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Four telegraphic messages can now be transmitted over one wire at one time by using the quadruplex system.

It is estimated that 250,000 persons in the United States are engaged in business depending solely on electricity.

Over 1,000,000 miles of telegraph wire are in operation in the United States—enough to encircle the globe forty times.

About 400 miles of electric railway are already in operation in the United States, and many more under construction.

More than 170,000 miles of telephone wire are in operation in the United States; over these, 1,055,000 messages are sent daily.

Five hundred volts of electrical current is considered dangerous to human life, but death depends largely upon physical conditions.

Telegraphing from a moving train is accomplished through a circuit from the car room, inducting a current to the wire on poles along the track.

In transmitting a message from San Francisco, Cal., to Hong Kong, China, via New York, Canso, Prenzance, Aden, Bombay, Madras, Penang, and Singapore, about 15 minutes are consumed.

The longest distance over which telephoning can be maintained is uncertain; 750 miles is a common daily occurrence, but two gentlemen quite recent carried on a protracted conversation between Charleston, S. C., and Omaha, Neb., a distance of about 1,500 miles.

Armed With Revolvers.

The French army officers are now all armed with revolvers; during the war of 1870 they had none.

TRAMPS NOT ALL IGNORANT.

One Taught Schoolboys Algebra and Another Played Classic Music.

A few days ago a party of five or six schoolboys, on their way home, stopped in front of the home of one of their number. The conversation went from one study to another until it reached the subject of algebra; here it stopped; one of the boys declared himself unable to perform a difficult problem in quadratics which had been assigned to him. His companions tried to help him, but after all hands had failed it was given up as a bad job, says a writer in the N. Y. *Sun*.

An old and besotted-looking individual who was shoveling coal a few doors away had been watching the boys for some time with a look of amusement on his grimy face. After each one had tried and failed he slowly laid down his shovel, picked up a piece of coal, and, walking quietly up to the boys, requested permission to look at the problem. After a good deal of laughing it was shown to him, and without saying a word he quietly set to work, and in a few moments had correctly completed the example, writing it out on the pavement with the bit of coal. The boys looked on in wonderment, and could hardly believe their eyes, but were not slow to take advantage of the state of affairs, and in a few moments the work on the sidewalk had been transferred to paper.

The coal-heaver in the meantime had resumed his work, which was soon completed, and the last seen of him he was disappearing in the side door of a saloon.

On another ocasion a party of four men and one woman were seated in the parlor of a hotel not far from this city. Adjoining the parlor was the bedroom. Leaning against the bar, leisurely drinking, were several countrymen. At one of the tables sat a tramp half asleep. His arm was curled up, forming a support for his shaggy head, which was covered with a tattered slouch hat of ancient manufacture. Suddenly, through the half-open door, there came the sound of music; the loungers stopped drinking for a moment, but almost immediately resumed their occupation. Nobody noticed the tramp. At the first sound he had raised his head from the table, and his eyes seemed glued to the door through which the music came. As it proceeded he rose and tottered toward it, but just as he entered the room the music stopped. All eyes turned on the tramp, who was making straight for the piano, which he reached a moment later. Lightly running his dirty fingers over the keys, suddenly he began to play Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." For nearly half an hour the tramp sat thus, playing nothing but the choicest classical music, with a touch and execution that was itself a marvel. The listeners sat astonished and in silence that was not broken until the tramp, rising from the piano took up his hat, and going through the bar-room to the door, disappeared down the muddy road.

Joaquin Miller's Name.

The poet of the Sierras thus explains how he came to adopt the name of Joaquin, in a letter to the N. Y. *Herald*:

St. Joaquin was the husband of St. Ann, who was the mother of the Virgin Mary and is the patron saint of sailors. The shrine of St. Anne de Bonpere, below Quebec, Can., holds a life-size statue of St. Joaquin. Second, Joaquin Marietta was a boy of good family in the San Joaquin country of California in 1852. But some "roughs" despoiled his home, hung his brother, mislead his wife and drove him to desperation. The Mexicans were sadly treated by the Americans in the early Californian days. And Joaquin Marietta vowed revenge. He killed at least twenty of the roughs with his own hand, and finally had a band of Mexican outlaws so brutal about him that both State and federal troops were called out. A reward of $5,000 was offered, and the brave boy was finally killed and his head cut off and exhibited in San Francisco. But many held that he never had been killed—that some other fellow's head was substituted to get the reward.

