## JANG AND DRANK THE NEW YEAR IN

A Brilliant Scene in the City Restaurants as 1908 Was Born.

STORM THE PLAZA

Year Entered to a Tinkling of Porcelain Bells-Musical Chimes Elsewhere-Lights Out, Then In.

The real New Year's celebration of course was in the hundreds of hotels, restaurants, and cafés of Manhattan and Brooklyn. There was one common ambition on the part of the 100,000 persons who supped at midnight. That was fun. The storm centre was the new Hotel Plaza, at Fifth Avenue and the Plaza, There between 11 o'clock and midnight more than 6.000 people stormed at the doors. Crowds filled the lobbies and almost fought their way into the three large dining rooms and tearoom, which Frederick Sterry, the proprietor, had thrown into one big banqueting hall for

well known in New York Solety Shiped into their reserved places through the pantry.

Despite Manager Sterry's efforts, people continued to crowd into the hotel and to struggle and push their way toward the dining rooms. The repeated assertions that not a table was to be had were in vain. Nobody cared whether they got a table or not, so long as they got within the portals of the dining room. Soon crowds were standing in the aisles.

They crowded between tables, and waiters could not move across the room. Then Mr. Sterry sent for every bellhop and porter in the hotel. Whether they were in uniform or not, they were set to work to handle the crowds. For them it was as the handling of a riot is to the police. And, indeed, it was almost a riot.

Toward midnight, however. Manager Sterry managed to persuade some of the crowd that places could not be made for them. One by one they left, although difference in the crowd of 6,000 seeking seats in a room made to accommodate only 2,500.

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into "Auld Lang Syne," and the diners joined in the singing. Then the strains 'The Star-Spangled Banner' sounded the rooms, and men and women sprang

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Near the orchestra stood Enrico Curoso, the opera tenor. As the strains of the diners glanced in his direction and women called out:

"Caruso! Caruso! He is going to sing!"
The tenor let the shouts subside. Then bowing low he said:

"I sing. I sing. Yes, but I sing later."
There was a murmur of disappointment as the tenor took his seat.

Among those who obtained seats at the Plazu were Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, Mr. Among those who obtained seats at the Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. E. K. G. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, Mme. Nordica, Geraldine Farrar, Antonio Scottl, and Caruso.

All restaurant were impression. Almost as many persons as supped there were turned away with the familiar Broadway cry of "Everything taken."

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If all the women in the Cafe Martin had taken advantage of the proprietor's permission to smoke if they wanted to on New Year's Eve, every one of the guests would have gone into 1908 in a haze so thick it could have been cut.

But the women of the grand down Park Row and the near-by streats for hours, swung into Broadway. and from Vesey Street south passage was impossible for cars and carrefree men endeavored to force their way through the crush and found that they had trouble ahead of them if the d

and special menus. At 11 c'clock these places began to fill. Watchful guards stood at the portals of the most popular restaurants to see that cards of admission were presented. Otherwise they would have been overruit the case in the third was a book of the street throngs were most dense. Before midnight, every one was waiting for the crucial moment, when the street throngs were most dense. Before midnight, every one was waiting for the crucial moment, when the street throngs were most dense. Before midnight, every one was waiting for the crucial moment, when the street throngs were most dense. Before midnight, every one was waiting for the crucial moment, when the struck there was such a joyous yelling—now the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and why the theory of the most opacine was not form the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and he who was "wearing vine leaves in his lair." was cheerfully forgived in the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and he who was "wearing vine leaves in his lair." was cheerfully forgived in the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and the was possible to the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and the was cheerfully forgived in the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and the place was been on the case in the expected occasion adequately. The call for champagne began early, and the was call for champagne was cheerfully and the proposed that it was very with the proposed

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Men and women who are leaders in New York society fought their way through the reserved weeks ahead. In some instance, formed a flying wedge, and fought a way for them to their tables.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish came in just be fore inidnight. She got no further than the entry. To reach in possibility unit along the study of the station and sprang in front of Mrs. Fish With his athletic shoulders and arms he fought a way through the crowds, Mrs. Fish following him closely and almost clinging to him, lest the ever-increasing crowd might squeeze in them. As last they reached the tearon.

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A well-groomed assembly numbering more than 2,000 celebrated in the Hotel Astor. Mr. Muschenheim had arranged a Venetian tête and a carnival of confettl, and the restaurants were crowded. There were many fashionables in the throngs who supped in the six restaurants of the hotel

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The Venetian fête on the eighth floor of the Astor was a great artistle success. The Venetian night's blue darkness was emphasized by a fine effect in lighting, and the scenes of Venice, which hung against the wall, imparted a surprising illusion. The musicians were dressed as gondollers, and walked between the aisles, caroling "The Belle of Napoli" and "The Finicula." At midnight the lights were extinguished throughout the hotel, with resultant complications.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs and Mr. and Mrs. William K Vanderbilt, Jr., shed the radiance of their presence in Murray's. There the Roman gardens, with their fountains and curiously illuminated tables, were gay until dawn. tables, were gay until dawn.

Long before New Year's Eve revels reached the magnificence of to-day Shanley's, in Times Square, was in existence.

