

FRED GEBHARD. NEAR DEATH.

Former Well-Known Society Man Suffering from Pneumonia.

Frederick Gebhard, who once owned a yacht and a racing stable, is lying seriously ill of pneumonia at the Stratford House, 11 East Thirty-second Street. He may die. Two nurses and two doctors have been in constant attendance upon him. His wife was by his side last night.

Several months ago Mr. Gebhard suffered a breakdown. His illness developed into pleurisy, which has grown into a dangerous case of pneumonia in the last three weeks. For several weeks he has not been able to take any food except buttermilk.

Some thirty years ago he was one of New York's richest young men. It is now about twenty-eight years since his name and that of Mrs. Langtry, the "Jersey Lily," were associated. They were seen a great deal in one another's company, and finally bought adjoining ranches in the West. His income was said to be something like \$100,000 a year.

In 1894 he married Miss Louise Holdingsworth of Baltimore, from whom he was divorced, and then he married four years ago Marie Wilson, one of the "Florodora" girls.

Some three years ago he went into trade, taking offices in Fifth Avenue, from which he acted as agent for wines, coffee, and spices.

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