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NEW AND CURIOUS.

A Lord Kelvin has predicted that the oxygen will in time be exhausted, so that everybody will smother.

A few days ago in Paterson, N. J., says "Electricity", the X-ray was probably the means of saving the life of a fifteen-months-old child who had swallowed a nickel which had lodged in its throat. The X-ray picture showed the exact location of the coin and enabled the delicate and dangerous operation known as esophagotomy to be safely performed.

Buffalo, N. Y., is now trying an automobile wagon for the collection of mail. The mail from forty boxes, covering a territory six miles in length, was collected in less than half the time necessary to cover the same route with a horse and wagon. The experiment will be continued, and if it continues to work satisfactorily it is believed that a number of automobiles will be placed in regular commission in connection with the postal service in that and other cities.

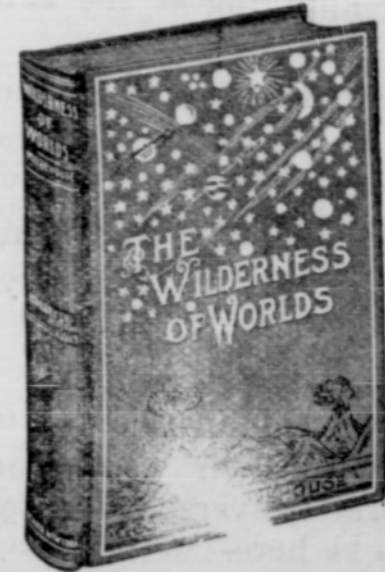
An English inventor has built an experimental railway in Belgium over which he has run cars around sharp curves at a speed of 150 miles per hour. A practical commercial line is to be constructed between Liverpool and Manchester, England. The roadway is A-shaped, with a single track, and the car is a "double decker, 60 feet long, and hangs one-half on each side of the A-shaped trestle. The motive power is electricity, and the car carries four motors weighing three tons each. The cost of construction is estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000 per mile, but the smaller cost of operation is expected to reduce the total cost below that of the steam railway.

The daily papers have of late contained reports of death in various cities attributed to self-administration of unknown remedies. The other day a woman in Pittsburg died twenty minutes after swallowing a powder for the relief of headache. This is said to be the fifth death in that city alone recently set down to the same cause. Such instances teach the nostrum-loving American people very slowly. The report of the physicians who have recently made an autopsy in the case of a lady in Detroit is said to show that death was hastened by the use of secret headache powders. It would seem but right that the ingredients of all nostrums sold in drugstores should appear upon the package. This would protect in a measure both the druggist and the purchaser.

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