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New York, *July 7* 1895

Dear Sir:

WE would respectfully call your attention to a fire hydrant opposite #32 Little West 12<sup>th</sup> St, which has been frozen for the past four or five days.

The pipe has burst and the water has overflowed the street from #30 to #38, making navigation almost impassible. This is a serious matter as the entire street is taken up for market purposes and to-morrow, Friday

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2. bring the heaviest day  
of the week for  
produce men, it will  
be very dangerous to  
customers, and will  
seriously injure trade  
in the neighborhood.

The water is still  
flowing from the broken  
pipes and freezing  
immediately, making the  
street one mass of  
frozen ice. The matter  
has been reported several  
times to the police  
but there seems to  
have been no action  
taken about it. Kindly



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give this your attention  
and oblige  
Yours respectfully

*Garners*

To His Honor  
Mayor W. L. Strong

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S. E. MILLINGTON & CO.,  
CLOTHIERS,  
Hatters and Outfitters.  
108 & 110 WEST 125TH STREET.

New York, *July* 7 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago we made  
a complaint to the Bureau of Encumbrances  
of a swinging sign at #110 West 125th  
which was an obstruction to our  
premises. We understood that our  
communication was confidential and  
are surprised to find that someone  
in the Bureau showed our complaint  
to Alderman Woodward who called  
on us to see if he could not "fix  
things." We call your attention to this  
matter because we do not think that our  
name should have figured.

Respectfully yours

S. E. Millington & Co.



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Special Work - Education and the Public Schools

New York, February 7, 1895.

To the Honorable the Mayor:--

Dear Sir,

The following members of the School Committee of Good Government Club E have been appointed a special committee to present to you memorials petitioning for the appointment of women as Commissioners on the Board of Education: Mrs. E. R. Hewitt, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Jr. Mrs. Maggin, Mr. E. R. Hewitt and Mr. A. B. Woodford.

We do not wish to intrude unduly upon your time and will lay these memorials upon your desk in case you cannot find an hour when it will be convenient for you to receive them in person.

Very respectfully yours,

*A. B. Woodford*  
Secretary of the Club.

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OELRICHS & Co.,

NEW YORK.

Telegraphic address

"Oelrichs"

February 7th, 1895.

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The

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I beg leave to hand you copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York at its meeting today with regard to the Lawson Dock Bill.

The Committee on the Harbor and Shipping of the Chamber now has the bill under consideration and will carefully examine it.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

Gustav H. Lurich



Mr. HIGGINS also reported the following preamble and resolutions relative to the bill pending in the Legislature authorizing the sale at public auction of all leases of docks in the City of New-York :

*Whereas*, The attention of this Chamber has been called to the condition in the proposed bill introduced in the New-York Legislature known as Dock Bill No. 13, whereby all leases of docks shall be made at *public auction*, (after due advertisement, &c.,) expunging the clause now in existence as follows, viz., (other "than for "districts appropriated by said Department to special commercial "interests ;") and

*Whereas*, The operation of such a law will add additional burdens on the commerce and shipping to those already existing, and which now tend to drive away the great lines from the city to other localities ; and

*Whereas*, In the opinion of this Chamber, it is clearly to the interest of this city, under all circumstances, to *promote commerce* in the leasing of piers, and retain all the vast benefits resulting therefrom, in contrast to an opposite policy of merely getting from the docks the largest possible income, totally regardless of the injury thereby inflicted on such commerce ; and

*Whereas*, By the custom of this Port the dockage and wharfage of vessels, both in loading and discharging cargoes, is now borne wholly by the ships, whilst in other ports of the United States, notably Boston, such charge is apportioned on the cargoes and paid entirely by them, a fact already militating against the shipping, and adding to the reason why shipping plying to this port should be treated with all the consideration possible. Now, be it

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Chamber no measure or change in the existing laws should be permitted whereby the burdens on shipping can be increased.

*Resolved*, That we deem the proposed change in the manner of leasing piers will have such a tendency and effect.

*Resolved*, That we ask that so much of such proposed bill as prevents the exercise of a wise judgment by the authorities in leasing piers shall not become a law.

*Resolved*, That we are informed that other objectionable features are also embodied in that bill, and we respectfully request that no action be taken upon such bill known as the Lawson Dock Bill No. 13 until full time be afforded for its careful examination by this Chamber.



BRIDGES SMITH  
CLERKS OFFICE



Feb. 7th, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Mayor to thank you for your favor of the 4th, and to say that since making the request of you for the documents relative to garbage, he has received a report from one of the "Committee of Seventy," which covers the information sought.

Very respectfully,

*Bridges Smith*  
Clerk.

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152 West 105<sup>th</sup> Street.  
New York.

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Hon. H. S. Spring  
Mayor of New York City  
Sir:

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or ordinance compelling  
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ment of the Municipal  
government should a  
complaint on this  
subject be carried?

By replying you will  
greatly oblige

Yours very respectfully,  
Wm. Belle Fisk Andrews.

Feb. 7, 1895.

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of the municipal  
government allowed a  
complaint on this  
subject to be carried?

By replying you will  
greatly oblige.

Yours very respectfully,  
Wm. Allen Fick Andrews.

Feb. 7, 1895.

LAW OFFICES OF  
M.S. & I.S. ISAACS,  
~~115 BROADWAY,~~  
NEW YORK.

February 8th, 1895.

M.S.I. - E.

The Honorable William L. Strong,  
M a y o r,

Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty of suggesting, when the matter of removing or accepting the resignation of the Commissioners of Parks receives your attention, that you consider the claim of Edward Bell, one of the Commissioners, to re-appointment.

It has doubtless become known to you that Mr. Bell in his official acts as Commissioner deserved the good opinion of our citizens for his special thoughtfulness in connection with the scientific and artistic side of the Commissioners' work. I would refer particularly to his interest in the aquarium, and improvement of the Battery Park. I think the public service will be promoted by his retention.

Very respectfully yours,

*Myer J. Isaacs*

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3 District Police Court.

New York, Feby 8 1895

Hon. Job E. Hedges  
Secretary.

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of Feby 6.<sup>th</sup> with letter of Charles Wolinsky enclosed, would say that I have no personal knowledge of the matter complained of, but am informed by the clerks of this Court. that late on the afternoon of January 31<sup>st</sup> a young man who was unknown to the clerks, and presumably the writer of the aforesaid letter to his Honor the Mayor, appeared before Justice Grady who was then presiding and offered himself

as bondman for a man named Kupperwasser who had been held in default of one thousand dollars bail. for Examination upon a charge of receiving stolen property. he was informed by Justice Grady that his bond would be accepted provided he was properly identified. he then told Justice Grady that the clerks knew him, as they had prepared bonds for him in the same Court about three months previously, which was absolutely untrue, for the reason that the clerks he alluded to, had only been assigned to this Court since

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1898: and therefore could not have taken his bail at the time specified by him,

and he was so informed by the clerks.

The clerks then inquired of Mr. Alter the attorney who appeared for the defendant Kupperwasser, if he knew the proposed bondman and if he was the man he represented himself to be. when the Attorney answered that he did not know him and consequently could not recommend him as a bondman. the clerks then refused to prepare his bond until he got some person, known to the Court to properly identify him.

The action of the clerks was, in my opinion entirely proper as the board of Police Justices require that all persons offering themselves as surety must be properly

identified by some responsible  
person, or persons known to the  
Court before their bonds are  
accepted.

Very Truly

Wm H. Drake  
Police Justice

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ARTHUR HOWELL NAPIER, E. M.  
Sanitary Engineer,  
LINCOLN BUILDING,  
1 Union Square, W.

New York, February 8, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

The recent appointment in Brooklyn of a brother Engineer as an Honary Consultant to the Department of Health confirms an intention formed on the incoming of a Reform Administration to offer you any assistance in my power in regard to matters with which I am professionally familiar. The demands of a successful practice, as well as other considerations, prevent my being a seeker after office. I am, however, deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the health of our city, and would gladly be of service in any way or at any time that my special knowledge and experience in this branch of engineering might be of value to yourself or any of your appointees charged with such matters. Through a connection some ten years ago with the old Health Department and from my private practice in this city, I am familiar with (and have had perhaps some share in ) the progress made in matters relating to Plumbing, Drainage, Ventilation, Tenement House Construction, etc., both by the Public Officials charged with their regulation and by the outside profession and know the present shortcomings of the Departments of Health & Buildings as now charged with the execution of such Sanitary laws. You will not of course think it

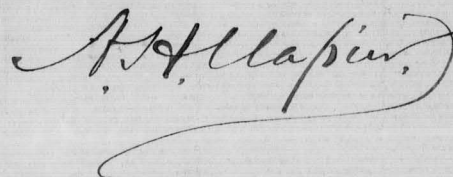


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necessary to reply to this suggestion unless in the consideration of men or measures you should find it convenient at any time to have at your disposal such information as I may be able to give, when I beg that you will freely command my best services. At such time I should, of course, be glad to refer you to a number of our prominent Architects and citizens whom I have had the pleasure of serving professionally

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. H. Napier", with a long, sweeping underline.

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New York, February 8th. 1895. 189

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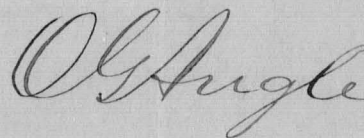
Mayor N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

The North Side Board of Trade desires to be notified of the date fixed for the public hearing in relation to Assembly Bill #48 entitled an Act to amend chapter 410 of the laws of 1882, entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the city of New York" relating to the department of health.

The Board desires to be heard in support of the measure.

Very Respectfully Yours,



Sec'y.



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To the Honorable the City Mayor,

New York, N. Y.

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g is very brief your early consideration

Respectfully yours,

Please hand one of the enclosed  
 circulars to each delegate you may  
 appoint.

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Surely there is some one in your city who will be pleased to meet with us and aid us in our efforts for the good of childhood.

Kindly advise the Secretary, T. E. Daniels, 196 and 198 East Washington Street, Chicago, as to the names and addresses of the delegates you may name. Delegates need not necessarily have "institutional experience," any lady or gentleman capable of expression upon this absorbing question will be of benefit to our gathering.

As the time before the meeting is very brief your early consideration of the matter is desired.

Respectfully yours,

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CHICAGO, August 1, 1895.

## TO THE DELEGATE:

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Delegates will meet in the Council Chamber, at 3 o'clock p. m., August 29th, for organization.

The Russel House and Cadillac Hotel will give their best rates to delegates. There are other centrally located hotels with good accommodations that will make a rate of from \$1.50 per day up.

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A WRONG DONE HIM BY THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS RIGHTED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS.

The case of Captain Ernest Drevet, which for four years has occupied the attention of the courts, has at last been disposed of and to the Captain's satisfaction. On May 24, 1880, at a fire at No. 50 Chatham street, he was charged with abandoning his pipe while in command of his company—Engine No. 7—and also with conduct unbecoming an officer in making a false report to the Fire Commissioners that he had sent engine No. 12 to the rear of the burning building. The charges were tried before Commissioners King, Van Cott and Gorman, who adjudged him guilty and sentenced him to be dismissed from the department. Captain Drevet claimed that the charges were "false, frivolous and malicious," and that the Commissioners had removed him for the purpose of promoting another. He also alleged that before the trial Mr. Gorman told him he would be appointed a fireman at \$1,200 a year if he would resign his position.