Well, in 1834, I, then a long-haired lad, took up my abode with the then wild and splendid savages of Mount Shasta, afterward famous as the Modocs, and as no one seemed to see any purpose but that of plunder on the part of one casting his lot with these denizens of the mountains, why, of course, I was called a robber. And finally it began to be said that I was the original "Joaquin," and must be killed or captured. I finally had to leave my leafy home, and next turned up in Washington Territory as a school teacher. Here I wrote in verse a sketch of Joaquin Marietta. In 1866, when a lawyer and County Judge of Grant county, Ore., I published this poem in Portland, Ore., along with some other verses and called the little book "Joaquin et al." At the same time it was still vaguely hinted that I was the original Joaquin Marietta. My horsemanship and knowledge of Spanish gave color to this and even when a candidate in the hotly contested election for Judge, this charge was brought up. This poem is now called "California" in "Songs of the Sierras." Third, I was almost compelled to accept the name "Joaquin" after I published "Joaquin et al." To have tried to deny or explain would have made matters worse and so I at once, 1866-7, took the name and tried to make it respectable. I can only add that I am not the robber Joaquin Marietta and also should like to add that I should count it no great reproach were it so, for he was driven to his bloody deeds and was not bad at heart.

Disgusted with Her Environments.

Our younglings get ideas of their own as to what is correct and permissible. One small Bostonian is a weary in her environments. Such a small girl to rebel against the inevitable! She broke out the other day: "Mamma, I don't want to live in Boston any longer." "What's the matter with Boston?" asked her mother, intending no irreverence. "I don't like the way I have to talk. I just hate to have to say 'faucet,' I'd rather say 'fasset,' and be countrified." Bless her little soul! Don't you think we might make an exception in her favor, and allow her to say "fasset" when Mr. Howells is out of town?—*Boston Commonwealth*.

Russian Female Telegraphers.

The Russian ukase forbids female telegraphers from marrying any persons except male telegraphists has been revoked, and now they may marry "any man of respectability" after having obtained official permission.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Lord Tennyson's Health is Very Much Improved.

TWO EARTHQUAKES SHAKE ROME.

Dom Pedro Will Return to Brazil and be a Private Person.

The eminent Wesleyan clergyman, George Osborne Bale, is dead at London.

Two slight earthquakes in Rome have caused great alarm.

The remains of Joseph Biggar were interred at Carmony, Ireland.

Peruvian bondholders in London have approved the Grace contract.

The popular English tenor Lloyd will sail for America on the 15th prox.

Alexander Josef Oliva, French sculptor, is dead. He was born in Paris in 1847.

Non-commissioned officers to reinforce Major Wissman in East Africa have left Berlin.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal has been fined £100 for commenting on Capt. O'Shea's suit.

England and Belgium have accepted Germany's invitation to take part in a great labor conference.

After a failure to borrow money in Europe to keep up the Italian army, Premier Crispi has turned to America.

Lord Tennyson was decidedly improved. Dr. Andrew Clarke has ordered Mr. Gladstone to take additional rest.

The British corvette Conqueste, carrying fourteen guns, is ashore near Zanzibar, and will probably be a total wreck.

The festival in honor of the 70th birthday of the German poet Hermann von Lingg, at Munich, was an immense success.

An order has been issued prohibiting the circulation in Germany of the Volksanwalt, published in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The king of Corea is about to send another envoy to England, despite the vigorous protest of the Chinese government.

A son of Sir R. D. Morier, British ambassador to St. Petersburg, was wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol which he carried.

The long-predicted fuel famine in the British Isles is again postponed by the discovery of coal deposits at the foot of Shakespeare cliff, at Dover.

At Muhlhausen, in Saxony, there was a fight at a socialist election meeting and the soldiers were called to restore order. Thirty persons were wounded.

A collision off the coast of England between the steamers Lidgate Hill and Deeside resulted in the sinking of the latter vessel and the drowning of seven of her crew.

The work of the French commission at Panama is nearly completed, and the members will start for home in a few days, each with a separate plan for the proposed canal.

