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PNEUMATICS.

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Atmospheric Pressure as a Motive Power.

The Experiments that Have Been Made in England, and How They Have Succeeded.

Description of the Tubes, Trucks, and Exhausting Apparatus.

Projects for Introducing the Pneumatic Despatch into the United States.

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The employment of any one of the forces of nature as a motive power has always at the outset encountered a strong opposition, and generally not a little ridicule ; although it can be said, for the credit of mankind, that this ridicule springs only from the ignorant, and the opposition mainly from those whose temporary interest will be incommoded to some extent by the change. The history of the discovery and gradual application of steam to its present manifold uses affords a sufficient illustration of this fact. But now that the world is encircled with iron tracks, and every ocean, lake, and river traversed by vessels thus propelled, the thoughtful men who are never content with the achievements of the present are earnestly inquiring as to whether there is not another motive power which nature, in the richness of her stores, still holds in reserve. This spirit, which will never rest from its researches so long as there is a remote possibility of adding to the present stock of the world's knowledge and experience, has within the past few years been richly rewarded by the adaptation of atmospheric pressure as a motive power. The achievements of this new motor, and the manner in which it is made to operate, will be best understood by a description of the experiments which have been made in this connection.

The First Pneumatic Despatch.

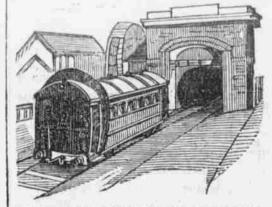
The first attempt to transport loads through a closed tube by means of atmospheric pressure, was made at Battersea Fields, London, in the month of July, 1861, resulting in a most nnequivocal success. Twenty years previous to this an experimental atmospheric railway had been attempted, the main difference between the two being that in the railway the load was drawn upon rails immediately outside the tube, while in the Battersea Fields experiment the load was drawn through the tube itself. In the accompanying cut are represented the tube, the car, and the machinery by which the one is propelled through the other.

tance of 1800 feet, between the District Post Office in Eversholt street and the Euston Ter minus of the London and Northwestern Railway. At the latter point the Pneumatic Mail Despatch is terminated in a small one-story building. The tube is of cast-iron, arched at the top and nearly flat at the bottom, and is nearly three feet in dimensions each way. The rails pass through the wall at one side running into a short tunnel opposite, which answers the purpose of a buffer, to check the velocity of the truck when necessary, which but seldom happens. The trucks are made of iron, of the same shape as the tube, but small enough to leave a clear space of an inch all around. The route of the tube is under the yards and streets, and at some points has a down grade of one inch in eighty feet. The tube has three curves, which were rendered necessary by the locality; and the ease and flexibility with which the trucks dart around them prove conclusively that there is no necessity for making the tube entirely straight. Two of these curves are at the railway station, and are constructed upon a radius of one hundred and ten feet each; while the third curve, which is located at the other end, has a radius of only forty feet. The tube terminates at the post office station in a small building underground, in the manner already described. The trucks are prolled one way by exhausting the air in front them, and the other way by forcing the air into the tube behind. With an ordinary cylinder engine of forty pounds pressure, a velocity

which is as great as the necessities of the case demand. Transportation of Passengers by Atmospheric Pressure.

of sixty miles an hour has been attained.

But atmospheric pressure has been applied to the carriage of passengers, as well as of mails and other inactive matter. A pneumatic passenger railway has been in successful operation on the grounds of the Crystal Palace at London. The tube in this case has the dimensions of a tunnel, being ten feet in height and nine feet in width, and constructed of brick. This tunnel is about six hundred yards in length, and extends from the Sydenham entrance to the Penge Gate. It contains a single line of rails, and is provided with opening and closing valves at each end, together with all the necessary pneumatic machinery. The pneumatic carriage and the entrance to the tunnel are shown in the accompanying eut.



THE PNEUMATIC PASSENGER CAR AT SYDENHAM. This tunnel was purposely constructed with several curves, and with a steeper ascent from each end towards the centre than is to be found on any railway. The fan-wheel and disk, by means of which the air is exhausted or forced into the tunnel, are constructed on the same principle as in the pnematic despatch at Battersea Fields, already described. The carriage will accommodate thirty-five persons, who enter through sliding doors of glass at either end. Attached to it is an iron framework, a little naller in dimensions than the tunnel, and proecting from this on all sides is a heavy brush of bristles, which fits closely to the sides of the tunnel, thus preventing the escape of the air. When the carriage enters the tunnel, it passes over a deep air-well, covered with grating. Up this well the disk forces a strong current of air, immediately closing the iron doors, which operate like lock-gates, at the end. The air then accumulates in the space between these doors and the carriage, until the pressure is sufficiently strong to force the carriage, with its living freight, up the inclined plane. Arriving at the summit, its own momentum carries it to the further end. When the carriage is ready for the return journey, the air exhausted by the revolution of the disk, being forced through a large side-aperture, as the doors are still kept closed. The vacuum thus created in front of the car causes it to start from the ordinary pressure of the atmosphere in the rear, and with great rapidity it shoots up the inclined plane as before, and is carried down the descent by its own momentum, the doors flying open in time to permit it to emerge once more into the daylight. With an atmospheric pressure of but two ounces and a half to the square inch, the distance of six hundred vards is performed in the momentary space of fifty econds.

