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**Charles Torricellas**, who was a manufacturer for some time in Philadelphia and at Secane, Delaware County, was born about 1837, on board a vessel which was cruising in Italian waters, and may thus claim to be a citizen of two countries. His father, **Guy Torricellas**, was a nobleman, and a general in the Spanish army. He was killed in battle. **Charles Torricellas** was taken by his uncle **Anhel** to Cuba, where he received his education, and at the age of eighteen inherited a large sum of money. The first use which he made of his fortune was to open a tobacco warehouse, but after some time he was advised by the captain of a boat to invest his money in the slave trade, which was then regarded as an honorable occupation.

The effect of this counsel was to divert the current of his life into a new channel, and after abandoning the tobacco business, in company with the captain who was his advisor, he set sail for Africa in quest of a cargo of slaves for transportation to China. In this enterprise they were successful, and on the return voyage had reached the point of San Domingo, when they were attacked by the English, who captured the vessel, took possession of the slaves, and placed the crew in the stocks, among them young **Torricellas**. Meantime the captain of the slave ship, who was known as a treacherous man of the vilest character, in the course of conversation with the English captain, offered the latter a cigar containing a narcotic. This gift the English captain accepted, and inhaling its fumes passed into dreamland. The captain then took the keys from the pockets of the English officer, and unlocked the stocks in which their feet were encased. Little time was lost by the men in plunging overboard to swim to a neighboring island, distant about three miles. In this attempt, the greater part of the crew perished, and only four reached the land, and among them young **Torricellas**. After remaining there several weeks, they boarded a vessel laden with fruit, and were landed in Philadelphia.

**Mr. Torricellas**, upon his arrival in Philadelphia, being unacquainted with the English language and without friends or ready money, made the acquaintance of an Italian fruit dealer who provided him with temporary shelter. Realizing the necessity of obtaining employment to obtain the means of shelter and food he accompanied a farmer to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where he remained for some time, and then came to Chester County, where he continued to work on a farm. Here he was taken ill, and was attended by the well known physician, **Dr. Jacob Rickabaugh**, who after becoming acquainted with the young emigrant, took sufficient interest in his patient to learn that he was a competent cigar maker, and aided him in securing work and stock for the manufacture of cigars; the Doctor also becoming a bondsman for young **Torricellas** in securing a license from the government. **Dr. Rickabaugh** proved himself a worthy friend and benefactor in many ways. Before long **Mr. Torricellas** established a factory in Chester County, where great quantities of cigars were produced, and where for some years he conducted a profitable business. In 1883 he came to Secane, Delaware County, and here he purchased the farm where the family now reside, and also began manufacturing cigars. He prospered in the latter business, and in 1890 he began manufacturing at Chester, where he built up an extensive and lucrative business. Industrious in his business concerns, he gained the esteem and confidence of the community for his excellence of personal character and enterprising public spirit.

**Mr. Torricellas** was married, June 18, 1870, to **Sarah Pennypacker Kugler**, a daughter of **David** and **Annie (Bloom) Kugler**, the former a native of Chester, Pennsylvania, and the latter from Hethersfield, Devonshire, England. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. **Arthur A.**, born 12 mo., 14, 1871; he married **Lillian Howard**, daughter of **Addis** and **Annie (Kugler) Howard**. 2. **Joseph**, born 8 mo., 17, 1873, died 10 mo., 17, 1889. 3. **Louis**, born 10 mo., 11, 1874, died 6 mo., 19, 1884. 4. **Guy**, who was named for his grandfather, born 3 mo., 7, 1876; he married **Mary McGugan** and their children were: **Bessie, May, Guy, Jr.**, and **Arthur**. 5. **Addis Howard**, born 3 mo., 10, 1878. 6. **John Mark**, born 2 mo., 26, 1885.

**David Kugler**, father of **Mrs. Torricellas**, was a son of **John** and **Mary (Getty) Kugler**, the latter being a daughter of the late **General John Getty**, a veteran of the war of 1812. **John Kugler**, grandfather of **Mrs. Torricellas**, was a son of **John Kugler**, of Revolutionary fame, who served in the patriot army, and was commissioned captain. He was a native of Germany, and was the founder of the family of his name in this country. His wife, **Mary Kugler**, was of a Quaker family. **Captain John Kugler** settled at what is now known as Centerville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was well acquainted with the ancestors of the **Beaver** family, from whom **General Beaver**, the governor of Pennsylvania, is descended. **Captain Kugler** was the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom attained years of maturity, married and reared families. His daughter **Sarah**, married a **Mr. Pennypacker**, who was the grandfather of **Samuel Pennypacker**, present governor of Pennsylvania.

Another of **Captain Kugler's** daughters married a **Mr. Quay**, who was the grandfather of **Senator Quay**, of Pennsylvania. Another daughter of **Captain Kugler** married **Joseph Anderson**, of Chester County. The fourth daughter of **Captain Kugler** married a **Mr. Kunkle**, of whom **Dr. John Kunkle**, of Newtown Square, Delaware County, is a descendant. **David Kugler**, father of **Mrs. Torricellas**, was born in 1806, at the old **Kugler** homestead at Centerville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. His early education was obtained in the schools of Centerville, and he next entered the Preston high school, where he successfully passed a competitive examination, after which he entered West Point Military Academy and was graduated from that institution. He served with the First Dragoons, United States Army, on the Mexican frontier for seven years. After this long period of arduous service he returned home and took up his abode near Valley Forge, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a tract of land upon which later was located a valuable lead mine, and here **Mrs. Torricellas** and her brother **Joseph** were born.

**Lieutenant David Kugler** married **Annie Bloom**, and to them were born the following children: 1. **Charles**, who married **Annie Durham**, daughter of **Captain John Durham**, of Perry County, Pennsylvania. 2. **John**, who married **Charlotte Carter**, daughter of **John Carter**, of Chester County, Pennsylvania. 3. **Joseph Anderson**, who married **Acha Kohler**, of York County, Pennsylvania. 4. **Sarah Pennypacker (Mrs. Torricellas)**. 5. **Hannah Elizabeth**, who married **Roger Shunk**, of Chester County, Pennsylvania. 6. **Clara Anna**, who married **Addis Howard** of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Each of the three sons, **Charles, John** and **Joseph Kugler**, served valiantly during the rebellion, and were honorably discharged at the close of the war.

