## Progress Made in Field of Electricity

danger, is asserted by a writer in the Railway Age. This inability to estimate speed which is due to the fact that the electric motor is rotary, not reciprocating, must be is of little importance to the motorman with, "Oh, go on, tell her. I won't fisten!" compared with the former steam locomotive engineman who will pilot passenger trains on steam lines, such as the New York Central railroad, says the writer. "The man at the throttle, with a throbbing

sine under him, has a number of ways knowing unconsciously the speed of his agine, even in the dark. He can tell instinctively, from the tempo of the various York in midsummer and appreciation of rhythmic motions of the engines, almost reduced rates. The value of telephone servwith exactitude his rate of progress without glancing at watch or milepost. Or in daylight he knows subconsciously, from the New York's telephone system is the largest very fact of having had under his eye for city telephone system in the world. It has years the revolutions of his driving wheels nearly two and one-half times as many or the movement of the reciprocating parts, almost precisely the speed per hour which their motion represents. It is a well known are in Berlin, Hanover, Leipzig, Dresden, phenomena occasioned the artificial ex- ural process in his Helsingfors experiexperience with enginemen that when, after Breslau, Cologne, Frankfort and ten other a long period with a particular engine, they are given a locomotive with much larger driving wheels, they are for a time some what at sea in their speed calculations, owing to the slower movement of the drivers. One of the officials in charge of the New York Central electric engines, who has himself had experience in the steam locomotive cab, thinks that this difficulty may for a time be a source of considerable chagrin to steam engineers with electric engines on fast trains. The electric engine bration. Apparently the only way in which not ask him to stay in again. the speed can be judged is by careful attenof the locomotive enginemen will, in vari- pages of his book. ous ways, be developed in new channels."

Growth of Electric Lines electric street railways have been com- from cover to cover with the record of piled by the Street Railway Journal. The bonds and stock of all the companies in the United States amount to \$3,368,937,062, "My name must be there, too, for it was the stock issues aggregating \$1,844,565,136 a nice thing to stay in and help father." and the funded debt of all the lines \$1,524,-

The aggregate length of the electric lines is 25,517 miles. 'The combined length things," he said, "but they were so cross of all other street car lines, operated by about it and so unwilling, that I could cables, horses and other means, is only not write them down. For, you know, I 63 miles. The electric lines have in serv- was told only to record the loving deeds ice 76,540 cars, and lines using other mo- of life."

tive power have in all only 3,304. ulation, the most electric lines are in the could not possibly have been in the angel's eastern and central states. geographically, the securities of the eleclines are thus given:

New England States—Stock, \$159,735,153; bonds, \$103,412,949; total, \$762,148,262.

Eastern States—Stock, \$764,776,944; bonds, \$773,518,327; total, \$1,443,236,371.

Central States—Stock, \$621,473,767; bonds, \$435,102,409; total, \$1,106,581,167.

Western States—Stock, \$200,855,813; bonds, \$162,469,009; total, \$389,324,818.

Southern States—Stock, \$97,718,294; bonds, \$88,869,250; total, \$388,871,544.

Farmers Fond of 'Phones.

attention of the telephone world is being called to the wonderful progress which lows has made in developing independent telephone lines and to the extraordinary number of rural telephones in operation over the state. The development has taken place within the last ten Years.

The state of Iowa has 22 per cent of the rural telephone lines of the United States. In the 1902 reports of the United States census bureau it is shown that the state of Iowa had 710 exchanges, 68 of which are Bell lines and 642 independent. More farmers use telephones in Iowa than in any

figures submitted to the executive council for taxation purposes for the year ended July M. 1905, show that there are 138,818 independent telephones and 27,280 Bell telephones. The independents report 5.046.40 miles of copper wire, while the Bell company reports 6,113.08. According to the figures compiled re-

cently by George T. Hewes, manager of the Iowa telephone clearing house, Iowa farmers are among the largest telephone users in the state, and it was through their demands for telephones that the great service developed. The twenty-four companies which are patrons of the Iowa clearing house have a total number of 173 exchanges and 829 toll line stations. The population tributary to their lines is 681,350. There are 58,807 independent lines, 51,188 rural lines, and 21,380 Bell lines.