Last night the restaurant was jammed

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appearance. Barons of the olden days were very evidently hobnobbling with jockeys thoroughly up to date. Ladies in three-cornered Colonial hats leaned across the shoulders of men wearing battered tiles, and "Old King Coles" with paper wigs attached to their crowns passed matches to chaut'eurs wearing auto hats of the very latest designs.

There had oeen singing a-plenty and a lot of noise before 12 o'clock. But when that hour struck—and every one was ready for it, for the clocks marked it and watches had been consulted frequently in the last few minutes of 1907—there was one grand yell that lasted for five minutes without diminution.

The bands struck up in all the rooms and played—well, no one but the musiclans will ever know what they played, for the music could not be heard, and nobody cared, anyway. Down at Martin's they yelled in 1908, and in the cafe they jumped on the tables and sang it in, too, but which part of the crowd was singing and which part just yelling a joyous welcome to the New Year will never be known, and who cares, anyhow?

Go'clock until 12 o'clock Broadway, from Canal to the Battery, was crowded with merrymakers. Just before the ringing of the chimes in the tower of Trinity Church the crowd that had been surging up and down Park Row and the near-by streets for hours, swung into Broadway, and from Vesey Street south passage was impossible for cars and carriages.

Many automobiles and hansoms carrying sayly-dressed women and care-free

That Once Through Tara's Halls." The rich tones of the bells mingled and filled the air with their great volume, as one after another the following pleces were played: "Believe Me," "Rich and Rare Were the Gems She Wore," "Meeting of the Waters," "The Last Rose of Summer," "Rally Round the Flag, Boys," "The Red, White, and Blue," "Golden Hours," "Hall, Welcome Dawn," "Anchored," "Down by the Sad Sea Waves," "Adeste Fidelis," "Holy Night," "The Nun's Prayer," 'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," Auld Lang Syne," and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

St. Patrick's chimes are considered as fine as any in this country, and the throngs of listeners showed their appreciation of them on the birth of the New Year by the murinurs and exclamations of delight that ran from group to group.

The ordinary benediction service was held in the cathedral at the hour last night and midnight services were omitted on account of the bolsterous noise which has attended the service in former years. rich tones of the bells mingled and filled

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in front of 1,441 Third Avenue, Patrol-man James J. McMurray of the East Eighty-eighth Street Station, ran into a fire hydrant injuring his groin. He was removed to the Flower Hospital. McMur-ray lives at 1,511 Lexington Avenue.

ONLY 300" IN THE BREAD LINE Contrast with the General Rejoicing

Seen Near Broadway. While people in the restaurants were rejolcing over the coming of the new year there was a scramble of poorly clad men about a crate of bread standing just outside of Fleischmann's side door in Ninth Street east of Broadway. Contrary to the experience of those in charge of Fleischmann's bread line, thus far this Winter, there was a falling off in numbers. Usually there are eight hundred or more in line. Last night there were "only three hundred."

"The rest got lost in the joy uptown," said the guardian. "There are those who would rather toot than eat, and it's a hopeful sign."

The three hundred, however, had foregathered early. At the head of the line which ran around from Ninth Street up to the doors of Grace Church stood a middle-aged German without an overcoat. rejoicing over the coming of the new

to the doors of Grace Church stood a middle-aged German without an overcoat. Those about him recognized his authority. When there was crowding behind him his look was enough. Once, some women, well clad and swaying under male escort from some celebration, stood close up to the glass doors behind which the bread was being prepared. One of the women laughed. That was enough for the German. man.
"Get out of dot!" he called to the women and their escort. "You people that
come down here and laugh make me

women's escort turned angrily to ward him.
"You may get here yourself some time," concluded the German.
The sightseers went away as quietly as possible.

For the most part those in the line last night were born abroad. Most of them were old or middle-aged men. Their faces were gaunt and expressionless. Like sheep they moved upon the bread and then on toward the coffee. Here and there was a younger man, or even a boy. These smiled and joked as they were hurried to the bread and on again. Four negroes passed, one of them returning for another piece.

#### FIRST NEW YEAR WEDDING.

And First Under the New Law-At a Hungarian Ball.

The first wedding of the new year was performed at the Hungarian Peasants' Ball, held last night and this morning in Lenox Lyceum at Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street. The couple that got married evidently thought they were lucky, for a week ago their prospects

Berti Bacsko came here six years ago, when he was 20, and got a job that enabled him to save enough money to send for his sweetheart. He sent for her a few weeks ago. A week after she arrived from Hungary he lost his job. He as been out of employment since.
The Hungarian Society heard about the case, and voted to pay the couple's wedding expenses and furnished a flat for In this way arrangements were made to have the wedding ceremony performed at the annual ball of the society as the first couple to be married under

The officiating clergyman held a stopwatch in his hand while performing the watch in his hand while performing the ceremony. At five minutes to twelve he clicked the second hand on the bridal couple and proceeded with the ceremony, ending at five minutes after twelve and announcing that it was the first couple he had married in the year 1908.

After the ceremony almost every one of the \$000 men at the ball kissed the bride and wished her good luck, although it was the thirteenth annual ball of the Hungarian Society.

