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STARTLING EFFECTS OF SOME HIGH TENSION CURRENTS.

Electricity at a Pressure That Is Simply Current of 45,000 Volts Can Hardly He Imagined-Remarkable Sights.

Several tests have been made with alternating currents of electricity at very high pressures. As only 1,600 volts were needed to kill the condemned murderers in Sing Sing prison, the effect of 45,000 and 48,000 volts on animate and inanimate objects can hardly be imagined. The difficulty of insulating the enormous force is very serious, as an arc will flash across four or five inches of space between the electrodes, and high tension currents have not been used much. The current for the lights and power at the electro-technical exhibition at Frankfort-on-the-Main was transmitted from Lauffen, where it was generated by water power, at a pressure of 16,000 volts. After the close of the exhibition experiments were made with the wire and insulators at high pressures, and they were among the most interesting of the electrical experiments.

The distance between the cities is about 108 miles, and the wire, oneeighth of an inch in diameter, weighed 132,000 pounds. The insulators were able to preserve the intensity of the current. Each was composed of three sections. The percelain top was flat, with a deep groove for the wire. Underneath was a sancer shaped receptacle, and beneath that were two more, one of larger breadth and depth than the other, and all were filled wi oil. The binding wires ran throng the oil, which is a good nonconduct. At Frankfort a commutator changed the alternating current to a continuous current for light and power. In the experiments the pressure was in eased to 20,000, 40,000 and 48,600 volts.

Beyond 27,000 volts the porcelain insulator were punctured frequently. In produc, ran are between two carbons at 40.00 volts a plate f glass was pieress very quickly. At 48,000 volts the intensity was so great that the light was not so brilliant as it was at 20,000 volts. It is believed that 50,000 volts can be reached with conductors protected from the effects of weather.

CURRENTS OF 40,000 VOLTS. Almost at the same time the Siemens Bros., of London, were experimenting with high tension currents, having had at the Naval exhibition an apparatus capable of delivering a current at a pressure of 45,000 volts. This description of a private exhibition of the apparatus with 40,000 volts is from Engineering:

"On a table was an electrode some three inches in length, connected to one terminal of a transformer. Over it was mounted a large sheet of glass three millimeters thick, and above the glass was a second electrode terminating in a sharp point, the distance between the electrodes being three centimeters. When the current was turned on to the primary coil of the transformer there first appeared a purple haze at the upper electrode streaming toward the glass. As the current increased this haze grew in fullness and definition, and began to throw out feelers, which darted outward and as quickly withdrew. As the electromotive force augmented still further, these feelers gathered power until they ling threads of purple fire, which writhed and twisted in impotent attempts to burst through the barrier, and failing that, spread themselves along its surface, endeavoring to rush over its edges, and so reach their goal by a circuitous route.

"But this was beyond their strength until the electro-motive force approached 45,000 volts, when suddenly the entire appearance was changed. The current overleaped the edges of the plate and flowed completely around it in all directions. At that moment the intense purple color of the spark disappeared, and was replaced by white light of the greatest brilliancy, which glistened and flashed until the spectators had to turn away their bedazzled gaze.

REMARKABLE EXPERIMENTS.

"A change in the arrangement was then made. The upper pointed electrode was replaced by a brass disk, three inches in diameter. This was laid over the surface of the glass plate with three very thin washers of vulcanite, intervening between the two. The current was then turned on in the same gradual manner as before. The space between the two disks immediately filled with purple light, which had sufficient motion in it to recall the flame of a Bunsen burner, spread out under the bottom of a beaker. Sparks then began to appear at the edges, and, as they gathered strength, to radiate a little beyond them. Gradually they became streamers, stretching out along the surface of the plate in curved, fanciful forms which twined and twisted and weaved themselves into aglistening filagree, compared by an imaginative spectator to an agonized Japanese chrysanthemum.

"This experiment had not the brilliant refulgence of the one that preceded it, but was characterized by a quivering irradiation which wreathed and tossed like a bird beating itself at the bars of its cage. In spite of its' less formidable appearance, however, it proved destructive to the glass, which presently flew in pieces with a crash. Several sheets were tried in succession, but each was pierced and broken and allowed the current to attain its object of flowing directly from one electrode to the other.

In experimenting with an arc at 44,000 volts the arc established itself when the electrodes were five inches apart, but the flames, instead of bridging the space, spread out in two thin tongues at right angles to the electrodes and parallel to each other. When the electrodes were pushed nearer together the flames wan-dered back along the stems, repelling each other.—New York Times.

or the y spectacle orses which stimulated tice Ya mil lo Henry B. has just? But the guarantee of the abuse is not confined to drayment and teamsters. The iguo rance and indifference of wealth and Wonderful-What May Be Done with a fashion to the treatment of horses are quite as consplenous, and for obvious reasons much more unpardonable.