Captain Drevet then applied to the Commissioners of the Fire Department for a rehearing, which was refused, and then through his counsel, Douglas A. Levein, Jr., he commenced proceedings by certiorari in the Supreme Court to review the action of the Commissioners, claiming that his conviction was illegal, unjustifiable and without evidence to sustain it. The cause was argued before Justice McComber at the Special Term, and resulted in a judgment reversing the Commissioners' decision and ordering Captain Drevet's immediate reinstatement. From this decision an appeal was taken by the Commissioners to the Supreme Court, General Term, and was heard by that court in August, 1883, who, on the following month, unanimously affirmed the decision of the Special Term. A further appeal was then taken by the Commissioners to the court of last resort—the Court of Appeals. Before this hearing came off Captain Drevet, through his counsel, again applied to the Commissioners for a rehearing, offering to waive all claims for damages if they would give him the opportunity to show that he had been wronged. This proposition being declined, the cause was argued in the Court of Appeals, which has just rendered a decision affirming the judgments in favor of Captain Drevet, who must now be reinstated and who will be entitled to pay for the entire period he has been wrongly kept out of his office.

In a letter written by Captain Drevet to the *HERALD* he says:—

"I am once more reinstated in my position, without a blemish or a stain against me.

"I have served in the department for a period of nineteen years faithfully and well, and have, without political influence, through merit alone, elevated myself from the lowest position in the department to the one I now occupy. During that period no charge of any kind was ever made against me.

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... New York February 8, 1895

To His Honor

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The enclosed extracts may interest a gentleman of your receptive mind, placed as you are in a position of great responsibility, and desirous, naturally, of surrounding himself with practical and honest men.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours Very Respectfully

Ernest Drexler

H and C Cedar St.

29 No 9 West 121<sup>st</sup> St  
February 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

*Accept*

Hon Wm L. Strong  
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Dear Sir

as I stated  
to you on Jan'y 2<sup>d</sup> last  
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position as Chairman of  
the Civil Service Supervising  
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Trusting you will  
now find it possible to  
accept my resignation and  
relieve me from the duties  
of the office I am yours Respy  
Dan. P. Saps



State of New York,  
Senate Chamber  
Albany, 189

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1895.

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It is one of those matters which will now be submitted to you in accordance with law, and should you still be of the opinion that it is a detrimental measure, you of course will <sup>apprize</sup> ~~appraise~~ us of that fact, and in such an event I have no doubt the Legislature would be governed by your ideas concerning the matter.

Yours truly,

B. A. Tauxem.



EUGENE L. BUSHE,  
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150 BROADWAY,  
COR. LIBERTY ST., NEW YORK.  
CABLE ADDRESS "KAOLINE NEWYORK"

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Permit me to express my appreciation of your approval  
of the discharge of my official duties since your accession to the  
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to me.

In case you so desire I shall be pleased to meet my  
successor at such time and place as you shall appoint, and personal-  
ly introduce him to the employees of the Department.

I am

Yours very respectfully,

*Eugene L. Bushe*

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Job E. Hedges Esq.

Secretary, Mayor's Office, New York City.

*Charles C. Beaman*

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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
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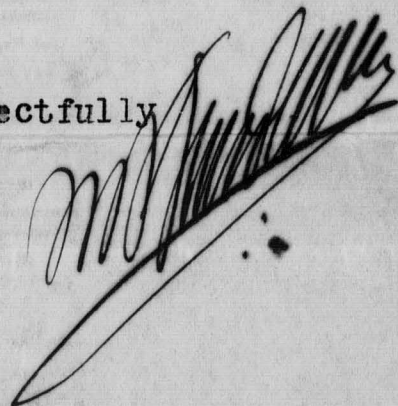
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Dear Sir.

I would like to call your attention to No. 36 Mulberry Street in which yard there are piled up in the air from 30 to 40 feet wooden Boxes of every description impeding light and air to my Building and forming a constant peril for fire.

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When, two years ago, it was proposed to widen College Place, Mr. Cowl leased a lot on Greenwich Street, fronting on College Place and tore down the old stores with intention of rebuilding. He was unable to do so, both because the improvement was postponed, and because he was unable to obtain lines determining grade of street.

Through no fault of his own, he has been at the loss of two years ground rent and two years taxes.

As soon as it was positively determined that the improvement would be carried through, he commenced his building, which is being forwarded with all possible despatch. He is in hopes that if granted an extension of time that he can get his store in shape so as to be able to move his goods therein and avoid a very serious loss.

While he would not obtrude his personal misfortune, I trust you will see no objection to my stating that a fall, causing dislocation of his ankle and confining him at a critical moment to the house, has added to his anxieties.

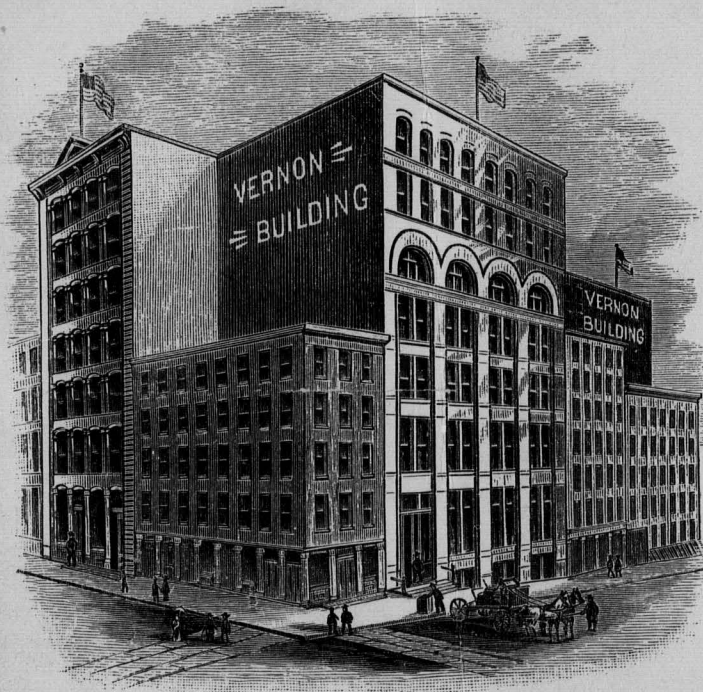
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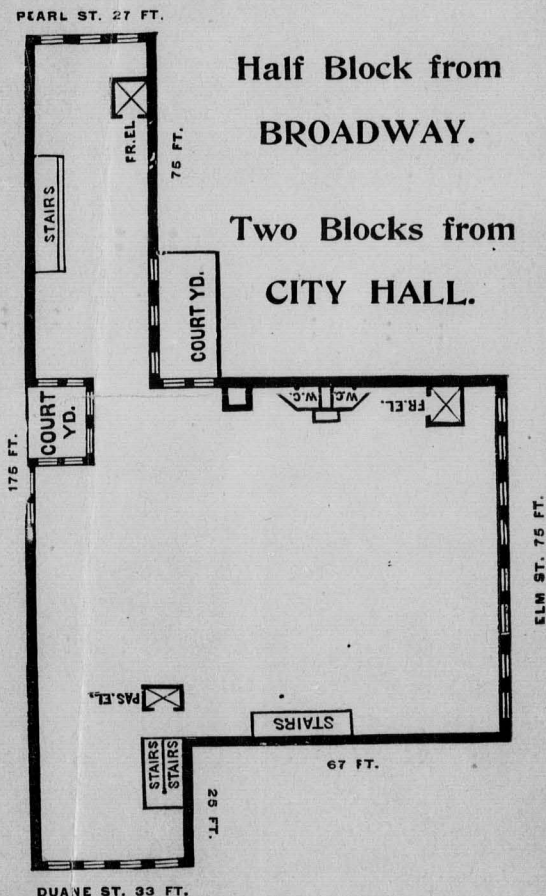
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*written*  
In relation to a building which we have ~~seen~~ you about a number of times for the street cleaning and other City Departments, we now beg to offer you the following places which we trust you will give consideration when your Committee having the matter in charge has its meeting.

It strikes us, that for immediate use the new Vernon fire-proof building at Duane, Pearl & Elm Streets is the best place in Town, having three elevators, steam heat, electric light, &c., and can be arranged at once to suit the requirements of the City. We can give you two, three or four floors, each one having an area of over 10,000 sq. ft., with light on all sides; price about 65¢ per sq. foot.

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We shall be glad to be advised when your Committee is to meet, so that we may present the matter more in detail.

Yours truly,

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New York, Feby. 11th, 1898

MAYOR.

COMPLAINT No. 78

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayer New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please be so kind and see that the department whose duty it is, will clear the lower portion of Mott Avenue from snow, and also see that the people occupying premises along that avenue are compelled to clean their sidewalks. The snow is so high in the middle of the street that vehicles are compelled to drive on the sidewalks. The people owning and occupying the property for about 200 feet from 138th street up, seem to think that they are not under any necessity of cleaning their sidewalks at all, and as almost all of the residents of Mott avenue and the side streets adjoining it, are compelled to pass by there, it is a great hardship on them, and should be rectified by the proper authorities. Wpnt you please see that this is done, and greatly oblige the undersigned and a great many others.

Yours respectfully,

Aug Mayer  
314 Mott ave



589 East 134<sup>th</sup> St.  
Feb 11 - 95

Mr Job E. Hedges.

Sect to Mayor

Dear Sir,

Please thank  
the mayor on behalf of myself & other  
property owners in 134<sup>th</sup> St East of  
Alexander Ave for his prompt & kind ans.  
to my Complaint of the 8<sup>th</sup> against the  
snow laden sidewalk of Fitzpatrick's  
lot. On Sat this sidewalk was  
cleaned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the  
15 years I have lived there in  
the street

Yours truly  
James Duane



*New York. February 11, 1895.*

Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

A man who is mayor of a great city like New York has an opportunity for doing a great deal of good,- principally by enforcing existing laws. Great injury to the community is caused by the deception of unscrupulous men; for instance, the saloon keepers pretend that they desire to open their saloons on Sunday in order to accommodate the poor. This claim is absurd, because people of this class care only for their own interests. How could men who are engaged in debauching and making drunkards feel otherwise; There is not a poor family who use beer or whiskey as a beverage who cannot buy in Saturday their supply for Sunday. So the assertion that the saloons should be kept open on Sunday for their benefit has no foundation in fact. What the saloon keepers want is to roll out their drunkards on the sidewalk, but as matters now are they cannot have a noisy crowd in the saloons, nor let their drunken customers go out in the street, because they know that would create a feeling against them. But if Sunday opening is permitted by law, then they can have as much noise as they please and turn their drunkards on the streets for the police to take care of.



