EDISON.

The Alleged Misfortunes Which Have Overtaken the Electric King.

Although the system of lighting New York houses with the incandescent electric light has made great strides during the last three years, and although we now have one whole district of nearly a square mile partially lighted by the Edison system, it can not be said that the business has been a bonanza for any one concerned, not even Edison himself. It has been generally supposed, however, that the wizard of Menlo Park has so managed things as to derive considerable personal profit out of his patents. Consequently I was somewhat surprised to day to learn upon good authority that Edison is now far from a rich man, and has very little authority even in the company of which he is supposed to be the head. Like all inventors, he believed that there were millions in his patents, and although he got enough ready money out of the company to enable him to live comfortably, he took most of his pay in stock. Now, while the Edison Company has done a tremendous amount of work in making the lamps, laying mains, and introducing its system, the expenses have been enormous. It is a new business, and every step was more or less of an experiment; much work had to be done over two or three times, and many costly blunders were made. The result has been that the stockholders have not seen much money in the shape of dividends, and Edison, relying largely upon his stock for reward, has practically nothing. Besides, there has been a good deal of disappointment in the company over this state of things and an attempt was made nearly six months ago to turn Edison out, at least, to render his position of no authority. It was claimed that he was no business man which is probably true, and that the company could get on better without him, which is probably untrue. For a time Edison succeeded in beating his opponents. I hear now, however, that they are getting the upper hand, and that Edison's voice in the management of the concern which bears his name is seldom heard.

Out of the quadruplex apparatus for sending four messages along one wire at the same time Edison made the money with which he began his electric light experiments. He was sufficiently well known in 1877 to attract the attention of capitalists to his schemes, and the stock of the Edison Electric Light Company, after the tremendous newspaper advertising he got in 1878, rose to fabulous prices. I remember that early in 1879 Edison's stock was quoted at $2,000 for each one hundred dollar share. If Edison had not had faith in his own scheme, he might have sold out then and have been a rich man to-day. He kept his stock, and worked night and day in the service of the company. Like most new things, there were difficulties, delays and expenses of which no one dreamed. It took him a year more than he calculated to get his system in operation, and the cost was double the estimates. It had been announced that the new light would cost far less than gas. As a matter of fact it costs far more, and it was not long after the company got its works in operation that the stock fell in value and Edison found himself with a good deal of fame to show for his eight years' work, but with but very little money.

Since the first station was opened, two years ago this coming summer, very little money had been made, and the work of extending the business has been slow. In the way of putting in isolated plants some money has been made, but not by Edison personally. Of late matters have gone from bad to worse, and I am sorry to say that the famous inventor shows signs of being bitterly disappointed. He is no business man, and spends more money on experiments than would suffice to support five ordinary families; hence his present financial depression. Fortunately, he is likely at any moment to bring forth something new, and there are always plenty of men ready to put money into his schemes. He is now living quietly in a little flat off Broadway in Eighteenth street, for which he pays a thousand a year, and working hard at a device for telegraphing between a moving train and stations along the line. There is already one company with a similar project and an apparatus for achieving this result, but Edison thinks he can do better.—*N. Y. Cor. Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier.*

GLADSTONE'S WIFE.

Personal Characteristics of One of the Leading Women in the World.

Mr. Gladstone is accused of being jolly and jaunty of late, but it is not always mentioned that on all festive occasions, whether at an artist breakfast or a theater party, Mrs. Gladstone is always at his side, as was the case with Mrs. Disraeli and her lord. Though not handsome, she has a fine, kindly, English-matron presence, and has exercised great influence over him all through his life. "Let me ask Catharine" was a constant saying of his before deciding on important political questions. She has great sagacity and discretion. Many ladies and gentlemen of remarkable astuteness in their own estimation have endeavored in vain to glean from her the faintest inkling of coming events, and her aplomb is as remarkable as her discretion.

