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A French publication, devoted to the automobile industry, says there are in existence 10,000 of these vehicles, over half of which are owned in France.

Liquid asphalt is being employed to sprinkle the highways of Kern County, Cal., near Bakersfield. The indications are that the experiment will be successful.

Dr. Lange, of Munich, has an apparatus for photographing the interior of the stomach. The camera, which is also provided with an electric lamp, is swallowed by the patient and operated by means of wires and cords.

According to The Canadian Engineer, the last relic of the first epoch of railway engineering in Canada is passing away in the form of the tubular bridge which spans the Ottawa River, near its junction with the St. Lawrence, and a truss bridge is to be erected in its place. The old bridge is not only the last of the tubular bridges in Canada, but is also the last on this continent, so that its removal is really a historical event.

Some interesting experiments in wireless telegraphy have recently been carried on between the Blue Hill Observatory and the Harvard Memorial Tower in Cambridge, Mass., the distance being about twelve miles. The results have been encouraging, although there is considerable disturbance, owing to the many electrical influences in the vicinity. Special attention is being devoted to the elimination of these disturbing factors. The experiments are being carried on under the direction of Prof. A. L. Rotch. The apparatus at the Blue Hill Observatory is attached to a kite.

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Dr. A. McGill, in a report to the Inland Revenue Department, Ottawa, Canada, casts considerable doubt on the food value of meat extracts, and observes that much experimental work must be done before final pronouncements can be made on the subject. His experiments suggest that a part of the nitrogen in some meat extracts exists as urea, and he concludes that apart from any nutritive value which they have, these flesh bases undoubtedly possess a stimulant action on the system, analogous to that exhibited by the alkaloids of tea, coffee and cocoa, and it is beyond question that to this stimulating effect, rather than to any true nutritive power, they owe such value as they possess.

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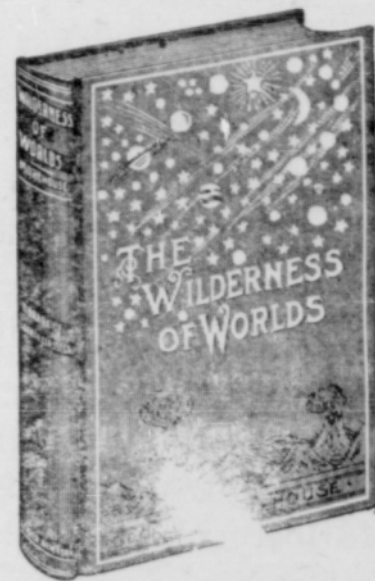
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