(2)

You have the power in your hands to enforce all laws, and it seems to me that you are guilty of a fearful neglect of duty in not doing so. You can command your Police Commissioners to order every police captain to enforce all laws within his province, and if they do not do it, then order the commissioners to dismiss those captains from the force. The whole trouble lies in these captains being allowed to hold office whether they perform their duty or not. It should be understood that detectives will be sent from headquarters to the different precincts, and if they discover any violations of law for which the captains are responsible, that those captains will be removed for neglecting to perform their duty, and it is your place to have men that you can rely upon at headquarters to do what I have just suggested. Were this done I am confident that there would not be more than two or three police captains removed before no saloons would be open in violation of law, and not a policy shop or house of ill-repute would be found in the whole city.

It is evident to me that you can do this if you wish to. You are under oath to do it, and by failing to do it you make yourself a perjurer. You have no right to have any choice as to what laws shall be enforced. If you do not want to enforce the laws you can resign. If you would do your duty as a mayor you could reduce arrests in this city ninety per cent. and save the taxpayers an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, - by failing to do it you cause these extra expenses to the taxpayers and that makes you worse than a thief; we do not trust thieves, but people are trusting you; firemen are paid to put out fires, not to commit arson.

Respectfully yours,

A. Mayor

# 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, Feb'y 11th., 1895.

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your esteemed favor of the 5th. inst.  
two of the officers of our Society will have the honor  
of calling on you Friday next at 2-30 P.M.

Very truly,

City Improvement Society,

*J. C. Pumphrey*

Secretary.



S. S. PACKARD,  
101 EAST 23d STREET,  
NEW YORK.

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February 11, 1895.

My dear Colonel:

Speaking of your engagement to be at President Hunter's Reception on Thursday evening, and your declination of the same, I have thought that a nice appreciative letter from you----one that may be read, and will be surely published---might be a good thing, both for you and for the public schools; and so I venture to suggest it.--- You will probably never know what a sad disappointment your absence will be to the ladies who were to bask in your smiles, and to the teachers who wish to call you one of them---at least in sympathy. You would be expected in your "short pertinent address" to estimate the value of the Normal College to the City of New York, and especially to the schools in the training of teachers--- and then, it would be expected that you would know all about "President Hunter", who has been the moving power in this great enterprise, which now celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. You, who know everything about the city, must know that Mr. Hunter established the Evening High School in 1866; and was the first principal to do away with corporal punishment in the public schools; that he was elected Assistant Superintendent of Schools in 1866, and organized the Normal and High School----now the Normal College in 1869, taking charge thereof, February 14, 1870.

You must know all this, not to repeat any part thereof, but in order that you may say the few pertinent words that the present Mayor of New York would be expected to say.

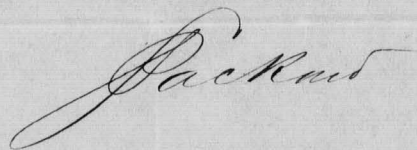
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101 EAST 23d STREET,  
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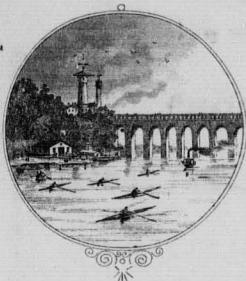
I have written the Committee that your doctor has peremptorily forbidden you to go out of evenings, and that in consequence thereof, you not only decline all invitations, but have had to cancel all engagements--- and that while it would give you the greatest pleasure to attend this reception and to say the few words expected of you, you have no choice in the matter.

So if you will write the brief letter, and address it to Miss Emma M. Requa, 65 West 52 Street, as for the Committee, you will do a very kindly act, and bring down on your slightly bald head the blessings of all the School Ma'ams.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. S. Packard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,".





\* *Harlem Regatta Association* \*

*New York*

Feb. 11th

*18* 95

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

As Chairman of the Committee on permanent sites for the Harlem Regatta Association, consisting of fifteen rowing clubs on the Harlem River, I am requested to report to them what progress I have made, at the annual meeting which will be held about March 1st.

If not asking too much, would you please set a day and hour at which I can have a few minutes' conversation with you regarding a plan which I have to lay before you? We are desirous of locating the boat clubs on the Harlem River at some place permanently, the same as the clubs of Philadelphia are located on the Schuylkill River.

Hoping you will grant me this interview at an early day, and awaiting your reply, I remain,

Yours truly,

*Fred. Vilmar*  
*66 and 68 Duane St*  
*City*



EARLE CLIFF, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1895

Mr Wm L. Thoug.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to  
inform you that you have been  
appointed to respond to the toast—  
"New York - The Commercial City of  
the New World" at the Banquet of  
the Society of the War of 1812

Yours truly,

Frederick Earl

Noted Creedon  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

Chairman  
Committee of Arrangements  
Hotel Normandie



LAW OFFICE OF  
A. B. TAPPEN,  
93-99 NASSAU STREET,  
BENNETT BUILDING,

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New York, Feb. 11 1895

Hon W L Strong  
Mayor &c

Accept

I hereby tender you my  
resignation of the office of  
Commissioner of Public Parks.

My successor will fill  
an unexpired term ending  
May 1, 1896 as the law  
now stands, and I offer  
him the benefit of nearly  
four years of active service  
and much work in the  
Department on my part.

I am Sir

Very truly &c

A B Tappen

Saturday

65 West 52 St.  
New York,  
February 11/95.

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To the Hon.

William L. Strong,  
Mayor, New-York City.

Dear Sir, - Will it be convenient for you to receive a committee of ladies at your office on Saturday morning, February sixteenth, at eleven o'clock? This committee is composed of delegates representing several associations. They desire to submit to you the names of women who are endorsed by their societies as candidates for the positions of commissioners on the Board of Education.

If you cannot give us a hearing on the above date will you kindly make an appointment.

Very respectfully yours,  
Emma M. Regna.



VALENTINE LOEWI,

37 PEARL STREET,

Telephone Connection.

*Wm*  
New York, Feb 12 1895

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Hon: Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor N.Y.

Dear Sir

We have been trying all winter to have the owner of the property, situated on the S. E. corner of 81 Street & 5th Ave, compelled to remove the snow and ice from his sidewalk but without success. We have spoken to the policeman on the beat, have written to the Captain of the Precinct, and lastly to Supt. Byrnes but no one has taken the least notice of the complaints. My wife and daughters and also

those of our neighbors have frequently fallen and it is a constant menace to life and limb. The owner of the property is said to be J.B. Smith 14 E. 75 St. If you can bring us any relief in this matter we would be greatly obliged to you.

Respectfully Yours

Joe Loewi  
22 E. 81 Street.

26 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St.

February 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr Mayor

I am deeply interested that the City should have good Excise Commissioners - Those who will execute the laws. These we have not had, but they have used their power in the interests of the Saloons, rather than enforcing the laws which was their business. If these Commissioners, will faithfully revoke the licenses of such as open their places on Sunday, these Saloons would soon be closed as closely as the down town business houses are.

I addressed you some time since respecting Sunday opening, which you may not have <sup>had</sup> time to read and I ought not to burden you can give this any more consideration. Yet the Saloon, is the source of such terrible evils, I am constrained to do what I can, to diminish the curse. I have been, as I said more than 20 years visiting in the tenement districts of the East side and have had ample opportunity for seeing the wretchedness caused by liquor.

As an instance of the waste caused by the Saloons the wife of a Saloon Keeper, some 15 years ago told me her husband had taken in ~~loss~~ in three years \$80,000.!!



This was a corner saloon on one of the avenues in the midst of tenement houses. and from my knowledge of the families of that neighborhood I am sure every dollar of that money should have gone home to their families.

This was only out of seven saloons on the six blocks adjacent on that avenue, and several of these six seemed to have about as many customers! Four Hundred Millions spent in the saloons of this city during the last ten years! It is not surprising there should be drunkenness, wretchedness, poverty and crime. This money would have filled our city with pleasant and attractive reading rooms, or many more palatial club houses than we now have. I am the President of the Baltimore "Home for Fallen & Friendless Girls" and have been connected with it for thirty years, and many of the girls we have had in our institution have been inducted into the saloons and there under the influence of liquor and some times drugs been ruined. I have frequently had occasion to call the <sup>attention of the</sup> Excise Commissioners to these saloons but in only one instance did they take notice of it

Respectfully  
J. Stites Eley

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L. Stung  
Mayors office

C.H & J.A. YOUNG & TERRY,  
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS,  
170 BROADWAY, N.Y.

CHARLES H. YOUNG.  
J. ADDISON YOUNG.  
CHARLES T. TERRY.

February 12, 1895.

Dictated.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City,  
City Hall, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you copy of a Bill which I propose to have introduced in the legislature. Of course, it will ultimately come back to you, if it is passed, for a hearing, but I thought it the part of courtesy to send you a copy before it is introduced.

I shall be pleased, at any time, if you require any explanation other than the Bill gives of its own purpose, to explain it to you.

Judge Robertson of Westchester County is as anxious that it should be passed as I am. My interest in it is merely as a Westchester County taxpayer.

Yours very respectfully,

*Charles H. Young*



Office of

J. Philip Berg

114 Nassau St

N. Y.

Hon. William L. Strong

New York Feb. 12, 1895

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago I presented to you and left a copy of a bill which I drafted for the Law and Order Society, to district the "Social Evil" &c. and <sup>stated you would</sup> you ~~promised~~ to consider the same and let me know your views upon the subject.

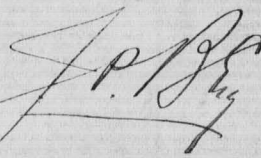
Inasmuch as you are now receiving ~~mx~~ many visits of people who desire appointments, I do not call personally, but write you for the purpose of ascertaining your views and opinion regarding this bill, or the subject matter with which it treats, so that the same might be sent to the Legislature and be introduced there.

Should you have mislaid the bill I again send you a copy thereof with the points made thereupon.

Should you prefer my calling to see you, than writing me, let me know and I will call any day and time you designate.

Your's very respectfully,

P.S. Kindly answer this



UNION FERRY COMPANY,  
OF NEW YORK & BROOKLYN,

*File*

BROOKLYN, N.Y. *Feb 12* 1895

Hon Wm L Strong Mayor  
City Hall New York

My Dear Sir

I see by the papers that you  
have appointed John Monks Esq a Dock Commissioner.

If this is correct, I desire to cordially endorse your  
action, & Congratulate you & the City of New York  
upon obtaining the services of a gentleman so  
thoroughly acquainted with the docks of the City,  
& whose administration of the office will, I am  
sure, reflect credit to you & to him

Very Respectfully

H. K. Knapp.

General Manager

Union Ferry Co. of New York & Brooklyn

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LEMUEL SKIDMORE,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
44 PINE STREET,

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THIRD FLOOR.  
ROOM 302.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Sir,

I hereby present my  
resignation as a Commissioner  
of the Supervisory Board of  
Civil Service in the City of New  
York, to take effect upon  
the appointment of my  
successor.

Yours respectfully  
Lemuel Skidmore



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
**Assembly Chamber.**

*Albany*

Feb. 12th.

1895

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,  
New York city.