ment in this line was first made over a dis-tance of 1800 feet, between the District Post and express companies which collect and FOUR distribute in the city every day about 5000 packages, and a dozen minor companies through whose hands about 15,000 additional packages pass daily. Excluding the vehicles of these companies, which are not required to take out licenses from the city, and there are in New York 1300 licensed express-wagons, which carry hither and thither about 30,000 different parcels every day. In addition to these, there are 7000 public cartmen, 1000 carts owned and employed by wholesale merchants, 2000 by manufacturers, 2000 by butchers and bakers, and 3000 by grocers, which gives a grand total of 16,300 vehicles employed in the transportation of packages from one sec-tion of the city to another. Allowing to each wagon the small average of thirty packages per day, and we have about 500,000, to which the 100,000 packages carried in hand by errand boys and porters should be added, giving the total average at 600,000 packages. The cost of the horses and wagons employed in this business-valuing the former at \$300 and the latter at \$200 each-is at least \$8,500,000. These figures present some idea of the capital and amount of business on which the Pneumatic Despatch system would rest for a foundation. When it is remembered that the average cost of carrying each package at present is seventeen cents, and that this would be reduced to ten cents by the general adoption of the Pneumatic system, some idea of the economy of the latter is conveyed to the mind.

With the above figures before them, certain parties in New York are now discussing the adoption of the pneumatic system in all seriousness. The plans under discussion are those of Mr. Alfred E. Beach. One of them, which has for its object the collection of letters at different points, and their transportation to the Central Post Office, is represented in the accompanying cut.



Financial and Commercial Advices. By the Atlantic Oable.

By the Atlantic Guole. LIVERPOOL, April 2-2 P. M.-The duliness in the cotton market continues, and prices have slightly declined. Middling Uplands are now quoted at 12%d. Breadstuffs-The: market is firmer and prices ar. advancing. Corn is now quoted at 40s.6d. (alifornis wheat has advanced 2d., and is now quoted at 30s.8d. LONDON, April 2-2 P. M.-A demoted to

droted at 30s, 8d. LONDON, ADT.1 2-2 P. M.-A despatch re-ceived from Dublin to-day says that a party of British troops, while searching for Feulans in the country near that city, yesterday, came upon three of them, who were fully armed and equipped. The troops fired upon them, killed one, and another, who subsequently proved to be the notorions McClure, was captured. The third escaped.

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Advices received here from Bombay state that the growth of cotton in that region has been greatly increased.
LONDON, April 2.—Evening.—Consols, 91; U. S. 5-20s, 75; Illinois Central, 79; Erie, 89%.
FRANKFORT, April 2.—U. S. 5-20s, 78; PARIS, April 2.—U. S. 5-20s, 78; ILIVERPOOL, April 2.—Cotton dull; sales of 7000 bales uplands, 12% (313). The advices from Manchester are uninvorable. Breadstuffs are firm; red western Wheat, 13s. 3d.; California wheat, 3s. 6d. Provisions generally unchanged. Beef advanced 2s, 6d., closing at 127s. 6d. Lard 49s., a decline of 6d. Other articles unchanged.

FROM WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

WASHINGTON, April 2.

Doings in the Senate To-Day. Mr. Johnson (Md.) rose to a privileged ques-tion, and defended Philip Frank Thomas, Sena-tor elect from Maryland, against the charges contained in the report of the Bank of Com-merce in 1862, that he, while Secretary of the Treasury, failed to provide for the payment of the interest on the public debt failing due in Jannary, 1861. Mr. Johnson caused to be read a long letter from Mr. Thomas in defense of his loyalty and official conduct, and stowing that he successfully made such provisions. Mr. Howard (Mich.) said he had brought this matter last March before the Senate for the benefit of the Judiciary Committee. He was no accuser or prosecutor, but it did seem strange that, silthough the report was made five years ago. Mr. Thomas had not until recently heard of it, notwithstanding extracts were published in the National *Intelligencer* in May, 1862. Mr. Johnson explained that after leaving Washington in 1869. Mr. Thomas went to his farm in Maryland, aud did not see the National *Intelligencer*, and only subscribed to the Balti-more Sun. Doings in the Senate To-Day.

