane.

Under these conditions, is it asking too much of you to do what you can for the doctor, so as to enable him to complete what it seems to me (from his account) will be of general advantage?

Yours truly,

NORTH SIDE BOARD OF TRADE,
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

278 Alexander Ave., October 11th. 1897

This is to Certify *that at a meeting of the North Side Board of Trade of the City of New York held this day the following resolutions were adopted:*

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd. and 24th. Wards expects soon to have completed and submitted to the Board of Street Opening and Improvements in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890 and Acts amendatory thereof a map or plan showing the location and widths of the streets, roads, avenues and public places in that portion of the 24th. Ward lying east of the Bronx River, and

Whereas, the early adoption of a proper map or plan of the street system of that portion of the city is the very foundation of all its development, is absolutely essential to its progress and is most decidedly in the interest of good government and the benefit of the entire city in that it will prevent a repetition of the innumerable changes and inconveniences and the extravagant and wasteful expenditures of the public money experienced from 1874 to 1891 in connection with the preparation of the final map of the then 23rd. and 24th. Wards, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade of the City of New York earnestly requests the members of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement who in December 31st. 1895 acted so wisely in the adoption of the final map of that portion of the North Side between the Harlem and the Bronx Rivers to supplement their good work by adopting before the close of the present year the map or plan of that portion of the 24th. Ward lying east of the Bronx River about to be submitted by Commissioner Haffen, so that the same may be filed according to law and the entire plan of the street system of the Borough of the Bronx be completed and established during their term of office and before this section becomes a part of the Greater New York.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these preambles and resolutions be forwarded to each member of the Board of Street Opening and Improvements.

George James L. Mills
Secretary
President



North Side Board of Trade

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

RESOLUTION

Relative to adoption of
of district east of the
Bronx River

Adopted October 11 th 1897

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Mayor's Office.

City Hall.

THOS. B. DUNN, City Clerk.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS,

10/12

1897

So Dear Madam.

Mayor William B. Strong
Of New York City
New York City.

I have the

pleasure of introducing as well as recommending to you Miss Lorraine M. Rendell daughter of the late Capt. M. Rendell of our City who is visiting your grand City for a few months during the epidemic of yellow fever in our Southern land. I therefore take this liberty, begging of you to render her all the services in your power, and that you will furnish her all the information requisite while amongst you. Thanking you in advance for your kindness. I remain

Very Respectfully
Dear L. Lounsbury

Mayor of City of Corpus
Christi Tex.

W. A. Brall,

FINE ART PUBLISHER,

381 Fifth Avenue,

New York, Oct 13 1897

The Hon W. Strong
Dear Sir

I have no doubt that you are tired of hearing complaints about the outlook of 5th Av. but here is something very palpable that requires seeing into. This block is between 35th & 36th Sts. the ground is open several days now & the pipes are lying beside the trench & evidently ready for lowering. I asked one of the men why they are not attended to & was informed that the Pipe layer has left them for a more profitable job none is there not another to be found. I am in the middle of the block & entirely hidden from view & if this lasts much longer, I shall have to close my store, I had a lot of money

here ~~is~~ during the summer, & the
only chance of getting any of it
back is between this & Christmas
& now this has cropped up,
if you have any power in the
matter I hope & trust you will
help us

I am Dear Sir
Your obedient servant
W. H. Brall

James Pott & Co

Fourth Avenue & 22nd Street

New York Oct 18 1897

John Hon.

Maynard Strong.

Dear Sir Permit me
as a resident of 44th St -
West to protest and
request that you revoke
the permit given to the
man this family who
have a horse wagon +
have for two nights located
themselves So. E. Cor 44th St -
near 8th Ave -

They don't sing, rant,

+ get into a frenzy, & so
attract a crowd & keep it
up to 11 P.M. -

The Christian Alliance
have their place near
the quiet in their methods.
This party has selected
this location for reasons
best known to himself -
While I am in sympathy
with the Christian
League, this kind is in
my opinion abhorrent &
this party a noisy,
shorter of Christian
Eslynham
257 W 44. St

BUILDING & SANITARY INSPECTION COMPANY,
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NEW YORK, October 13, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Honored Sir :-

Confirming my interview of today, and thanking you again for your courtesy, I now take the liberty of handing you, herewith, a circular showing the plan and scope of our work, that you may have on file something to refer to in the event of your requiring assistance in any of the branches of expert work in building, whether structural, ventilating, heating, lighting or plumbing.