An instance is going the rounds of the clubs. When, two years ago, Mr. Fortescue resigned the Secretaryship for Ireland in Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet he was very anxious to hear what Mr. Gladstone would say of him in announcing the event, but was unwilling to appear upon the scene. He therefore, instead of taking his ordinary place, made his way to the ladies' cage. The only occupant he discovered on entering was the one of all others he would have avoided seeing—Mrs. Gladstone. He was about to evince his discomposure in the rugged spasmodic way peculiar to that flower of Quaker subtlety, and which was a subject occasionally of unpleasant observation on his visit here, when the lady, perfectly at her ease, held up her finger, and, shaking her head with an air of tender reproval, whispered in a low tone: "Naughty, naughty." Unlike Lady Beaconsfield, who entertained very little, and when she did with great discrimination, Mrs. Gladstone entertains with a large and promiscuous hospitality, never troubles herself about the amalgamation of her guests and is systematically indifferent to their assortment at table.—*Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.*

—Miss Miggs—"I hope, my dear, that you don't go to the theater alone." Estelle—"No, indeed. I never think of going unless I am chaperoned." Miss Miggs—"Unless you are what?" Estelle—"Chaperoned." Miss Miggs—"That is the way with me. I always like to have a chap around."—*Drake's Magazine.*

A CAMPAIGN SECRET GIVEN AWAY.

In the campaign of 1884 the two candidates for governor in a "pivotal" Western State arranged for a series of joint discussions. Both men were popular, both of fine appearance and were so well matched in mental force and as orators that the contest between them promised to be a magnificent one. For several weeks the scales balanced evenly.

But one day the brilliant Republican candidate came up ailing. He seemed overcome and spoke laboredly. The next day he was even less effective. Later he was compelled to ask his opponent for a postponement of certain appointments, which was granted. Before the campaign ended he had abandoned the field altogether.

Meantime the Democratic candidate continued his canvass, seeming to grow stronger, cheerier and more effective with each succeeding week. He was elected. One evening in December while entertaining several gentlemen he said:

"I will tell you a campaign secret—which gave me the election. With the opening of my campaign I began caring for my liver. I knew that a disordered or torpid liver meant dullness or possible sickness. I took something every day. When my opponent began failing I knew his trouble to be his liver and felt like prescribing for him, but feared if I did so he might beat me! I grew stronger as the campaign progressed, often making two speeches a day. Even my voice, to my surprise, did not fail me once. All because Warner's safe cure kept me in A 1 trim." Ex-Governor Jacob of Kentucky, also made a campaign tour under precisely similar circumstances and says he kept up under the exhausting strain by use of the same means.—*Rochester Union.*

PERSIAN HORSES.

What the Animals Are Worth and Their Peculiarities of Gait.

Railroads have never been built in Persia, and it may be some time before they are built. The character of the country is such that it is difficult to lay railroads from the north, and the character of the people and customs are also such as not to make them especially anxious on the subject, although a change of sentiment is perceptible. Until late years carriages have also been unknown, and only in the vicinity of Teheran is this possible. For these reasons horses and donkeys have always been employed to a large extent.

The Persians have from earliest times been noted for horsemanship. The Persian horses, although full of spirit, are generally far more gentle in disposition than American horses. The usual paces are a very fast walk, a canter and a run. The trot is not a favorite gait in the East, and I am quite of the opinion of Orientals that it is a gait far more fatiguing for long rides than the gallop, and only fit for carriage-horses.

A strong horse six years old can be bought at Teheran for forty-five dollars. A very superior blood horse can be bought for three hundred and fifty to four hundred dollars. The average price for a good and handsome steed is sixty dollars.

The stables are generally very primitive affairs, each horse having a separate manger composed of stone and mud, built against the garden-wall, with a few branches thrown over to keep off the sun, for during nine months there is scarcely any dew or rain. Each horse is also tethered by the hind foot to a spike driven into the ground. But the greatest care is taken, notwithstanding, in regard to the health of these horses. They are always carefully blanketed, and in cold weather or after nightfall hardly anything can be seen of them but the ears and tail, they are so completely muffled with blankets of felt.

