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ELECTRICITY AS A POWER

Successful Experiments in Utilizing it as a Propeller for Canal Boats.

The experiments in electric propulsion for canal boats which were recently undertaken on the Erie canal near Rochester call to mind the importance of this method of transportation, which it is safe to say is not generally appreciated at its true value. New York's supremacy as a seaport is largely due to this waterway connecting it with the great lakes, and in order to maintain this position it is essential to provide for the constantly increasing freight traffic in western produce which has begun to seek outlets through other channels, thus diverting from the State a large amount of commerce which proper facilities would secure to it.

The average speed attained by canal boats is now about two miles an hour, and the canal will probably admit of its being increased to four or five miles. The doubling of the rate of speed would mean that each boat could make twice as many trips during the season, double its earnings and increase the total annual tonnage of the canal very largely without further deepening of the canal.

It is estimated that with power from the Niagara station the expense of bringing a bushel of grain from the wheat fields to New York would only be in the neighborhood of five cents, and at that price, with the enormous carrying capacity of the large canal boats, the shipping of grain from New York would be more than quadrupled, with a corresponding increase in the carrying trade of the State. The experiments near Rochester

In Paris the ladies wear their muffs suspended by long chains of gold and pearls. In England they are wearing silver chains on which to hang their muffs.

Every youngster should learn to swim, but it's a bad way to begin by breaking through the ice in the fall when it first begins to form.

A STORY OF SHIPWRECK

Sailors Hurlled From a Wreck and Saved.

The Vessel Driven to Her Doom Before a Storm Against Which the Best Seamanship Proved Useless.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 15.—The only men who were saved at the time of the wreck of the Portland bark A. C. Bean, on the Irish coast, Nov. 18, reached here to-day. They told a graphic story of the wreck. They said that after they struck the destructive storm of last month, they knew that their chances of reaching land were small. The A. C. Bean was good and strong, and even to the last did not leak. She was simply driven to her doom before the fierce storm that did not relax its force for an instant. The crew's one hope was to strike the Irish coast at some point where the vessel could hold together long enough to give them a fair chance for their lives.

THE TRAVELING AGENT'S STORY

He Sees a Fine Example of the Wild and Woolly West Drama.

"I've seen a good many funny snaps in the way of plays and play-actors in my time," said the advance agent, "but one I struck out in Milwaukee the other day was by far the best of anything I have ever been up against. It was in one of the museums there. The museum has a stock company in its theatre, and its speciality is border drama. Every week they give a new drama of the wild and woolly West description.

"The play that I saw was a blood-curdler of that character. At the time I arrived at the theatre the stage was pitch dark and two men were fighting a duel. I could hear the knives clashing together and hear the men stumble around the stage, but I could only faintly distinguish the forms of the actors. After a while there was a thump on the floor, and the villain hissed: 'Ah ha! Rudolphi

PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

All Sorts of Little Kick-Shaws and Pretty Trifles.

STRAWBERRY-SHAPED WATCH

Elegantly Begemmed Slipper Tips and Heels That Are Tapped With Gold and Rimmed Round With Foiderols of Every Description.

A peep at the novelties in jewelry reveals many interesting and beautiful things, lovely enough and unique enough to inspire the desire for possession in the bosom of the most indifferent dame. There are some watches with which telling the time of day would be a continual delight. Open-faced watches and chatelaines are the present fashion in timepieces for women. There is one, a chatelaine watch, which is a tiny affair, in size a trifle less than a quarter of a dollar. It is of gold, with a wreath of flowers around the outside rim and across the back of flowers around the love-knot tied at the top is of diamonds, in the centre of which stands a Cupid of moonstone, which forms the chatelaine. Its wings are of diamonds. On its saucy little head is a crown of diamonds. This watch is now pinned on the left side of the chest, and not at the waist, as formerly. Another watch is called the strawberry watch. It is in the shape of a strawberry and made of red enamel. The stem winder and chain ring are of diamonds. Then there are some charming brooches, fit to tuck up the neckerchief of a dainty girl. Those distinguished people are supposed to wear such material rather as a novelty in the way of jeweled footgear is the heeling and toeing of ballroom slippers. This fashion can be made as elegant and unique as the purpose of the wearer will permit, and many a lady of fashion carries several thousand dollars' worth of gems on the pointed toe of her satin slipper.

Many of the new overskirts are cut without fullness at the top, yet they fall in full folds below in circular fashion, while others have a closely-gored front breadth with a great deal of fullness at back.

Rustic glass makes a pretty, simple decoration for luncheons and quiet dinners. Only a few flowers are needed for the holders, which are of indescribable shape, composed of glass "twigs."

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

Philadelphia, December 15.—Yesterday the market, while comparatively steady, was lower than it has been any day this week. There was a general scaling down in prices, an imperceptible sliding off in values, which, though not apparent at the time, was very conspicuous at the close of the day's trading. The market did not seem to be in a condition that would make it susceptible to good news.

stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sales.
Am. Tobacco Co.	11 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	15,000
Canada Pacific...	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	224
Canada South...	45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2	455
Chesapeake & Ohio	124	125 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	2,180
Ch. Bur. & Qu.	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2	325,000
C. C. & St. L.	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	287
Del. Lack. & W.	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2	375
Ill. & R. Gr. Pt.	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	13,000
Kansas & Texas	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2	789
Lake G. & W. Pf	152 1/2	153 1/2	152 1/2	153 1/2	999
Louis. & N. Sh.	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	12,000
Manhattan E. L.	211	212 1/2	211 1/2	212 1/2	133
Michigan Cent.	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	3,483
Mo. Kan. & Tex.	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	1,066

Total sales of shares.....514,638

Live Stock Markets Elsewhere.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—The market was active; estimated receipts, 35,000 head; fair to good; heavy, \$5.25@5.50; light mixed, \$5.10@5.40; common, \$5.00@5.10. Hogs: Receipts, 720 head; market strong; feeders, \$2.50@3.00; cows, \$1.50@3.40; common, \$1.50@1.75. Hogs: Receipts, 35,700 head; closed strong; best, \$5.15; light mixed, \$5.10@5.40; heavy, \$4.90@5.05; pigs, \$3.00@4.50.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Hogs: Receipts, 6000 head; market strong; feeders, \$2.50@3.00; cows, \$1.50@3.40; common, \$1.50@1.75. Hogs: Receipts, 35,700 head; closed strong; best, \$5.15; light mixed, \$5.10@5.40; heavy, \$4.90@5.05; pigs, \$3.00@4.50.

WANTED—SITUATION.

BOOKKEEPER—Permanent or temporary employment desired by a good bookkeeper at a moderate salary; references to reliable houses in the city. Address M., Recorder office.

CUTTER—On custom shirts; one who designs his own patterns; no objection to leaving the city. Address E. K., 126 Calverton avenue.

LITHOGRAPHER—By a competent young man; is at present employed, but desires a change; can give the best of reference if desired. Address A. M. D., 2667 North Twelfth street.

STENOGRAPHER—By a trustworthy and experienced young lady; can operate almost any kind of machine. S. P. K., 78 North Fourth street.

WORK—Young man with a liberal education desires work with a good architect; his communications to his secretary will be gratefully acknowledged. Address APPRENTICE, Recorder office.

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