

## A Complete Surprise.

Such was that visited upon Bernard Silberstein, of the firm of Silberstein & Bondy, by a company of friends who visited him at his home, 31 west Second street, last evening, and made the fortieth anniversary of his birth memorable. Meeting at the residence of Mrs I. Bondy, the gathering of surprise—enforcers, proceeded to the home of the unsuspecting Mr. Silberstein at about 8:30 o'clock. He was taken completely unawares, but surrendered with easy grace and the cordiality of a popular host.

He was captured, but was not miserable—and who could have been under the circumstances? There were pleasantly placed at his disposal these birthday gifts: An elegant easy chair; a complete smoking set; a chess set; 350 fine imported cigars, the gift of his son; the American Encyclopedia, complete; a gold watch and chain. And there was this company of friends, crowding about him with earnest congratulations that he was fair, not too fat and only forty: Mr. and Mrs Van Baalen, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leopold, Mr. and Mrs. S. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. I. Freimuth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winterfield, Mr. and Mrs. P. Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. I. Bondy, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bondy, Mr. and Mrs. Levine, the Misses Metzger, Freimuth, Bondy, Julia Weiss, and Fanny Weiss, Messrs. Sam Loeb, Louis Loeb, Freimuth, W. Van Baalen, S. Van Baalen, Levy Brothers, M. Winterfield, J. Jousa, and Wm. Kaba, the latter from Kansas City.