This Company is unique in this field, having absolutely no trade connections, and employing a corps of engineers who are specialists in their various lines.

I invite your attention to the personnel of our company whose status speaks for itself; we are prepared at any time to give bonds for the proper performance of any work that may be entrusted to us.

Very respectfully,

Henry H. Mitchell

23 W 3^d
18 Morgan
L. No 84
Oct 11/17

#257 West 44th St., N. Y.

October 13th, 1897.

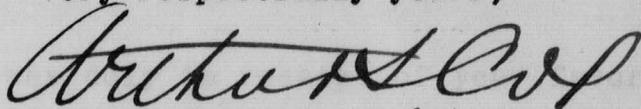
Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor, etc.,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:--

I was duly in receipt of your favor in reply to mine asking that the permit to hold services on the Easterly corner of 44th Street & Eighth Avenue be revoked, which you stated you would do if I would procure you the names of the persons to whom the permit was issued, and am obliged for your interest and attention to the matter. I have been unable to ascertain the names of the parties as they have practically abandoned their meetings ~~but~~ for the last few nights a new assemblage has turned up, holding services under permit issued to Henry Morgan. Inasmuch as

they last from 8:00 to 11:00 or after, accom-
panied by cornet and organ playing, etc., I
think you will agree with me that I am not un-
reasonable in asking that the permit be revoked
or the location changed, for which action I
shall be extremely obliged.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur H. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

JOHN A. MCCALL, PRESIDENT.

ARCHIBALD H. WELCH, 2d V.-PRES.
GEORGE W. PERKINS, 3d V.-PRES.

CHARLES C. WHITNEY, SECRETARY.
DARWIN P. KINGSLEY, SUPT. OF AGENCIES.

HENRY TUCK, VICE-PRESIDENT.

RUFUS W. WEEKS, ACTUARY.
JOHN B. LUNGER, MANAGING ACTUARY.

NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

346 & 348 BROADWAY.

New York, Oct. 14th, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

There is a poor man in this city, in whose welfare I am interested, who has just gone crazy. His friends want to have him taken to Ward's Island, and Mrs. Weeks is going to try to see Dr. Fitch about it to-day. Dr. Fitch would be likely to give her a hearing if she were introduced by you; hence I am taking the liberty of asking that favor. If you think it suitable to grant it, please let the bearer bring me your card - "introducing Mrs. Rufus W. Weeks".

Respectfully yours,

Rufus W. Weeks

Oct 14-97.

Hon. Wm L. Strong.

Dear Mayor.

Being authorized by the congregation of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at 68th St bet 1st & 2nd Aves. formerly at Norfolk St. to collect money for the completion of its new church building, & hoping you will not think me forward for addressing you, I thought how nice it would be and how honored I would feel to have our Mayor contribute something toward it. To whom else can we go but to Christ for help, knowing you to be one I am confident of not being sent empty handed away, but flatter myself to have read ~~and~~ from the contributors of my book, the name of.

Ern L. Strong Mayor. Enclosed you
will find the contribution book
which, if you will sign you will
please return as soon as possible.
and for whatever you may do, the
congregation & myself will thank
you kindly. & God who loves a
cheerful giver, will in due time
give His reward.

Respectfully

Mrs. J. C. Hassel

Mrs. J. C. Hassel
416 E. 88 St
City.

THE REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NO 1 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK.

October 14th 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

There is a man of the name of Max who is head keeper at the Workhouse under your Commissioner of Charities Robert W. Wright. It also appears to be the function of the keeper of the Workhouse to be the President of a political club known as the Robert J. Wright Association, and combining his function of keeper of the Workhouse and running the club, he is using the employees of the City in Mr. Wright's department to sustain this political club. I call your attention to these facts which establishes a flagrant violation of the Penal Provisions of the Civil Service Law. The man Max is actually circulating a subscription paper which says that the funds subscribed are to be used as Campaign Funds. The Robert J. Wright Association has endorsed the candidacy of Seth Low and these are the Reformed methods which have been employed to assist his candidacy.

Faithfully yours,

Leunel E. Quigg,

Honorable William L. Strong,
New York.



