

tial form, beg leave to offer, and request your acceptance of, the accompanying *souvenir*, with their best wishes for your continued success and prosperity.

As he read these words the gentleman who was spokesman for the rest pointed to an elegant set of silver tea-things and a gold scarf-pin, standing upon the table from which the covering had now been removed. He complimented Mr. PHELAN upon his achievements in billiards, and the success of his efforts in behalf of the game—a game in which were combined intelligence and physical exercise with entertainment and relaxation. In conclusion, he begged that Mr. PHELAN would receive the assurances of their personal esteem. [Applause.]

Mr. PHELAN replied modestly and briefly. He was entirely taken by surprise, and would confess his inability on such short notice to acknowledge adequately the honor conferred upon him. The gift was a very elegant one, and its value was greatly enhanced to him by the source whence it came. He recognized among those who stood around him, and who united in presenting this testimonial, personal friends, whose regard he prized highly. [Loud applause.]

Mr. PHELAN and his friends examined the articles which constituted the gift with many expressions of admiration. One of them said Mr. PHELAN might well and appropriately exclaim: "That beats the Dutch." The tea service consisted of a tea pot, a sugar bowl, a milk pitcher and a slop bowl, all elegantly chased, of Mexican coin silver, and an elegantly carved salver, of nickel silver, in the burnished centre of which was written:

"To MICHAEL PHELAN,
From his friends.

April 12, 1859."

On each article was inscribed "PHELAN." The date, it will be observed, is that of Mr. PHELAN's victory over SREBETER. The set is valued at \$350, and was manufactured by J. C. MARSH, No. 22 John-street.

The scarf pin, which was manufactured expressly by BALL, BLACK & Co., consists of a gold billiard cue, with a ruby point representing the leather, and at the larger end a large diamond with a cluster of eight smaller diamonds around it, attached by a gold chain of exquisite workmanship to a large diamond breast-pin. Its cost was \$75.

Presentation to Michael Phelan.

About thirty gentlemen of this City—friends of Mr. MICHAEL PHELAN, the celebrated inventor and billiard player— assembled last evening in the Club-room attached to the billiard rooms of Mr. PHELAN, corner of Broadway and Tenth-street, where they had requested Mr. PHELAN to meet them. Something covered with blue paper was on a billiard table in the centre of the room, but no one had informed Mr. PHELAN what it was or what his friends intended to do to him. At 10½ o'clock one of them stepped forward and read to Mr. PHELAN the following note:

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, May 24, 1859.

MICHAEL PHELAN, Esq.—Dear Sir: A few of your old friends, appreciating your exertions as an inventor and reformer in billiards, your skill as a scientific master of the game, and your uniformly straightforward, manly, correct and courteous deportment, and being desirous of evincing their regard in a substan-