Many of the rural and independent lines are doing considerable rebuilding this season, and by fall Iowa will be still further covered with telephone lines. The old lines are being put in much better condition than they have been in many years.

Is Thone Conversation Private? Is or is not a telephone conversation private? This is the question which has been a quilt; take a nice blue catfish, weighing agitating Vienna, where a high court has about two pounds, fresh from the river; just decided that he who talks over the disrobe the fish of all superfluitles, external telephone, however secluded he may think and internal, roll it in cornmeal and fry himself in a telephone box, carries on a to a crisp brown in hot bacon grease, hava suit brought by a telephone girl against nishment; take three large ripe tomatoes, a subscriber, who had called her a "fresh well covered with meal, and fry them also operators being, according to the Vienna in slices of about one inch thick, and newspapers, a "stupid goose," this "hello tost the same over the flames of the punboth official and private capacity. The subscriber produced four persons who had listened to the conversation, and who denied emphatically that the words "fresh and bring to a boil. If, under the circum-The telephone Woman then asserted that it was a second conversation in which she was insulted. The suit was actually carried up through all the courts until the highest declared the subscriber guilty, on the ground that as a telephone conversation might be overheard, the calling of names Hi Hung, a bank failed. Hi Hung had a public slander. We trust that the news of this decision will not

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THAT the engineers of our modern in more frequently than heretofore in the sled to know how fast they are and then bringing suits for heavy damages. going, and that this will be a Still a telephone is generally quite a safe women in this city think so. One was recently urged by the other to tell a secret over the telephone, but she declined for fear she might be overheard. After a present on the ordinary trolley car, but it second urging Central broke in cheerfully

> Phones in Greater New York. Figures just given out by the New York Telephone company show that that corporation had in service and under contract on September 1 269,364 telephones, it having gained during the month of August 4,388 telephones. This increase would seem to indicate the growing activity of New ice is measured by the number of people with whom a subscriber can comm telephones as London, the largest city in

population. Add to this fact that if has selectricity is beneficial to growing the Bell system of telephone communica- similable by plant roots. Others hold that tion has become.

Crops by Electricity. carrote, Prof. Lemstroem of Helsingford, according to B. Tolksdorf in the Leipsic year and 90 per cent in succeeding years, as compared with similar plots not electrically treated. On small parcels of land experiments with potatoes, the currents being generated in the earth by means and connected by insulated wires above the growing vines, have recorded an increased yield of from 60 to 100 per cent. lying much farther south-have been at-Europe, and more telephones than there cal influence of the aurora borealis. These Lemstroem is merely imitating this natperiments of Prof. Lemstroem, which tend

long distance connections with over 23,000 ripening vegetation. Explanations are cities and towns is the United States and variously given, some referring the cause Canada with over 2,000,000 telephones, and to electrolysis of nutritious safes in the ource of annoyance and possible medium for secrets. At least two young an idea is gained of how comprehensive ground, thus rendering them more, we electricity increases the osmotic activity

> of the plants, the sap flowing By spreading currents from a statical tain vegetables and grains experimented electrical machine over a plot of growing upon copious watering was needed to prevent the plants from withering under the current. Possibly the better trriga-Illustrirte Zietung, has increased the tion thus provided would in itself largely yield by 39 per cent during the first explain the success of the experiments, even though no electricity had been applied. Savants have sometimes been made to appear very silly through some such obvious explanation of the results of their labors. But the effect of electricity upon of copper and zinc plates sunk at intervals the atmosphere, setting free a constituent portion of nitrogen, which is the substance of all plant foods, has long been a subject of scientific observation. The large harvests of Spitzbergen and thunder shower the raindrops catch the Finland-more bountiful than in districts nitrogen freed by the lightning in the form of nitric acid, which is an officient tributed by many scientists to the electri- fertilizer. It is quite possible that Prof.