Dear Sir- Your letter of the 7th inst. relating to Assembly bill 558 introduced by Mr. Percy, providing for the re-organization of the New York Park Board, has been received. I requested Mr. Percy to call upon you when he should return to New York and endeavor to arrive at some change in his bill that would be satisfactory to you. As soon as he returns I will consult with him, and endeavor to see that your wishes are carried out.

Yours &c.,

Dic.

*James M. E. O'Grady*



EDMUND STEPHENSON, President,  
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JOSEPH MEYERS, Second V. Pres't,  
395 7th Avenue.

Organized Oct. 13th, 1842,  
**Association of Exempt Firemen**  
of the  
City of New York.

GEO. W. WHEELER, Rec. & Cor. Sec'y,  
116 India Street, Brooklyn, E. D.  
FRANCIS HAGADORN, Fin. Sec'y,  
56 East 23d Street  
Residence, 139 Ross St., Brooklyn, E. D.  
ANTHONY C. D'OZEVILLE, Treas.,  
44 King Street

New York, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

55 Hon William L. Strong

Mayor

Dear Sir

On Washington's birthday (22<sup>nd</sup> inst),  
the uniformed company Exempt Firemen  
Association will make a parade and  
pass the City Hall that morning on  
their way to Brooklyn at 10 o'clock.  
They would be happy to be reviewed by  
Your Honor —

Very truly

J. J. Morgan  
Secretary

Robert B. Nooney  
Foreman

Frederick

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Feb 13 1895

Hon. William M. Strong:

Mr Mayor:

Dear Sir:

Can you  
inform me why it is that ever  
since Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 we have  
been unable (except at certain  
intervals) to draw any water  
on the second & third floor  
of our house No 1291 Madison  
Avenue between 91<sup>st</sup> & 92<sup>nd</sup> Sts.  
& the same is true so far as



Can you?  
I have learned of the entire  
neighborhood?

Is it possible that  
Mr. Gilroy is meddling with  
the water works?

I am a republican of  
the staunchest sort & very  
much interested in the new  
order of things, and true to  
the 28th Elect district & did all  
I could to get all the Repub-  
lican vote out last Nov.  
It really seems to me with all  
we pay for water privileges  
that there should be no local.

With great respect

Sincerely yours  
Honore D. Therrill

New York Feb 13<sup>th</sup> / 75

Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York

My Dear Sir

We heartily congratulate you upon  
your splendid Appointment of  
W<sup>m</sup> Brookfield  
as Commissioner of Public Works, a splendid  
man in the right place, and it meets the  
entire approval of the M<sup>c</sup>Kinley Rep Club  
and you have our best wishes for your success  
in your grand reform Administration of  
Public Affairs

Very Truly Yours

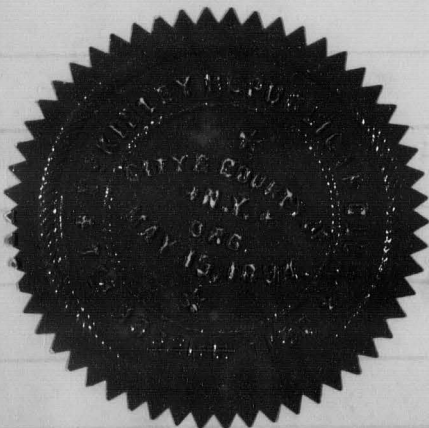
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Cor. Sec<sup>y</sup>

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Feb. 13, 1895.

New York, .....18

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

Dear Sir:-

I do not know you personally; but as a business man in this City, if reports be true in the Public press that you have selected Mr. John Monks for Dock Commissioner of this City, I wish to congratulate you upon the selection of a gentleman whose capability for this position is beyond question and one whose honesty and integrity can not be questioned, and I would also congratulate the City upon having as Dock Commissioner a gentleman fitted in every way for such a position.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Robertson

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TELEPHONE 138-B 13th Street,

OFFICE OF  
**Edward Rafter**  
GROCER  
414 EAST 13TH ST.  
NEW YORK.

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Amd Feb. 13/95-

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
COMPLAINT No. 81

New York, 189

Hon. Mayor Strong  
City of New York.  
Sir,

I beg to draw your attention  
to the condition of thirteenth St.  
Between First Ave. & Ave A.  
there is heavy traffic on this  
street and it all blocked with  
snow &c, your immediate attention  
to same will much oblige

Yours Respectfully  
Edward Rafter  
B. M. R.

COMPLAINT.

RECORD No. 330  
DATE Feb. 13/95  
DIST. No. 14 SEC. No. 14  
REFERRED TO D. S. Kealy  
REPORT REC'D



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON  
MILITARY INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

W. A. COPP, CHAIRMAN.  
JAMES A. BLANCHARD, SECRETARY.

J. FRED. PIERSON, R. W. GILDER,  
CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, G. M. VAN HOESEN,  
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HENRY H. ADAMS,  
COMMANDER  
EX-OFFICIO.

# LAFAYETTE POST No. 140.

DEPT. OF NEW YORK, G. A. R.,

COMMANDER'S OFFICE: 177 BROADWAY,

New York, February 13, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As I am greatly interested in the public schools of New York, I have asked one of the Commissioners, Henry A. Rogers, to call upon you, whenever it will be convenient for you to give him five or ten minutes of your time, in reference to some matters which he will be able to present to you, perhaps better than any other party, concerning matters of great importance for the advancement of the public school interests of New York City. I bespeak for him your kind consideration.

Yours very truly,



*Law Offices*  
*Barrow & Osborne,*  
*Savannah, Ga.*  
SOUTHERN BANK BUILDING.

Savannah, Ga., February 14th<sup>1</sup> 1895.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please kindly oblige me with the following information about the government of your City, if you have same in printed matter, and can send it without inconvenience.

First:- A copy of your Police regulations, showing the qualifications necessary to get on the police force, the uniform and the amount of duty done.

Second:- The regulations showing the qualifications necessary to become a Fireman.

Third:- Copies of any ordinance or regulations requiring the inspection of buildings by the Fire Department or Fire marshal showing the character of the inspection and how frequently they are made.

Fourth:- Regulations provided by the Water Department, by which water pipes are kept from being frozen in very cold weather.

By sending this information you will greatly oblige,

Respectfully,

Hon. W. S. Strong, Mayor of New York  
New York.

*W W Osborne*



Headquarters

# Washington Heights Progressive Association

S. W. Cor. 168th St.

& Amsterdam Ave.



NEW YORK, February 14th, 1895.

To the Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, and the Honorable  
Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.--Greeting:--

At a regular meeting of the Washington Heights Progressive Association, held this day at their Headquarters, S. W. Cor. of 168th Street and Amsterdam Ave., the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted--That--

WHEREAS-The Third Ave. R. R. Co. have petitioned the Honorable Board of Aldermen for permission to construct and operate a Surface Railroad through and upon the Kingsbridge Road from 162d Street north to the City Line, and

WHEREAS-The said Third Ave. R. R. Co. now own and operate a Cable Road upon Amsterdam Ave., north of 125th Street to 185th Street, and in accordance with their charter are privileged to extend said Cable Road to the terminus of Tenth or Amsterdam Ave., and which said Third Ave. R. R. Co. have failed to comply with. And

WHEREAS-The Third Ave. R. R. Co. do not own or operate and have no transfer connections, with any direct surface railroad, to the lower section of this City WEST OF THE



CENTRAL PARK, and can only carry passengers to the East Side of this City, for which they already possess a monopoly. And

WHEREAS-The members of this Association, Property Owners and Business Men, and representing a majority of the residents of this section of the City of New York have continuously requested railroad accommodations VIA THE WEST SIDE TO THE SOUTH FERRY, IT WAS

RESOLVED-That the Hon. Mayor WILLIAM L. STRONG and the Honorable Board of Aldermen, be and are hereby requested to refuse to grant to the Third Ave. R. R. Co. the privilege to construct or operate a surface railroad upon the Kingsbridge Road north of 162d Street, or to any other Company or Corporation, that are not in possession of existing surface railroads or transfer connections through the West Side of this City and west of the Central Park to the Battery or South Ferry. And it was further

RESOLVED-That the Public Press are requested to assist the residents of this vicinity, to secure adequate railroad facilities through the West Side, to the lower sections of this City. It was also further

RESOLVED-That the Committee on Rapid Transit and Railroads of this Association take such further action as they may deem just and proper, that will result in the prompt and full compliance with these Resolutions.

A True Copy.

*John C. Klett*  
*John C. Koopman* } Secretaries.  
*Christian Spinks* President



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FROM THE

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

PROGRESSIVE

ASSOCIATION.

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Otis Brothers & Co.  
Elevators & Hoisting Machinery.

A. G. MILLS.  
Vice President & Secretary.

Office of the Vice President & Secretary

38 Park Row.

New York, Feby 14/95

Hon. Wm L. Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir:

The undersigned  
feeling a deep interest in the  
success of your administration,  
hereby heartily congratulate you  
on the assignment of Mr. Brookfield  
& Genl Collis to the Dept of Public Works.

Very truly yours

A. G. Mills  
Emma Kendrick  
Dr. Winchester

~~James A. Blanchard~~

James A. Blanchard



198 Ave B

N.Y. City  
Feb 14 " 95

To His Honor Mayor Strong  
City Hall  
New York

Dear Sir!

Although  
I believe the Rapid Transit  
Commission are in favor  
of Tunnels for Rapid  
Transit purposes, yet  
I think any feasible  
open air project should  
have the floor at any  
time, <sup>it</sup> for Health purposes  
alone; Therefore I now  
endeavor to enlist Your  
Honor's attention to what

I am pleased to call  
my Champion Structure  
Elevated Rail Road project  
for Broadway which is  
of the nature of the  
Skeleton Truss of a House  
Built in the Street, a  
double deck Build with  
Triangle Roof for strength  
The Lower deck only  
being used for Transit  
purposes; Four Tracks  
Two Local & Two for Express  
Trains; fit for either Steam  
or Electric Motive Power  
But Steam preferred <sup>having</sup>  
the Best Brake and not  
such a Menace to Life as  
The suspended Live wire;  
Storage not yet being  
sufficiently perfected for  
RR purposes; a five foot

Driving Wheel being looked  
for on the Mile a Mile  
minute Trains to suburbs  
Now Your Honor I would  
be pleased to call your <sup>atten</sup>  
tion to my street crossing  
plan; The pillars being <sup>placed</sup>  
on curb; By Tests made  
although on a small scale,  
I find that the structure  
extended say from Broadway  
in either direction on side  
Street to the distance of  
Two or more Arches across  
Street, From Ten to Thirty  
feet apart; produces a  
Side Resistance or anchorage  
of strength sufficient  
to as I have believed  
justify my spanning the  
width of Broadway <sup>without</sup>  
a pillar Support in the  
Street



