

NEW HAVEN'S WOMAN BARBER.

Dressed in Man's Attire She Made a Fortune.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Jane Westover died yesterday at her home in Hebron after a lingering illness. For twenty years she was the town barber of Marlborough, and though she dressed like a man she enjoyed the respect and patronage of its best citizens.

Mrs. Westover came to Marlborough twenty-five years ago, wearing a man's overcoat and a derby hat. Marlborough's staid citizens were shocked. She was a graduate of a training school for nurses. She could not get the women to hire her as a nurse, however, and so she started a barber shop and appealed to the men for a living. Her customers put up for a time with shaves executed with dull razors, but Mrs. Westover became an expert before long and her business flourished.

Marlborough soon became used to Mrs. Westover and her ways. She made a comfortable living and in addition laid by a snug fortune. She was always to be found at her shop up to five years ago, when illness overtook her.

The coats which she wore when she came to Marlborough were sizes too small during the later years of her life, as she grew so stout that eventually she weighed 275 pounds. The fortune which she left will go to relatives in New Britain and Meriden.
