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A STRANGER IN GOTHAM.

Things Electrical-Rapid Transit-Some Other Matters. [Special Correspondence.]

New York, Feb. 1.—The killing of a man by contact with an electric light wire at a fire the other day has stimulated an inquiry as to whether electric light wires cannot be handled in such a way as to render it somewhat less dangerous to touch them. But little is likely to be accomplished in that direction, I fear. Men who have to cut wires should never use pliers that have naked iron handles. There is ordinarily little danger if the precaution of using only wooden covered handles be observed. The last unfortunate victim neglected it. But the company that employed him declares he was not killed by the shock, but by his fall from the pole to which he was clinging. Whether they were right or not will probably never be determined.

Electricity, by the way, is taking up a good deal of attention in the metropolis just now, as, indeed, it is everywhere, for that matter. The attempt to lay the telegraph, telephone and electric light wires under ground, and the complications, political and practical, that have met the subway commission at every step, will by and bye be recorded in pages of scientific and political history.

The most interesting electrical matter at present before the people here is the attempt that is being made by one of the surface roads to run its cars by the aid of the subtle current. Conflicting stories are told of the progress of the work. Most schemes for the utilization of electricity as a locomotive power include the transmission of the fluid to the motor through the rails. It would seem that if this plan be adopted in a street railway, there would be great danger to horses, unless the current should be of much lower tension than that employed for lighting purposes.

The electricians have been working for years at the problem of electric locomotion, and there is little doubt that the fortunate inventor who reduces the refractory problem to practice will be received with open arms by the railroad people of the whole world. They would gladly substitute for the noisy, bustling, dirty steam engine some other motor-light, noiseless and clean. But to be acceptable this motor must be as cheaply run as a steam engine, and there, I fancy, lies the chief difficulty. It is quite possible to make electric motors work-in fact, hundreds and may be thousands of them are now in use in places where a very light power is required. But the chemical production of the current is a matter of very great expense, so great, indeed, as to be prohibitory. And in the transformation of power into electricity there is so large a waste as to make this method much more expensive than steam.

And this brings one to the problem of rapid transit in this big city. It is far from being satisfactorily solved at present. The trains on the elevated roads are constantly clogged. It is not unusual for one to have to allow two or even three trains to pass before getting a chance to board the cars. The big bridge between here and Brooklyn will, in a short time, be quite inadequate to accommodate the people who want to cross it. Already the bridge trains are packed to an agonizing degree during both the early morning and the late afternoon hours, and the loads put upon the big cable the other day were so heavy that the engine was choked down and the people had to wait or walk for a round half hour. Underground railroads, electrically operated, will soon be a necessity in New York.

A new vice has arisen which is rapidly taking hold of legislators, newspaper correspondents and other great men. It is called the "dry smoke," and possesses all the elements of the legitimate smoke. Dry smokers are at no expense for matches; they get a cigar, chew the end off, place it (the cigar) between the lips and that's all there is of it. Some dry smokers will make one cigar last all day. Whenever I pass the corner of Church and Cortlandt streets I notice a little old newspaper vender, who constantly holds a pipe between his lips, which pipe never contained any tobacco or other ammunition. Still the old fellow's satisfaction with his pipe is evident. He will close his lips on the mouthpiece, contemplatively gaze at the bowl, and after a little while remove the pipe and roll his eyes upward, as if following with pleasure a line of smoke. His dry smoke is much drier than any other on

I wish to close this rather rambling letter with a protest against the utter depravity of metropolitan mud. It is black, unctuous and, whenever there is a rain, omnipresent. It's almost as much as your life is worth to try to run across Broadway on a damp day, for the chances are even that you will slip because of the mud that coats the paving, fall and be run over by a wagon or a horse car. But there doesn't seem to be any way of getting rid of it. At least the city authorities do not seem to be able to find WALTER WIBERLY.

HOW DAKOTA WAS SETTLED.

The Present Distribution of Population. North and South Dakota.

YANKTON, Jan. 27.—Omitting the French voyageurs and Bois Brules, the first permanent settlers of Dakota were Americans in the southeast corner. Immedidiately after them came many thousand Scandinavians and they now have a majority in five southern counties, the Norwegians predominating. They acquire the English language more rapidly than other foreigners, are enthusiastic for schools and churches, and are an excellent class of citizens. The Mennonites came almost in a body. They are of German blood, but had lived a century or more in Russia; they are in colonies in this and adjacent counties, are a noticeable class on the streets of this city, and are commonly called "Roozhans." In the extreme northeast a good class of Canadian Liberals control two or three counties. In Douglass county is a large colony of Hollanders. And of all the foregoing peoples there are scattered residents in many counties, while Irish, English and Germans, here as well as elsewhere, are diffused in the general population. Four hundred miles north of this place, in the western part of Pembina county, is a colony of Icelanders. Surrounding all these colonies everywhere are the native Americans, who are still a majority of the whole.

The school and territorial census of 1885 made the population 416,000; and the officials tell me that nearly all the good land in the southeastern division is taken. But many million acres of very fine land remain open to pre-emption in the north, some especially fine not far north of Bisniarck. This located at the northwestern corner of continuous settlement. Indeed, if a diagonal line were drawn northeast to southwest through Bismarck, nineteen-twentieths of the people would be on the southeastern side of that line; and unless I am badly misinformed as to the climate and soil of the northwest, the child is not born who will live to see one-

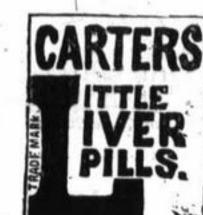
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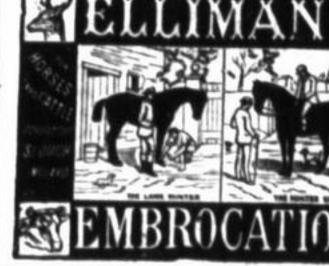
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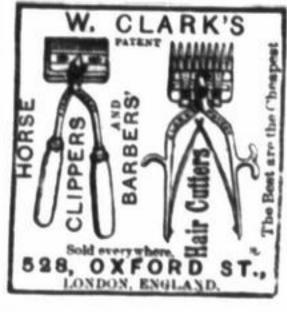
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