The structure being put up  
 as a whole and the side  
 street extensions to help <sup>uphold</sup>  
 the integrity of the affair;  
 I have however so far  
 modified my intent as  
 to allow of one pillar in the  
 middle of street (See end view  
 as a matter of additional  
 Safety; Besides High speed  
 Transit demanding a marked  
 Resistance of structure  
 my Elaborate forethought  
 and provision of Guild would  
 be justifiable; please scan  
 illustrations closely and it  
 will also cost an Extra  
 penny; However way ahead  
 of all Tunnels; no cross  
 Ties

being used, stringers for the  
Rails and Iron net-work  
with only Three narrow <sup>planks</sup>  
allowed for walk alongside  
of Track - See picture of  
my Track Receptacle  
all darkening features done  
away with and the noise  
of Train approach modified  
within limits; Day and Sun  
light being counted to fullest  
extent - as also piping  
provided for wet and Rain  
drippings as also safe-  
guards from oil drippings  
are to be employed  
cable support of Track  
Receptacle between arches  
is intended same being



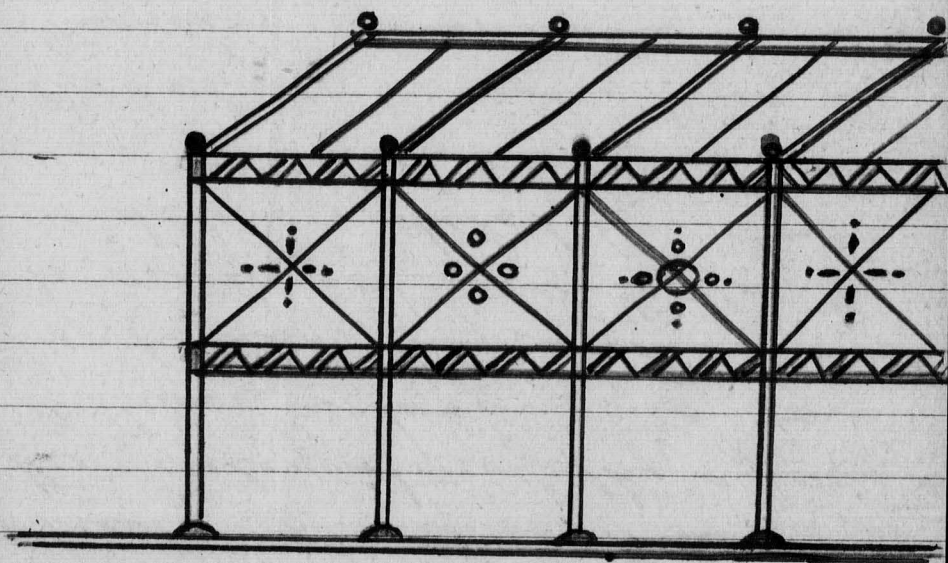
cleated to the cross girders  
on arches; See also cable  
Hanging and cross beam  
Track Receptacle illustration  
as well as the Side view  
of the Champion Structure  
Height from ground to Track  
15 ft. to upper deck abt  
same again and Triangle  
Roof according to width  
of Street; Having noted  
most of the objections <sup>advanced</sup>  
against present Structure  
The evil has been sought  
to be done away with  
and an impartial test  
of the Scheme is earnestly  
and most Respectfully  
Requested for the good  
of the city, all the <sup>expectations</sup>  
<sup>advanced</sup> it is fully  
believed being capable

of Realization; although  
of course there will  
always be objections to  
any structure that may  
be put up; Yet the  
Doctors tell me that  
fresh air is of paramount  
importance in Life  
and by a little sacrifice  
on the part of all  
concerned This important  
factor is to be retained  
in our Rapid Transit  
purposes and to further  
this view my scheme  
is most Respectfully  
dedicated

Very Truly Yours  
T. A. Beecher  
198 Ave B  
New York

2<sup>nd</sup> floor 3

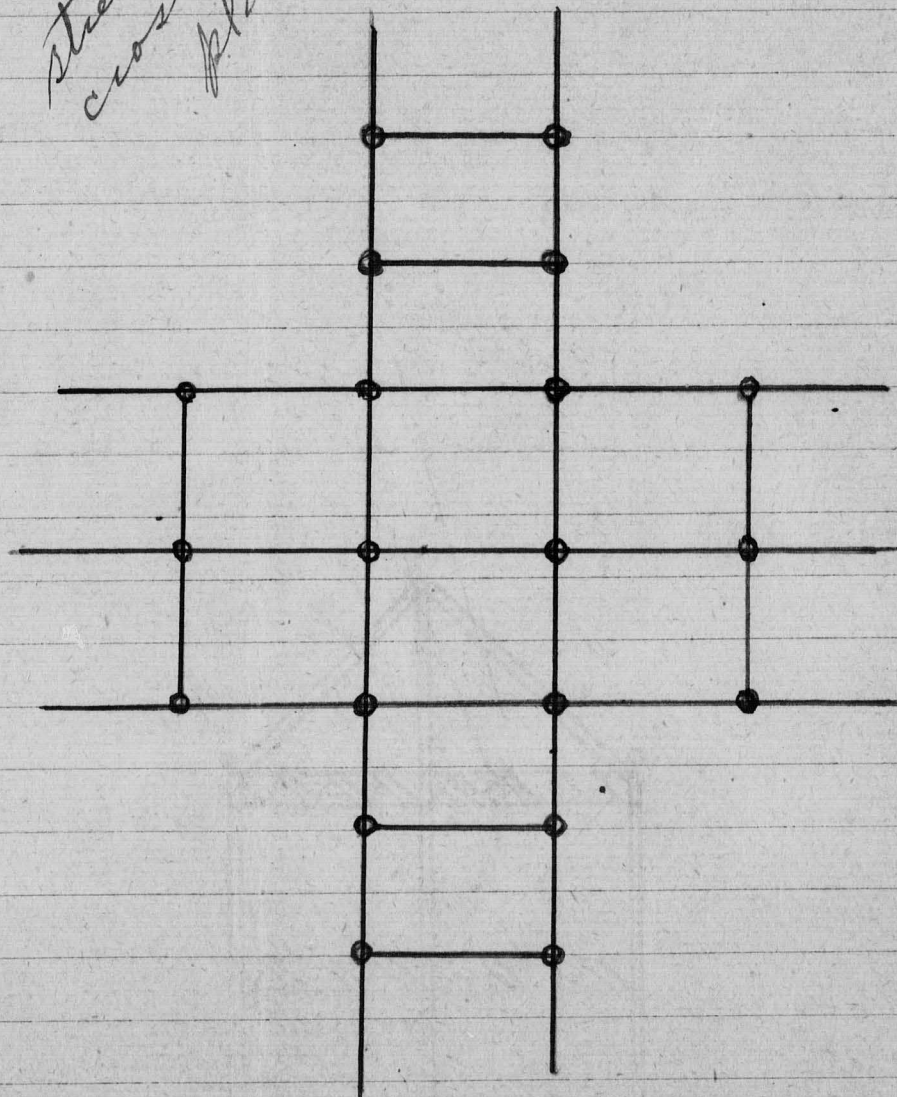
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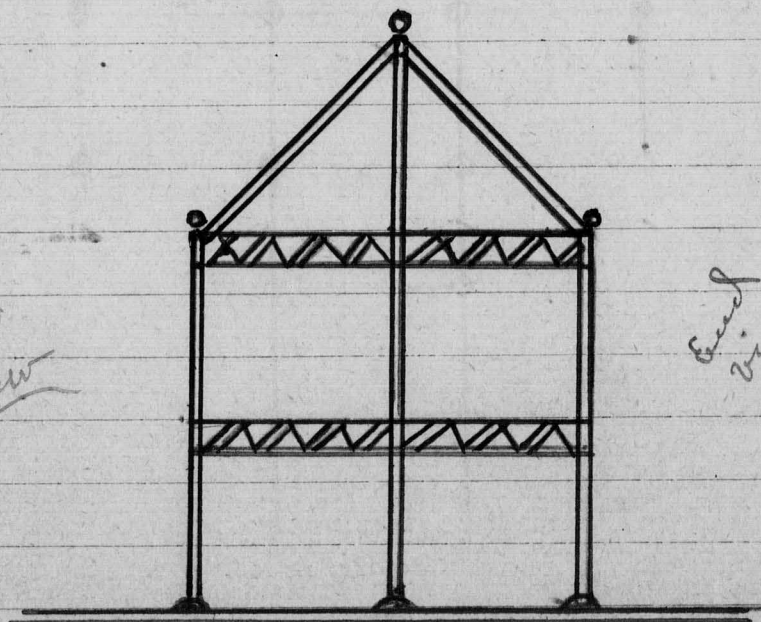
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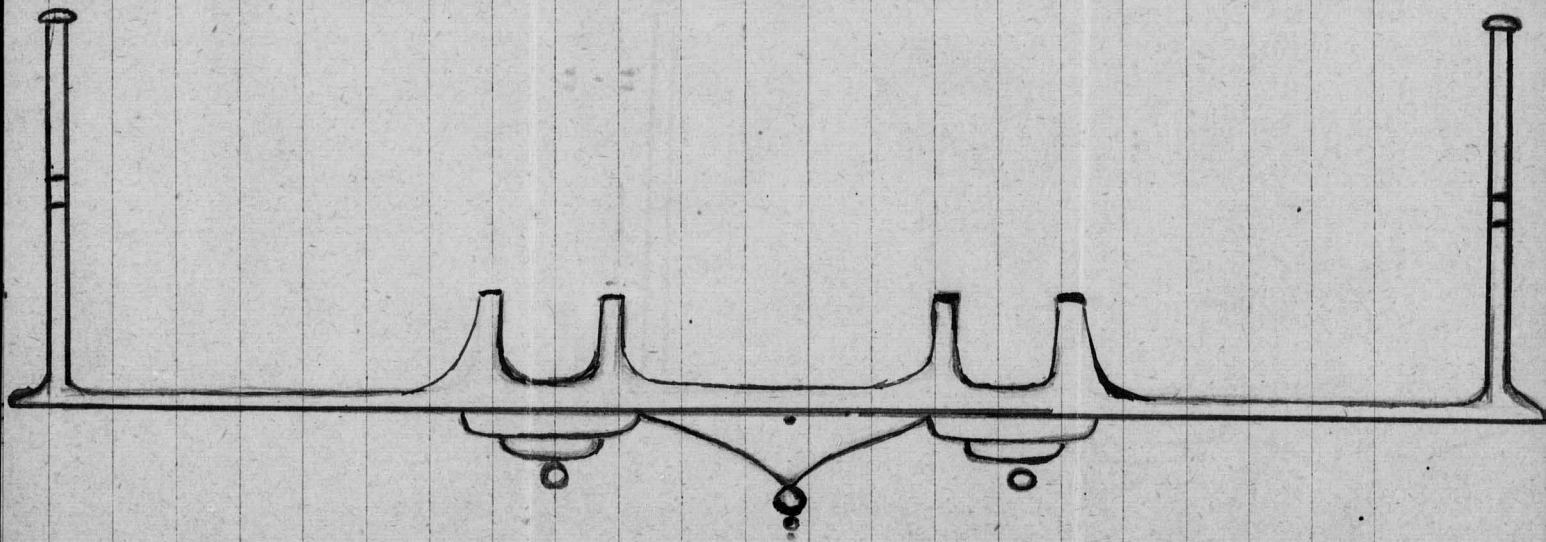
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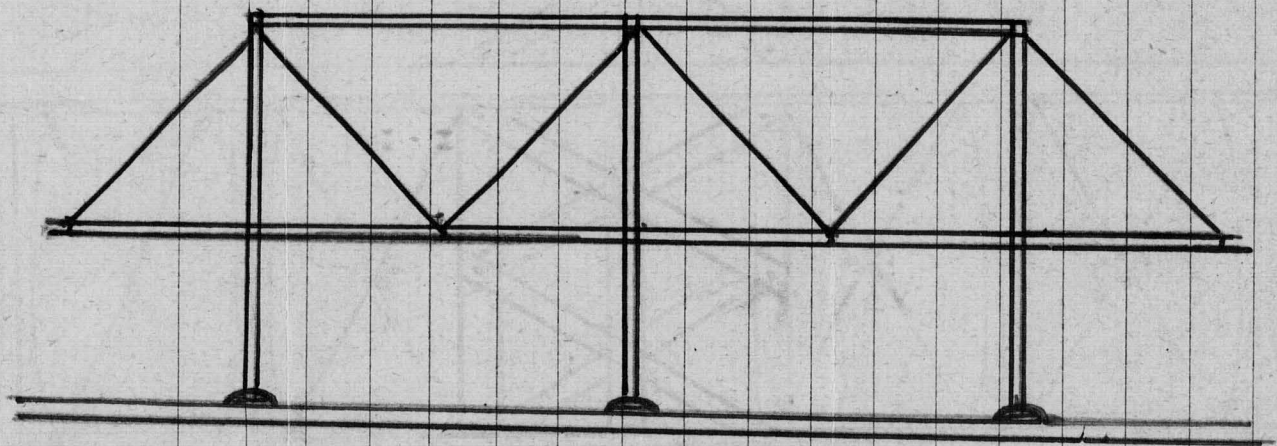


