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Mystic Bridge Conn
June 26/90

Capt E. Spicer

Dear Sir

I. Bought the Cooking
of the Hydro Lut.
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and the post 50 cents—
and you can have them
for the same price
as I bought them.
and I think as many
as you like.
See me when you come

Yours Respectfully
H. Schröder

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Mr. E. Spicer

Mystic

Conn

THE SPRINGFIELD GAS MACHINE,
80 JOHN STREET,
New York,

Oct 18 1892

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Dear Sirs:

We have your order of 18.
for 2 bbls 86 "Pure Spirits" Gasolene and return
our thanks. Will make shipment 19
by R. H. Rk the first oil day on that R. R.

Soliciting a continuance of your patronage, we are,
Very respectfully, &c.,

GILBERT & BARKER M'F'G CO.



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Galveston, Texas,

Feb. 11/93.

Mrs. Sarah Dickinson,

No. 7, South Oxford St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam;--

I this morning, received a letter from Henry, advising of the critical illness of Captain Spicer and asked him over the wires of Captain Spicer's condition of health and now 3 P.M., have his reply as follows;--

"Captain Spicer passed more comfortable night, think him better but still critically ill",

which is a relief, as if four days after the crisis of the fell disease, they can call him some better, I conclude that with his nerve, vigor and endurance, and the care he is now getting, if he does not get a set-back, there is a chance of his pulling through,-- and my dear friend, we will cling to that chance and I hope on Monday to learn of an improvement.

It is no place in this letter to remark on your dear brother and my good friend, but he has never seemed to realize how much depends on his living and is ever much more considerate and careful of others than of himself.

Let us hope for the best.

Yours sincerely,

J. Sawyer



Galveston, Texas,

Feb. 14, 1893.

Mrs. Sarah Dickinson,

#7 South Oxford St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Lady;--

C. H. Mallory & Co's message of yesterday;--

"Captain Spicer improved yesterday, not quite so well today" came in this morning, a long time to wait from Saturday until Tuesday, but in your Brother's condition, no information was favorable news. The suspense of waiting for the progress of so dangerous a disease, is a tension on anxious nerves. The fact of his passing through the inflammatory stage and having great nerve and good powers of endurance, and belonging to a family, most of whom reach longevity, with medical treatment of the advanced school and careful nursing, give me a hope to put against the dangers and fears of an unfavorable result.

I know that all is being done that medical skill, careful nursing and the promptings of your affection for him can do. I cannot express the anxious solicitude I have for his recovery, and my prayer is, that your strength will be sustained, and the comfort of seeing your Dear Brother restored to health again, be given you.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Sawyer

Captain Elihu Spicer was born in Noank, New London County, Connecticut, in April, 1825. He received the ordinary New England school education and went to sea, as his father did before him, and at the age of twenty-two was captain of the Bark Fanny and in succession, of the ships Hound, Samuel Willets, Mary L. Sutton, in every sea and clime. In 1860 he left his ship in San Francisco and came East by way of Panama, to take charge of the steamships then owned by the Mallorys of Mystic. In 1865 he formed a partnership with C. H. Mallory which existed to the time of his death.

He was President of the New York and Texas Steamship Company, a Pilot Commissioner of the Port of New York, a member of the Marine and New England Societies and a Trustee of the Sailors Snug Harbor. He has presented a memorial library to the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn for his son U. D. Spicer and was engaged in erecting a building for a library to present to the Town of Mystic, at the time of his death. He has given a farm with buildings on it to the Town of Groton and a sum of money for the indigent poor. His charities were many; but few of them have ever been told.

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At a special meeting of the Corporation of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, ^{Feb. 17, 1893.} called for the purpose, the announcement was made of the death of Captain Elihu Spicer, and after touching expressions of esteem and of the high appreciation with which he was regarded by his fellow Trustees, and of the irreparable loss sustained by the Institute in his death, the following minute was unanimously adopted and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased as an expression of their sorrow and sympathy and as a tribute to the memory of their late associate.