The horse, which is one of the most

sensitive and delicate of animals, ir greatly to be commiserated as he appears in the fasht mable drive of Central park. He is treated as a part of the show of the parade, and he is at the mercy of the owner, who buys horses not because he likes them or knows anything about them, but because he must have an equipage, and he abandons them to the care of grooms and coachmen, whose sole aim is to produce a more "swell" effect than their rivals, For a "stylish" effect the horse is robbed of his natural ornament and defense, and is checked and trussed and tortured by a harness which encumbers his natural action and forces him into an artificial "gnit."

Human knowledge and skill directed to an auxiliary animal like the horse should aim to develop his natural aptitudes. He should be treated as a humane and skillful gardener treats a tree in our modern landscape gardening, not as a tree was maltreated by the false and morbid taste of two centuries ago.

Such remarks do not apply to the lovers of horses who care for them with sympathy and intelligence, who comprehend their practical helplessness and acknowledge their faithful service. Such lovers permit in their stables no "fashions" invented by ignorant and inhuman grooms to produce "stylish action" to impress similar ignorance and folly .-Harper's Weekly.

The Little Chost.

"The Poplars" is the name of the old Revolutionary homestead. It is a great, square, white, stone bouse built in the center of a thousand acres. The master of it was childless. His little boy had died a week before, and he had gone away. Every night a little figure in each-by mail post paid. white with a light was seen flitting from window to window in the old library. When the servants, led by the gardener, assembled at the library door the light and the figure would disappear noiselessly and simultaneously. The light and figure were never seen in any other room of the old mansion, and now it was remembered that the dead heir had spent more time in the library than in any other room in the house,

When the master returned, toward the end of autumn, he was informed of it all. He hid behind the tapestry night after night, and one night he was rewarded by seeing a little white figure glide in, light a candle, climb up to one of the highest shelves, take down a rare old book and begin to pore over it. It was the gardener's son, and he is now the lord of "The Poplars," and the noblest landlord in the west of England .-New York Herald.

Beecher's First Home, One room served for entrance into the house, for parior, study and bedroom; the other to the dining and workroom, writes Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher in describing the first home which she and Mr. Beecher had years ago in the west. The bedroom was so small that I was obliged to make the bed on one side first, then go best themselves on the glass as if they would force themselves through it in their mad desire to reach the other electrode. The whole space below the pointed conductor became alive with them, and exhibited a mass of leaping, crackfrom the veranda, was just large enough to allow a passage between the cooking table and the stove into the dining room without burning my dress, and my table was only divided from Mr. Beecher's study table by the partition.

For nearly seven years this was our home—a home full of cares and no luxuries, but a very happy home-for many reasons the happiest we ever knew, for we were less separated there. In Brooklyn, in later years, Mr. Beecher's public duties naturally drew him more away from the family circle, but in those days in the west I had him almost entirely to myself.-Ladies' Home Journal.

Thrilling Adventure of a Miner.

John Clarkson tells an interesting story of how he came near being devoured by a large army of rats in the Baker coal bank. It was his custom to cook his meal in the coal bank at dinner time. One day as he was sitting before a fire boiling his meat he was startled to hear the noise made by running tled to hear the noise made by running rats. The odor of the cooking meat permeated the bank, attracted the attention Democratic Victory in Massachuof the rodents and they came tripping along to the fire at a lively rate.

John says he thought the "old bob" was after him. In a little while there must have been fully 500 rats gathered about him and his heart was in his mouth. He threw them a piece of the meat, and while they fought for it he stole away.-New Lisbon Patriot.

Set Upon by the Gang. One of the Italian exhibitors of performing birds lost a green parrakeet out of his cage the other afternoon on Park street. The bird flew up into an elm and chattered at the distracted Italian. 'Seenyore, seenyore, climba ze tree," he cried. But no one in the big crowd volunteered to "climba ze tree." It was the English sparrow that finally settled the business both for the parrakeet and the Italian. A solitary English sparrow spied the green bird, and set up a loud "cheep." In three minutes time fifty sparzows were mobbing the parrakeet. He took wing with the noisy pack in hot pursuit.-Boston News.

A Happy Family.

A happy family dwells in an engine house in Madison, Ind., and the antics of the members afford amusement to the fire company. The family is composed of a coon, a cat, a pair of rabbits, two white mice and a shepherd dog. They occupy the same apartment, sport together and eat from the same vessel.-Yankee Blade.

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