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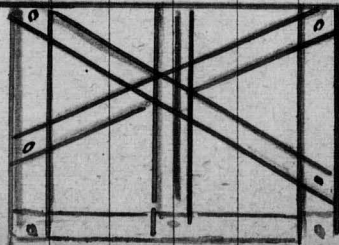
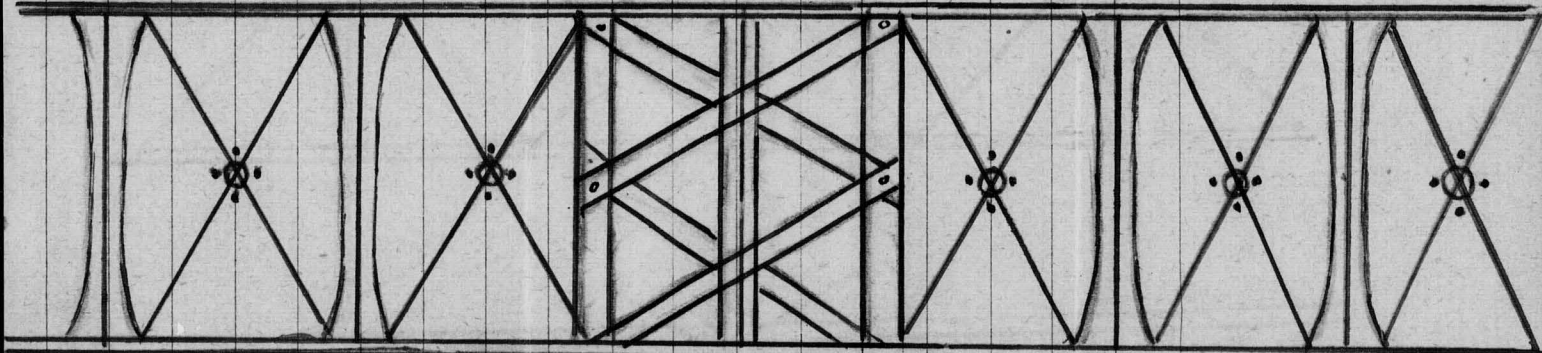
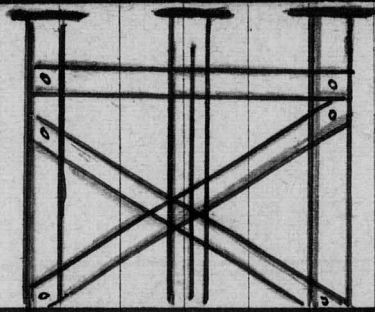
Track Receptacle





The cable Hanging  
of Track Receptacle

Track  
Receptacle  
& cross beam  
support for  
cable hanging





DR. EVAN G. SHORTLIDGE,  
MAYOR.

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Mayor's Office  
WILMINGTON, DEL.

2/4/1895.

Hon. W. S. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

My dear Sir:-

I am gratified to have your approval of my suggestion for a National Association of Mayors, and only regret that you are so pressed with the important problems in your new field of labor, to which you have been called, to the gratification of the whole Nation, that you are not now prepared to make any suggestions. just

Trusting that the progress of the movement may be of interest to you, I shall keep you advised of the prospects from time to time and at present I am happy to say that the interest is prompt and most hearty, in every city where the attention of the Mayor has been called to the matter.

Yours very truly,

*Evan G. Shortridge*  
Mayor

JACOB ERLICH & CO.

WRAPPERS,



TEA GOWNS,

57 WALKER STREET,

New York, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1895,

Mayn Strong,  
D.D.

I want no office.  
Am a trustee of Good Government Club  
Q. a member of the City Vigilance League.  
I herewith hand you a copy of  
a letter sent to the Bureau of Street Sanitation.  
If you can do anything, so that the  
official who has such complaints in  
charge, I shall feel considerably  
better, and the business people of  
the neighborhood will be equally  
grateful.

Yours,  
Jacob Erlich



JACOB ERlich & CO.

WRAPPERS.



TEA GOWNS,

57 WALKER STREET,

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New York, July 14th 1895.

The Bureau of Street Encumbrances.

Gentlemen

Messrs Jackson & Son letters addressed to 69 Walker St. but have their box between my place, and 59 Walker St. where they transact their business, their box is of course on the street, evidently they are "squatters." They do a general drayage or trucking business, cases are brought in front of my premises and adjoining places of business left there all day sometimes or as the case may be. These cases or boxes are brought from B'way Church, or Rispinard Sts. or wherever Jackson & Son care

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get any business.  
They pay no rent, as I can  
ascertain, on Walker St; their  
trucks and wagons remain standing  
all day sometimes; in front of  
the stores along this part of  
Walker St, their men stand in  
my hallway, lean on my signs  
and break some of them down.  
I have called the attention of two  
policemen to this fact, they agree  
with me as to the imposition being  
practiced but say it is not in their  
province to do anything, at least  
they have as far as I can see  
done nothing, will you kindly  
give this matter immediate  
attention.

Yours Very Truly  
Jacob Glick & Co. <sup>20.</sup>



E. K. AL BURTIS,

NEW YORK.

~~POST OFFICE BOX 1831.~~

New York,

February 14<sup>th</sup> 1895  
1137 Broadway

Hon William L Strong  
Mayor of City of New York  
Dear Sir

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I observe by the daily journals that you have expressed yourself strongly in favor of providing, as soon as possible increased transit facilities for the city. I have given the subject much attention and with the advice of an experienced Civil Engineer, have elaborated a plan that I am confident, will meet the requirements of the present and future conditions.

The Engineer above referred to has made careful estimates of the cost of constructing and equipping a system of Railway, which will be within the figures, that can be compassed by private Capitalists, so that it will not be necessary for the city to provide the money for its construction. I am familiar with the various plans which have been submitted to the Rapid Transit Commissioners, but I have seen none similar to, or which will afford the facilities of, the plans I have to suggest for your consideration.

If agreeable to you I would be pleased to have a short interview with you accompanied by the Engineer referred to. My object in bringing the matter to your attention personally, is the belief I have in your desire to provide the best means of Rapid Transit from the lower to the upper part of the City, without involving the City in the Scheme, as the Capitalist, and you being a practical Business man free to exercise an unbiased judgement on any great public question, without prejudice or being controlled by any preconceived notions of others. I shall be pleased to call upon you at any time that will be convenient to you. I have the honor to be very respectfully yours

E. K. Al Burtis



Moving Vans  
Estimates Given  
Fire-proof Storage  
Safe Deposit Vaults

New York, Feb. 14 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong

My Dear Sir:-

Having become convinced that both you and your Street Cleaning Commissioner have determined to give us more effectual work and better service - in short "Quid pro Quo" - I wish to make a few, which I think, practical suggestions. It will require no argument to convince any and all that it is impossible to clean our streets, lined, as many of them are, with vehicles of all kinds the entire length of the block. I run from forty to fifty vehicles of different kinds; such as, water



carts, vans, trucks, express and carpet  
wagons. I house them all and have  
learned by an experience of a quarter  
of a century that I cannot afford  
to not house them. The only  
feasible way would be to have a law  
passed, forbidding wagons of any  
kind to stand on the streets except  
when in actual use, to take effect  
in not less than one nor more than  
two years hence. When this state  
of affairs is in operation one year,  
you could not induce the owners  
of houses and wagons to return to the  
slipshod and expensive way of  
housing vehicles on the streets.

Respectfully

A. B. Yetter

304 E. 61 St.

N. Y. City

OFFICE, 316 Greenwich Street.

New York, Feb'y 14, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor. N. Y.

Sir: You are aware that I have been engaged for some time, in an effort to have certain city ordinances amended, so as to take out the blackmailing features. Last March, I succeeded in having Sec. 52, Art. 4, Chap. IV of Revised Ordinances of 1880, relating to the use of the sidewalk, amended so as to read, "except goods, wares and merchandise in process of loading and unloading, shipments, or being received from shipments, but at all times there shall be maintained a free passageway for pedestrians, in the center of the walk". This amendment was approved by the Mayor, on March 29th.