Information has reached Paris that some of the king of Dahomey's troops attacked the French post at Lotonon, Senegal. The French repulsed them and killed sixty.

The election to fill the vacancy in the commons caused by the mysterious disappearance of Jasper D. Pyne, home ruler, resulted in the election of Fred Webb, home ruler.

The iron cupola of the Flora concert hall, Hamburg, fell, burying thirty-eight workmen. Five were taken out dead, eight severely injured, and five others are missing.

The Westphalian Mine Owners' Protection association unanimously decided at a meeting at Essen to found an anti-strike insurance union, with an initial capital of £60,000.

Three members of the Cretan council have been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment each for resigning their posts under threats made by the Cretan committee at Athens.

Forty-three bodies have been taken from the colliery at Decize, France, in which the explosion occurred recently. In addition eight miners, who are badly injured, were rescued.

The bill introduced in parliament to enable the county council of London to purchase the rights and privileges of the eight companies that supply that city with water, has been withdrawn.

As a result of the report of the British army and navy commission, the Duke of Cambridge will retire from his position as commander-in-chief, and be succeeded by another member of the royal family.

Major-General Gerhards has inspected the royal artillery works at Spandau and promised the workmen increased pay. He has also discharged the director, Colonel Wille, for paying starvation wages.

Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, has gone to Washington at the request of the British minister, to assist in the negotiations for the settlement of the Behring sea dispute.

At the request of Mr. Hirsch, the American minister, the porte has imprisoned in his own palace Moussa Bey, the Kurdish chief who is charged with robbing and outraging Christians in Armenia.

Dom Pedro is unwilling to dismiss his imperial suite. He has therefore resolved to endeavor to come to terms with the Brazilian government, renounce the crown and return to Brazil and live as a private person.

The passenger steamer Coral Queen, from Gothenburg for London, has been sunk off the river Tees in a collision with the Rotterdam steamer Brinio. It is reported that sixteen persons on the Coral Queen were drowned.

Baron DeStruve, Russian minister at Washington, has been instructed to present the views of his government in the pending Behring sea negotiations at Washington, particularly touching points in the protection of seals during the breeding season.

The police of Warsaw succeeded in arresting the midwife, H. Skublinski, whose terrible crime in setting fire to her house and burning to death fifteen infants when she feared that the police were about to interfere with her trade of baby-starving has just been made public.

A TOMB OPENED NEAR SPARTA.

Results Which Recall the Mycenæ Finds of Dr. Schliemann.

The Athens correspondent of the London *Athenæum* in a recent letter says the tomb opened by M. Tsountas at Vaphio, near Sparta, has yielded results which far surpass any discovery of the sort since the finding of the great treasures at Mycenæ by Dr. Schliemann. Here, as there, an undisturbed tomb of an ancient chieftain has been opened, with all the vessels in gold, silver, and bronze, arms, and engraved gems intact. And we have not simply a repetition of the same discovery, for this tomb at Vaphio was of a "treasury" type, with a 'dromos' leading into a beehive-shaped vault—a form universally recognized as belonging to a later stage of the so-called 'Mycenæn' culture than the simply pitlike graves on the citadel of Mycenæ.

"This view is fully borne out by the nature of the objects discovered, which in many ways occupy an intermediate position between Mycenæan work and the earliest products of Hellenic art. M. Tsountas has already published a short account of his excavation. By his courtesy I have been permitted to examine his discoveries, and I may say a few words about them without anticipating his final publication.

"The vaulted tomb chamber and also the avenue, or 'dromos,' were built of stones, mostly of small size, from a neighboring quarry on Taygetus. It is remarkable that in the doors and elsewhere the joints, and even flaws in the stone, were concealed with lime mortar, and the undisturbed state of the tomb show that it must have remained buried since primitive times. A similar practice was observed in the last 'treasury' tomb cleared by Mycenæ. But as that was emptied and shows in ancient times later repairs were there possible. Within the vaulted tomb at Vaphio was a shallow grave lined and covered with stone slabs; the evidence that the corpse was buried, not burned, seems to be mostly inferential; no bones were found. The treasures buried were scattered all about the floor of the vaulted chamber.

