

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

More Improvements Wanted.

To question the great gift of incombustible benefits having been conferred upon mankind by modern inventions, would be absurd; but with all our admiration for modern genius and improvements, it would not be just to undervalue a good thing because old, as it would be to glorify in had things because new; all that was done in old was neither inferior nor bad, all that is done now is neither more nor good. We saw, and plane, and match with machinery, and there is cheap machinery in abundance, but it is generally as worthless as it is cheap. Our ancestors made things to endure for more than a summer's sun, and a winter's storm; and when we wish to procure solid and durable articles good prices have to be paid as of old. Stockings and stuff of that kind are rattled off with surprising dexterity, and produced at reduced rates, but the bulk of our grandmothers, the dowered socks which were worn in the looms of their trembling fingers, were worth a dozen of the spider-frosted modern garments.

Our great modern improvements in applying the power of water and steam, as substitutes for human and animal labor, and the blessings and benefits conferred by such applications of genius, are not beyond all price; but we are not at the end of improvement yet, nor shall we ever be at the end of them, while the human mind is with us, and while the steam engine is now speed along at the rate of twenty miles per hour, and our railroads at the rate of forty and fifty. Some may think that all has been done that can be done, on both land and water, to make us go through space with a velocity rapidly coming up to that of the light projected from the sun. But when Fulton's first boat cleft the waters of the Hudson at the rate of eight miles per hour, and when the first locomotive attained the speed of twenty miles an hour, men of great minds did not doubt merely that they had not yet done, but that greater results was an infatuation.

The time may yet come (and it would certainly be a desirable invention) when men will travel as swiftly and as safe as they now travel over the land by the iron horse. There is no good reason to doubt this as a possibility, any more than to doubt that the locomotive of the future will be able to travel at the rate of eight miles per hour, and when the first locomotive attained the speed of twenty miles an hour, men of great minds did not doubt merely that they had not yet done, but that greater results was an infatuation.

We get a great number of inventions to complete the catalogue of desirable improvements. We want a machine which could print as easily and as well as write, what a saving it would be in the printing and writing of all our business documents, and what a saving it would be in the printing and writing of all our business documents, and what a saving it would be in the printing and writing of all our business documents.

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