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## EVENING NEWS.

Monday, October 10, 1887.

**Commodore Vanderbilt's Cat Contract.**

Commodore Vanderbilt did not take very kindly to removing from Staten Island to New York City when his affairs began to prosper, but was compelled to do so in order to be near his business. He bought a house just in the outskirts of the city, where he thought he could be sure of comparative quiet. He found a comfortable place close by a graveyard, with not many houses about him, and settled down. The first night he spent in the new place was a terrible revelation to him. Instead of the absolutely quiet surroundings of his island home he had an atmosphere vocal with the yells of what seemed a thousand cats. The neighborhood must have been, he was convinced, a favorite resort for all the cats in the city. They rendezvoused on the gravestones and flocked on his back fence and perched on his shed roof and caterwauled madly all night long. He slept scarcely five minutes at a time. The next night the same performance was repeated, and the next. Instead of getting used to it the Commodore was getting more and more nervous and slept less and less. The wear and tear began to tell on him.

Vanderbilt had his boots blacked every morning by a lad who had been found by his boy and far away, making an arrangement with the boy in order to get the shine reasonably cheap. One morning he sat down in the boy's chair with such a weary air and with a haggard look on his face that the boy asked sympathetically: "What's the matter, customer?"

"The Commodore, for want of a petticoat, ordered his boots to be blacked and told him the harrowing tale of the cats."

"What'll I give you, boss," said the boy, "if I'll clean out all de cats for you?"

"What'll I give you? Why I'll give you a dollar apiece for every cat you kill in the yard," said the Commodore.

"All right, customer," said the boot-black. "I'll be there to-night."

That night the Commodore slept as he had not slept since he left Staten Island. He woke in the morning with the delightful sense of having slept only about fifteen minutes, and yet knowing that he had slept soundly all night. When he went out he found his bootblack sitting on the top step.

"dow'd ye sleep, boss?" asked the boy.

"Splendidly, young man, splendidly," said the Commodore.

"Not a cat. How much do I owe you?"

"Come round in the back yard and we'll see," said the boy.

They went around to the back yard. There were two rough looking youngsters sitting on the fence, and on the ground was a pile of dead cats that made the Commodore turn pale.

"For heaven's sake, how many cats have you got there?" he gasped.

"Well, I'll show 'em over in another pile, boss," said the bootblack, "and you kin score 'em up."

The boy began to toss the cats over deliberately, and the Commodore counted until he had got up to fifty. Then he called out: "Hold on! That'll do. See here: I'll give you three dollars for each cat. That's big pay for a night's work."

"Can't do it, boss," said the boot-black. "I've made an arrangement with these gentlemen here, and the understanding is \$1 apiece for de cats."

"Well, I won't give you but \$5 each all around," said the Commodore.

He pulled out the money and shook it in their faces, but the boys refused to take it. Finally they withdrew in silence, leaving the Commodore aroused and ill-natured, with his cats. They formed a resolve to "get even with him," and made their plans accordingly.

That night the Commodore had not been asleep very long before he was roused by the most unearthly caterwauling that he had ever heard in his life. He woke with the impression that there was a stack of cats on the foot of his bed. Then he fancied that there was at least on the window sill of his room. But presently he became aware that they were somewhere in the yard near his window. He could stand it no longer, and seized a loaded pistol that was in a bureau drawer and blazed away, one, two, three, at what seemed to be the centre of the distur-

ance in the yard. Then he heard a cry and groan of anguish from some human being.

He dressed partially and went out into the yard, and found there, writhing in pain, the policeman on the beat, with a ball from the Commodore's revolver in his leg. He also found a large guany bag in which was a wriggling, writhing mass of cats, all of them howling now with a fury redoubled by the episode of the shooting.

The policeman was able to explain that he had seen what seemed to be a wild animal of extraordinary proportions, which made a noise like a hundred cats, plunging around on the Commodore's lawn, and had come over to investigate; and no sooner had he discovered that the object was a big guany bag full of cats, and had prepared to release the animals, than the Commodore had opened fire on him from the window, with disastrous effect.