On motion of Mr. Johnson. the letter of Mr. Thomas, defending himself against the charge of treasonable conspiracy to damage the public credit, etc., was referred to the Committee on

the Judiciary, The Senate then went into Executive Session.

Appointments Sent In. The President has sent in a large batch of appointments to the Senate this afternoon, but none of special importance.

Western Congressmen.

Quite a number of Western Representatives remain in town looking after the appointments in their Districts.

What the Republicans Say.

Some of the Republicans here attribute their defeat in Connecticut to the speeches of Sena-tors Summer and Wilson advocating enforced negro suffrage in the free States.

An Indian Lawyer. An Indian chief by the name of Boudinet was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court to-day.

The Connecticut Election.

HARTFORD, April 2.—The returns are nearly all in, and the result will be as follows:— The Democratic State ticket is elected by 700

The Democratic State ticket is elected by 700 majority. The pet Democratic majority on the Congressional vote is 1800, and the average Democratic on the whole ticket 1200. Hotchkiss (Democrat) is elected to Congress in the Second District by 2500 majority. Hubbard (Democrat) is elected in the First District by 500 majority.

District by 500 millority. Wm. H Barnum (Democrat) is elected in the Fourth District by 500 majority.

Sales of Real Estate, Stocks, Loans, etc., at Phila-

delphia Exchange, every Friday at 12

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nain muslins, N. B.-We call especial attention to the above of a

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Defaux, Schoutan, and others, The paintings are now open for exhibition with [41,22 catalogues.

catalogues. [41,32 GREAT SALE OF SHEFFIELD PLATED WARE AND CUTLERY. Direct from the well-known flouse of Joneph Deakin & Sons, Spring Street Works, Sheffield, Eogiand, On Wednesday Morning. April 3, at 10 o'clock, at the Auction Store, No. 118 Chennut street, will be sold a choice and beautiful as-sortment of first-class Silver Pittled Ware and Cutlery, comprising Tea and coffee services, entree dishes, dish covers, salvers, cake baskets, card receivers, wing and pickle stands, berry dishes, soup tureens, molasses pitchers, failts and cutes, gold-lined augar baskets, din-ner and breakfast cantors. flower vases, dinner and dessert knives and forks, complete in mahogany cases, fish carvers, butter and cake knives, pickle forks, spoons and forks in piato, besed and King's pattern. Also, a large assortment of superior ivory balance dimer and teak invess with meat and pultry carvers to match. Full particulars in catalogues. 141

Sale at No. 1110 CHESNUT Street. NEW AND SECOND-HAND HOUSEHOLD FUR-NITURE, PIANO FORTES, CARPETS, MIRBORS, PLATED WARE, ETC. Ou Friday morning, At 9 o'clock, at the suction store, No. 110 Chesnut street, will be sold a large assertment of superior parlor, chamber, and dining-room furuiture. [31 51] LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF CARPETINGS, ETC. Ob Friday Morning. April 5, at 11 o'clock, will be sold by catalogue, on four montin' credit, about 250 pieces rich superfine and fine ingrain, Venetian, hemp, cottage, and rag carpetings, etc., embracing a choice assortment of superior goeds, which may be examined early on the morning efsale. [3 30 5t] B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEER, No. 1020

I.A RGE PEREMPTORY SALE OF FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEAN DRY GOODS, ETC. On Monday Morning. April 8, at 10 o'clock, will be sold by catalogue, on four months' credit, about 800 lots of French, India, German, and British Dry Goods, embraelog a full assertment of fancy and staple articles in sliks, worsteds, woollens, linens, and coltons. N.B.-Goods arranged for examination and cata-logues ready on morning of sale. [425]

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EXTENSIVE SALE OF IMPORTED CHROMOS, FINE STREL PLATE AND COLORED ENGRA-VINGS, ETC. On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2 and 3. At 11 o'clock morning and 7½ o'clock evening of each day, at Scott's Art Gallery, No. 1920 Chesnut street, will be sold, without reserve, a large and ex-tensive assortment of fine foreign Chromos, Steel Plate and Colored Engravings, all richly mounted in velvet and fine gold-leaf frames. Open for examination on Saturday. [3 29 5t]

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 andsome wainut chamber and library furniture;

 superior cak dining-room furniture:

 and English Brussels Carpets, Oll Cloths, Etc.

