VALUABLES

Cash and Bonds Discovered Hidden in House.

AMOUNTED \$ 140,000

Miss Maria Corsa, Who Died Short Time Ago of Starvation and Exposure, Owned Hidden Treasure-Money Under Carpets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.-Bonds and mortgages representing more than \$100,-000 and \$40,000 in cash have been found hidden in a house at 184th street and Morris avenue, lately occupied by Miss Maria Corsa, who died of starvation and exposure on Monday last week, leaving an estate valued at nearly \$1,-900,000. The money was found hidden in furniture, under carpets, and in almost every corner of the room.

Miss Mary Burnham, first cousin of Miss Corsa and one of the nearest relatives, has installed herself with her sons, Willet and Oscar Schuler, in the house. They took possession soon after Miss Corsa's death. Mrs. Joseph Liseum, another cousin, is an equal heir with Mrs Burnham. Other claimants to part of the estate have come to light since the death of the weathly woman. When Mrs. Burnham took charge of the Morris avenue house she had the place cleaned and put in order. After the funeral of Miss Corsa, on Friday, Mrs. Burnham, with her two sons, began a search of the premises. Every piece of furniture in the house was thoroughly examined and the entire house gone over and the additional wealth was found. The money was found in bills of every denomination from one dollar up to fifty. Old trade dollars, bearing evidence of little handling, were taken from places where they had been hidden for years.

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These valuables, according to an ancient custom, were in the custody of the maharajah's wife, the vaults being attached to her apartments, but none of them was allowed to be opened save in the presence of the master. One vault was filled with ornaments belonging to different gods of the family. The natives of India commonly bury their hoards, and among the poorer classes a favorite hiding place is a hole dug beneath the bed. Disused wells are sometimes employed for the same purpose. It is undoubtedly a fact that very many hoards thus deposited are lost forever. Gold is also valued on religious grounds. The gods take up great quantities of gold, silver and precious stones. The temples contain vast amounts of the yellow and white metals. The habit of hoarding seems to have been induced by ages of misgovernment, during which oppression and violence were rife. No feeling of safety existing, it was natural that the natives should adopt the practice of reducing their wealth to a concentrated shape and hiding it.-Brooklyn Eagle.

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