> > doing it for, and they told me they meant

to have a vegetable garden there. A little

girl carrying a demijohn stood in the rules

of her former home. When I asked her

what she was about she replied: "Packing

water to camp." All their water had to

### to the very spot on her face where Kitty pavement. I asked them what they were

Tommy's Dream. MMY had a curious dream one night. He had been kept in from play to help his father. But, instead of being proud to think that his father wanted his help, he has no reciprocating parts; it is rigid, was cross about losing his play-so cross moves noiselessly and with very little vi- that his father quietly remarked he would

When he lay down to sleep that night, tion to the rapidity with which the objects he dreamed that two angels were sent down at a given distance from the track are to earth to make a record of all the nice, passed. He says that in a recent run on an loving things the boys and girls were electric engine which his training told him doing. One angel was to take notes of all contained spurts at the rate of sixty miles the big things that were done, and the other per hour, he was surprised to learn from was to write down all the little, unnoticed others who had closely observed the mile- deeds of life. They parted as they reached posts that he had traveled at the rate of the earth, and when they met again, about eighty-two miles an hour. In the on their way back to heaven they comchange from steam to electricity the craft pared notes. One had scarcely filled two

"There are not many conspicuous things done, after all," he said, in explanation. "I have ecarcely found time to write Statistics showing the remarkable de- down all that I have seen," said the other velopment in the past twenty years of angel, and he showed a little book filled

> loving little deeds. Tommy's heart stood still, and he thought, Then he heard the angels explaining why there were some boys and girls he did not directions.-The Girls' Companion. take any notice of at all. "They did nice

Then Tommy woke up, and as he lay still Naturally, because of the density of pop- and thought about it, he knew that he Grouped book that day,-Ram's Horn.

My mamma has a watch of gold; It tells the time of day, I'm told, And in the Iront where she can see A little picture is, of me.

She has more pictures, in a book,
That the photographer-man took.
When I was two and three and four:
And when I'm five there'll be one more.
But you don't know how I was s'prised
When I looked in my papa's eyes
To see as plain as plain could be
Two little pictures there, of me-Lydia Hall, in Good Housekeeping.

Kitty and Grandma.

"Kitty, it is supper time; go and call grandma, and bring her down to tea." upstairs to grandma's room. How still it was in that part of the house!

There was not a sound of a leaf stirring in the vines outside, or of a mouse scratching in the wall; something told Kitty to walk softly, and gently to push open the chamber door. There sat grandma in her corner, fast asleep.

A book lay open in her lap, her finger pointing to the place where she had been reading when she fell asleep.

"How shall I wake her?" thought Kitty; 'tap on the door, or call out aloud, or give her a little shake? But first, I think her cheeks are so pink, and she looks so sweet, I'll just give her the tiniest, littlest bit of a kiss."

It was very soft, but was hardly given before the old lady awoke. "I had the funniest dream," she said, "I thought an angel came into my room and gave me a kiss right there," she pointed dren working away at digging up a brick

"Tea is ready," said Kitty. "Yes, dear, I'm coming."-Youth.

Her Politeness Conquered.

had touched her.

Caroline was giving a party to her mates. She was a very tiny Caroline and could not reasonably be expected to understand fully the art of being hostess. During one of the games she sat quietly

by her mother's side watching the others. Why don't you play with them, Carqline?" asked her Aunt Emma. "I don't know how to play this game."

"Hadn't you better try?" mother suggested.

"Yes," replied her mother, supposing this to be an excuse for doing as she liked. "Yes, It's your party."

was in the midst of the game.

foresee that that little girl is going to be a shelter over their dear ones, the children favorite with her friends, for the reason did not complain. In days to come, when that she will always do what seems to her the new city rises strong and beautiful to be courteous and kindly to others, al- out of the ruins of the old, when men though her own inclinations point in other point with pride to this broad avenue and

What's a Mother Good Fer? What's a mother good fer, Does any feller know? Allus scrubbin' off our legs Where the dirt don't show

What's a mother good fer, Can any feller say? Why can't she leave the dirt alone Fer just one day,

What's a mother good fer? Little fellers, hark! Ast yerselves the question Tonight after dark.

When the lighthin' bugs is flashin'
An' the bogleman's about—
What's a mother good fer?
Yo'll soon find out.
nahs.—BAYOLL NE TRELE.

