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Insurance against Lightning.

TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY.

I would ask a careful reading and consideration of the following facts by every owner of property. The time has arrived when every man should think for himself, and not submit to be deceived by imitators and impostors.

I have received information of some sixty or eighty instances in which rods that I have put up have been struck by lightning, in all of which it has been carried safely to the earth, without the slightest injury to person or property.

Another opinion which is held by many, and which is very erroneous, is that rods require insulation. This object would be very desirable, if it could be attained; but this is impossible.

Another point on which great stress is laid, is the use of screw-joints on the different sections of the rod. My objection to this plan is, that the joints are very apt to rust; in fact, but little time is required to break the connection at every joint.

This difficulty is obviated by using turn-keys instead of screw-joints. By means of these, we obtain, without reducing the size of the rod, an extension of its surface.

The subscriber having (as before stated) put up near six thousand rods, and never having heard of a loss by lightning in any building to which one of his rods has been attached, feels great confidence in urging their superiority to any others in use.

advantage very great. A lightning-rod, especially its top section, should be made much heavier than many that are put up. Another very great defect in most rods is, that they are not placed sufficiently deep in the ground to reach the moisture in time of a drought.

The manner of driving a stay-nail or staple, when used to attach a rod to a building, requires judgment. It should always be driven upwards, so as to allow the water to drop from the outer end, instead of following the course of the staple into the material into which it is driven.

And now the question occurs, what is a proper point? Many rods that I have seen, which have been put up during the past summer, have points of copper, zinc, lead, cast-iron polished, &c., which, it is needless for me to say, are utterly worthless.

But there are some persons, who, in imitation of my patent, profess to put up a magnetic point or points; these are nothing but the ordinary magnets, which can be made out of a tuppenny nail. They possess no power, or attraction, for electricity whatever; neither can they bear the slightest stroke of lightning.

A proper electric point for a lightning-rod can be formed only in one way, and that is by chemically combining certain kinds of metals in such a manner as to make a point not liable to fusion—one which will stand the severest stroke of lightning without receiving the slightest injury.

In this condition of affairs, imagine a body placed in contact with a cloud, which has the power to attract and draw off the superabundance of electric fluid, and carry it to the ground.

My intention is to furnish and put up rods at a very small profit, in order that all may avail themselves of the protection which they afford, from the dreadful effects of lightning.

Beautiful "May." Respectfully inscribed to "M. A." by MISS F. FAYLOR.

Specimens of Southern Piety and Morality. A West Tennessee paper, the editor of which we take to be a Methodist, savagely reviews Uncle Tom's Cabin, denouncing it as "a fling at the Christian Religion in general, and Southern Methodism in particular."

Blood Hounds. I HAVE two of the finest dogs for catching negroes in the South-West. They can take the trail twelve hours after they have passed, and catch him with ease.

The following gentlemen, having, by invitation, made a careful inspection and examination of my rods, pronounced them the best and safest conductors that had ever come under their notice.

The rod attached to the Public School House, New St. between Front and Second streets, received a severe stroke of lightning, which passed down the conductor, within three or four feet of several men who were at work on the building, without doing injury to anything. The fact is attested by ENAC EDLMAN.

The rod attached to my factory, Vint street above Trefth, received, during the past summer, a severe stroke of lightning, which passed safely into the earth without doing the slightest injury to the building. The circumstance was witnessed by the following gentlemen, who have kindly given me permission to use their names:

The following gentlemen, having carefully investigated the principles upon which my rods are constructed and put up, declare they have no hesitation in saying that they believe them to be the best rods in use, and the only safe ones they have ever seen; and they recommend them to all persons desiring rods as a complete protection against lightning:

The following extract is taken from an editorial in the Germantown Telegraph, edited by Major Freas:

"The logs rot placed upon our dwelling we have had taken down; and another erected by Mr. ARMITAGE, which we would call the attention of farmers and rod-owners generally. It is put up on true scientific principles, and is a rod that has been approved by the highest authority, and will bear the most thorough examination. Those who have been deceived, as we have been, should lose no time in having a proper protection against lightning substituted. The cost is a mere trifle, and the benefit is incalculable."

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An Educational Convention has been called to meet at Williamsport on the 7th of July.

[Selected for the Chronicle.] LILLY DALE.

'Twas a calm, stilly night, And the moon's pale light Shone soft o'er hill and vale, When friends all with grief stood around the death bed Of my poor, lost Lilly Dale!

Her cheek, that once glowed With the rose-tint of health, By the hand of disease had turn'd pale, And the death's damp dew Was on the pure, white brow, Of my poor, lost Lilly Dale.

Remarkable Caves in Burmah.

The whole region immediately above Maulmain is alluvial, the rocks chiefly blue limestone of excellent quality. The country is flat, fertile, and beautiful, but though once populous, is now thinly inhabited.

Most of these mountains contains caves, some of them very large, which appear to have been, from time immemorial, especially devoted to religious purposes. The wealth and labor bestowed on these are of themselves sufficient to prove how great the population has been in former ages.

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Every recess is converted into shrines for others. The smooth surfaces are covered by small flat images in burnt clay, and set in stucco. Of these last, there are literally thousands. In some places, they have fallen off, with the plaster in which they were set, and left spots of naked rock against which bees have built their hives undisturbed.

Alas! where now are the successive generations whose hands wrought these wonders, and whose hearts confided in these deities? Where now are the millions who came hither to confess their sins to gods that cannot hear, and spread their vain oblations to him that cannot save?

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course not, all the district would say, and particularly Mr. Sylvester, who was defeated at the polls by Olive. The only thing then for Olive to do is to remain single, if she wishes to remain in office—to content herself as a fene-sole Register, or abdicate.

Then there are the peculiar habits and tastes of the sex, that may come in contact with Olive's exercise of official functions. Suppose her friends, the old ladies of the village, should get into the habit of calling at the Register's office daily, to talk over the last bit of gossip or the last new fashion, how would the registering progress?

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Advertising—the Profit and the Duty.

The true merchant will be a liberal but discriminating supporter of the press in his locality. He will not feel an obligation to patronize any and everything that wears the form of a newspaper, but will scan carefully the intellectual ability and moral fitness of those who assume the lofty responsibility of public teaching through the press.

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