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### HELLO! HELLO!

Mr. Spoopendyke's Call by Telephone Upon a Business Friend.

Drake's Travelers' Magazine.

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Spoopendyke, standing before the telephone and preparing to explain its mysteries and advantages to his wife. "Now, my, dear, this is going to prove the most convenient thing we ever had in house. When I want to talk to any one I just turn this crank and say 'Hello, Hello,' and the girl at the Central says 'Hello, Hello,' and I tell her who I want and she calls him up. Now I'll ask for Mr. Specklewottle," and Mr. Spoopendyke turned the crank, utterly forgetting to press the button that makes the connection.

"What does he say?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke, cocking her head to one side, as a woman always does when her husband is trying to listen.

"He don't say anything yet," growled Mr. Spoopendyke. "He ain't like you. He waits until he has got something important on his mind, and then he says it. Hello, hello!" roared Mr. Spoopendyke, giving the crank a vicious twist and glaring into the nunciator with a vindictive look. Now you keep that mouth of yours tied up or you're liable to lose it some day!" with which doleful prognostication Mr. Spoopendyke rattled away at the crank and awaited some signs of life at the other end.

"I suppose it is really that girl's fault," murmured Mrs Spoopendyke, sniffing at the instrument as though she smelled the young lady from afar and found her no better than she ought to be. "I don't suppose she's there at all More likely she's gadding around somewhere.

"What'd ye want to talk just then for?" howled Mr Spoopendyke. "What's your measly object in breaking out with the conversational smallpox at that particular juncture. Don't you know she was just beginning to talk, and you made me lose her? I tell you one thing," added Mr. Spoopendyke with impressive solemnity, "If you don't shut your mouth once in a while the moths will get in there and make you trouble."

"If she'd only just commenced to talk you haven't lost her," replied Mr. Spoopendyke, wrinkling her nose, "You'll have no trouble with her if she's not started."

"Hello! Hello! call up Mr. Specklewottle!" bawled Mr. Spoopendyke, apparently convinced by his wife's manner or his own experience. "There, she's gone. No use for me to try anything when you've around. Another time I want to talk through a telephone I'll take it over in a vacant lot. Do you know of anything that will keep you quiet for a moment?" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke, his wrath rising as he contemplated his ill usage. "Never mind the expense. Just name the article. Why didn't you tell me, when you referred me to your measly old dad, that I was proposing marriage to a dod gasted steam dictionary?"

"Say, dear, can I talk through it?" cooed Mrs. Spoopendyke, anxious to disarm her husband.

"Is there anything you can't talk through?" squealed Mr. Spoopendyke, beginning to realize that there was something about the telephone that he did not thoroughly understand. "When I get a telephone for you the diaphragm will be of double and twisted wrought steel, with railroad tracks for wires, and I don't believe that will last more'n an hour and a half! 'Hello, hello-o-o!' wake up and call up Specklewottle, dog blast ye!" and Mr. Spoopendyke rattled away at the crank until his arm ached.

"Be patient, dear. You see he's gone, and it's a long way to Mr. Specklewottle's house. Perhaps he isn't home, and she's waiting for him."

"That's the way it works, eh?" shrieked Mr. Spoopeadyke, glaring at his wife. "It took you to get hold of it. When I call that girl she goes home to dinner, and along in the evening she goes around to Specklewottle's house and brings him here in a hack. That's your idea of it? Or p'raps you've got some sort of a notion that she runs the wire through Specklewottle, turns on the current, and slams him right up here through the side of the house? That your idea? Well, she don't, and she don't break her back trying to make a dod gasted idiot of herself, like some women!"

"I think I understand how it works," faltered Mrs. Spoopendyke. "You say, 'Yellow, yellow—!'"

"There's the combination!" yelled Mr. Spoopendyke. "You got your work in that time! Why didn't you tell me I was bringing this thing home to the inventor? What'd you want to let me stand up here and explain this thing to the only comprehensive brain that ever tackled it for? You've got it? With what you know now, and what you've got to find out, you only need a wig and a law suit to be the whole science of electricity. I tell ye this is the way it works!" and Mr. Spoopendyke brought the box a kick that splintered it. "See it work?" he demanded, pulling at the wires until they cut his hands. "Watch it, while I convey your regards to the other lunatics!" and he danced on the remnants of the instrument and smashed the fragments against the wall.

