

Laughing in Battle. General Pleasanton said that even in action, at the most critical point, he could always see something that made him laugh. It was at the battle of Brandy Station that he saw the General distinguished himself and one of his lieutenants, that one of these instances occurred. In the heat of the engagement a cavalryman's horse was shot from under him. A shell had taken off the horse's hind legs clean, and the cavalryman and horse rolled together in the dust.

The Teletograph. A WONDERFUL INVENTION RECENTLY PERFECTED BY A CHICAGO ELECTRICIAN. Prof. Eliza Gray of telephone fame is perfecting an invention with wonderful possibilities and one which promises great results. It has, according to the Chicago Tribune, already reached that stage which insures its practical success, the experiments thus far proving satisfactory. The "teletograph" is the name by which the instrument will be known, which, by the way conveys a very fair idea of what the instrument really is. Once in operation it will be possible for the Chicago speculator to deliver to his New York broker a teletographic order to buy or sell one thousand or ten thousand shares of railroad stock, an exact fact being recorded and being produced in that city at the same instant it is written here. If the Chicago man happens to be in New York and wants to send his wife a check for money he simply writes it out in that city, and the moment he is through it is in the hands of his wife. The electric current, of course, is an important factor in the invention, but the chief feature is the plate or instrument on which the writing is done. No particular kind of pen or pencil has to be used; in fact, a sharp-pointed instrument will do as well as a fine "crow" of wood, will answer the purpose. The paper on which the writing is done and the autograph reproduced does not have to be prepared, for in the first instance it is the pressure on the plate which gives the impulse to the machine, while the reproduction is brought about by tracing points, which may be a properly inked pen or even an ordinary lead pencil attached to a movable arm in the receiving machine at the other end of the line.

Noxious Weeds. A writer says: I regard the following as the worst weeds we have in the order named: Velvet leaf, burdock, cockle burr, yellow dock, jimpeo. These of course appear in great profusion to different soils and will morning glory, several other creeping vines, and burrs and thistles. The first named is sometimes called button weed. I know not the Latin names for any of these, but do know that they all serve to verify Scripture, if no other good purpose, since to keep them in subjection, surrounded with farmers as ornary as the weeds, we "earn our bread by the sweat of the brow." Other men may have different opinions as to the relative meanness of these weeds, since some of them may be desirable in some places than others, since the Canada thistle, which grows almost fatal down East, gives no trouble to us Westerners. Probably the most universally despised of this fraternity in the West are the cockle burr, and account of their conspicuousness, and the fact that they are the only young man who desires to render himself conspicuous in fashionable society should not despair, since if you take a pair of shears and cut these off you have a splendid set of bangs. There is no better evidence of a slouchy mood than to see a fine "crow" of these nuisances filling his fence corners and covering his fields. To expect to flourish and thrive as a farmer without having to contend with these is as absurd as to expect to obtain something for nothing in any other way, and it is just as unobtainable as every good farmer to do his share for the general welfare in this way as it is the duty of a good citizen to pay his taxes or his debts. I started out one day in wet weather to fight burdocks, and found that I had not only my own ground to clear, but that of six of my neighbors, and the consequence I have had to fight them ever since. There are farms adjoining mine which maintain "well raised" young men, and door yards and garden fences filled with these fruits of laziness.—The Farmers' Review.

"How quick can a man drink?" asks an exchange. That depends. If a man's wife accompanies him to the soda-water fountain, and keeps her eye on him, he accomplishes a wink about 99 per cent. quicker than if he were to enter the drug store in company with a male friend.

Favored above all the lands are the Isles of Sandwich. In their recent war of the rebellion the entire army only numbered 147 men, so if every soldier under arms, and the sutler in the tent, writes a magazine history of the war the series of war articles can only run twelve years and four months. And yet some people believe in a second probation for the heathen. No much they seem to get their heaven here.—Burdette.

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