"The most important of all are two gold cups, each made of two plates of gold, the inner one plain and the outer decorated with a very fine design in repoussee work that fills the whole field. The relief is fairly high; the drawing and composition, in spite of a few mistakes or inadequacies, are bold and successful, but the execution lacks the exquisite delicacy in details that marks the gold work, and especially the inlaying work, of Mycenæ.

"The subjects are most interesting—the hunting of wild bulls and the leading of tame bulls by men—and we thus see carefully executed figures of men about two and a half inches high, and in the same costumes as we find on figures from Macenæe, Tiryns, etc.—a kind of loin cloth depending from a girdle and anklets, pointed shoes, etc. These are all so clear now that no further doubt is possible as to their nature and the way in which they were worn. The bulls, which are rendered with great spirit, resemble in form that on the wall painting from Tiryns; one, which is caught in a net, is doubled up in a contortion which recalls the strangely distorted animals on early gems. It is remarkable that most of the trees represented are palms.

"Another cup of silver has a prettily wrought gold rim, and numerous small ornaments in gold, silver, amber, etc., were found, including a delicate little pair of gold fishes cut out of a flat plate, with incised details. Some specimens of fine granulated work in gold closely resemble later Greek technique. Various strange bronze implements, large and small, and two stone arrow-heads, and an iron ring were found, and there were fragments, but no perfect specimens, of the beautiful inlaid swords. A bronze ax of peculiar form, with two apertures between the edge and the haft, is of interest and seems to confirm Dr. Warre's suggestion that it was through a line of axes of this form that Ulysses shot his arrow.

"The engraved gems, mostly of the 'island gem' type, were very numerous and had the usual representation of animals, monsters, and men; the dress, both of men and women, is clear in several instances and of the well-known types. There are two gems with the strange nondescript animal with a head like a goat (or horse) and a spiny back, carrying a jug (Milchhofer Iris); one gem has a pair of these monsters face to face, another has one. In many respects the Vaphio treasure seems to be intermediate between Mycenæ and primitive Greek art; if it really helps to bridge this gulf it will be of the utmost value and interest."

Ambergris And Amber.

Ambergris, which is used as a basis for nearly all standard perfumery, was found an unattractive mass floating on the surface of the sea or lodged upon the shore, says the *American Analyst*. How so unlikely a substance ever suggested itself as a perfume is unknown, but it has been in use for centuries, and it is only in comparatively recent times that its origin has become known. It is nothing more than the morbid secretion of the liver of a sick spermaceti whale. It is described as a fatty, waxy substance, disagreeable to sight or touch, but even in its crude state exhaling a pleasant odor. The crude substance is subjected to chemical action to extract the active principle, called amberine. It was recently reported that a Maine fisherman picked up a mass of the substance which nearly filled a barrel and is worth $25,000. This is probably an exaggeration both as to size and price, for the largest piece on record was found on the Windward islands, weighing 130 pounds. This was sold for about $2,600. Amber was also first found on the shores of the sea after severe storms. For a time its origin was unknown, but it was early put to use and regarded with a superstitious awe by the ancient Greeks and Romans, its peculiar electrical qualities being noted by them. It is now thought to be the gum of forest trees which perished ages and ages ago, the lands upon which they flourished having become the ocean's bed. Amber has no fixed value, the price being regulated wholly by size, quality, and other considerations. Drops of amber in which are embedded insects of those ancient times command fancy prices, while the more common kinds are used for making a certain kind of varnish and even in medicine. The world's supply of the two, amber and ambergris, does not wholly depend on what may be accidentally found. Dredging for amber is now systematically carried on by regularly organized companies, and all spermaceti whales killed by whalemen are subjected to a pretty thorough post-mortem examination, the find of ambergris in the monster's interior often being vastly more valuable than the oil extracted from his blubber overcoat.

EASTERN NEWS.

National Republican League Convention Will Meet March 4th.

A HARD SNOW STORM IN TEXAS.

Central Rubber Trust Mills Purchased by an English Syndicate.

J. W. Scott, of the Chicago Herald, was elected president of the American Newspaper association in New York.

Robert Henderson, who shot Miss Hattie Hind at Chicago, is dead. The young woman is also reported to be very low.

