

New York News Letter

NEW YORK, October 31.—There will soon be mounted in one of New York's famous museums alongside the statue of Syonby, the country's greatest race horse, the body of the most famous cat which this city has ever known. The honor which is to be accorded to the feline is due not only to the fact that she lived through a number of accidents, any one of which should have proven fatal, but because she demonstrated actually and for the first time that a cat has nine lives. In comparison to her the cat that did various things in the house that Jack built will be nowhere, and under her stuffed body will be a sign "the first cat to die nine authentic deaths." So far as fame has to do with this cat her career began recently when she was observed chasing a rat along one of the city streets. She was likewise being chased by a crowd of boys one of whom threw a paving stone which hitting her on the head killed her. She arose from the first death, however, and true to her instincts pursued the rat. The latter ran up a flight of stairs leading to the elevated railroad tripping up a corpulent woman who fell on the cat squashing her and killing her for a second time. The cat arose again, however, and continued the chase. When the elevated platform was reached the cat was knocked cold by a kick intended for the rat and then placed in a garbage can. From this third death she revived, and the rat having remained immovable through terror pursued him on to the elevated tracks. At this point Tabby was shot by a policeman and killed for the fourth time, but again arose and finally grabbed the rat. In the struggle she fell on the third rail, carrying a current which has killed many men, thus accounting for her fifth death. The shock knocked her through the rails to the street below accounting for her sixth death, where her seventh took place through being run over by a street car in front of which she fell. Her eighth life was given up to a dog which grabbed her in his mouth and last to the bullet of a policeman who tried to shoot the dog. All her adventures will be tabulated beneath her stuffed body in the museum where she will represent the first actual proof of the right of a cat to nine lives.

Tonsorial artists, otherwise the barbers of the state of New York, in solemn convocation assembled, have not only prescribed the fashion in whiskers for the coming year but have taken a census of various hirsute adornments and declared war on various kinds of ereepers. The only proper face adornment for the coming season, if the tonsorial mandates are correct, will be a Kaiser Wilhelm mustache with a very small chin beard resembling the Hughes adornment will be considered correct. In the research line the most important discovery was that of the asparagus beard, which it is asserted, flourishes on Long Island. This decoration takes the form of a thin and straggling appendage to chin and is declared to be extremely bad form even in rural communities. A sustained effort is to be made in favor of clean shaven faces, and war is declared on the safety razor. The latter is asserted to be an instrument the use of which requires neither skill nor finesse. It is regarded by professionals as an abomination and it is rumored that an attempt will be made to restrict its use for exceeding the razor limit, just as it is proposed to prosecute all persons wearing the asparagus beard for exceeding the whisker limit. As a matter of statistics however the tonsorial trade is advancing by leaps and bounds. Twenty years ago seven men out of ten had their faces covered with whiskers. Today only two out of ten do so, and it is freely predicted that in ten years more a man in New York who is not clean-shaven will be a curiosity, not to say a monstrosity.

New York's most famous confidence man, popularly known as Hungry Joe, who died six years ago has again returned to Broadway. He is now neither a ghost nor a swindler, but one of the most celebrated cases with which the central office has ever had to deal. As a reader of his own obituaries he has already joined the class of Mark Twain and Admiral Rojestvensky. Hungry Joe is really a relic of ante-bellum days since he began his occupation as a confidence man in 1861. He has swindled such famous men as Oscar Wilde, Judge Noah Davis, General John A. Logan, Charles Francis Adams, and many others. He has also gone under almost as many aliases as the number of his victims, and by many he is regarded as the original gold brick man of New York. His real name is Joseph Abzes and he is probably the only man

who ever fooled the New York police into believing him dead when he was not. He has served several terms in prison the last of which was in the Maryland State Penitentiary from which he was released in 1898. Shortly afterward notice of his death appeared in all the prominent papers in the country and after due investigation his photograph was withdrawn from the Rogues Gallery which it had adorned for nearly a third of a century. His recent appearance on Broadway however brought to light one of the most famous criminal hoaxes in history. "Hungry Joe" did not die in 1898 and the notices in various papers were inserted by friends to cover up his future. Now "Hungry Joe" has reformed and is leading a model life. Curiously enough his discovery on Broadway after he had been held dead for a decade was due to his peculiar and habitual unwillingness to walk near to the building line. He never passes the mouth of an alley or near a building and it was this peculiarity which led to his discovery.

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