

of a visit they paid to Catalina Trico, the widow of Joris De Rapelyea. They say she is an 'old walloon' from Valenciennes—seventy-four years old—living with her whole heart, as well as body, among her progeny, which number one hundred and fifty souls. She lives alone by herself a little apart from the others, having her little garden and other conveniencies with which she helps herself."

Thus peacefully and pleasantly passed the latter years of this "Mother of New York," who, with her mission fulfilled, still active and with habits of industry begotten of her pioneer life, now reposed contented amid the love and respectful attentions of her kindred and descendants.

THE LAST HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.

The very *last house* in the southwestern limits of the city of Brooklyn is located on New York Bay at the foot of Fifty-eighth street, only a few hundred feet from the boundary line of the township of New Utrecht.

This old homestead was built probably in the latter part of the last century by Major Tunis J. Bergen, son of John or Johannes Bergen, a descendant of Hans Hansen Bergen, who was the first settler by that name and who immigrated from Holland in 1633, in the same ship, "The Salt Mountain," with Wouter Van Twiller, the second Director-General of the New Netherlands.

THE WOUTER VAN TWILLER SPOON.



Here I may digress for a moment to narrate an interesting occurrence which has never before appeared in print, viz.: that during the voyage Wouter Van Twiller became very ill. His fellow passenger, Hans Hansen Bergen, tenderly cared for him and did everything in his power to