

An important era in engineering is reached by the successful tunneling of the St. Clair river, which is reported in our telegraphic special.

The crossing of navigable rivers by railways has long been a matter which was full of trouble for both the railway and marine interests.

The successful completion of this tunnel goes far toward solving this problem.

It will permit the free passage of railway trains across navigable waters, at many places where now such a crossing requires interference with either the railways or navigation.

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Tragedy and Comedy at the Opera House and Bijou Theater—Vaudeville Stars at the Academy—Coney Island.

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OF THE CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY BROUGHT TO A CLOSE.

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How a Wealthy Pennsylvania Girl Won an Indian Chief.

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At the time of her death she was in the prime of life. Her maiden name was Mary Ann. She was born in Bethlehem, Pa., was highly educated and accomplished and a woman of wealth.

In 1853 Chief Lewis Downing was sent to Washington, D. C., on business for the Cherokee Nation. He spoke English and was able to read and write. He was a man of high character and was highly respected by his people.

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