SHOPPERS, ATTENTION! In the very heart of the shopping district the most beautiful playibuse in the city, the Fifth Avenue Theory will change to a Vaudeville House of the fifth states.

dressed it in life, and then the body was photographed.

A profile view was taken, for the condition of the body has become such as to make a full face photograph of little use as a means of identification. The photographer was instructed to hurry the work, and as soon as sufficient copies of the photograph can be struck off—probably some time to-day—they will be sent broadcast over the country. It is the hope of Judge Branegan and of Detective Walsh that in this way an identification of the body may be obtained. They consider it an unpromising and difficult task to run down the hundred and one ciues which have been cropping up since the body was found.

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The body will be kept for eight more days, and if no identification has been made by then it will be buried in Petter's Field. The action of yesterday, followed and was primarily instigated by, the failure of the latest identification and story—that of Mrs. Frank Hull. Her assertion that the body was that of Mrs. Agnes A. Young an accountant, was disproved yes.

was only to protect my sister's name. I recognized her as soon as I saw here in the Morgue. Poor sister. I am aw-

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CONUNDRUM?

Adam—Happy new year, dear.

Eve—Thanks; same to you! Adam, dear, will you promise to take better care of my trunks from Baltimore this coming year?

Adam—I will.

Eve—Hope you will improve, Adam. Your carclessness, recklessness, impoliteness were beyond any words.

Year's adopted by the multitude below Fourteenth Street was a kind of helmest pail and fitting over the top of a derby like a glove, making it invulnerable against the attacks of cares, horse, and pail and fitting over the top of a derby like a glove, making it invulnerable against the attacks of cares, horse, and pail and fitting over the top of a derby like a glove, making it invulnerable against the attacks of cares, horse, and pail and the two women were frenches. That against the attacks of cares, horse, and in the crowd.

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Judge Branegan, the body was clothed prise that he had a family, he said yes, he in the garments which covered it when it was found, and those which were found lying near it. The fur toque was put on the woman's head: the hair was bound up as, it is thought, the woman probably dressed it in life, and then the body was photographed.

THOMPSON'S LIFE IN ENGLAND.

Relatives of Murder Suspect Seen at His Former Home. Marconi Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph to The New York Times.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-Light was thrown on the life of Albert Thompson, now under arrest in connection with the New Jersey murder, as a result of the inquiry set on foot to-day by the correspondent of THE TIMES, in Brimington Village, Derbyshire, Thompson's former home, and the residence now of his brother. The fact was established, too, that the letters found on Thompson by the New Jersey police and signed "Rachel" were written by Rachel Richardson, the daughter of a lodging-house keeper, where Thompson lived while in Brimington. Miss Richardson, who is now assisting a physician in Derbyshire, said this

"My acquaintance with Thompson turned out to be a mere flirtation, though I thought at first that I loved him. I once intended to follow him to America, but changed my mind when I discovered that he had a wife living. I have since become engaged to an-Thompson left Brimington about two

years ago, but subsequently returned and persuaded his wife to go with him to America about twelve months however, that the couple separated possible only again soon after reaching America, and employed.

Mrs. Thompson and her 16-year-old son with 6% of were seen on the street in Sheffield \$100 each. to-day, according to neighbors of the have for twelve years received reg-Thompson family in Brimington.

Mr. Thompson's brother said that he had received a letter from the man a few weeks ago telling of his employ-ment on a boat, the Idle Hour. Thompson is said to have been of amiable dis-position in his younger days, but had a hasty temper, and his relations with friends and acquaintances were characterized by misunderstandings and even open quarrels. The news of his caused much excitement in Brimington.

### PRODUCE EXCHANGE CIRCUS.

Brokers Give New Year's Treat for the Children of the District.

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PAGEANT AT THE GARDEN.

Auto Show Welcomes New Year by a Symbolical Parade. The advent of the new year was cele-

The advent of the new year was celebrated in Madison Square Garden by a novel pageant illustrating the development of speed. All of the automobilists who are exhibiting foreign machines in the Garden, with hundreds of their friends, were on hand early to witness the unique procession, which was so well timed that after circling the main floor of the Garden twice the procession ended promptly at midnight.

The parade, which was arranged by S. R. Ball as the big feature of the automobile show, was admirably contrived. The pageant entered the Garder, through the big door at the Twenty-seventh Street entrance. A brass band playing a martial air led the procession. Then came a remarkable monkey hopping and crawling on all fours. Behind the monkey came a type of primitive man clad in a leopard's skin. Then came two Hindus carrying a girl in a palaquin, followed by a Roman. A clown astride of a donkey came next, followed by a pure white horse with a Quaker, in his dull brown garb, and a prim Quakeress behind.

The sedan chair of France was the next symbol, in which was seated a type of the old French nobility. Then in order came a Japanese jinricksha, a girl in a stretcher carried by two men; a modern victoria, with a fashionably gowned occupant; some bicycles, then an ancient automobile, and the pageant closed with an up-to-date automobile from Paris, brated in Madison Square Garden by a

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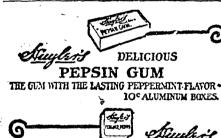
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