"Never mind, dear," remonstrated Mrs. Spoopendyke, puttering around after him and trying to soothe him. "When we want Mr. Specklewottle again, we'll just send a servant around after him. That'll be much nicer than trusting to a nasty wire, and I know there was a draught through that box, for I could feel it as soon as I came in the room."

"Oh, you could feel it!" roared Mr Spoopendyke, rather wondering how he was going to account to the company for the destruction of his box. "If I had your sensitiveness and an onion I'd hire out as a dod gasted orchid!" and with this culminating sarcasm Mr. Spoopendyke crushed his hat over his ears and rushed around to Mr. Specklewottle's to see what had better be done about the matter.

"I don't care," murmured Mrs. Spoopendyke, as she flopped down on the floor to pick up the pieces of the wrecked telewhone box, "he'll not have any opportunity for standing up here and talking to that girl until his legs are tired," and with this sage expression of her satisfaction ever the result of the experiment, Mrs. Spoopendyke broke off the ends of the bent wires and hid them away to crimp her hair.

### A FORTUNE FOR A HORSE.

Jerome Eddy Bought by H. C. Jewett for $25,000.

Jerome Eddy, received 2.16½, was sold at charges last Thursday for $25,000 cash, the largest price ever paid for a trotting stallion, with the exception of that paid for Smuggler and Piedmont. The purchaser is Henry C. Jewett, who with his father owns a large stock farn at Aurora, N. Y. Jerome Eddy is a bright bay horse fifteen and one-half hand high, and was foaled in 1875, was bred by Dewey and Stewart at Owosso, Mich. and owned them up to the time of his sale. In by the way of breeding Jerome Eddy is strictly a Hambletonian, his sire, Louis Napoleon, being a grandson of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, while his dam Fanny Mapes is a daughter of Alexander Abdallah, also a son of Hambletonian.

Mr. Dewey, who is a plain, farmer-like gentleman, was seen by a reporter to day. He confirmed the rumor that the horse had been sold. "I am sorry Mr. Jewett is not going to trot him," said Mr. Dewey, "for I regard it as a certainty that, barring accidents, he would at the end of this season have the best stallion record, instead of the second best, as is now the case."

When a horse is sold for so large a sum of money as $25,000 his immediate relatives become valuable, and it is interesting to know that Mr. Dewey and his partner have raised six full brothers and sisters to Jerome Eddy. These are: Lena Mapes, foaled 1876; Larry W., foaled 1878, and now owned in Texas; Frank Noble, foaled 1879, owned in Augusta, Ill.; George Milo, foaled 1880, owned by Dewey & Stewart; Edmore, foaled 1881, owned at Pontiac, Mich., and Dolly Mapes, foaled 1882, owned by Dewey & Stewart. With the exception of Lena Mapes and Dolly Mapes, these are all stallions.

### AMERICAN COMPETITION.

Its Influence on the Farmers of Europe—How it Appears to Mr. Puleston, M. P.