State of New York

Board of Railroad Commissioners

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CHARLES R. DeFREEST, Secretary

ASHLEY W. COLE
FRANK M. BAKER } Commissioners
GEORGE W. DUNN }

Albany, Oct. 14th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor etc.

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 11th confirming your telegram of same date, in relation to the petition to reopen the, so-called, Amsterdam Avenue case, together with the enclosed drawing showing the location of water mains on that avenue. An earlier reply would have been forwarded but for the fact that at the moment of receipt of your letter, on the 12th, I was leaving the office to catch a train for a journey to the western part of the State.

Our Board will give attentive consideration to your request in connection with the whole subject of the petition this evening, and we shall probably render a decision tomorrow.

Very respectfully

Ashley W. Cole

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

October 14th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

My dear Sir:-

I hereby tender to you my resignation as
stenographer in this office.

Yours very respectfully,

Edmund H. Cole

Worcester Mass.

Oct. 15th 1897.

The Hon. W. L. Strong.

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir.

The Republican party all over the Country outside the Corrie of Machine men - is grateful to you for the bold stand you are taking in this Election.

Seth Low will I believe carry the City. -

The Administration has proven itself to be nothing more than a Society of Professional Politicians. It is playing into the hands of Bryan at the next Presidential Election, and of Tammany Hall now. -

Why do you not so surround Quigg that there will be nothing left of him politically? As for Tracey - a Lawyer. That's enough. He has already killed himself. Thurston and Foraker have also committed suicide. Cannot the Henry George voters be won over to Low? - It will not surprise us in Worcester should George himself at the last - advise his followers not to vote for him.

but for Row. Go and see George -
- make a deal if need be - any-
thing to defeat Platt and Croker.
Trucey has defeated himself.

Shades of Washington, and Lincoln,
Bright and Elden what do you
think of such as Trucey, Bliss
McKinley et al? -

They are the laughing stock of
the world. -

Just this word of encourage-
ment from Yours truly,

Low Voter, who
will be home on
2nd November. -
Geo. Qick. -

That name will do -
My real name would do no good
and might affect my business
interests in the City. -

CHARLES E. PATTISON.

FRANK A. PATTISON.

PATTISON BROTHERS,

**CONSULTING AND SUPERVISING
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136 LIBERTY STREET.
TELEPHONE, - 597 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK,

Oct. 15th 1897.

HON. WM. L. STRONG,

Mayor of the City of New York,

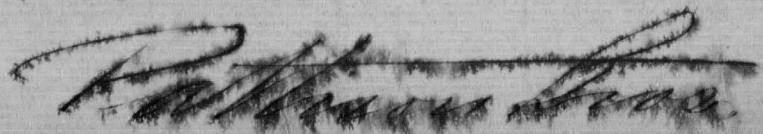
Dear Sir:-

We notice by the press that it has been decided to call in experts on the various branches of the new Municipal Building. As we presume the power of appointment is with you we earnestly request that you should consider our application to be retained as Consulting Electrical Engineers.

We have done, or are doing, a great deal of public work. For example, the new plant in the Criminal Court Building, Bellevue Hospital, the Public Building at Crotona Park; and are at present engaged upon the Botanical Gardens and the new Tombs Building. All of this work is being done for the Architects. We have done a great deal of prominent work in this city in the large buildings. For example, the St. Paul Building, Bank of Commerce, American Surety and the Havemeyer; and are at present engaged upon the Empire Building.

Hoping you will give us consideration and that we may be able to serve the City in this matter, we are,

Very respectfully,



Cable Address
Nobility, New York.

Wholesale Dry Goods,
St. Louis, Mo.

Rice, Stix & Co.

51 Franklin St.

New York, Oct 15th 1894

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor

My dear Col Strong

You're a man after
my own heart. your action
in behalf of continued good
City Government, irrespective of
party ties redounds to your
Credit, & must endear you still
more in the hearts of your
many friends. Keep up the good
work, we may win yet
yours truly Henry Lee

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE VENEZUELA
NUEVA YORK.

New York, October 15th. 1897.

No. 19.

