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A Cabman's Experience

By EDWIN BRINSLEY

John Burns, taxicab driver, was not vehicle on one of the principal streets of New York. It was nearly midnight

But John Burns was far more later ested in catching a nap than in looking upon the marvelous electric display But soon he heard his can door open and shut and a man's voice say:

Wake up: Burns turned and looked through the glass behind him upon the features of a very old man. The only part of his apparel that was not cov ered by his cloak was his bat, which struck the cabman as something re-markable. It was what is called belmarkable. crown, with a large curled brim and covered with a short fur. The chang-ing electric displays lighted the wear er's face, showing a countenance no ily old, but there was an evil twinkle

in the eye.
"Northward," said the passenger.

"On what street?"
"The Bloomingdale road."
"The what?"
"The what?"
"Thut one." The speaker pointed to Broadway. Cabby put on the power and, turning at the corner, entered that part of Broadway lying north of Corners and now the Reserve and street and now the Reserve and that part of Broadway ying north of Forty-second street and now the live-liest part of upper New York. After reaching a less crowded portlon of the thoroughfure be asked the old gen-tleman behind him just where he should take him and received orders to turn into One Hundred and Fortleth street. Even that time the passenger. street. From that time the passenge kept pointing out the way fill be pull-ed up before an old fashloned house situated among modern edifices. The

"fare" opened the cab door and, sup-porting himself with a staff, tottered up the walk to the front door.

From this point John Burns in tell-ing the story appears confused. He doesn't remember whether the house was lighted or in darkness. He can't say that he say the old man or into may that he saw the old man go into the house. His impression is that there were no lights in the windows and If his fare went luside he must have gone right in through the closed door. The only thing John Burns re-members distinctly is that the wind blew aside the man's clonk, which reached to his ankles and exposed a mir of legs no bigger than those of a

skeleton.

However this may be, the cabman, who, it has been said, was in need of rest, soon began to doze in his seat lie was awakened by a blaze of light coming through the doorway of the bouse before which he was stopping and saw distinctly two persons there. The one was his messenger, the other The one was his passenger, the other a lady. The latter was dressed very much in the present mode of high walst, panalers and clinging skirts The man who was bowing himself out flourished his bell crown hat, bowed very low and scraped excessively with his feet. After a number of such caperings, which made John Burns caperings, which made John Burns wonder, he came down the walk, turning to throw a kiss to the lady who still stood in the doorway. Then the illumination seemed to go out all of a sudden, and the passenger stepped into the cab, closed the door and said:
"Down the Bloomingdale road."

Having learned that the Blooming.

Having learned that the Blooming-dale road meant Broadway, cabby ask ed no questions, but motored south ward. He received no order to leave the theroughfare or to go to any par-ticular place, so be drove on past the junction at Brondway and Thirtythird street and Madison and Union squares and thence straight south ward through what is now lower Broadway. The life of the city grew Broadway. The life of the city grew less and less as he proceeded till it became the midnight of a great city. It livened up as they passed the City Hall park, adjoining which most of the newspaper offices linger, but died out as they approached Trinity church, at the head of Wall street. Burns was at the head of Wall street. Burns was directed to turn into Rector street, bordering the churchyard on the south. "Stop!" said the stranger.

John Burns drew up to the curb. "I am under deep obligations to you," aid the pussenger in a tone that ounded to John Burns very pompous. You have taken me to call on my wife t her residence, and I am now going o pay a visit to a gentleman whom I was rejuctantly obliged to punish for

ome annoying remarks he made about ne. Good evening." With a flourish of the bell crown hat. n lieu of a fare, the strange man med to filt up the side of a stone ppeared beneath a monument located

t a few feet beyond the rail. Whether John Burns awoke from a ream or was so astonished that he idn'i know whether he was asleep or that a know whether he was assess or twake he fails to make it appear to what he did the next day to lear up the matter he is explicit. He motored up to the dwelling where he mod taken the stranger and asked of the passing who lived there.

"Don't know," was the reply. "That's he have been to see She lived in the

the Jumel house. She lived in the early part of the last century and mar-ried Aaron Burr in his old age."

"Who was Aaron Burr?"
"Former vice president of the United States. He killed his political rival in

From the Jumel house John Burns drove to Trinity church and, entering the churchyard, went to the monument verlooking Rector street. On the

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