

## ROWLAND H. MACY'S WILL.

### A PECULIAR DOCUMENT—THE TESTATOR'S SON CUT OFF WITH A SMALL ANNUITY.

The will of Rowland H. Macy, the well-known Sixth-avenue merchant, has been filed in the Surrogate's Court. He leaves to his widow, Louisa H., "absolutely, all the paraphernalia, wearing apparel, watches, rings, trinkets, jewels, and personal ornaments reputed to belong to her, and during her life, the use of all the household furniture, books, clocks, bronzes, and works of art, linen, beds and bedding, crockery, kitchen and other utensils, and articles used in house-keeping, together with all wines, liquors, fuel, housekeeping provisions, and other consumable stores which may be in his dwelling." After the widow's decease this property is to go to the testator's daughter, Florence, wife of James F. Sutton. The residence, No. 62 West Forty-ninth-street, is left to his widow for the term of her natural life, falling to his daughter at her mother's death. The rest of the estate, real, personal, or mixed, is left to the widow and daughter, in trust for the execution of the will, with power to sell and dispose of it with due regard to its speedy division, as afterward directed in the will. The Executrices are directed to pay \$20 per week for the support of the testator's mother. To protect his daughter from any possible suffering in case of misfortune to his son-in-law in business, \$60,000 is directed to be invested for her benefit in certain bonds or first mortgages. In case of the death of the daughter without issue, previous to the decease of the testator's widow, the principal is to be paid to the latter. The will then recites: "I am grieved to say in this solemn manner that my experience has been such with my son, Rowland H. Macy, Jr., that I cannot intrust him with the care or management of my property. He has never succeeded in supporting himself. On the contrary, though he is now 29 years of age, he has been entirely supported and maintained by me, and although I have done everything in my power to aid him in establishing habits of temperance and sobriety, yet I am compelled to acknowledge the failure of every effort made by me and others to that end. His passion for strong drink has not hitherto been controlled by him. In view of these facts, I have deemed it wise to make the following provision for his support and maintenance during his natural life: I direct that my Executrices, or their survivors or successors, as soon after my decease as conveniently may be, invest in United States Government bonds a sum, the annual income of which shall amount to \$1,000, unless he contests this will or undertakes to defeat its provisions." In this event the son is to have no portion of the estate. On the death of the son, or, in case he contests the will, the sum directed to be invested for him is to be divided between the testator's widow and daughter. The residue of the estate is to be divided equally between the widow and daughter. The estate is valued at over \$500,000. The will was executed Feb. 8, 1877, and the subscribing witnesses are A. A. Vantino and Robert M. Valentine. No notice of contest has been filed by the testator's son.

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