

A New Telephone.

DISTANCE PRACTICALLY ANNIHILATED BY AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

For some months past there have been mysterious whispers that a very important discovery has been made which practically annihilated the distance through which it was practicable to exchange communications by telephone, says a special from New York to the Boston Journal. Sixty miles was thought to be the maximum, but instances, it is said, are recorded where conversation has been carried on between points one hundred miles apart, but not in the most satisfactory manner.

The new telephone, it is reported on authority, is wonderful from the fact that its capabilities appear to annihilate distance, and so far as tested it has accomplished wonders. The proprietors have very naturally kept their invention a secret. They wished to apply the severest tests before making any public announcement, and they have not as yet made any efforts to give publicity to their invention. During a portion of the summer and through the fall, the instruments were put to trial work on the telegraphic wires located on Long Island, which are not in good condition. Ten, twenty and sixty miles were accomplished without difficulties, except those incidental to a new invention.

Later the wires of the new postal telegraph line between New York and Chicago were utilized during the evenings, and a gentleman present states that the result was astonishing. Conversation in low tones was carried on between these two points, and between the intermediate stations and New York which astonished those versed in such matters. It is said that the Chilean Government, through its agent, who has, with a practical electrician, witnessed the new telephone, has closed a contract for its introduction in Chili. It appears to be evident that we are on the eve of an important advance in telephonic communication.

CURRENT NOTES.

A correspondent of the New York Times offers a scriptural explanation of the wonderful sunset phenomena witnessed for several months all over the world. He regards them as signs of the last days to which the Prophet Jeremiah referred when he wrote: "Woe unto us, for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

They had an "Eisteddfod" in Chickering Hall, New York, at which one man read "Englynion," and another recited an "Awdi," and another the "Cwyddy Eirin Fawr," and then the whole stood up and sang "Hen Wadyl Nhadau," and only three New Yorkers out of ten were honest enough to admit that they didn't understand what was going on.—Boston Post.

The Salvation Army of Denver, Col., paid its respects to Col. "Bob" Intersoll by calling on him in a body and exhorting him to repent ere it be too late. This colonel listened to them philosophically, puffing away at his cigar and making the smoke curl as he blew it into the air. After they had finished, he told them that he would consider what they had said, but couldn't promise to accept their views.

An exchange says: There is such a thing as carrying things to excess in leap year. One of our nicest young ladies, and a recent convert of the revival, presented her admirer with a motto, "I need thee every hour," and it frightened him so he has not been to see her since. He says he would be perfectly willing to give her the greater part of his time, but his health demanded an hour or two of outdoor exercise every day.

A goat-raiser in Texas says he began with seven animals, and at the expiration of fourteen months had butchered three, sold three, and had thirty-seven left. He knows of no domestic animal fit for meat which is so prolific as the goat. The flesh of the kid resembles that of the deer, and as the goat subsists for the most part on leaves and weeds, and very little on herbage relished by other animals, it can be reared with far less expense than any other domestic beast. Improved stock is of course the most profitable.

The Lord Lorne has a certain facility of versification, comments the Atheneum may be at once admitted, and he has put into rhyme and metre some picturesque stories of Canada and Scotland; but of really poetical genius he does not show a trace. There is no passion, nor any felicity of language. Everything seems made to order. He has wished to write a copy of verses on a particular subject, and has done it—rather neatly, it is true, but that is all. The applause of distinguished friends ought to have been enough for him.

There is a funny story current to the effect that while he was editor of the New York Evening Post, Carl Schurz had a piano placed in his sanctum, and in the intervals of composition would play music expressive of his emotions at the time. Godkin, who is an Irishman, would sing "Wearing of the Green" and "Eileen Alanna" in opposition to Schurz's "Watch on the Rhine" and "Tranmere," and between them, they drove White nearly crazy. Finally White poured molasses in the piano,

and left the window open so that Godkin caught a cold, and then there was peace.

A horrible discovery was made recently at a house at Hockley, Birmingham, Eng. The Relieving Officer, on visiting an old man named Owen, whom he found sleeping on a pile of rags and horsehair, noticed a large coffin-shaped box in a down-stairs room. Owen, on being questioned said it contained the body of his sister, who died in Islington Workhouse twenty years ago. She had a horror of being burned by the parish, and he promised to remove her remains from the workhouse and have them buried at Birmingham. He conveyed the body in a zinc shell, with an outer wooden coffin. On arriving at Birmingham he could not induce his relatives to help in defraying the expense of the funeral, so he determined to keep the corpse in the house. On the coffin, which had a glass lid, being opened, the body was found to be much decomposed and quite unrecognizable. The stench was dreadful. For fifteen years no one had entered the man's house, and he was never known to have a light. The coffin was originally bound with iron hoops; but Owen became so impoverished that he took them off and sold them to obtain food. On several occasions zymotic disease broke out in the neighborhood of the house. Owen was removed to the workhouse.

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