Of course the royal stables are more elaborate affairs. One gets a glimpse of horse life in Persia in ancient times when he reads in history of the way in which Darius Hystaspes was elected to the throne. I will not tell you the story, because if you have not heard it, it will interest you to look it up yourself. But the royal stables of Persia have always been stocked with hundreds and thousands of picked steeds, fit for state pageants, hunting and war. The importance attached to this branch of the King's household brought about the custom which existed from time immemorial, until within the present reign, that a fugitive from the wrath of the King could find a sanctuary in the royal stables. So long as he remained there he was safe. The present Shah has two thousand mares in the valley of the Lar alone. This is a remarkable winding depression in the mountains, forty miles from Teheran and eleven thousand feet above the sea.

The donkeys of Persia play an important part in the affairs of the country, by far the larger part of the trade of Persia being conducted on the backs of these long-suffering little beasts. As one travels over the hard mountain roads he constantly encounters large droves of the minutest donkeys, wending their way among the rocks to the tinkle of little bells, bearing the exports and imports of Persia on their backs. A peculiarity of all the donkeys used for this business is the conformation of their nostrils, which are twice the length seen elsewhere. It seems the Persians have an idea that the donkey breathes easier in traveling over such an elevated country by having the nostrils enlarged. The nostrils of the Persian donkeys are therefore slit up for three to four inches.

In no country in the world can such a variety of the genus donkey be found. The finest variety are milk-white, and the size of small mules. They sometimes bring the price of good horses, for they are in special demand for gentlemen of quiet disposition, and for women. The latter as well as the former always ride astide, and a group of women riding to town on donkeys, muffled as if in grave-clothes, is a wonderful spectacle. These women are, however, not as solemn as one might infer from their funereal appearance. Under their veils they laugh and chatter merrily enough, and seem to be full of fun.—*S. G. W. Benjamim, in Youth's Companion.*

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LATE NEWS SUMMARY.

Foreign and Domestic.

Chicago sends out seventeen hundred drummers for business.

Minnesota's population has increased 338,000 during the past five years.

In the Louisiana sugar industry there exists unprecedeated depression.

Two ladies captured by brigands in Turkey were ransomed for $40,000.

James A. Farmer was struck and killed by lightning near Greencastle, Ind.

Since the appearance of cholera in Spain 70,000 people have fallen victims to it.

King Alfonso is soon to publish a book describing his visit to Germany in 1883.

A sea turtle eight feet long and weighing nearly 900 lbs was landed near Boston.

Six men were killed in a coal mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., by rock falling down the shaft.

At Mossville, Illinois, Wm. Palmborg walked off an excursion boat and was drowned.

Six young girls were drowned by the upsetting of a boat in the river at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

A general strike of tin-can makers has caused the suspension of that industry in Baltimore.

Two intoxicated men fought a duel with knives at Ocoquan, Va., and one was fatally wounded.

The terms of a commercial agreement between Spain and the United States have been agreed upon.

At Spokane Falls W. T., Peter Kinney, a gambler, was shot and killed by James Carter, a sporting man.

Fifty thousand tons of ore are mined, milled, smelted and marketed in Butte, Montana, every thirty days.

The census of New Mexico, just completed, gives the Territory 159,000, an increase in five years of about 40,000.

Near Washington, Pa., the house of Wm. Miller was struck by lightning, instantly killing Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

At Corpus Christi, Texas, a Mexican shot and killed his wife, aged 14, and then suicided by cutting his throat.

In a quarrel over a game of cards at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Geo. Fuller was shot dead by Elijah Craven.

It is rumored in London that Germany's seizure of the Caroline Islands was only preliminary to the seizure of Cuba.

Lightning broke up a camp meeting at Patterson's Grove, Pa., injuring several people and causing a general panic.

