GOTHAM LETTER

New York, April 28.—The costly brownstone mansion built by William H. Vanderbilt a generation ago at Fifty-first street and Fifth avenue, and which he intended as a permanent home for the Vanderbilts, is being entirely reconstructed in the interior before Henry C. Frick moves into it in the early fall. George Vanderbilt, who came into the house by inheritance after his mother's death, is spending tens of thousands of dollars in remodeling it to suit the requirements of the new tenant. Mr. Frick has leased the property for 10 years, with privilege of renewal, at an enormous annual rental said to be in six figures.

The "twin Vanderbilt mansions," as they were called when William H. Vanderbilt built them in 1880, were the wonder of the country at the time. Nothing so magnificent had before been attempted in New York in the way of a private residence. The cost of the twin houses was more than $3,000,000, exclusive of furnishings. The double bronze doors and other bronze work cost $75,000. Most of this is still intact. There were picture galleries, the largest of them three stories high. Mr. Vanderbilt bought $1,000,000 worth of paintings to put into them, and gave two great receptions, to one of which he invited other multimililonaires of the town to inspect his treasures, and to the other poor artists who had never been able to travel and see the great galleries of Europe.

The Pittsburg steel magnate, who is said to have an income of more than $2,000,000 a year, will not talk about his motive in becoming a citizen of New York, although it has been said that he has a desire to go into national politics. Everything is to be ready for Mr. Frick and his family when they return from Europe in September. Mr. Frick is no stranger in New York, although his present home is in Pittsburg. Mrs. Frick and the daughters, two of whom are already "out" are not so well known, except to the western set that makes its nominal headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria. It is said to be the intention of the Fricks to entertain extensively next winter.

Some women are so glad to have been able to evolve a crest by digging deep (but not too deep) into their family histories that they never would dream of changing that crest once they had grown accustomed to seeing it on their stationary. But Mrs. Clarence Mackay is not so conservative. About once every year the chatelaine of Harbor Hill finds it necessary to destroy all the note paper she has on hand and evolve a new design for it. Her latest is a simple pjurple orchid. For years that has been her favorite flower; in fact, she carried that passion for purple orchids to such an extent as to have all her evening gowns trimmed with them, as shown in Chartran's portrait of her. Folk who pursue the fad of finding symbols in flowers say Mrs. Mackay's choice of orchids "shows intensity, originality and strength."

It has been several years since New York has supported two German theatres, and it is difficult for any manager to win the German who has been here long from the superior attractions of the American actors. The patrons of the German theater are usually young persons who have not been here long enough to learn English or those who were too old when they landed to attempt it. It has been recognized that one theater is sufficient to supply this demand with profit to the manager. But there is now talk of a new German theater on the upper East Side. It is to present drama and operetta alternately under the direction of one of Mr. Conried's present actors and a young conductor who was last year at the Metropolitan opera house.

The wonderful growth of Greater New York is indicated by a conservative estimate that the census of this year will show that the city has 4,000,000 persons living within its borders. This is one-half of the total population of the state. London, with its immense territory and population, is not keeping pace with the American metropolis. It is estimated that within five years it is likely to reach a grand total of nearly 8,000,000. One of the professors of New York university makes the forecast that in 75 years there will be 40,000,000 in the metropolitan district. The growth of the city has been wonderful, but, unless all signs fail, the growth of the next 10 years will so overshadow that of the last decade that the comparison will be astounding.

The latest work of the Salvation Army is the establishment of a "slum settlement" house for women and children. The objects of the enterprise are to create a spirit of social intercourse and to take care of the babies of the poor. The basement of the settlement house is to be fitted out with every equipment for a laundry, thus insuring perfect sanitary conditions, where the women of the East Side may come and do their washing for a very nominal fee. The second floor is a great room filled with sewing machines, where women, having left their children upstairs, can do either their own family sewing or the work by which they earn their daily bread for some factory. A great assembly room, with anterooms, dressing rooms and lavatories and a complete gymnathe colony club. The third floor of the house is to be completely given up to fully equipped squash courts, and the fourth to 12 bedrooms, seven bathrooms and maids' rooms, while the top floor is to be devoted to the club restaurant, kitchens, pantries and private dining rooms.

Under conditions peculiar to its ownership by St. John's lodge of Masons it is not difficult to comprehend that uncovenented citizenship has but rare opportunity to rest its eyes on the Bible on which Washington took the oath as first President. More easy of access is another reminder of the same historic event, for the city keeps it out in the open air, plain to the view of those who care to look upon mute memorials of great events. This is the small section of wrought iron railing at the head of the flight of steps over the central entrance on the ground floor of the old building at Bellevue hospital. This railing was on the balcony of Federal hall at which Washington took the oath, and in an old print he is represented as resting his hand on this very piece of iron. Above this are of the smith the government of the United States was proclaimed, just as in a more troubled time the Declaration of Independence had been read. The only other surviving relic of Federal hall is said to be the pedestal of the state of Washington on the steps of the sub-treasury in Wall street.

Canadian Exports Diminishing.

The latest bluebook of the trade and navigation returns for the Canadian Dominion, issued by the department of customs,, which covers the six months ended December 31, 1904, shows a decided falling off in the exports of domestic merchandise. The exports for the six months ended December 31, 1903, were $122,983,994, against $113,239,216 for the six months ended December 31, 1904, a decrease of $9,744,778.

Examining Its Pearl Beds.

By a decree of February 8, 1905, the government of Costa Rica has suspended the exploitation of the pearl beds on the Pacific coast of this republic for the period of one year from date of pjublication of the decree. This step is taken to enable the government to make a more thorough examination of the beds and prescribe more stringent regulations for their preservation.

Some one caught the cow belonging to the official dog catcher at Pendleton running at large, and impounded her—which made the c. d. c. go up in the air.

Salmon Eggs for Fair.

A big lot of salmon eggs, destined for unusual use, passed through Corvallis Thursday, en route to Portland from the Elk river hatchery near Elk City, says the Corvallis Times. The eggs are intended for the working exhibit placed in the exposition by the department of fisheries of Oregon, Washington and the federal government, under the direction of the Oregon state fish commission.

The eggs will be taken out of cold storage as needed for the exhibit, and salmon in all stages of hatching will be shown in glass. The eggs while in cold storage will lie dormant and will remain so for any length of time until taken out and placed where natural warmth and other condition will bring the spark of life to work.

The fisheries exhibit promises to be one of the great attractions of the exposition, and efforts will be made by this state and the state of Washington, aided by the fisheries department of the federal government to make it as interesting and instructive as possible. Over nine million eggs are reported to have been taken at the Elk river hatchery this season.

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The Albany Democrat states that a meeting of the directors of the Bannockburn Manufacturing Co., it was decided to rebuild the mill, but no place has yet been selected, the factory to be either at Albany or three other places that wish it. It was voted to enlarge it and add a cravenetting plant and perhaps a knitting plant. The new mill will be so constructed as to do away with the risk of fire.

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