Captain Elihu Spicer was known to the most of this Board as a wise, active and generous benefactor of the Institute, who had enriched its facilities for instruction by the donation of a library of reference costing over \$30,000, and as a person of the strictest integrity directing vast and varied interests, but to some present it has been for years the privilege to call him friend and to know the strength, loyalty and tenderness of the nature hidden from the world under the exterior of the man of affairs. To them, it seems fitting that something more than formal resolutions expressing our sorrow for his loss and our sympathy with his bereaved friends should be perpetuated on our records. His life is so valuable in example, so rich in its teaching that it should be preserved for the benefit of our students and of those who will soon fill our places in this Board.

The life of Captain Spicer, to which we can here barely allude, would read like a romance. A country boy from a New England home with the lim-

ited education of a low grade district school, he began as a cabin boy on a coasting vessel and by his own unaided abilities he rose through every step of a sailor's calling to the position of a trusted and most successful Captain and finally became the active manager of one of our wealthiest and most successful shipping companies, which he in great measure created. During his life upon the sea, he visited almost every country included in the temperate and torrid zones, and so keen was his observation, and so eager his thirst for knowledge, that he became so thoroughly informed as to countries and customs, men, manners and institutions, that he was a most interesting and instructive companion to any who had the sympathy and tact to draw him out of his natural reserve. He was self-reliant, indomitable of will to a degree at times of seeming obstinate, but it was a necessity of his nature. His convictions were so clear and so strong that to yield them would be to yield his integrity.

He knew the value of money, for he did not forget his early struggles. He appreciated the danger of increasing mendicancy by ill-advised charity, but convince him that giving would relieve suffering or accomplish any real good and his money flowed like water. He was the most generous of men.

So forceful and earnest was he in his business life, that few suspected the real nature of the man. He was always genial, sunny, a pleasant companion for old or young, but only his intimate friends knew that his attachments were almost feminine in their tenderness and strength, and that he was bound to his friends by links of steel. After the death of his wife, many years since, his affections seemed to concentrate upon his only child, who as he

grew up became his father's inseparable companion and friend. No one knew Captain Spicer who had not seen him in his elegant country home. There, free from business cares, he and his son were boys together; with his son he seemed to forget his years and returned to his own boyhood, "the hour of glory in the grass, of splendor in the flower." It was a strange sight to see the two romping together, two happy boys. The gray-haired man in the intensity of his love forgetting past sorrow and the possibilities of the future. From the day of his son's entrance at the Polytechnic Institute as a pupil, the father became its firm friend and identified with its interests. It may be supposed that the gift which resulted in the Spicer Library was solely to establish a memorial for that lost son. Not so. The use to which the money was put was the result of the valuable suggestion of one of our own Trustees. Long before Captain Spicer became a Trustee of the Institute he had talked of its enlargement and the extension of its curriculum and had indicated his readiness to contribute for these purposes.

His son was one of our best and most beloved graduates, and the death of this noble and gifted young man just as he had completed his professional studies seemed to strike at the very springs of the father's life, but instead of resulting in a morbid despondency, as was feared, it seemed to increase, if possible, the tenderness of his nature and enlarge the range of his affections. He loved everybody who had been dear to his boy. He seemed to love and draw to himself all those whom his son had loved. Everything that had belonged to the boy became precious, almost sacred. He made his son's youthful companions his own friends and it was not unusual for

the caller at his city home to find some former schoolmate of his son spending the evening with him as he might have done with the son had he been living. For the time the old man was the boy again. During all the rough and hardening experiences of his sailor's life he had kept the boy's heart pure and unsullied. He loved his own boyhood after the death of his son with increased intensity. He took the best artists he could obtain to his native place to paint his birthplace; the old homely farmhouse; his father's birthplace and the scenes that were endeared to him by boyish associations. This poetic sentiment was the secret charm of his nature. It made him sympathetic and responsive. It explains the seeming contradictions in his character. As a sailor said, "In a storm off a lee shore or any great peril, the Captain was terrible as a tiger, but really, at heart, he was as tender as a woman." This is a hurried and feeble sketch of the man we have lost. Simple and unpretentious, cool and clear-headed, self-reliant and unyielding in purpose, generous, loyal, tender and true. Our hearts go out in ^{tenderest} kindest sympathy to the bereaved relatives who have lost one whose place can never be filled. We have lost a wise, prudent and progressive associate; the Institute, a generous benefactor; and the world, a man.