At the annual dinner of the Port of Plymouth chamber of commerce, given in Devonport, England, a few weeks ince, Mr. J. H. Puleston, member of parliament, addressed the company on American competition, a subject of yearly increasing importance on the other side of the water. Among other things, Mr. Puleston said: "In considering commerce, the country which presents itself to a speaker of any nationality is the United States. The commerce of America affects Europe in general, and each nation in particular. Perhaps there is no instance on record wherein the trade of a multitude of communities was so universally, and, at the same time, so particularly affected. Its influence on English agriculture is now an old, familiar subject. But turn to the effect in Russia. Ours is a bread-importing, consuming country, whereas Russia is a bread-exporting country. Although the chief British industry was hard hit, the nation benefitted in procuring cheaper bread—a commodity largely imported. This compensated by acting on all the varied industries, employing many operatives, who were more cheaply fed; and cheap food, too, acts directly on wages, which acts directly on manufactures, stimulating exportations; as it enables home produce to compete successfully with foreign produce in the markets abroad; yet no great industry can be injuriously affected as has agriculture, without a general disturbance, acting and reacting, till all are brought within the range, [Hear.] But in the case of Russia, there is little if any compensation; for there were two competitors to feed Western Europe—Russia and America. Russia had the grain trade, but had been supplanted by the United States. There was an article of interest in a St. Petersburg periodical the other day on American competition among European producers from their own markets, which the writer regarded as "the general European question of the greatest importance." To solve it, a shower of articles, pamphlets, books, is falling in English, German, French and Russian. Many leading German writers, as Mendel, Professor Heitz, Professor Pallman, Blum, Semler, Max Worth and others discuss the effect of American agriculture on Germany. Central Europe, like England, is not affected in the way Russia is affected; though still affected differently from this country; for in Germany, agriculture bears to other industries a much larger proportion than agriculture bears to other industries in Great Britain.

Since 1850 the population of the United States has doubled, but its grain production has increased five times! Not only is the grain market of England in American hands, but the breadstuffs go to France and Germany. Even at Fiume, the Austrian grain importing port, American grain has appeared, and Russia alcohol distillers are importing American maize. Thus Americans are step by step driving their competitors from the European grain market, and we notice with wonder that so perfect is their system of transportation that their grain freight from Chicago to Hamburg is lower than from Pesth to Hamburg. In 1830 Russia exported to Germany 24 per cent of wheat, and the Americans 34 per cent. Of barley 10 per cent, and the Americans 22 per cent. Of corn 2 per cent, and the Americans 22 per cent. In considering where the remedy lies some predict, in the rapidly increasing population of the United States, the consumption of their own produce; but the reviewer I refer to holds that Europe can be bankrupted ten times before the United States will be densely populated, and he asks, "Is Russia to give up the business?" But that being impossible, so far as Russia is concerned, the writer said they must adopt the American way of farming, of transportation, of education, and so on, which in other words mean to Americanize Russia.

Germany and other countries seek to protect themselves by prohibition; and taking advantage of the easily raised terror of trichinæ in pork, all American "hog products" have been prohibited. Canned fruits are taxed as "hardware," hams in bags were taxed as "dry goods." France took much the same line for protection, but it was France, unless he (Mr. Puleston) was greatly mistaken, that had yet to feel the full force of American competition. [Hear.] There were certain industries, such as grain-growing, cattle-raising, which came naturally and immediately on a population being placed on fertile plains heretofore unoccupied, but there were other industries which took more time, and had to grow up slowly. England was stricken first, because wheat came as the natural product of the settler, and was sure of a ready market provided by this country. He scratched the earth—and it smiled with a bounteous harvest—which brought tears into the eyes of the British farmer. But the wealth of France was in its wine; and it was in that that France would presently feel disastrously the competition of such states as California. One of the consuls, writing on wines in Germany, though America could compete with France in the German market in a class of wines, and if in Germany, California could compete also with England.


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### Outdone In Politeness.

From the Saratoga Journal.

Before the days of railroads Horace Greeley left Utica one morning in a stage coach. His only fellow-passenger was a gentleman of prepossessing appearance, with whom he fell into conversation. After a while the stranger drew a cigar-case from his pocket and offered its contents to Mr. Greeley for him to take from it a cigar. He declined the polite offer, and the conversation was resumed. Presently the gentleman taking a cigar from the case, put it in his mouth, and returned the case to his pocket. While they were talking he abruptly but courteously remarked to Mr. Greeley:

"I hope, sir, you have no objection to a cigar?"

"None in the world," answered Greeley, "when it is not lighted."

"Oh," replied the gentleman, "I had not the remotest thought of lighting it"

"Then and there," said Mr. Greeley laughing, 'was the only time I was ever outdone in politeness. I afterwards ascertained that my victor was the famous Captain Sherman of Lake Champlain."


**What it Did For an Old Lady.**

COSHOCTON STATION, N. Y., December 26, 1878.

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