San Francisco's Little Heroes. There is much work for these homeles children by the sea. Mothers find it hard to keep their families clean, and to care for bables in camp, so big sisters must find wood and keep the camp fires burning. Kitty left her book and slowly went San Francisco. Down amid the ruins where went out-stop! Did the goat get in here?" heaps of bricks and rubbish are strewn about in confusion, and everybody must walk in the middle of the street, dodging the honking automobiles and the teams hauling brick and scrap fron, newsboys are selling papers as busily as ever. On the water front, hard by a camp of soldiers, I found one youngster making a good living peddling packages of chocolate Two urchins were busy tying up little rolls of copper wire which they were selling and they proudly informed me that they had already made 30 cents. Another boy had a stand on the street curb amid the ruins. where he was selling relics of the fire. Down at the Ferry building two boys had started a flower stand and had thus brought a touch of brightness and cheer into the midst of the scene of desolation. Out amid the ruined houses on the slope of Russian hill, I found a party of chil-

be carried four blocks up hill, and boys and girls did their share of this work. Yes, the children of San Francisco have been tried and have proved themselves. worthy of their descent from the men who crossed the plains in the days of '49 when gold was discovered in California. With their cheer and courage they are helping fathers and mothers to commence life anew. While the rain beats upon the "It's my party, isn't it?" asked the little tents of the homeless, there is the prattie of child voices and the laughter of merry rompers within. In a full between showers I saw two little girls dressed in 'lady clothes," tattered old skirts of older sisters, But Caroline slipped down from her chair. and rags of veils, going from tent to tent "Then I guess, mother, I'd better play if on a round of calls. Even in that bitter I don't know how." And in a minute she cold rain of the first Sunday after the fire, when tents were few and frail and fathers We can look ahead into the years and stood all night in the storm holding flimsy that fine building, they Will not forget that in those days of trial it was the mothers and children who, looking up to the husbands and fathers and brothers in loving trust, gave them the strength and the spirit to meet the crisis and to win .-Charles Keeler in St. Nicholas. Who Took the Paperat "Now children, who took my papers?" "I don't-know," said Nellie, in a very

Dick, tell the truth now, if you know stything about it. But I don't said Dick. Did Nellie say anything about coming

to play in the study?" "Yes—she did last week."
"Pshaw! I meant this morning."

"I think-not-this marning." "Charlie, you tell me who came to play with you here."

"I-don't-know," said poor Charlie, who was dreadfully frightened. works with his papers every day, They Indeed there are many children of tender must not be taken away. Nobody has been years who are earning their own living in in the house but you and mamma since I

"Perhaps he did," said Nellie, looking "But how did he get here?" "He was playing in the yard with us," said Dick. "and-O, papa, I know! Some papers blew into the yard and Billy chewed

Just then a little breeze sailed through the window. It picked up a leaf from papa's papers and whirled it around and carried it out of the window again. Then papa laughed. "I was going to punish the one who stole my papers-now

what shall I do with the wind? Nellie and Dick laughed then, but little Chariles said, very soberly, "You might shut it up in the closet."

Papa laughed again. "Let's go and find Billy and see what he says." And sure enough, there was Billy chewing-chewing, and when papa pulled a piece of paper from his mouth he found his own writing

### Quaint and Curious Features of Current Life

NCLE CLIP" FAIRCHILD of

"Arise about 5:30 on a cool, crisp morning, like last Sunday, after you have passed the night on the soft side of a Platte river sandbar, with the blue sky for conversation. The decision was in ing previously rescued the bacon for gar-The usual term of obloquy for in the grease; take one loaf of bread, cut declared herself publicly wronged in gent campfire; take one certain coffee botler half filled with river water, dump therein the contents from a three-ounce package of a good brand of Mocha blend. had crossed the offender's lips. stances, you cannot eat like a horse, your blood is too thin for a real sport."

Chinese Style.