(Signed) Henry Sanger Snow.
Secy.

Office of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots,

No. 40 BURLING SLIP,

REMOVED TO
24 STATE STREET;

New York, Feb 24th 1893

Dear Madam

I have the honor to hand
you enclosed, a copy of a
Resolution of Condolence and
Respect adopted on the 21st
instant by this Board, on
the announcement of the death
of your brother, their late friend
and associate, Captain Elisha
Spicer.

I am Madam

Yours Very Respectfully
for the Board

D. A. Bush

Mrs. Dickinson

copy

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Brooklyn, N.Y. Feb. 17. 1893.

Dear Mrs. Dickinson.

Enclosed herewith find the minute unanimously adopted by a full meeting of our Board of Trustees this morning. Only half an hour was given me to prepare it. I know it is a feeble and very inadequate sketch of your brother, but it represents in some faint degree my idea of the man I loved so well.

Our hearts go out to you in sorrow and sym-

patting in this hour of your
bereavement. The sense
of my own loss makes
me know something of
what it must be to you.

God help you. Trust
him. He does all things
well. We cannot understand
it now, but we will
hereafter.

Yours in sorrow.

D. H. Cochran.

Office of the Board
of Commissioners of Pilots
New York Feby 21. 1893

Extract
from Minutes of the regular
Meeting held this day.

"The President having announced
the death of Commissioner Oliver
Spicer, after remarks of condolence
by several of the members, the
Board Unanimously

Resolved
that the death of Captain Oliver
Spicer has deprived this Board of
a member whose long business
life and experience, acuteness of
perception and good judgment, were
of great value in the performance
of the duties of the office, and whose
genial qualities rendered him espe-
cially agreeable as an associate.

Resolved that a copy of this
Resolution be transmitted to his rela-
tives, as a mark of our respect
and sympathy in their affliction"

By order of the Board
A. H. Bush
Secretary

THE AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO.

OF BROOKLYN.

H. H. WHEELER,
President.

T. J. POWELL,
Sec. and Treas.

D. BARNETT,
Vice-President.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

C. S. THOMPSON,
Superintendent.

191 Montague Street,

Brooklyn, March 9th 1893

The following Minute was adopted at a Meeting of the Directors of the American District Telegraph Co. February 21st 1893

Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of one of our Stockholders and Associate Trustees. Captain Elin Spicer, who died on Wednesday Evening February 18th

For seven years he has been connected with this company and always interested in and watchful of its interests

By his death the Stockholders lose a faithful representative.

Resolved. That the foregoing be spread upon the Minutes and a copy transmitted to the family

T. J. Powell
Secretary

2, Mrs Sarah Dickinson

C. H. Mallory & Co. Genl. Agents.

*Office of
New York & Texas Steamship Co.*

*(Mallory Line)
Pier 20 East River,*

New York,

March 18th 1893

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Mrs. Sarah Dickinson,

No. 7 South Oxford street,

Brooklyn, N Y.

Dear Madame--

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York and Texas Steamship Company held after the death of our esteemed President, Capt. E. Spicer, Resolutions expressive of sorrow at the deep loss the Company has experienced, in his demise and also of condolence with his family, were passed, and herewith I beg to hand you a copy of the same.

