

## KIDNAPPING STORY RECALLED

**It Was Said Mr. Robert Garrett Was Intended Victim.**

The demolition of the bar of the Hoffman House, New York, has recalled to Baltimoreans many incidents which have occurred in that famous hostelry.

One of peculiar interest was the supposed attempt to kidnap the late Robert Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. This story is not vouched for, though it was published at the time and will be recalled by some who knew Mr. Garrett, who was a frequent visitor to New York. The incident, according to the story, occurred just at the time Mr. Garrett's health was beginning to fail. The statement was that he was seated at a table near the Twenty-fourth street door with Mr. Lawrence Jerome, Col. Thomas P. Ochiltree, Messrs. Harry C. Walker, John Chamberlin, of Washington, and Governor Marmaduke, of Missouri, all of whom are now dead, with the exception of Mr. Walker, who is at present the secretary of the Aqueduct Board. The little party was engaged in conversation, when a well-dressed man came in from Twenty-fourth and called Mr. Garrett away from the table. They stood talking for a moment near the door, when three other men entered and the quartet attempted to rush Mr. Garrett into the street, where a closed carriage was waiting.

Mr. Garrett called to his friends, who sprang to his assistance, and a stubborn fight ensued, in which his four assailants were beaten off and escaped in their carriage. At that time he was engaged in a big railroad fight, but whether the reputed attempt to kidnap him was made by business rivals or by those who might seek a ransom never transpired. Mr. Garrett later became afflicted with paresis and died.