

THE LATEST WONDER.

An Ingenious Mechanical Device That Tells the Time of Day.

Prof. Charles Riebel, the inventor of the flying machine, which created so much interest a few years ago, is completing a mechanical wonder which is an astonishing piece of mechanism.

The entrance to the studio is by way of a dark stair-case on John street, opposite the rear of the North Congregational church.

The new wonder is a life-sized youth of perhaps sixteen years of age. He is a fine-looking lad, in perfect imitation of the average boy of the present day.

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So naturally was all this performed that for an instant it seemed as if the figure was an actual living being. There was no jerky movement, nor the slightest jar or noise.

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THE CHRONIC DAWDLER.

An Individual Who is Entitled Neither to Consideration Nor Respect.

There are a good many aggravating people in this unsatisfactory world, but it is to be doubted if to the energetic man there are any who are more thoroughly aggravating than the dawdlers.

And of all the literary sins, one of the worst is this same dawdling. The story which wanders aimlessly, which does not even letter straightforwardly, but goes hither and thither with no apparent intention of ever getting anywhere.

THE WHEELING DISASTER.

Further Particulars of the Terrible Destruction Wrought by the Storm at Wheeling and Vicinity.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 21.—Thursday night's storm extended sixteen miles east of West Alexander, Pa., and the scene all along the way is one of desolation and inconceivable horror.

The Baltimore and Ohio, Pittsburgh division, is practically destroyed for fifteen miles, while the Western Union Telegraph Company lost forty miles of wire and most of the poles.

Reports from all parts of Ohio County indicate that the storm was more disastrous to life and property in the country than in the city, but it can not be stated at this hour how many lives have been lost.

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The body of William Gaston, aged sixty years, a prominent and wealthy citizen, was found near Elm Grove. His wife's remains were found two miles below Elm Grove hanging on a barbed wire fence.

Two cemeteries were washed out and the coffins with bodies floated down the river.

The line of the Pittsburgh division of the Baltimore & Ohio will have to be practically rebuilt from Elm Grove to the Pennsylvania State line. Six large and costly bridges were washed away and the track lifted from the roadbed and twisted into all conceivable shapes for miles at a stretch.

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WESTERN UNION MENACED.

A Bill Passed by the Senate Canceling Exclusive Privileges.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Senate has passed a very important bill with respect to the use of telegraph lines constructed along the lines of railroads which have received bonds or land subsidies from the General Government.

St. Clairsville, O., July 20.—This place and vicinity were visited last evening by a thunderstorm with violent winds and a rainfall that eclipsed the average water-spread. Grain fields were laid waste, the shocked wheat was swept away and the growing corn is not to be seen.

STOCK ITEMS.

It is a point to be well considered in breeding cattle that every step gained in improvement leads to another, and as any animal becomes fixed upon any animal it becomes more or less hereditary.

Milk or "strappings" left in the udder by careless or incomplete milking, are either re-absorbed into the system, tending to fattening of the cow and her prole as a milk, or becomes sources of irritation and disease.

A difference of four quarts of milk per day, at the low price of two cents per quart, makes, for 300 days, \$24, which is the interest on \$90 for a year.

A genuine case of equine homesickness is reported from Kimball, Neb. Some six or eight weeks ago Louis Richards sold a lot of horses and among the number was a black that had been owned by him half a dozen years.

While a farmer may not hope to have a whole herd of pure-bred stock, he can at very small expense procure a bull, or the services of one, so that he may gradually build up a herd of grades that may be worth, in fact, quite as much as the pure-bred cows. His aim, the greatest value of the pure-bred stock consists in the service.

Persistence in the production of milk is a valuable quality in a cow. One of the best recommendations for a cow is that she will continue milking until she is dried off with difficulty, and this persistent habit is one to be encouraged and fixed upon all young cows.

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FARM NOTES.

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A Stockham, Neb., correspondent says: Crops are looking fine. Flax and oats are largely sown and are a great crop.

Nearly every acre of wheat grown in this county is now in shock and the farmers say the yield will be very large, some placing the figures at an average of thirty bushels to the acre.

J. C. Struble, a farmer living four miles east of town, sowed forty-five bushels of oats last spring on twenty-five acres of ground, and threshed out 1,000 bushels machine measure, and they over-run considerably in weighing.

The frequent rains of this season no doubt had a great deal to do with the scarcity of insects. Another season like the present and our fruit crops will be practically free from the ravages of insects for four or five years to come.

Almost every farmer we meet tells us that the wheat will average, throughout his neighborhood, from ten to twenty-five bushels per acre, and that corn never looked better.

It is the duty of every farmer to make a few experiments each season. If all run along in the same old ruts no progress will be made.

Farmers in the vicinity of Aurora, Neb., were recently victimized by Bohemian oats swindlers who in one day's work secured notes for upwards of \$1,000.

Henry Stewart argues in the N. Y. Times that one ton of clover hay contains nine or ten per cent of albuminoids, while a ton of timothy hay has only 5 1/2 per cent.

No other crop is so reduced in quantity and value by neglect, or may be so much improved by skillful culture and management as the hay crop.

The wheat crop in Southwest Missouri and border counties of Arkansas has made a splendid yield and of good quality.

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WRITING A PLAY.

Feats From a Veteran New York Theatrical Manager.

We hear of the successful playwrights because their works are produced. But there is a great army of play-writers whose works are never produced, and who are consequently unknown outside of their own circles.

As a rule the best acting plays do not read well, and vice versa. Manager Palmer of the Madison Square Theater, initiated his series of authors' matinees for the purpose of testing the works of embryo dramatists, though these productions have only been made after the play has been carefully read and rehearsed.

There is a prominent editor, whose short stories in character dialogue have made him fame and fortune. He devoted valuable time to composing a domestic drama, which he finally submitted to a manager.

Another had three full acts in succession in one act, and the manager, glancing over the scenes, did not waste time to read the bulky MS., but summarily returned it with the laconic commentary, "Impossible."

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Some girls are maidens all forlorn, while others are maidens all for law tennis.—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

Tears are two things that a woman will always jump at—a conclusion and a mouse.—Burlington Free Press.

A doctor's report would properly come under the head of the news of the week.

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