A collison occurred on the London under-ground railroad, one person being killed and six others fatally injured.

By the upsetting of a canoe in the Potomac river, Mrs. Della Setta and Young Morgan, son of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, were drowned.

Eight persons were killed and many injured by a boiler explosion on the steamer Argo, near Trieste, Germany.

Reports from nearly every portion of Illinois and the adjoining States say the crop of fruit was never before so large.

Pullman has subscribed $25,000 towards the success of the New Orleans Exposition, which reopens on the 10th of November.

The removal of cattle from Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation is progressing as rapidly as the conditions will permit.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has paid the Government $5,000,000, loaned last session on security of $8,000,000 bonds.

A boy living near Corpus Christi, Texas, was bitten on the neck by a venomous spider, from the effects of which he soon died.

At Greensburg, Md., Bonny Conner, a notorious desperado, was shot and killed by Marshal Clemons while resisting arrest.

Tramps made a raid on the refreshment counter of an excursion steamer near New York. One of them was shot and killed.

Sara Bernhardt has signed a contract for an American tour of 225 performances between May, 1886, and May, 1887, at $400 each.

It is reported from New York that John W. Mackey, the bonanza king, is negotiating for the purchase of the New York *Herald.*

Casey, the high-salaried pitcher of the Detroit Base Ball Club, has been indefinitely suspended without pay, for insubordination.

The Ontario silver mine at Park City, Utah, has just paid its one hundredth dividend, amounting in the aggregate to $6,500,000.

Russia's endeavor to suppress the German language in the Baltic provinces has aroused the German press to extreme indignation.

A. D. Swan, one of the most prominent and wealthiest citizens of Lawrence, Mass., was shot and instantly killed by H. R. Goodwin.

Lieut. Gen. J. H. M. Babington, of the British Army, was killed in the County of Dumfries, Scotland, by the accidental discharge of his gun.

The wife of Henry Valet, an old and well-known citizen of Red Bud, Ill., committed suicide by jumping head foremost into a forty-foot well.

At Rock Springs, Wyoming, the white miners fired Chinatown and drove the Chinese, numbering 500, into the hills. Fifteen Chinamen were killed.

William Brackaway, a prominent farmer of Waterford, Conn., in a fit of jealousy, shot his wife and afterwards sent a bullet through his own body.

So strong is the belief that Gen. Gordon escaped from Khartoum and fled to the equator, that an expedition is being organized in London to search for him.

At Winterstown, N. Y., while Rev. J. F. Schulz was delivering a Grant memorial sermon in the Evangelical Church, he was assaulted and knocked down by a man named Fulton.

At Ashland, Ohio, Willie Moon, nine years, while playing with his father's musket, accidentally discharged the gun. The ball struck his little sister, aged six years, and killed her.

Patrick Mullen and Daniel Donovan, section men on the C. R. I. & P. R. R., were run over and instantly killed by a switch engine at Chicago. Two others were seriously injured.

The schooner Poholki capsized off the coast of Hawaii, and the Captain, his wife and child and two members of the crew were drawn under the water by sharks before aid could reach them.

Many thousand Polish and Russian Jews have been expelled from towns in the eastern provinces of Prussia. Many have been ordered to leave who have performed German military service.

A wagon load of dynamite exploded near Lakefield, Pa. Two men named Morton and Simons, and their horses were blown to pieces. The shock was felt for miles around the surrounding country.

Frank James is living quietly on the Ralston farm, near Independence, Mo., quite poor, and does not know how he will get through this winter. He refuses to go on the stage or write a history of his life.

Maj. Aaron Stafford, the last surviving officer of the war of 1812, died at his residence in Waterville, Oneida county, New York, September 6th, in the 99th year of his age, having retained his mental faculties to the last.

Dispatches from Madrid say the excitement over the German occupation of the Caraline Islands is intense, and the populace is wild with rage. Prominent Spaniards say the affair must now end either by war or revolution.