I am, dear madame,

Very Respectfully Yours,

H. Massey

Secretary,
NEW YORK & TEXAS STEAMSHIP CO.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW YORK AND TEXAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, HELD MARCH 14th, 1893:-

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"WHEREAS--It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to remove from life our worthy and respected President, Mr. E. Spicer, be it therefore

Resolved--That in the death of Captain Spicer this Company has lost its able counsellor and adviser, who was from the inception of the line connected with it, and who through his close application to his duties and by able, conservative business management of its affairs did much to bring it to its present prominence and success, and who was held in such high esteem by us and those with whom he was associated. It is further

Resolved-- That we extend to his sister, his brother and the latter's children our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of him who was so dear to them. It is also

Resolved--That a copy of these Resolutions be furnished his sister and brother, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting."

Attest

H. Munson

Secretary.
NEW YORK & TEXAS STEAMSHIP CO.



John B. Roach, President.

OFFICE OF

Wm. Parker, Secy. and Treas.

**The Delaware River Iron Ship Building
AND ENGINE WORKS.**

Chester, Pa. March 19th, 1894. 18

Mess. C. H. Mallory & Company.

New York.

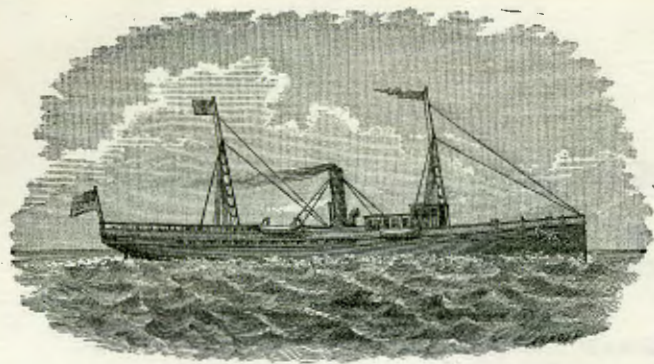
Gentlemen:-

I have received, and beg to thank you for the handsome memorial of the late Captain Spicer. I shall prize the volume most highly for its faithful representation of an old and valued friend and in a wider sphere, of a philanthropist, whose liberality was so conspicuously exercised for the well-being of his fellow men.

In our business relations with your firm, extending over a period of more than twenty years, and involving many large transactions, I had abundant opportunity of acquiring an intimate acquaintance with Captain Spicer, and I am glad to testify to his unvarying fairness as a business man. "He possessed in an eminent degree, the faculty of inspiring confidence and respect in those with whom he came in contact, and of no man could be more truly said, that "His word was as good as his bond". His loss will be deplored, and his memory gratefully cherished, by many who were the objects of his wise and discriminating liberality.

Yours truly,

John B. Roach



OFFICE OF
ROBERT PALMER & SONS,
SHIP BUILDERS
AND
PROPRIETORS OF MARINE RAILWAYS.

VESSELS HAULED OUT AND REPAIRED.

Noank, Conn. March 6th 1894

My Dear Cousin Sarah

Your letter recd and its contents read and would say that I have not been to the Library Building since the first Monday in February. I was unable to go to day as a man telegraph me from New York he would be here to day two o'clock to see me about building a coal oil Barge so I had to stay home will bare in mind what you write and do the best I can with William to meet your wishes. I have felt that Mr Edgcomb was too free to make bills for the Library to pay and I wanted to have been at the meeting to day to see Doct Manning about this thing and will try and see him. Will try and see you some time when in New York suppose you leave home for California

Soon may not see you untill you return.
and hope your Journey may prove a great
benefit to your health, and when you return
you may be much better. Body & Soul
May the Good Lord be with and Bless you

Yours Very Truly
Robert Palmer

Weytic Ct March 7th 1894

Mrs. Dickinson

Dear Madam

I received
a book. Memoir of Elisha Spicer. for which
I am very much pleased, + return my
sincere thanks to the sender of same.

Respectfully Yours

L. A. Morgan



Lexington Hotel

Michigan Boulevard and 22nd St.

E. A. Bachelder,
PROPRIETOR.

Chicago, April 28, 1894

Mr. S. R. Probasco,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The book was forwarded to me from Toledo which you so kindly sent, giving a history of the life of Capt. Spicer, which I prize very highly, as I consider him a very dear friend. Wish we had more people in the world like him.

