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GAU HIM AN INSPIRATION.

Traveler Saw Great Opportunity for Thrilling Melodrama.

When I was coming up the Columbia river last month, said a man who travels, "it struck me that the men who write melodramas are letting one of their grandest opportunities go to waste. If I were going to write a water-logging play, I'd lay the scene of it out in the lumber country along the Columbia river. The hills rise almost straight from the banks of the stream, and every now and then, way up a couple of thousand feet above the water, you see a little tramway built to carry logs to the mills. A crazy little engine puffs along till it reaches a point where the logs can be shot down the hill to the water, and the logs are unloaded. One by one they shoot down the hill and into the river. When a log strikes the water a column of spray rises fifty feet into the air, and has time to die away in ripples before the log rises to the surface. It's the most magnificent thing to watch that you can imagine, and when I write a play I'm going to utilize it. I haven't thought out all the details yet, but I think I'll have the villain get the papers—villains in melodrama could give the ash man points about collecting papers—and peg the hero down on one of those lumber chutes. The heroine, who happens to be taking a pleasure excursion on the tramway, sees the dastardly deed from the top of the chute. She springs upon a log which is about to go down, steers it carefully to one side and picks up the hero as she goes past. I'll have to have a tank and some practicable logs, but as a thriller my scene lays 'way over sawmills and trains and burning buildings on the stage. It's sure to be a winner, and if I find it can't be dramatized I think I'll make a book of it. It's too good an idea to be lost."

Enterprise of Interest.

In an enterprising town in the United States, a new movement has been started with the object of solving the servant girl problem. Thirteen families, comprising twenty-nine persons, of the best social and business standing, have formed a co-operative board of association, all members to bear an equal share of the expenses. Gradually the various objections were overcome, and the members are not only well satisfied with the progress made, but think that in a short time a noticeable decrease in their living expenses will be evident. Upon joining the association, members contributed \$5 to create a fund with which to equip the kitchen. With this money two large ranges and dishes of every description have been purchased; also other articles necessary to the culinary department. In the dining room each family furnishes the table linen, dishes and other articles for its own use. In several cases where two families are small both have occupied the same table. All expenses for provisions and the services of the cooks and waitresses are then borne pro rata by the members. There will be considerable curiosity to know whether the experiment can be made a permanent success.

Pausing Wives and Daughters.

Many have a curious way of utilizing wives and daughters in some parts of India. If a man wants money he puts these members of his establishment in pawn, and his creditor detains them until the debt is discharged. The custom varies in different localities. In Mallore the Yercalls pledge their daughters to creditors, who may either marry them or give them away, and a man who has to go to jail deposits his wife with another family of her tribe until his return. In North Arnot unmarried daughters are frequently mortgaged, and become the absolute property of the holder until liquidation.

Honor for Alfred Vanderbilt.

New York society is interested in a report from Newport that Alfred G. Vanderbilt has been asked to be colonel of the Newport artillery company. The artillery company is the oldest organization in the United States, having been granted a charter by King George II. It is independent and has in its ranks many of the best known young men of Newport and the surrounding towns. The Newport artillery company acted as an escort to the Assistant and Honorable artillery company when the latter visited New York recently.

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CHICAGO TELEPHONE COMPANY'S GROWTH

Now Has More Than 100,000 Instruments in Operation—Big Gains For the Year.

The Chicago Telephone Company has passed the 100,000 mark. It now has more than that number of instruments in operation, and two-thirds of them, roughly, were installed during the last three years. No other public utility has increased in use and in usefulness to anything like the same extent of late. It was only about three years ago that a new and quite revolutionary conception of the use of the telephone began to be extensively applied. Scientifically, talking over a wire was an old story long ago, but the true economic application of the science is comparatively so recent that many people scarcely realize how great the development has been and how largely it has multiplied the powers of the instrument. The Chicago Telephone Company has connected more new subscribers the last two years than it had altogether three years ago, and four times as many as it had ten years ago. The individual instrument of today looks about like the one of three years ago, and the visual difference between it and the one of ten years ago is insignificant. It is operated in the same way



MAIN OFFICE BUILDING, CHICAGO.

so far as the user is concerned, and for unlimited service the cost is the same. But the city instrument of three years ago gave connection with 20,000 other instruments in Chicago, of ten years ago with about 10,000 others, of 1900 with about 7,000 others. Today it gives connection with 76,000 others within the city and 24,000 others within suburban and farming communities operated by the Chicago company and, over long distance wires, with all the large cities and most small ones. Discussion of street railroad franchises has familiarized the public with the doctrine that extension of service for the same cost unit is equivalent to a decrease in price. That doctrine applies more strikingly to the telephone field than to any other. The street car ride at the same cost may have doubled in ten years, but in the same time the telephone ride has increased eightfold.

The increase in the use of telephones has been vastly out of proportion to the growth in population. In 1890 Chicago had roughly, one telephone to every 150 inhabitants. By 1900 the proportion had grown to one for every 55 inhabitants, but now it is one to every 25 inhabitants, and the increase in the other territory served by the Chicago company has probably been about the same. Up to 1900 the growth had been quite gradual. It was in that year that the great expansion which has fairly revolutionized telephoning really began to make its decisive impression. The line of departure consisted in the adoption of the measured service plan, which really meant selling telephone service to everybody who wanted it at a price commensurate with what he took.

This plan was taken up by the Chicago Telephone company the latter part of 1899 and a considerable number of contracts were made under it in 1900. To it is due the immense expansion of the telephone field since.

The company's development is by no means measured by the huge volume of new business which it has secured through application of the measured service plan. Its energies have been equally applied to improving the flat rate, unmeasured service system, which will doubtless remain in favor with the big users. In this department there has been a great advance, first by introduction of the copper metallic service, later by the private exchange system and the like. If the telephone is becoming a common necessity to everybody—and the fact that there are now 27,000 telephones in residences in Chicago indicates that—it has also been becoming a more intimate necessity with the business man to whom time is money. A telephone on the wall will no longer answer. There must be one on the desk and on every desk. Hence in large offices a private exchange is installed with instant connection with various desk instruments. There are now more than 1,000 of these private exchanges in the city, operating 18,000 telephones. And with all this expansion the standard of service has not only been maintained but advanced. The subscriber not only has threefold the possibilities of connection, as compared with three years ago, but waits and interruptions are diminished.—Economist.

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