At Emporia, Kansas, the Coroner's Jury found Mrs. Walkup guilty of poisoning her husband. The verdict caused surprise and consternation among the friends of the beautiful young wife of one month. She has many wealthy relations who will spare no pains to clear her of the terrible charge.

A. Lockie, an old resident of Johnson City, Texas, was accused by relatives of a heinous crime. The matter preyed upon his mind, and he perpetrated a series of horrible murders. He shot and killed his 14-year-old daughter, Barry Lockie and wife and Mr. Stokes and wife. His cartridges being exhausted he procured a knife and cut the throat of Mrs. Henry Lockie, and fatally wounded Thos. Brunswick. He then cut his own throat, but not seriously. Lockie was lynched.

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THE RED SEA.

A Journey Down Its Treacherous Waters—How the English Secured the Island of Perim.

To begin with the early morning, we were offered the accustomed tea and coffee, under the name of "chota hazeri"—i. e., small breakfast. Next we noticed that our luncheon was transformed into "tiffin," and that as we sat in the cabin silent Hindu lads squatted on the floor, pulling punkahs to keep us cool, and at the same time blowing away all our papers, till some kind sailor friends supplied us with leaden weights. Evidently we were on the highway to some strangely new state of existence. The ship's company, too, seemed to comprise samples of all the Oriental races: Chinese quartermasters, Malays, Lascars, splendid Nubian stokers, British officers. There were Hindus, Mohammedans, Confucians, Buddhists, and Christians. The Captain's servant, who waited upon us, was a Kitmutgar of the true stamp—turbaned, white robed, barefooted—a Mohammedan of course, else how could he supply us with genuine roast beef? The fruits, too, at desert were new—bunches of plantains, like creamy confectionery; guavas, like indifferent pears, but hateful to smell; pummeloes, like huge oranges with pink flesh, and scarlet pomegranates, duly prepared with wine and sprinkled with spices. The very rocks were altogether strange to us. Wonderful volcanic masses, like giant heaps of tinder and slag round some antediluvian smelting furnace, masses of red and green and black lava cutting sharp against pale yellow earth make these freaks of nature as strange in color as in form. One group bears the name of the Twelve Apostles. Then comes Bab-el-Mandeb—the Gate of Death—of Hell—or of Tears, as I heard it variously rendered. It was suggestive of all three as we first beheld it, standing out in purple relief against a ground of fiery sunrise, while clouds and sea were alike somber and solemn. It received its very suggestive name from the Arabs of old on account of the dangers of its navigation. So numerous were the shipwrecks between these cruel gates that when any man starts on this voyage he was held to have indeed entered the jaws of death, and his family wailed and put on mourning for him as though he were already dead. Just opposite this headland lies the small island of Perim, commanding the entrance to the straits. On it stands a lighthouse and a small fort, both of very recent date. The story told concerning the annexation of this island is curious. From the beginning of time nobody had coveted so arid a rock, till one day it occurred to France that it might prove a useful post on. So in January, 1857, the French brig of war Nasus, eighteen guns, was dispatched to take possession, and very naturally she halted at Aden, where her officers were invited to mess, in the course of which, wine being in and wit out, so far as to loosen tongues, they divulged their mission. No comment was made, but Brigadier Coghlan, (afterward Sir William Coghlan,) the commandant, silently wrote a few words on a slip of paper, which was at once dispatched to Lieutenant Templer, commanding the Indian navy schooner Mahi, five guns. Not a moment was lost, and the Mahi immediately sped on her way to Perim, and there hoisted the British flag—to the no small amazement and disgust of the loquacious envoys on their arrival there the following day.—*Gentleman's Magazine.*

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—It is reckoned that the marble business of Rutland, Vt., has trebled in the last ten years in production and in wages paid. The total amount of sales in 1884 approximated $2,000,000, and this year it is likely to exceed that.—*Troy Times.*

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