I am now living in Chicago but will be in New York soon. Please send me your address care Manhattan Club, N. Y., as I wish to thank you in person.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to E. A. Bachelder, the proprietor of the Lexington Hotel.

WILLIAM HILDRETH FIELD & DESHON,
CHARLES A. DESHON.

237 Broadway,
New York,
June 4th 1894.

My dear Professor.

Many thanks for your memorial
of Capt Spicer

"None knew him but to love him
None named him but to praise."

He was one of nature's nobleman.
Whole armies might have been lost, if
he could only have been saved. Death
leaves a shining mark as in classic days.

Later may you meet in the wish
of
Yours always.

William Hildreth Field

Chamber of Commerce

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK

FOUNDED A.D. 1768.

Mrs Sarah Spicer Dickenson,
Dear Madam:-

Your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to Mr. Alexander E. Orr, President, presenting to the Chamber of Commerce, a portrait of your brother the late Captain Elihu Spicer was duly received. The portrait which is lifelike and creditable to the artist was received on the 27th March last and now occupies a place on the walls of the Chamber among those who were his business associates.

Capt. Spicer's long and honorable career as Ship Master and Ship owner and his intimate connection with the Commerce of this Port makes his portrait a fitting addition to the Gallery of the Chamber.

For this generous gift I am requested to express to you the cordial thanks of the Chamber, and to assure you that the portrait will be preserved with the greatest care.

Very respectfully

Geo. Wilson

Secretary.

New York, June 12th 1894.

SPICER—On Wednesday, February 15, 1893, Captain ELIHU SPICER.

Funeral service at his late residence, 7 South Oxford st, Brooklyn, on Friday evening; the 17th inst, at 8 o'clock. Interment at Mystic, Conn. Kindly omit flowers.

Elihu Spicer.

Brooklyn has lost few better men than Elihu Spicer. His were the qualities of solid worth. There was nothing showy about him. He had no care for idle display. But beneath his unassuming exterior there lived as warm a heart, as gentle a spirit, as kindly and generous a disposition as falls in a century to the lot of humanity. There was in his mental equipment and moral make up something suggestive of the serenity of the sea he so long and so often traversed. His nature alternated between the profound peace of an ocean calm and the musical ripples that, sunlightened, welcome the coming of the morning breeze. His soul was free from storms. The tempests of earthly contention never disturbed his courteous demeanor or ruffled his clear and elevating mind. Without vain pretense he harbored qualities that made him the valued associate, the trusted adviser and the congenial companion of the very flower of our citizenship. The story of his career, already told in these columns, is that of an upright and honorable figure in the life of the community and of the country. It could be said of him accurately that he "nobly bore, without reproach, the grand old name of gentleman." The city will be the poorer for his going out. Compensation for his departure is found in fragrant recollection of the good things he did while living. His memory will survive in the record of public and private benefactions, in the wide range of reputable commercial distinction, in the annals of refined and healthy social association and in the hearts of all who knew and liked him as one free from guile.

Death of Captain Elihu Spicer.

Captain Elihu Spicer, of the Mallory Steamship Line, died on Wednesday at his home, 7 South Oxford street, Brooklyn. Captain Spicer was born in Noank, New London county, Ct., in April, 1825. He received the ordinary New England school education, and, following his father's vocation, went to sea, and at the age of twenty-two was captain of the bark Fanny, and in succession of the ships Hound, Samuel Willets and Mary L. Sutton, in every sea and climate. In 1860 he left his ship in San Francisco and came east via Panama, to take charge of the steamships then owned by the Mallorys, of Mystic. In 1865 he formed a partnership with G. H. Mallory, which existed to the time of his death. In 1873 he became a member of the Chamber of Commerce, this city, and on June 10, 1891, was chosen by that body to represent it in the Pilot Commission, and was still holding that position at the time of his death. He was president of the New York and Texas Steamship Company, a member of the Martine and New England societies, and a trustee of the Sailors' Snug Harbor. He has presented a memorial library to the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn for his son, H. D. Spicer, and was engaged in erecting a building for a library to present to the town of Mystic, at the time of his death. He has given a farm with buildings on it to the town of Groton, and a sum of money for the indigent poor. His charities were many, but few of them have ever been told. The interment will be at Mystic.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN ELIHU SPICER.