Sir:-

The Honorable President of the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks has kindly sent me by your direction, and by my request, a certified copy of the report of the National Sculpture Society, with reference to the proposed new statue to the Liberator Simon Bolivar, to be substituted by the Venezuelan Government for the one now standing in Central Park, for which I have the honor to tender you my cordial thanks.

Yours respectfully

Ant. E. Delgado

The Honorable W. L. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York.

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Oct. 16th / 1897

To your Hon.

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

As I have invented an improved -
horseshoe, which you will see
as copy of it with this letter
please hand the copy to some
responsible firm, in that line of
business, they may take attention
to manufacture it there, the
place I would rather have it
manufactured than any place
I know of. I would of sent the copy
direct to some factory but I
dont know the name of any
factory there in that line of business
I hope to be excused if I don
wought to send this to you

I have got a brother in
Chicago he is a broker on the
board of trade he is trying
to see if some facilities there
want to start.

I am not tied up to any
contracts yet.

Yours Truly

George T. Derrill
200 Miller St.

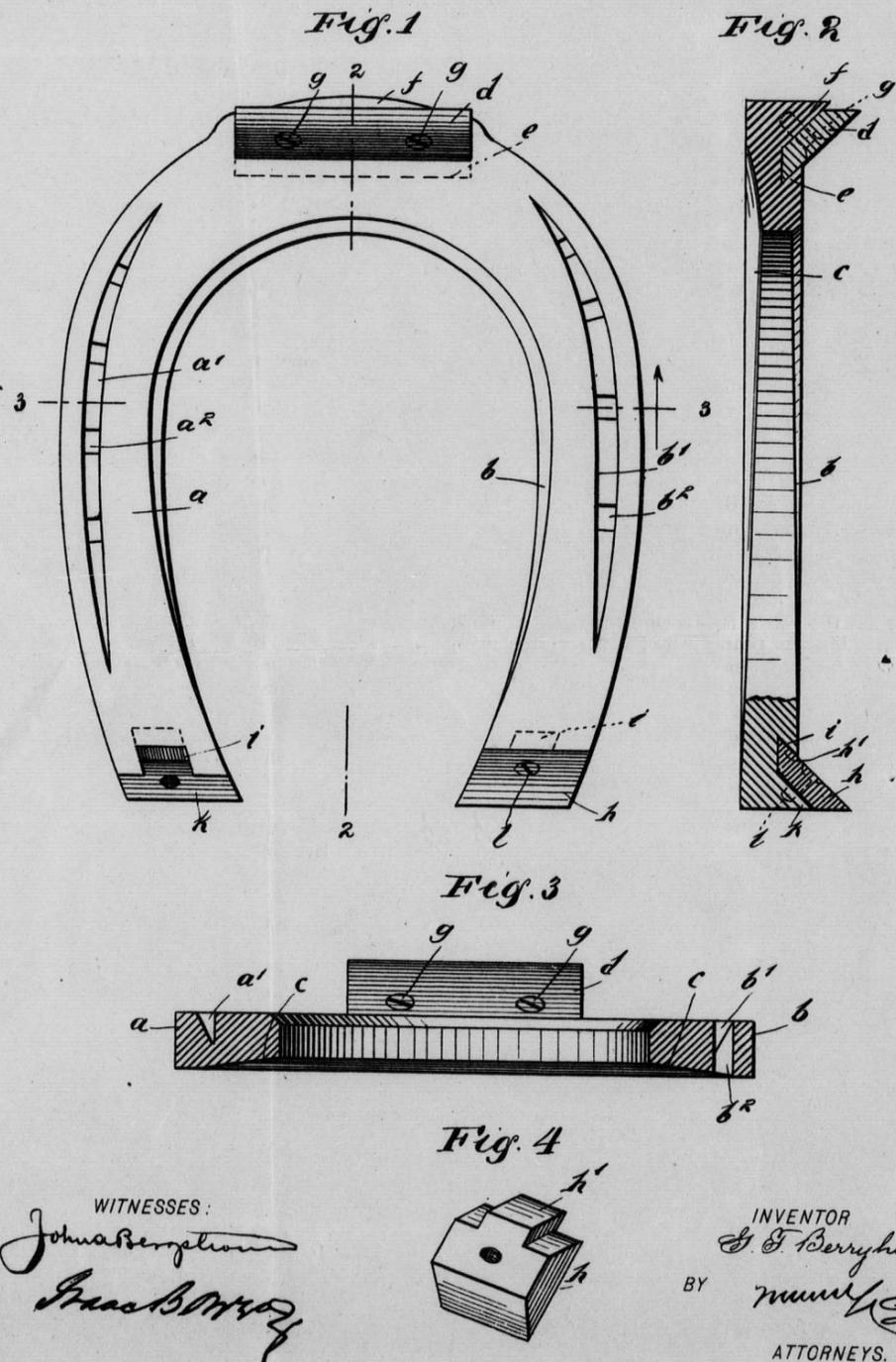
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(No Model.)