Another one of these Blackmailing ordinances is Sec. 419, Art. 43, Chap. VI, relating to "Gutter Bridges". Under this ordinance, any person can put down one of these bridges "except on those streets used for private residences, Broadway, Fifth and Madison Avenues" by paying a dollar a year. The application for license the ordinance requires to be made of the "Bureau of Permits". As no such Bureau exists, it is doubtful whether a license under this Section can be legally issued. Mayor Grant signed a few permits in person, but I have never seen one from Mayor Gilroy. These licenses naturally carry with them the implied right to back upon the walk, but the policeman comes around and says,



"You are violating city ordinance, Sec. 60 and 61, Art. 4, Chap. VI, which makes it a penalty of \$5.00 for backing upon the sidewalk, and you must pay me for the privilege, otherwise I will report you to the Corporation Attorney, and if you give me any sass I'll take you in, under Sec. 280 of the Consolidated Act, which makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment, for not making an arrest for a violation of a city ordinance or law in force." Thus a custom has been established for the owners of these bridges to pay the police. But the most objectionable feature is the method of construction, which consists of a 3 in. plank sunken into iron clamps, resting upon the curb. This does not leave sufficient drainage to carry off the wash of the streets during a heavy rain, in fact, in many instances, the sweepers stop up both ends, and the water perculating through the top remains to be absorbed by the wood, or to become stagnant. In some locations the pavers, in order to enlarge this drainage, have sunken the gutters, so as to form a basin. In case of heavy rains, this may be an advantage, but ordinarily it becomes a cesspool. The provisions of the ordinance requiring "the Gutters under these Brdiges to be cleaned on Wednesday of each week between sunrise and 9 o'clock", is seldom or never complied with, and the result is that in almost every location they are a reeking mass of filth and

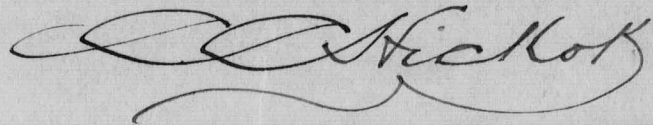
stagnant water. Last year, I examined nearly every location downtown and there was not one exception. Afterwards, I drew up an amendment to the ordinance, similar to the one now enclosed, except in this one I give the licensing and the care of the bridges to the Department of Street Cleaning. The amendment was approved and endorsed by Dr. Edison, of the Health Department, as being "a good provision, which ought to become a law". It was introduced into the Board of Aldermen, by Dr. Smith, of the 12th, and afterwards referred to the Law Committee, where it was left until after the election. It is apparent that the only guarantee the public can have for keeping these bridges clean is through the Street Department and it is suggested to increase the license fee, with a view of reimbursing the department for extra labor. This seems to be only fair and just. Also there are many of these bridges in use, where they are wholly unnecessary, and it is thought that by increasing the license, this class of dealers would give up the use of them. The Iron Bridge, as suggested, has been introduced on Water Street near Fulton, and not only overcomes the absorbent feature of the wooden structure, but leaves sufficient drainage to carry off the wash of the streets. They are put down in about six feet sections, and are much easier to handle. The expense is not much greater



than the wood.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. C. Nickols". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, decorative flourish at the end.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMAN AND COMMONALTY  
do ordain as follows:

Section 419, article XLIII, Chapter VI of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

It shall be lawful for any person who so desires to place and keep a bridge over the gutter, in front of any building, other than those used as private residences, except Broadway, Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, on the following conditions:

First. Application must be made to the Department of (Street Cleaning) and the sum of (\$25) per annum paid for the privilege, (dating from the granting of said application).

Second. (Said bridge shall be constructed of Iron) and put down under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

Third. The gutters under said bridges shall be kept clean by the (Department of Street Cleaning).

Fourth. (All licenses granted under this ordinance shall permit the owner to back a cart, wagon, or other vehicles upon the sidewalk for a period of ten minutes only, when in the actual process of loading and unloading, but at all other times there shall be kept open a free passageway for pedestrians in the center of the sidewalk.

Fifth. The Mayor may revoke this license on complaint of any citizen and for a violation of ordinance or what he deems sufficient cause.

The penalty for violating the Fourth Article of this Section shall be \$5.00 for each day's offense.

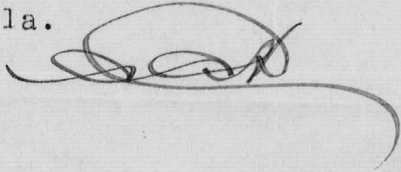
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Confidential.

You should clean out the Corporation Attorney's office as quickly as possible. I have sufficient evidence to indict it. This evidence I gave to Mayor Gilroy who doubtlessly communicated it to Corporation Counsel Clark, who afterwards made a demand for the resignation of Hanneman. Steiffel, prosecuting attorney, has made it a regulation to be retained by merchants to not prosecute them under the former sidewalk ordinance; also he has had out collectors, both on the East and West side of the city, and on Beekman Street, through money paid to him, there was maintained two nuisances, which the merchants in that location had petitioned to the Board of Health, sent Committees to the Mayor, and made complaints to the captain of the precinct, and were wholly unable to abate the nuisance. After I found out the particulars through my petition, I went to the front, made some threats, and stopped it. There is not a man in office that could be trusted with a big apple or an umbrella.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

## SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING

THE LAW AS IT WAS IN GOVERNOR FENTON'S TIME.

MAYOR STRONG'S STATEMENT AS TO ITS PRACTICAL WORKING CORRECTED BY THE SABBATH COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It is the plain duty of all good citizens to sustain Mayor Strong in his efforts to enforce and improve our laws. Doubtless there are practical difficulties to be encountered in the matter of the excise laws, and especially with reference to the Sunday sale of liquors. We are sure that the Mayor will welcome light on this question from whatever source. He is reported to have said to one of the delegations which recently visited him that during Governor Fenton's time the Sunday law was strictly enforced, but with an increase of drunkenness and crime. Now, we accept the Mayor's testimony to the fact that during the period referred to the Sunday law was enforced. But the other part of the alleged statement is very far from being correct, as we have the means of showing incontestably.

Governor Fenton was Governor of the State from 1866 to 1869. The Metropolitan Excise law, passed in April, 1866, after being in suspense for several months through adverse litigation, until sustained by the Court of Appeals, went into effect at the close of that year. It continued in operation for a little more than three years, until it was repealed by the Legislature of which Tweed was the ruling spirit, early in 1870. As to the effects of this law in the matter of Sunday drunkenness and disorder, the annual reports of the Board of Excise during these years give us the following facts. No one familiar with the high character of the men composing the board will question their statements. The report for 1867 says "that the number of places at which liquors are publicly retailed in New-York and Brooklyn has been reduced from 9,270 on May 1, 1866, to 6,845 on December 1, 1867, a reduction of 2,425 dram-shops, which still left one to every 174 of the population of this city. The hours during which liquors are publicly exposed for sale have been reduced from 168 per week (the whole number) to 108, or eighteen hours each secular day, leaving Sundays and the hours between midnight and sunrise of other days, with Election days, entirely exempt from liquor traffic; that open violations of the law are rare and promptly corrected, whereas the act which it supercedes was habitually and ostentatiously defied and set at naught; that the effects of the law are evinced in a signal diminution of arrests for disorder and crime by the police, which formerly made more, but now make fewer, on Sundays than on any other day; that for thirteen months during which the law has been enforced the Sunday arrests were 2,514, while the Tuesday arrests for the same months were 6,021, or more than double those on the corresponding Sundays; that the disproportion is wholly new to our city's experience, as under other laws there were more arrests on Sunday than on any other day of the week. These facts," continues the report, "bear their own comment. Argument would be lost on those whom they fail to impress with the utility and beneficence of the law." The report is signed by Jackson S. Schultz, president, and Emmons Clark, secretary.

The report for 1868 says: "The law was not enacted, and it has not been administered, on any theory of coercive personal morality, nor on any assumption of a right to say, generally, what people shall drink as a beverage, but solely on the theory of providing reasonable and wholesome regulations for a public traffic peculiarly liable to abuse; and there cannot, it is believed, be any serious ground for doubt (at least, on the experience of this law) that the exemption of the Christian Sabbath from this traffic, and the reduction of the period of its public pursuit from twenty-four to eighteen hours per day, and from 168 to 108 hours per week, has done much to promote what all good men and women desire, and little to foster what any good man or woman can regret." Its tables for the year show an average of 55 arrests on Sunday, and 114 on Tuesday, taken as an average weekday, and says: "Any one familiar with the scenes of terror and disorder that so often precede such arrests, and with the rabble of children and adults of both sexes that so often follow the police with the noisy inebriate to the station-house on Sunday, will fully appreciate how much is gained for decency and order on the Sabbath by removing the cause of nearly 6,000 such sad exhibitions in the crowded thoroughfares of two great cities." Signed: J. S. Bosworth, president; Emmons Clark, secretary.

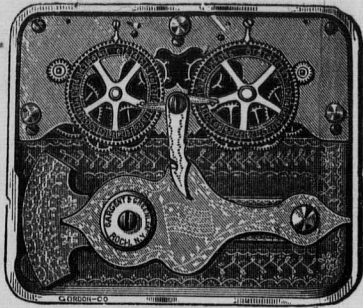
The report for 1869 says of the law, "that as a result of its administration public order has been promoted, quiet and safety at late hours of night have been increased, many of the worst sources of intoxication and crime have been closed, and sobriety and decency on Sunday have been in greater increase secured. And in attaining such results the rights or just privileges of none have been taken away or violated, and the general respect for law, order and virtue has not been in any way impaired." Sunday arrests for the year were 2,085 less than on Tuesday. The report sums up the results as follows: "At the end of about three and one-half years of instructive experience the board is able to report of the existing Excise law that it has been eminently successful as a measure of finance and a powerful re-enforcement of all those elements which contribute to public sobriety, order and virtue. And, in the opinion of the board, there can be no doubt that the administration of the law has developed and gradually strengthened a wholesome spirit of reform, now accomplishing a steady improvement of the character of the places licensed; and the gentle but constant pressure of the board in the interest of order and morality, united with fidelity and courage in public administration, have secured, in a considerable degree, their legitimate results, which are an increased respect for the Excise laws and a wholesome regard on the part of those licensed under it for the legitimate consequences of violating their requirements. And it is believed that its future administration will be attended with far less embarrassments and opposition than the board has heretofore encountered." Signed: Henry Smith, president; Emmons Clark, secretary.

A pamphlet prepared by George Bliss, jr., attorney of the board, says that "the Excise Board and all who have had anything to do with the enforcement of the law, agree that three things are essential to an efficient law—a power of arrest without a magistrate's warrant, a power of revoking licenses, and a closing of liquor-stores on Sunday and at some hour of the night. Without all of these there can be no efficient law." Then, summing up the facts given above, with the equally remarkable financial results of the law, it pertinently inquires, "Why should a law which has produced such results, which has thus diminished the number of liquor-stores, which has reduced arrests and has produced such a handsome revenue, be repealed or essentially modified?"

Is not the inquiry equally pertinent, "Why cannot such a law be enacted and enforced at the present time?"

Secretary of the New-York Sabbath Committee.  
New-York, Feb. 14, 1895.

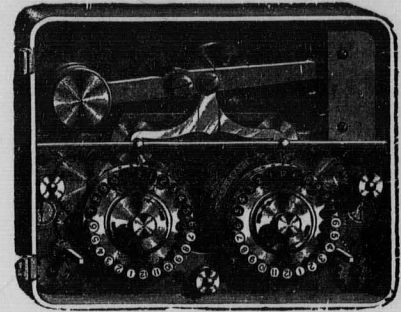




DESIGNER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF  
BURGLAR PROOF VAULT AND SAFE CONSTRUCTION.

J. M. MOSSMAN,  
(FORMERLY CADY & MOSSMAN.)  
**Safes, Locks, &c.**  
72 MAIDEN LANE.

TELEPHONE, 1583 CORTLANDT.



GENERAL AGENT  
SARGENT & GREENLEAF AND YALE TIME LOCKS.

Dict. by J. M. M.