Simple and Impressive Rites at the South Oxford Street House.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Captain Elihu Spicer were held at the house, 7 South Oxford street, last evening. The presence of several hundred of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased, who had come, despite the driving snow storm, to pay a tribute to his memory, attested the esteem in which he was held. There were simple and beautiful floral emblems about the bier. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. David Gregg of the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church. Fittingly for the occasion, taking into view the character and disposition of the deceased, the service was markedly simple and sincere. The speaker said it was desired that the service be as far as possible impersonal. It was not desired that he should pronounce an eulogy upon the dead, yet he could with difficulty refrain from an expression which should in some measure indicate the feeling that filled the hearts of those who are left behind at the taking off of such a man.

"As we see the lights in the storm to-night," said Dr. Gregg, "circled about and growing dim and dimmer with snow and girt with rainbows, so we see the light of this man's life go out circled about with the halo of his kindness and the respect and esteem of those who knew him. It would be a pleasant task to tell of his life. What an example was he for the young people of America. But it is requested that this service shall consist of the reading of the scriptures and prayer."

The speaker read a passage from St. Paul. In the prayer which followed Dr. Gregg invoked the blessing of God upon the mourners for whom he besought strength to bear affliction. He gave thanks for the honest, pure and noble life of the deceased, for his sympathies and loves, and prayed that all that was best in the life of him who is gone may be reproduced in the lives of those who still remain. That the deceased should have performed the good work of citizenship in the community for almost a generation, that his home life was so good and true Dr. Gregg esteemed a matter for thankfulness. He prayed that the relatives might be comforted and the lesson of the hour impressed upon the minds of those to whom a knowledge of it should come.

At the close of the service opportunity was given to view the remains. There were present, among others, many of the former associates of Captain Spicer in the shipping business and members of the Brooklyn club, with their families. Some of these were J. N. Kallely, Michael Snow, Caleb S. Woodhull, Captain Duncan, Judge Edgar M. Chiles, Judge Willard L. Bartlett, Henry Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallory, Charles Williams, Robert Mallory, H. McMurtrie, H. H. Wheeler, George H. Murphy, William B. Davenport, George R. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Stillman, William R. Bunker, A. M. Cahoon, William Hester.

The interment will take place to-day at Mystic, Conn.

OBITUARY.

Captain Elihu Spicer.

Captain Elihu Spicer who died at his residence, 7 South Oxford street, this city, yesterday, was born 68 years ago at Noank, Conn. He came of a race of seamen and instinctively adopted the profession of a sailor. From cabin boy on a coaster he rose step by step to the command of ships that, during the flush times of the American marine, were engaged in the East India, China and Pacific trades. During this period he had all the experiences that can fall to a sailor's lot, including several shipwrecks and other dangers. He made an enviable record for fast and prosperous voyages to San Francisco during the 50's, when the flower of American clippers were engaged in that trade. When the war broke out he became a captain of government transports, one of his own steamships, the Victor, being one of his commands.

At the close of the war Captain Spicer formed a partnership with another sea captain, Charles H. Mallory, under the firm name of Charles H. Mallory & Co., and ran a line of ships from New York to the gulf ports, chiefly to Galveston, Tex. Many of the vessels of this line were sailing ships at first, but they soon became all steamships, and the trade developed rapidly.

Captain Spicer, who was as good a business man as he was sailor, made money quite rapidly. His property at the time of his death probably amounted to \$1,000,000. Although at the head of the firm, a position which he achieved at the death of Mr. Charles H. Mallory, he was seldom absent from his place at pier 20, East river, during business hours.

His partners now are the three sons of Mrs. Mallory; namely, Charles, H. R., and Robert. Captain Spicer has been for many years a pilot commissioner and member of the chamber of commerce.

