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## Exvenity Celegraph



 TUESDAY, OCTOBRR $29,1867$. The Explosion of steam Bo Bonnk explosions seem to be on the increase.
Several of a very destractive oharacter have
lately ocourred, and only yeaterday we quoted from a New York contemporary an account of
the explosion of a boiler in a p piano factory, resuiting in the total destruotion of the suliad
ing, fify feet by seventy-fie, three stories
high, of briok, and well bailt, the killing of high, of briok, and well buill, the killing of
two men and the Injury of others. That the
loos of lif was not larger was owing to the
fos that but few persons were in the building fant that but few persons were in the building
at the time of the explosion. The destruction of the building seems to have been as com-
plete as in the oase of the Sansom street explooton in this city hast summer. Botier expmosions, to dwell partioularryy upon
the probability of improper management by the probability of improper management by
jncompetent engiteers and other emploýs.
Doubtless a large number of explosions do ooour in this way, but there are others where
this explanation will not apply-explosions
nhere no reasonable theory to meet the facts Where no reasonable theory to meet the facts
can be invented. But grantigg that incompe-
tent management is at the bottom of the majority of exploslons, We still are confronted
with the faet that no amount of carefuluess
or foresight on the part of owners or employers can always secure the fidelity and watchful-
neess of those whom they may employ. Care-
leseness and ine lessness and incompetency are elements which
cannot be eliminated from the problem. The number of persons engaged is working with
stenm is too large.
We are astisfled that the true solution of
this problem mast be Bought in another diree.
tion. We must not construet machines which tion. We must not construet machines whieh
are as dangerous as powder magazines, and
then trast to careful management to keep
them from exploding. If possible we mus hem from exploding. If possible, we must
o construot the machine that it shall cease to
ono terribly perilous, even with improper
 distinguished engineer of this eity, Joseph of explosion. It seems certain that of several
handreds of these boillers now in ues, not one explode one by any practicable amount of and and pressure. Now, if these arte facts, and, as we we
have sald, they Beem to be well vouched for, they are of the highest importanoe, and should
at once command the attention not only of all paraons naing staam hoilara, hnt of publio
suthoritios responsible for protecting, as far
as possible, the lives of the people. If there as possibe, the ilves of the people. If there
is a kind of steam boiler not tlable to explo-
sion, that kind ought to be used wherever it is praoticable to use it; and in great oities, where
the lives of thousands are constantly jeoparnized by the use of steam boilers of the ordi-
nary explosive form, it cortainly becomes a
question worthy of consideration whether legisiative interference might not properly be
invoked. The use of steam has become very general
in all brancohes of manufaotures, and is daily
on the increase. are certainease. foroing the samelves time apon the perils lic attention by the recurrence of the most ter-
rible disasters-disasters whioh are liable to repeat themselves at any moment and in any lopality where steam boiliers are nued. The
consideration of the subject caunot be avoided; str. suoh oatastrophes, as that in Sansom
strest, in this city, and others which have
lately ocourred elsewhere, demand the their causes ahould be investigated, and fature
calamitios of a similar sort, if possible, avoided. Much may doubtless be accomplishod by a
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atoanm boilers; bat the radical reform, we are
satisfed, lies in the direction of construction



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