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A Reminiscence of Elias Howe

At the outbreak of the rebellion,

At the outbreak of the rebellion, when he was a millionaire, he en-listed as a private to show his patriot-ism and independence. Money grew scarce, and his regiment, which was sent south, was left unpaid for three months. At the end of that time Howe, in his private's uniform, one day entered the office of the Guarter-master and asked when the soldiers of the regiment were to be paid. "I don't know," replied the Quar-termaster.

termaster. "Well, how much is owed them ?" blandly asked the private. "What is that to you?" said the

storekeeper with a look of surprise.

"Oh, nothing," replied Howe, nonchalantly; "only if you figure out the amount I'll give you my check for the whole business."

"Who are you?" gasped the

"Elias Howe; and my check is good for the pay of the entire army."

The Quatermaster made out the bills, and Howe gave him his check for three months' pay for his regi-ment. The Government afterwards reimbursed him.--[Baltimore Herald.

Trifles Light as Air.

The fellows who are waiting for the

office to seek the man are getting awfully tired.—[Texas Siftings. Never call a man a liar. Tell him that he is fully capable of holding a position in the weather bureau.— [Brooklyn Times.

"Everybody cried when Nevada sang 'Home Sweet Home.' Even

the mezzanine boxes were in tiers.

moon is over .-- [Boston Transcript.

a possible warning to spring poets, advertises himself in his own paper

Costness in the Witness Box.

A case has been on trial in Frank

lin county, Ga., for several years, and Frank Garner, one of the witnesses. is a man who was never known to be

embarrassed. The father of the present Judge was at one time Judge

of the same circuit, and Mr. Garner

knew the first Judge Hutchins, but had never met the present Judge. At the last trial, a short time ago, when

he was put upon the witness stand, he turned to the Judge, saying : "Are

you a son of old Judge Hutchins?" "Yes, sir," courteously replied his Honor. "Say." let's shake hands;

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Astonishing Invention that Threatens the Morse System.

An invention has recently been per-

lected at Philadelphia that bids fair

to revolutionize all existing systems of electrical communication, both telegraphic and telephonic. The se-

cret of it has been carefully guarded by the inventors, and by the small company of large capitalists who con-trol it while it was being fully covered by patents, both American and for-

be suddenly sprung upon the public by an exhibition, as one of the gigan-

tic scientific surprises of the country. To state in brief what it is, it is noth-

ing less than making telegraphy as simple, rapid, and easily within the command of everybody as is the oper-

cess offices throughout the United

States where there have hitherto been none, and of taking the place gener-ally of the telephone. Any person who can pick out a word on the keys of a type-writer can transmit a mes-

sage by the Hathaway system accur-ately and with rapidity, only restricted by the speed of the picking; while, as

for receiving messages, the instrument does that automatically, whether there is anybody superintending its

operation or not. There was a private exhibition of the system to day at

the company's offices, No. 327 Wal-nut street, the result attained at which seemed to fully sustain all that

is claimed for this most remarkable

The instrument used is both a

transmitter and a receiver. The two instruments used in this exhibition

were connected by about 109 miles of wire coiled about the offices. Each ap-peared in its front part to be simply

an ordinary type-writer, with the let-ters, numerals, etc., on raised keys. Behind this rises a small column,

with blank paper wrapped around it and moved up line by line, as re-quired by a simple device. Inside that column is a small hammer that

strikes outwardly, so as to, whenever a key is touched, press the paper

against the periphery of a horizontal wheel that lies between the key-board

and the column. On that periphery,

in high relief, are the letters of the

alphabet, numerals, and points for punctuation. The wheel spins around

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