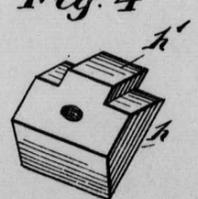
G. T. BERRYHILL.
HORSESHOE.

No. 590,874.

Patented Sept. 28, 1897.



WITNESSES:
John P. Beekman
Frederic Forest



INVENTOR
G. T. Berryhill
 BY *Munn & Co.*
 ATTORNEYS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

GEORGE T. BERRYHILL, OF ALPENA, MICHIGAN.

HORSESHOE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 590,874, dated September 28, 1897.

Application filed March 26, 1897. Serial No. 629,390. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE T. BERRYHILL, of Alpena, in the county of Alpena and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Horseshoe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is a horseshoe with removable calks of peculiar construction.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claim defines the actual scope of the conception.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the calks.

The shoe has its limbs *a* and *b* formed, as usual, with the grooves *a'* and *b'*, adjacent to which the holes *a²* and *b²* are formed for the reception of the nails. The inner portion of the top face of the shoe is depressed at the points indicated by the letter *c*, so that the shoe will bear properly against the hoof of the horse and not engage the sensitive inner portion of the hoof.

The shoe has a toe-calk and two heel-calcs. The toe-calk *d* is formed of a steel plate with beveled side edges. The upper edge of the calk fits within a transverse groove *e*, formed in the under face of the shoe at the toe thereof and running diagonally with reference to the plane in which the shoe lies, so that the calk *d* will also run diagonally—that is to say, will slant forward and downward. The front face of the calk bears against an abutment *f*, welded or otherwise secured to the toe of the shoe and projecting downwardly therefrom. The abutment has its rear face inclined forward and downward. The calk is removably secured to the abutment by means of screws *g* run through the calk and into the abutment. The lowermost edge of the calk *d*, which in turn, owing to the inclined inner face of the abutment, lies with its beveled portion

approximately perpendicular to the shoe, owing to the inclined disposition of the calk. This makes the calk engage the ground with a firm hold and provides the most effective means for preventing the slipping of the animal shod with the shoe.

The heel-calcs *h* consist of steel plates with beveled side edges similar to the beveled side edges of the calk *d* and having a width equal to the width of the heels of the shoe. The uppermost side edge of each calk *h* has a lug *h'* run upward therefrom. The lugs *h'* are respectively adapted to enter recesses *i*, formed in the heels of the shoes and adjacent to abutments *k*, similar to the abutment *f*. The uppermost side edge of each calk *h*, excepting that part which is occupied by the corresponding lug *h'*, bears against the under face of the corresponding heel of the shoe, while the rear face of each calk bears against the corresponding abutment *k* and has its lowermost side edge standing perpendicular to the plane of the shoe. The calks *h* are held in place by screws *l*, similar to the screws *g*.

The construction of the heel and toe calks is therefore substantially the same. Each calk is readily removable when such an operation is desired, and when the calks are in place they are held rigidly at their work.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A horseshoe having a plane under face with a diagonally-disposed recess, the recess opening at said plane face of the shoe, the shoe also having a downwardly-extending abutment projected from the said plane face of the shoe and having its inner face in alignment with one wall of the recess in the shoe, and a calk the upper portion of which is projected into the recess in the shoe and the lower portion of which projects downwardly with one face lying snugly against the diagonal face of the abutment.

GEORGE T. BERRYHILL.
 Witnesses:
 JOHN P. BEEKMAN,
 FRED FOREST.