 May be examined morning of sale at 8 o'clock.13 28 4t

A. D'HUYVETTER'S FOURTH SALE OF HIGH-EST CLASS PAINTINGS AND LAST SALE OF THE SEASON AT THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS. B. Scott, Jr., is instructed by A. D'Huyvetter, of Antwerp, to sell by auction, On Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, A175; O'clock, his entire invoice of HIGH CLASS MODERN PAINTINGS, selected with great care and judgment from un-doubted sources, including many important and weil-known works of highly esteemed and eminent artists of the English, French, Dusseldorf, and Flemish schools.

achools. The Paintings will be on view, *free*, in the eastern galleries of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, on Monday morning, April 1, and remain open day and evenig until nights of sale. Sale peremptory. [3 29 7]

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THE BATTERSEA FIELDS PNEUMATIC DESPATOIL.

The tube as represented above is of cast iron, in sections nine feet in length, and weighing about a ton, fitted to each other by an ordinary socket-joint. The trucks were constructed of wood, about seven feet long, and enclosed in sheet-iron. Each one was furnished with four flanged wheels, a foot and three-quarters in diameter. The rails on which the trucks ran back and forth were raised ledges, one inch in height and two inches in width.

The propelling power was a simple exhausting fan. At a distance of three feet from each other, two large branch-pipes rose from the tube, having circular mouths, three feet in diameter, opening towards each other. Through both the branch-pipes ran an iron shaft, three inches thick and nine feet long. One end of this shaft was connected with a small steam engine. A hollow iron boss, attached to the shaft, revolved closely between the openings of the branch-pipes, the interior of the boss being so constructed as readily to receive the air ascending from the tubes, and discharge it outward with rapidity. An iron disk, seventeen feet in diameter and one inch in thickness, with thirty-two radial wooden bars upon each face, revolved in connection with the boss, and was flanked on either side by a thin plate of sheet-iron, twonty-one feet in diameter. These plates were two inches and seven-eighths apart, and gradually diverged from each other towards the centre, thereby presenting a uniform dis-charging area throughout. The exhausting pipe entered the top of the tube several yards from the engine. The truck, therefore, in coming towards the engine, began to compress the air in front of it, its motion being thereby checked. The excess of pressure at this point was relieved by a safety-valve. Just before the truck reached the end of the tube. it opened the covering or door, and then glided out gently upon an extension of the track.

One hundred revolutions per minute in the tube, which was four hundred and fifty-two feet long, produced an exhaustion measured by three inches of water, while the exhaustion produced by two hundred revolutions was measured by twelve inches of water, or less than one inch of mercury. A velocity of twenty-five miles an hour was easily obtained, the speed depending only on the capacity and strength of the machinery. Packages of all kinds were sent through the whole length of the despatch tube, a distance of a quarter of a mile; and now and then a daring laborer made the journey with safety and comfort.

Carrying the Mails by Atmospheric Pressure.

To Mr. Rammell, a Civil Engineer of London, is accorded the credit of harnassing the air for the carriage of the mails. The experi-

This Sydenham Pneumatic Railway was a mere experiment. The eminent success which has attended it, however, has emboldened the projectors to construct

A Pneumatic Railway under the Thames. The Waterloo and Whitehall Pneumatic Railway Company, in which Mr. Rammell has a leading interest, has been chartered for this The tunnel, the construction of which has already been commenced, is a branch of several pneumatic lines now in progress. The tube is in sections of two hundred and twenty-one feet, and is thirteen feet in diameter. It will be made of wrought-iron, three-fourths of an inch in thickness, encircled by three courses of brick, bound by iron hoops ; besides which it will, after being laid. be lined within with brick. The entire tunnel will be five-eighths of a mile in length, and will be sunk in position as soon as the sections of iron are completed.

The Proposed Pneumatic Despatch in New York City.

The necessity for the economization of space in a crowded city like London is so apparent, that it is not to be wondered at that the pneumatic system was first put into practical operation there. In this country there are, perhaps, no cities in which it could at present be made available, with the exception of New York. The peculiar configuration of the land on which the latter stands, however, renders the economization of space above ground of as much importance as it is in London; while the great length of the built-up portion of the eity, resulting mainly from its necessary narrowness, makes the saving of time by rapidity of motion of almost equal consequence. Periodically the wise men of the metropolis take a serious look at their situation, and enter into an earnest discussion of the most feasible means of securing the relief which they so greatly need.

