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Steel ties on the Mexican Southern Railway have given great satisfaction, and they will be adopted by the entire line, 228 miles long. According to the Railway Review, these ties have been used for eight years on 141 miles of the line.

The sum of \$7,550 has been given by Profs. Haeckel, Conrad and Fraas to be awarded for the best essays submitted on the application of the Darwinian theory to international political development and legislation. The essays must all be submitted prior to December, 1902.

A curious accident recently occurred at Quebec which resulted in the fatal injury of a man. According to The Western Electrician, he was pressing ashes into a cylinder, holding in his hand a long iron rod; the rod in some way met with an obstruction, causing him to raise it up quickly, thus breaking a globe of an arc light which was over his head, and so forming a circuit by which the current passed down into his body, resulting in his death.

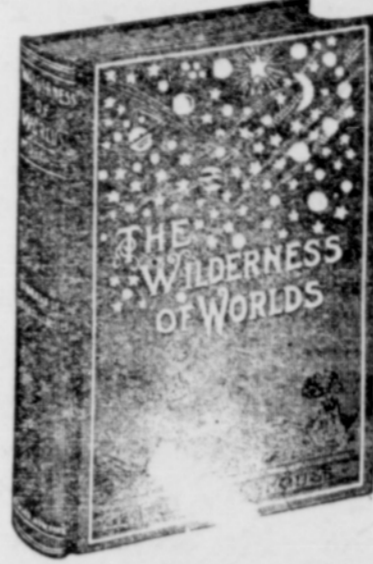
The Paris Exposition will be brilliantly illuminated at night. There will be 3116 incandescent lamps at the great entrance gate in addition to twelve very large arc lights; on the cupola and minarets there will be eight searchlights, and sixteen simple reflector lights upon the pylons. The Alexander III. bridge will be lighted by 508 incandescent lamps of 117 candle power. The Electricity building will be lighted by 5,000 incandescent lamps, 8 searchlights and 4 plain arc projectors. On the water palace there will be 1098 incandescent lamps. In all, says the Electrical Review, there will be 12,554 lights. These will only light the buildings as far as the Exposition authorities are concerned. Private individuals, corporations, etc., will, of course, require many thousand lamps for lighting their exhibits. There will be 174 arc lights on the Champs Elysees.

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