The policeman sued Vanderbilt for damages and the Commodore had to pay him \$1,000 to settle - a fact which became quite generally known. As to the cats, he knew where they came from, but the peculiar and undelivered nature of the transaction with the boys prevented him from mentioning their breaking with the boot-black, who continued to shine his boots as of yore. The day after the Commodore had settled with the policeman he looked up from his box and remarked:

"Sleep well last night, boss?"

"The Commodore only granted in response.

"Any cats nowadays?"

"The Commodore jumped up from the chair.

"See here!" he exclaimed; "how many cats did you kill that night?"

"Ninety-three, boss?"

"The Commodore pulled out his check book and hastily drew a check.

"Here's a check for \$100," said he, "and now don't you ever say cats to me again in your life, nor talk about this thing to anybody else, or I'll break every bone in your body."

"Agreed, boss," said the boy, as he pocketed the check. - Boston Herald.

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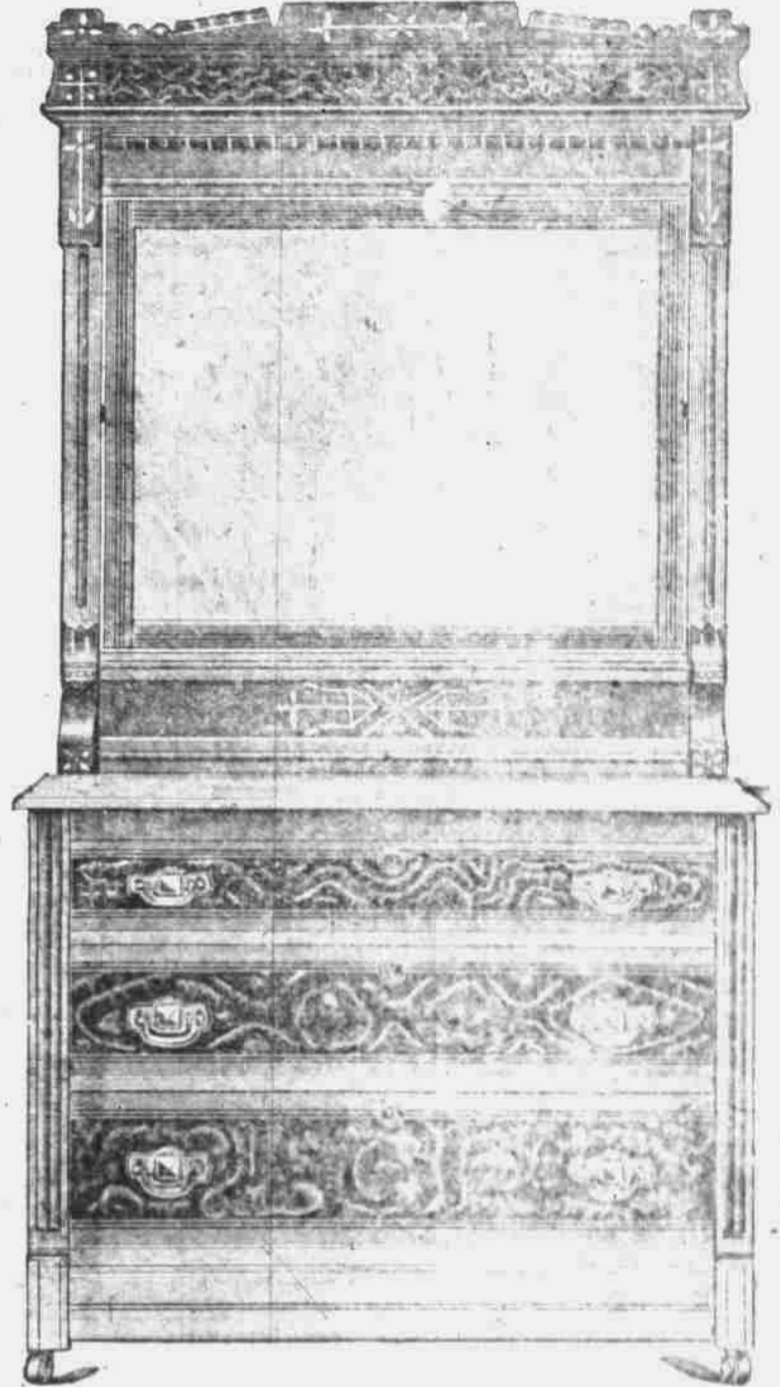
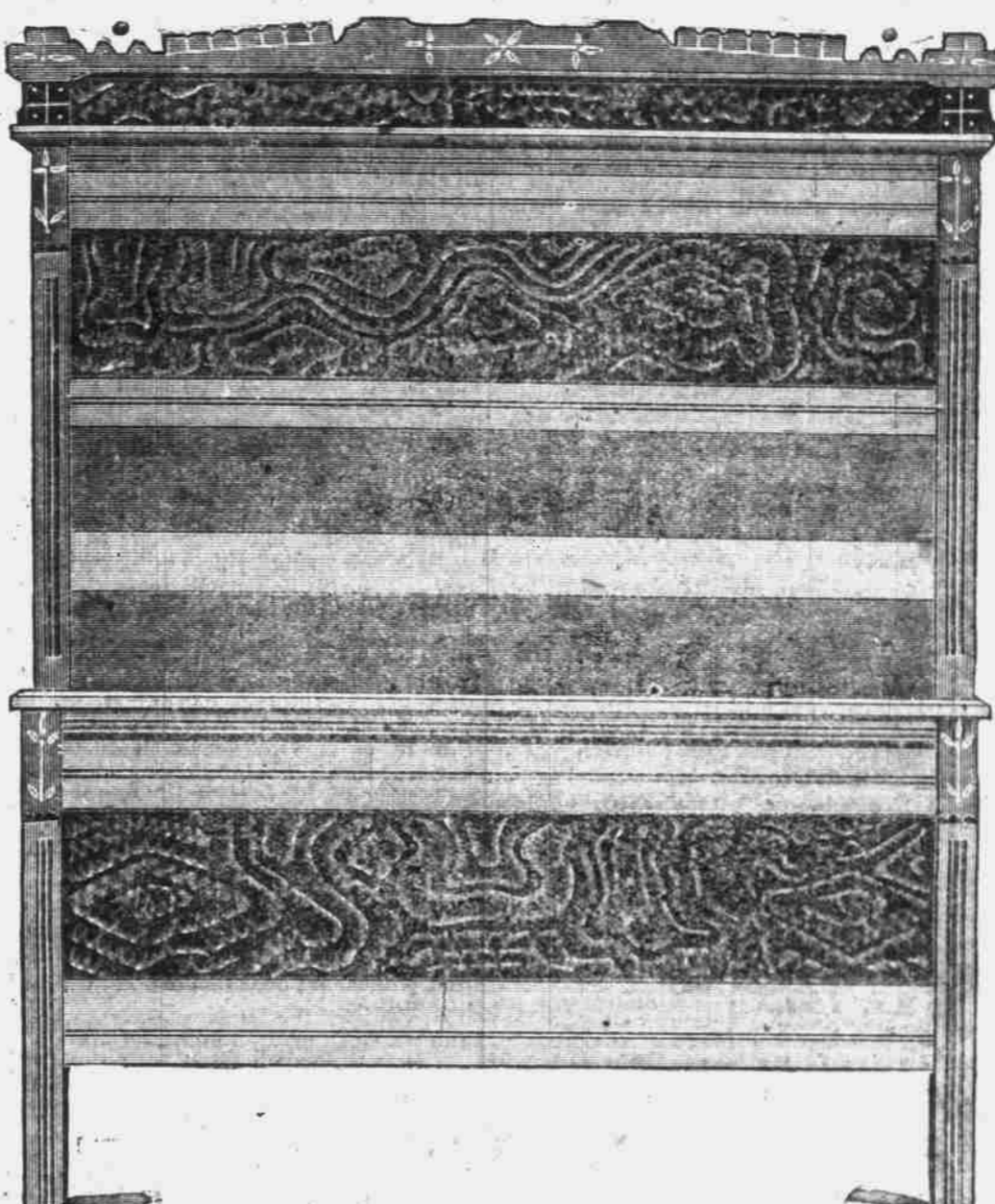
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