407 West 14 St. N. Y.
Oct. 16, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Dear Sir;

Your letter of June 18/97 intimates that if your attention be called to the provisions of Chapter 523 Laws of 1894, you would give the matter proper attention. This law authorizes the Honorable Board of Estimate to provide the sum of \$50000 for the erection of a monument in Battery Park to carry into future ages the important event of the evacuation of British from that place in 1783. This is a matter that appeals directly to the hearts of every patriotic citizen. Trusting the Honorable Board will take favorable action.

I am Yours
J. H. Nelson.



William Plimley,
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Office of
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ROOM 127.

New York, Oct. 16th. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor City of New York,
Honored Sir:-

For the past two days I have heard through several of our mutual friends that you were pleased, at a dinner given to you by the Republican Club, to refer in complimentary terms of the administration of this office; that the reforms inaugurated by myself were of of a substantial and lasting benefit to the public at large.

For this very kind expression of confidence, coming as it does, from the Chief Executive of this great city, I most earnestly thank you, and trust no occasion will ever arise that will cause you to regret it.

If your administration could have been continued four years longer, (and for which I labored) and with the same energy that you have always displayed for true reform, I believe, with additional legislation, much money could have been saved for the city, the system simplified, and other material reforms inaugurated.

With great respect, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. Plimley

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Yours truly,

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LEAGUE OF AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

New York, October 16, 1897

TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

At the first National Convention of Mayors and Councilmen, held at Columbus, Ohio, September 28 to October 1, there were present 418 delegates, representing 101 cities in 23 different states. At this convention a permanent organization was formed to be known as the League of American Municipalities, and a copy of the Constitution adopted is sent herewith. You will observe from the Constitution that the object of the organization is to improve the administration of municipal work in all departments by the following means:

First—The perpetuation of the organization as an agency for the co-operation of American municipalities in the practical study of all questions pertaining to municipal administration.

Second—The holding of annual conventions for the discussion of contemporaneous municipal affairs.

Third—The establishment and maintenance of a central Bureau of Information for the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics, reports and all kinds of information relative to municipal government.

The Bureau of Information, which will be started at once, will furnish a service of incalculable value to municipalities holding membership. To this Bureau each municipality will furnish all published public reports, and thus a complete and reliable library of municipal reports will be established, from which the Secretary is required to furnish all information requested by members. The Bureau will also gather, compile and disseminate special information pertaining to all lines of municipal work, such as street lighting, paving, water supply and rates, water filtration, street cleaning and garbage disposal, fire and police departments, salaries and wages of municipal officials and employes, taxes and special assessments, municipal finance, sewerage, and, in fact, everything of interest and value to city officials in the discharge of their duties. In this connection the Bureau will undertake to promptly

supply municipalities holding membership special reports on any and all subjects upon which information is requested. The establishment of this Bureau will bring to the service of the municipalities of America a reliable, economical, methodical and rapid medium for the interchange of statistics, experience and knowledge pertaining to all branches of municipal work.

At the annual conventions of the League, to which every city is entitled to send its mayor and as many members of its councilmanic board as it desires, all the important questions involved in municipal work will be discussed by experts and officials of experience. These discussions cannot fail to aid city officials in the work of giving and securing better municipal service.

The means furnished by this League, through its Bureau of Information and its annual conventions, for the careful study of the great and growing question of municipal ownership of public service industries, cannot be lightly estimated.

The unanimous sentiment of the Columbus convention, which was a representative body and which planned and formed the permanent organization, was that the League of American Municipalities would be promptly and cordially supported by the patriotic officials of American municipalities as a movement for the betterment of municipal conditions, with the inevitable results of facilitating departmental work, securing improved public services and lessening the burden of the taxpayers.

As to the membership the Constitution of the League says:

"Any municipality in the United States or Canada may become a member of this organization.

"Each and every municipality becoming a member of this organization shall pay an annual membership fee, on or before December 1, as follows: Cities under 25,000 population, \$20; between 25,000 and 50,000, \$30; between 50,000 and 100,000, \$40; between 100,000 and 200,000, \$50; over 200,000 \$60."

The Executive Committee invites your city to become a member of the League of American Municipalities and assures you that the benefits to be derived from membership will be worth many times the amount of the annual dues. The committee submits herewith a resolution for the consideration of your councilmanic body and prays for its adoption, or the passage of any other form, suitable to local conditions, for the same purpose.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN MACVICAR, Mayor, Des Moines, Ia.,
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