Thirteen women and three men implicated in the saloon wrecking at Spickardsville, Mo., were arrested. All gave bonds.

At the annual convention of the Sons of Benjamin, held in New York, Coroner Ferdinand Levy was re-elected grand master.

Ellison Mounts was hanged at Pikeville, Ky., for participating in the murder of Miss Alafair McCoy and her brother.

Escaping coal gas nearly suffocated Walter Puns and family, six in all, in Milwaukee. The recovery of one is doubtful.

Rev. J. F. Streichfus, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, of Chicago, was arrested, charged with insulting ladies on the street.

The house of J. W. Kerr, a farmer living near Washita, Kan., was destroyed by fire and Kerr's three children were burned to death.

In the trial of the alleged Cronin jury bribers in Chicago several witnesses testified that Clendenin offered them money to find for the defense.

An unprecedented snow storm has prevailed over a large area of Texas, and snow now lies on the ground from two to fourteen inches deep.

Isaac B. Sawtelle, wanted in Boston in connection with the mysterious disappearance of his brother Hiram, was arrested at Portland, Me.

The Willingham Lumber Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., was served with process praying for a receiver. The liabilities will exceed $100,000.

The second New York world's fair committee failed to agree, and the five members of the assembly from New York city were entrusted with the bill.

The boiler of a locomotive exploded near Pittsburg, killing Engineer John Ludwig and Flagman Charles Jenkins, and seriously injuring three other trainmen.

John Maginnis of Brooklyn mortally wounded Daniel Lyons, his brother-in-law, whom Maginnis accused of being intimate with the latter's wife, who is Lyons' sister.

The Manitoba legislature passed a resolution abolishing the use of French as the official language in that province. The French members will appeal to the throne.

Dr. Marvin Fosdyke of Almena, Mich., was shot and fatally wounded. Albert A. Fosdyke, county surveyor, and brother of Dr. Fosdyke, was arrested on suspicion.

W. H. Pray, aged twenty-three, who murdered Verner Fisher, a child, at Weymouth, Mass., because he wanted to go to a funeral, has been declared insane.

During a prayer meeting at the house of Edward Randall, near Lebanon, Ind., some unknown person fired through the window, mortally wounding Mrs. Randall.

The Democratic members of the Ohio legislature have at last united upon a congressional redistricting scheme. It gives the Democrats fifteen out of twenty-one districts.

Ross Burth, a member of Primrose and West's minstrels, died from a self-inflicted stab wound, while playing an engagement in St. Louis. Despondency caused by ill health.

It is rumored that Edward Futvoye, Baltimore agent of the Furness line of steamers, has gone to Europe, taking $35,000 of the company's money and a woman not his wife.

At Lexington, Mo., William Bolles was shot and killed and Frank Wells injured by Sheridan Stoner, who, with others, was trying to break up a farmers' alliance meeting.

Mrs. Carrie M. Sawyer, Miss Kittie Ranger and Frank Burke were arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses while giving a dark cabinet seance in Chicago.

An English syndicate has purchased the mills of the Central Rubber Trust of Trenton, N. J. There are seven Trenton companies in the trust. The amount involved is over $3,000,000.

A mass meeting on the silver question was held in New York to agitate the question of free coinage. Gen. A. J. Warner, chairman of the national silver committee, and others made addresses.

The preparations are almost completed for the National Republican League convention which meets in Nashville, Tenn., on March 4 next. About one thousand delegates will attend.

The first session of the department of superintendence of the National Educational association commenced in New York. The first day was devoted to routine work and the discussion of a paper.

The first annual banquet of the Atlanta (Ga.) chambers of commerce was held recently. About four hundred guests, including many of the most prominent men in the country, were present.

At Erie, Pa., a masked man frightfully injured Miss Emma Fisher, a prominent young lady, by throwing vitriol in her face, and shot and seriously wounded Dennis McCarty, the young lady's accepted lover.

The twenty-second annual convention of the National American Woman's suffrage association opened at Washington. Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the president, gave a long sketch of the woman suffrage movement.

The Jennings divorce was set aside by Judge Colling in Chicago, and makes Mrs. Addie Jennings' marriage to John B. Webber, the Boston millionaire, no marriage at all. This case has figured prominently in the courts for some time.