Captain Spicer married a Miss Dudley of Mystic, Conn. He had one son, who died about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Spicer has been dead for some time also. The immediate relatives of the deceased are a married sister, a Mrs. Sarah Dickinson, and a brother, also married, who lives in Connecticut.

The chief characteristic of Captain Spicer was his even disposition and thorough geniality. He was beloved alike by old and young men in the Brooklyn club. As one of his comrades said to-day: "I am a great deal younger than Captain Spicer, but that made no difference. He did not wait for me to get up to his level, but came down to mine and was always a delightful companion." He was a man of a disposition so tranquil and thoroughly controlled that when he heard of the failure of Ferdinand Ward, which cost him over a quarter of a million dollars, he showed not the least sign of regret, but, laughing, said: "The little rascal got away with me that time."

He was a grand listener, and though reserved about himself, had a great fund of sympathy. He was at all times equable, cheerful, wise and thoroughly benign.

After the death of his wife and son, Captain Spicer lived with his widowed sister, Mrs. Sarah Dickenson, in the winter at 7 South Oxford street, in the summer at Mystic, Conn. His house at Mystic was the subject of great pride and care with him. Being a man of self culture and innate refinement, he loved beautiful things and surrounded himself with them. He was a good judge of paintings and his house at Mystic bears abundant evidence of a high taste.

Apart from his other admirable qualities, the generosity of the deceased was as marked as was his dislike of a public parade of that same liberality. Only he and the recipients of his bounty knew how numerous were the pensioners on his purse. Some acts of this characteristic generosity are, however, on record. Quite recently he gave \$25,000 to the Polytechnic library. A few years ago he gave a town

farm to the place of his birth. At the time of his death a public library was being built and endowed by him at Mystic. This alone will cost over \$100,000. His dislike of display in connection with these gifts was shown by the fact that as far as the Polytechnic library fund was concerned, but comparably few persons knew of the donation.

The deceased was a member of the New England society and the Brooklyn and Hamilton clubs. He rented a pew at Plymouth church, but was not a member there.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence to-morrow at 8 P. M. The family this morning could not announce the name of the clergyman who is to officiate. On Saturday the remains will be taken to Mystic for interment.

The following has been issued by the faculty of the Polytechnic institute:

The faculty of the Polytechnic wish to express publicly their sense of their personal loss and of the great loss which the institute has suffered in the death of Captain Elihu Spicer. To the institution and to all giving instruction in it he was always a staunch and faithful friend. It was in the Polytechnic that his son, Uriah D. Spicer, a youth of many virtues, of great promise and dearly beloved, was educated. He was graduated in 1873. Some years after he died. His father long cherished a desire and a purpose to do something for the institution in memory of his son. In the recent enlargement of the Polytechnic Captain Spicer saw his opportunity—the founding of a memorial library. For this purpose he gave the sum of \$30,000. Five thousand of this was expended on the library room; fifteen thousand in books, and ten thousand has been invested as a fund upon which to draw to meet the needs of the library. The books, about ten thousand, have been selected by the professors, each choosing what he deemed was most useful in his department. As a result we have the Spicer library, small as yet, it is true, but many sided and exceedingly well adapted to the daily necessities of professors and pupils. There is not an hour of the day that its aid and stimulus are not felt. No other memorial to his son could have been devised by its generous giver so apt and so useful as this.

ROBERT FOSTER, } Committee of
B. KELLOGG, } the faculty.

CAPTAIN ELIHU SPICER.