*New York,* Feb. 4th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I own the property #72 and #74 Maiden Lane, and I have been annoyed for the past five years with the constant ripping up of the street by the New York Steam Heating Co.; I have complained from time to time, from the fact that the steam enters both buildings that I own; I have recently been compelled to put in new sewer pipes, owing to the fact that their workmen have broken same; and the tenant of the basement #74 Maiden Lane comes in this morning with another complaint. My property has been greatly damaged by this nuisance.

At the corner of William street and Maiden Lane, they are now putting up a large building, and the sidewalk of necessity is encumbered by a bridge; the steps of this bridge almost lead into a hole made by the Steam Heating Co., and this hole has been in the street for the past two months, with volumes of steam leaving so that it is so blinding that there is danger.

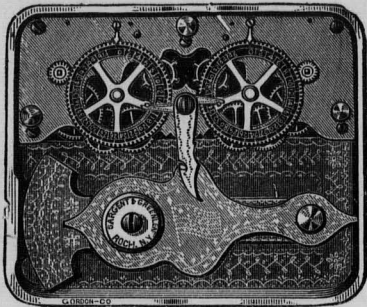
Mon. W. L. S.

I trust that you can do something to help us in this matter: it would be well to have an inspection made of the street to show the condition in which the Steam Heating Co. have left it with their openings from time to time.

Yours truly,

*J. Moser*  



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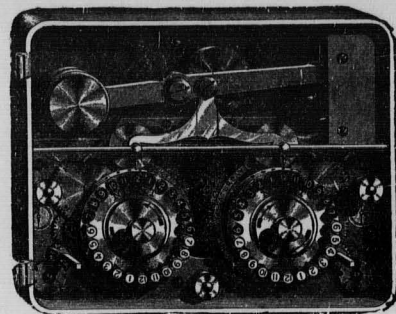
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GENERAL AGENT  
SARGENT & GREENLEAF AND YALE TIME LOCKS.

*New York,* Feb. 15th, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

I am much obliged indeed to you for yours of the 14th,  
and to find that the complaint was general, as I feared that I  
was the only complainant.

The Steam Heating people have taken out the pipe in  
front of these premises and have put a new piece in place of same:  
they have also cared for the opening on the corner of Maiden Lane  
and William street, which I think they did well in caring for, as  
I expected every day to hear of an accident at that point.

Thanking you for the prompt attention that you have given  
the matter, I remain,

Yours truly,

*J. M. Mossman*

37 West 60<sup>th</sup> St. N. Y.

Feb. 15. 1895.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COMPLAINT No. ....

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Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

As I do not know to whom to complain, I take the liberty of reporting to you the actions of the Central Park policeman stationed at 59<sup>th</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. this morning at about 9 o'clock.

My little boy, eleven years old, was allowed to go to the Park to skate for just a half-an-hour. As he passed through the entrance at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, the policeman there said to him, "here boy, go to 57<sup>th</sup> St and get me a gallon



of oil." my son answered, I cannot, for I have only half an hour to skate, and then I have to go home." He started to go on when the supposed protector of children said, "if you don't get it, I won't let you go on the pond."

This of course frightened the child, so he took the money and the can and got the oil for him. His exercise was shortened to fifteen minutes for he knew he must be home at a certain time for his lessons. Though he is small and delicate, and I should never think of sending him to carry such a thing through the street, this in itself is not so serious as the

policemans manner of getting his orders obeyed. This might serve to the Superintendent of Police, if I should make the complaint to him a trifling matter, but I am sure you will ask, with me, if & our children are to be made to do errands in this manner for policemen, what shall become of the confidence with which we let our young children enjoy the benefits of the Park and the skating?

I think this man is unfit for this position and should at least be transferred to some place where he cannot impose upon the good nature or fear of children.

I am sincerely sorry

to have to give you such a long letter  
to read but I must plead ignorance  
and lack of faith if I addressed it  
elsewhere.

Hoping that you will kindly  
direct it to the person who ought to  
attend to this matter,

I am respectfully and gratefully

Mrs G. Federlein.



S. BROTHERS, M. D.  
93 MADISON STREET.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COMPLAINT No.

New York, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Sir: -

I think it is about time that something was done for this neighborhood. A poor Jewish driver was just now assaulted with a shovel, & although there were about ten million people in view, there was not a policeman to be seen within the course of nearly half an hour.

Yours sincerely

S. Brothers M.D.

Ex-treasurer of N. Y. Club. K

Hon. Mayor Strong

City

93 Madison St

Cable Address.  
"CENOBITE"



Telephone Building.  
95 & 97 Broad Street.

New York, Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1895

The Hon Jm L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir -

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As a citizen of N.Y. a good Republican member of the Republican Club, & 3<sup>d</sup> Section Assn, of 23<sup>d</sup> Assembly Dist, I send a line to Congratulate you sincerely on your appointments, and to say it is a pleasure to know good men are again in office. The Republicans are with you practically to a man in your efforts, & especially take pleasure in supporting you in your independent stand, & refusal to be influenced by any would be dictation from any self asserting Boss of their own, or any Party. On such lines only can the fast thinking vote of our City be held to those who wish good men kept in office, & our 1894 victory repeated -

Respectfully,  
Jm & Douglas



CALVIN B. WATERBURY, P. G., PREST.

HENRY MEIER, P. G., VICE-PREST.

CHAS. H. MORGAN, P. G. M., TREAS.

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DR. FRANK A. BIGELOW, P. G., FIN. SEC'Y.

# Odd Fellows HOME FAIR.

LENOX LYCEUM,  
MADISON AVENUE AND 59TH ST.

April 18<sup>TH</sup> to 27<sup>TH</sup> 1895.

OFFICE  
853 Broadway, New York.

*OK*  
New York, February 15, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:--

The English speaking Odd Fellows of the City of New York and vicinity have procured a site at Sherman Park, for the erection of a Home for aged brothers and sisters of the Fraternity, and in order to realize a fund for the erection of a proper building thereon, have arranged to hold a Fair at Lenox Lyceum, Madison Avenue and 59th Street, in this City, from April 18th to 27th, 1895.

There is a great necessity for such a home in this locality.

Odd Fellowship needs but little introduction, its mission of mercy and relief to the sorrowing and destitute is well known. Originating in this Country, in the year 1819, it is the oldest beneficial Order of its character in America. Since its organization it has disbursed for relief, up to December 31st last, about \$65,000,000, and has a present membership of about 900,000 members. These figures show the value of the institution, and surely need no further comment.

The object of the present is to ask the privilege of using your name as an honorary member of our Fair Committee, feeling that it will be of material assistance to us in advancing the interests of the Fair, and increasing the income of same.

Kindly advise us at an early date if we may do so.

Yours respectfully,

*Mort B Lee*

Chairman.

*Sam J. P. Sosa*

*George W. Dicks*

*D. Tusidey*

*Chas. H. Morgan*

Committee on Correspondence.

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313 ST. JAMES STREET.  
NEW YORK.

Feb'y 15, 1895.  
Hon. William L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Your announced intention  
to appoint now three or five  
women on the Board of  
Education will, I am sure,  
be good news to thousands  
of intelligent citizens, wishing  
well to the common  
schools. It will give new  
hope to many true friends of  
the schools and of the children  
in them, who know what



the schools might be for  
the great good of this great  
city, and who know, too,  
almost "sick with hope deferred",  
what they are not.

I beg to be counted one  
among those, who gladly  
receive your public announce-  
ment, and heartily thank  
you for this beginning  
of better things.

Yours with cordial respect

Elmer A. Allen  
of Board of School  
Trustees, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward.

NEW YORK.

Personal.

February 15th, 1895.

My dear Colonel:-

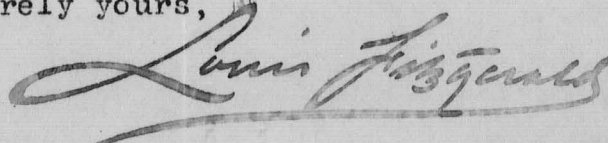
In the hope that a letter not asking for something or recommending somebody, will be a relief, I write to ask your acceptance of a little thing that has been of immense service to me and seems to have absolutely cured my rheumatism which for some time has given me a great deal of trouble.

This is the invention of one of your young men, Mr. Charles V. Adee. I think he is a clerk to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. He gave me a set for myself and finding what benefit it has been, he gave me the accompanying set to send to you.

I place these little discs under my heels, inside of the stockings, and wear them every day. It seems to create a current of electricity, without any annoyance, and drives away the pain, and, in fact, has been of such service to me that I feel justified in recommending that you try them.

The appointment of Andrews seems to give pretty general satisfaction, and I think you will find him a devoted and faithful Lieutenant.

Very sincerely yours,



To Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City,



The Prison Association of New York,

135 EAST 15TH STREET,

NEW YORK.

February 15th, 1895.

To the  
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Sir:-

In behalf of the special committee whose names I send you herewith and of the executive committee of the Prison Association of New York, I have written to ask you to be present and take such part as you will at the evening session of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Society.

20 The Prison Association is well known to you, doubtless; it has wrought a large work on unpartisan lines; its official board has numbered 18 governors, and its first First Vice President to-day, is the Governor of the State. The preliminary circular, which I send you, gives faintly the material of which the programme will be formed. It would give me pleasure to wait upon your honor and to explain more fully the plans and purposes of the Society. I have refrained from doing so, knowing the pressure upon your time. I will gladly do so, however, if you wish it. Our programme committee meets to-morrow afternoon and it will be a great source of satisfaction to us all, if by that time, we could know that you could be present at one of the sessions of our con-

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135 EAST 15TH STREET,

NEW YORK.

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ference. I shall be glad also, to send you between now and the date of the conference, an abstract of the work done by the Prison Association during its fifty years' of activity.

I am, my dear Sir, in behalf of the Prison Association,

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. F. Round*

Corresponding Secretary.



1845-1895.

The friends and patrons of the Prison Association of New York are invited to celebrate the fifty years of its work, on FEBRUARY 28, 1895.

Sessions will be held at 10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M., in the ASSEMBLY ROOM of the CHARITIES BUILDING, 105 East 22d Street, and in the evening at 8.15 in

### **CHICKERING HALL.**

These conferences will be attended by the most eminent penologists in the country, and addresses are to be expected from General ROELIFF BRINKERHOFF, President of the National Prison Association; Hon. FRANCIS WAYLAND, Dean of Yale College Law School; the Rabbi GOTTHEIL, Hon. Z. R. BROCKWAY, of Elmira; the Presidents of the Prison Societies of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and other States, and many others who have been associated with the important reforms fostered by the Association.

The importance of the work already done by this old society, its considerable relation to the public of the State, and its plans and purposes for the future, should make this a memorable occasion.

LISPENARD STEWART,  
BENJAMIN OGDEN CHISOLM,  
JAMES McKEEN,  
EUGENE SMITH,  
EDWARD WELLS SOUTHWORTH,  
CHARLTON T. LEWIS, *Committee.*  
*President.*  
W. M. F. ROUND,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*  
*Ex officio.*

Office of

THE PRISON ASSOCIATION,

135 East 15th Street.

February 13, 1895.