"It is 900 years since the failure of a bank in China," said a bank examiner, "More than 900 years ago, in the reign of the fallure investigated, and to his indignation found it had been due to reckess and shady conduct on the part of the directors and the president. Hi Hung at once issued an edlot that the next time & bank fulled the heads of its president and directors were to be out off. This edict, which has never been revoked, has made China's banking institutions the safest in

Strangely Led to Baby's Body. Guided by some strange power, Mr. and Mrs. James Donohue of Clinton, In., journeyed to a wild spot on the shore of the Mississippi river and there found the body of their baby daughter, for which parties of men had been dragging the river for several days. The child was knocked from the deck of their houseboat and drowned and all efforts to recover the body had been

unsuccessful. mysterious force led the griefstricken parents to arise at 5 o'clock in the It is not the color-of burned fiesh, such as

began rowing down the stream. In silence Platte county, whose fame as a they continued for two miles until they fisherman, exceeds county lines reached Beaver Island. On the upper side gives to the Columbus Telegram of the island stands a great cottonwood this suggestion for a breakfast tree, whose branches rise high above the other foliage on the shore. Straight for the tree the skiff went, and when its bow touched the gnarled roots, which extend into the water, father and mother turned, to see the little dress of the baby caught on a lagged root. Just under the surface the body lay on the sand, Hubby Was Comfortable.

Passengers on the ocean liner Etruria. which reached New York recently, had a lively time in an Atlantic storm. A woman missed her husband and hunted in all parts of the ship known to her, but she could not find him. She got the notion that he had fallen overboard, and eyewitnesses declare that she wanted to go overboard to see if he was there. Later she found him in the smoke room sitting up with a tall giass of Scotch and soda. One old woman got in the main saloon and knelt in prayer. One of the officers told her that there was no immediate necessity for prayer. Up got the elderly woman

"Sir," said she, "I am taking no chances, Before I left New York a fortune teller told me that if I took an ocean voyage I would never get back alive. I must do something to counteract that prophecy-I will continue my prayer."

Then there was a rather pervous man, When he was swakened early in the morn ing by the rolling of the vessel he got the life belt from under his bunk and without waiting to put on all of his clothing ran on deck. There he ran about until two stewards assured him that he would be called in time when the ship began to sink. Then he went back to his state room.

Lightning Turns Him Black. Atlantic City physicians who have been marveling at the wonderful escape of Wil-Truex, a blacksmith, who sure vived being struck by lightning in his bont during a storm, are still more mystified at the strange turn his case has taken. The lower part of the victim's body, it is said has turned black. The skin below the walst began to darken the day after the accident, and it is said that it has now become blacker than the flesh of an ordinary negro. morning, although they had made no plans marks the course of the bolt down the berga Ethelswytha Ideth Tsab to do so. Without saying a word to each victim's neck and back. Truex suffers little Monica De Orelians Plantagenet.

other they got into a skiff and the man pain and the paralysis that followed the shock has almost disappeared.

When Hoke Smith Was Called. A reformed gambler, from Ohio, came to Washington when Hoke Smith was secretary of the interior and told the late Harry Merrick, then the brilliant paragrapher on the Washington Post, that he wanted a job. He said he had forsaken all games of chance and wanted a chance to live an upright life, reports the Satur-

day Evening Post. Metrick knew Hoke Smith very well and took his reformed friend over to the Interior department to see if he could get him a place. Smith was glad to see Merrick and welcomed his friend cordially. Merrick stated the case.

Smith listened attentively and then said "I will do what I can for your friend, Mr. Merrick. I will look into the vacancies and see if I can place him. I would like to give him a place very much."

All this time the reformed gambler had been standing quietly, eyeing the secretary. After Smith had finished he stepped forward and said: "Now, see here, Hoke, old boy. Tell me

if this is right. If you kin give me a job lemme know, but if you can't lemme know, too, for I can't afford no time to be stayin' here in this sort of way dubbin' around on a dead card."

The Land Octopus.

On the shores of Lake Nicaragua is to be found an uncanny product of the vegetable kingdom known among the natives by the expressive name of "the devil's noose." Dunstan, the naturalist, discovered it not long ago while wandering on the shores of the lake. Attracted by cries of pain and terror from his dog, he found the animal held by black, sticky bands, which had chafed the skin to bleeding point. These bands were branches of a newly discovered carniverous plant, which has been aptly named the "land octopus." The branches are flexible, black, polished, without leaves and secrete a viscid fluid.

Shortening a Name. In London the other day a Miss Zolle-mache was married to a Mr. Hunnesley, When the clergyman mentioned the bride's name in the course of the ceremony he had to call her Iyonella Fredegunda Cuthberga Ethelswytha Ideth Ysabel Grace





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