Captain Elihu Spicer, one of the owners of the Mallory line of steamships, died on Wednesday from erysipelas, at his home, No. 7 South Oxford street, Brooklyn. He was sixty-seven years old, and was born at Noank, Conn., of a family of seamen. He started as a cabin boy on a coaster and advanced rapidly until he was in command of ships engaged in the East India, China and Pacific trades. During the war he was captain of government transports, and at its close formed a partnership with Charles H. Mallory under the firm name of Charles H. Mallory & Co. Since the death of Mr. Mallory Captain Spicer has had the management of the business. Captain Spicer's only son died fifteen years ago and his wife five years ago. His immediate relatives are a brother and a sister. He was known for his philanthropy. He presented to the town of Mystic, Conn., where he had a summer home, a handsome library, and about a year ago he gave a library to the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, valued at \$30,000, in memory of his son. Captain Spicer was a wealthy man and lost about \$250,000 by the failure of Ferdinand Ward some years ago. He was a member of the New England Society and of the Brooklyn and Hamilton clubs.

He was president of the New York and Texas Steamship Company, a Pilot Commissioner of the port of New York, a member of the Marine Society and a trustee of the Sailors' Snug Harbor. He had also given a farm with buildings on it to the town of Groton and a sum of money for the indigent poor.

A REMARKABLE MILLIONAIRE.

After a \$400,000 Loss Elihu Spicer Gave
Away a Third of the Rest.

In the death of Capt. Elihu Spicer, in Brooklyn, Wednesday, the community lost a man whose memory will live after him because of his many acts of substantial charity.

Elihu Spicer was born in Noank, New London County, Conn., in April, 1825. He went to sea as a cabin-boy and at the age of twenty-two was captain of the bark Fanny, and, in succession of the ships Hound, Samuel Willets and Mary L. Sutton, in every sea and climate. In 1860 he left his ship in San Francisco and came East by way of Panama, to take charge of the steamships then owned by the Mallorys, of Mystic, Conn. During the war he was a captain of Government transports. At the close of the rebellion he formed a partnership with C. H. Mallory, which existed at the time of his death.

Mr. Spicer was President of the New York and Texas Steamship Company, a Pilot Commissioner of the Port of New York, a member of the Marine and New England Societies and a Trustee of the Sailors' Snug Harbor. He amassed a fortune of \$1,000,000 through his connection with the Mallory Company and is said to have lost \$400,000 through the Grant-Ward failure.

Capt. Spicer was noted for his charity. Some time ago he made a gift of \$30,000 to the Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn for a library, and at the time of his death was engaged in the erection of a library at Mystic, which is to cost \$100,000. Thus, after losing nearly half his wealth, did Capt. Spicer proceed to give away nearly a third of what remained.

Among other of his philanthropic acts was the establishment of a farm, with buildings erected upon it, near the town of Groton, for indigent poor.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 7 Oxford street, Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock to-night. The remains will be taken to Mystic for interment.

A Memorial Service.

CAPTAIN ELIHU SPICER was a public benefactor of the people of Mystic and vicinity. Memorial Services will be held on Sunday evening Feb. 26th, in the Baptist Church, beginning at half past seven o'clock, in recognition of Mr. Spicer's benefaction, and the citizens will show their appreciation. Deacon Robert Palmer, of Noank, a life-long friend of Capt. Spicer, will speak, and others of Mystic. *

Obituary.

CAPTAIN ELIHU SPICER.—The remains of Captain Elihu Spicer arrived from New York on Saturday afternoon, 18th, on the two o'clock express train, and, accompanied by the friends from New York and Brooklyn, and a considerable number of Mystic and Noank friends and relatives, were taken to Elm Grove Cemetery for burial. The committal services were conducted by Rev. G. H. Minor of the Union Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott of Brooklyn. The bearers were Captains J. E. Williams, George W. Gates, William Morgan, R. P. Wilbur and Samuel Bush. Among those who came on from New York and Brooklyn were Rev. Dr. Abbott; Mrs. Sarah Dickerson, sister of Capt. Spicer; Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth; Messrs. Henry R., Charles and Robert Mallory, partners of deceased; Mrs. J. S. N. Crane; Messrs. Jacob B. Smull; Sands Fish, Wm. B. Dudley, W. L. Breaker, H. H. Wheeler, A. M. Cahoon, S. R. Probasco, W. B. Davenport, George F. Corliss.

PLATE IV. Side Wall Pa

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PLATE V. Specimens of Raised Flocks printed in high relief.

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