

# EXTRA & EXTRA

## TOWN TOPICS

### FROM HIGH SOCIETY TO HANDCUFFS: THEFT & ASSAULT SCANDAL

#### UPCOMING EVENT

**The Raven's Ball**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1859**

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Entertainment** in  
grand  
partnership with the  
Esteemed  
Maria Clem in  
Center, to celebrate  
and honor the  
immortal legacy of  
the late, great Edgar  
Allan Poe.

An unparalleled  
night awaits—music,  
mystery, and perhaps  
even the unexpected!

## WHAT WE KNOW

**J**ohn Allan, once counted among the city's great men, was the adoptive father of Poe. He despised the arts, dismissed literature, and cast the young poet aside as though striking a name from a ledger. To all appearances, the matter was closed—until fate had other ideas.

Tempers flared when Allan confronted Grisswald outside his home after hearing rumor that he might be attending the Raven's Ball. Eventually erupting into a violent clash, it ended with his arrest. During the scuffle, he took Griswald's cane. Worth more than any other item in his possession, he can still be seen with the cane to this day. Witnesses say Allan was heard saying "Don't even think about attending the Raven's Ball Grisswald, you'll regret it."

### HOT GOSSIP

Griswold's venomous campaign to smear Poe dragged Allan into the scandal he thought buried. His reputation collapsed, fortune slipped away, and high society shut its doors. He was caught in the crossfire, nothing more casualty of Grisswald's vendetta and lost everything. In the end, there was only one person to blame—Grisswald.

### WHAT YOU SEE

You see what looks to be a fresh crack on the handle of his cane

You notice bruising and a soft red hue on his knuckles, *mostly* covered by his gloves

John seems to need the cane, walking with a sickly limp without it

His silver flask is never far from his lips, the more he drinks the more his behavior changes

#### THE WHOS WHO

**Special Guests Attending  
The Raven's Ball**

John Allan  
Poe's Stepfather

Maria Clem  
Poe's stepmother

Frances Osgood  
Poe's "Alleged" Affair  
Partner

Elizabeth Elliot  
Poe's Deep Admirer