The passenger traffic, by omnibus, and treet cars, between the upper and street cars, lower portions of the city is enormous; but so inadequate, uncomfortable, and expensive are tlese means of transportation that multitudes prefer to make the journey on foot. With respect to the transportation of goods, the figures are quite as large as those shown by the pas-

THE PNEUMATIC MAIL DESPATCH.

Its operation will be readily seen from an inspection of the cut-the letters descending through the body of the lamp-post and awaiting the arrival of the mail-truck between the fans of the wheel, which deposits them at the proper moment on coming in contact with the end of the truck.

The next project that commands the greatest share of attention at the present moment is that for the transportation of baggage and packages of a general character; but the subject of passenger traffic is by no means ignored. For the accomplishment of this last object three different routes are now under discussion, all of them beginning in the neighborhood of the Battery or City Hall, and running thence towards the northern end of Manhattan Island. The entire cost of the excavation, tunnelling, masonry, temporary removal o such obstructions as water and gas mains and sewers, together with the track and stationary power, but excluding the rolling stock, is variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$11,000,000, according to the route selected. In addition to these amounts, it

estimated that damages for the injury of lands and buildings along the route to the amount of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 would be assessed upon the company. The tunnel, rolling stock, and exhausting machinery will be of the same general character as that already described Stations for the purposes of local travel will be established at short distances from each other, the tunnel being widened at these points to admit of the construction of a platform for the accommodation of the 300 or 400 passengers who will be carried by each train. It is estimated that a single track would admit of the passage back and forth of a sufficient number of trains to carry a million passengers daily, which is three times as many as the united capacity of all the street railways will at present accommodate. For cheapness, comfort, rapidity of motion and absolute safety, such an underground pneumatic passenger railway would be unsurpassed by any system of transportation above ground, or even by any other underground system. If such project is ever carried out, New York city will thereby be doing more than it can accomplish in any other conceivable manner in the way of overcoming the present inconveniences which result from its indefinite extension in the direction of the Harlem river.

""Tis a consummation Most devoutly to be wished;"

but whether the nineteenth century will witness the consummation or not is a matter of grave doubt.

NEW ITALIAN MACCARONI

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Republicans elect Starkweather in the The Third District by 1700 majority. The Legislature will be Republican by a small and reduced majority in each House,

The Loss by the Boston Fire.

Boston, April 2.—The cotion which was de-stroyed by the fire in Commercial street last night is valued at \$60,000, and the total loss was estimated at \$80,000, fully insured.

Ship News.

FORTLAND, April 2.—The steamship Nestorian sailed at 12 o'clock last night for St. John to load. She will return here for mails.

BALTIMORE, April 2.-Flour firm; no sales, Wheat, white, \$3'40@3'55 for fair, fair to good, prime to choice; red wheat, \$3'40. Corn active; advanced l@2c; sales of 15,415 bush, white at \$1'08@1'11; sales of \$200 bush, yellow at \$1'09@ 1'10; 2500 bush, of mixed Western at \$1'03:01'04, Oats-2500 bush, sold at 67@69c, Rye-Offerings light at \$1'40. Cloverseed sells at \$10.50. Provistons unchanged. Whisky sells at \$2 30@2 31 in bond. Cotton, 80c, for middling; market weak.

SALE OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE .- The folfowing properties were offered for sale at the Philadelphia Exchange, by M. Thomas & Sons, commencing at noon to-day, with the an-

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three Residences on the rear, on New street, \$81,000'00 TWELFTH ST., No. 315, below Sprace-12,000.00

and Dwelling WATER ST., Nos. 269 and 211-Business Stand FOURTH ST., No. 1735-Brick Dwelling SECOND ST., Nos. 926 and 928-Boldings \$11,900 1,300 0

TWENTY-FIRST and RAUE, S. E. corner

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HEARINGS AT THE CENTRAL STATION .- Before Alderman Beitler, at 2 o'clock to-day, a farther hearing was had in the case of Adam Louden-sleger, who is charged with the barceny of a watch and hair chain, valued at \$60, from Frank Dufile, at No. 508 N. Ninth street, on the 19th of February last. The defendant was committed to answer at Court. John Fossett was charged with arson. It is

slieged that he set fire to a house back of No. 1822 Hancock street, about two weeks since. The hearing was being continued when our report closed

CAUGHT IN A PRESS-LEG CEUSHED .- Mr William Bullock, this afternoon, about half-past two o'clock, while attending to the man-agement of presses at No. 124 Exchange Row, had his right leg caught in the machinery crushing the ankle bones, lacerating the mus-cles, and otherwise seriously injuring the limb,

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