

## Astor Put Boy By Wife's Side

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A fine act of heroism by Col. John Jacob Astor was told by George A. Harder, a Brooklyn man, who survived the Titanic disaster.

"When Col. Astor had assisted his tearful young wife and her maid into a life boat, he tried to put in a young boy, but sailors refused to let him in saying that the room was only for the children then. Col. Astor then picked up a woman's hat from the dock and placed it on the boy's head and brought him back to the boat. He said 'Here little girl, climb in' and the officers of the ship let the boy through. As the boat towered away, Col. Astor, stood on the deck waving good-bye."

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