

It is probable that three-fourths of the literary world of New York do not know or have forgotten the resting-place of the author of "The Cui-prit Fay."

The Bronx is so named from Jonas Bronck, a Dutchman, who first obtained land in that part of the country from the Indian sachems of Ranachque in 1639. The Hunts are descended from Thomas Hunt, who was High Sheriff of Shropshire, England, in 1656. Thomas Hunt, one of his sons, bought the Grove Farm, near the Bronx, in 1667. His grandson, Thomas, acquired the Hunt's Point property, then known as Great Planting Neck, by marriage. The poet Drake married Sarah Eckford, a daughter of Henry Eckford, one of the first ship-builders of this city. He had one daughter, Janet, who was married to Colonel George De Kay, of Long Island.

#### THE TALE OF BILL THE PILOT.

On the opposite side of the road was, until recently, the burial plot of the slaves of the Hunt estate. Their remains were transferred some time ago to the same ground as that occupied by the bodies of their masters. The curious headstones, with the roughly-cut initials of the servants, were also preserved. Among them sleeps "Bill the Pilot," who was at the helm of the British frigate Hussar, when she was wrecked off Port Morris, near the entrance to the Harlem Killis. The Hussar was said to be laden with gold coin for the payment of the British soldiers, and a wrecking company is still seeking the lost treasure. Bill the Pilot escaped then, but was subsequently drowned near Barrett's Point, or rather killed by injudicious treatment. He was washed ashore half dead and rolled on a barrel, whereat he began to shake his fist at his friends. They continued the treatment zealously, and so Bill the Pilot died rolling on the barrel and shaking his fist.