

There are not wanting civil engineers who predict that within the next thirty years the great work on the Pennsyl-vania railroad at Lilly will be abandoned just as the Portage tunnel was abandoued years ago, and that the greatest railroad on the earth will have the greatest tunnel in the world, which will begin between Lilly and South Fork and extend all the way to a point just west of Altoona, a distance of over 15 miles. Such a tunnel would give the Pennsylvania railroad an easy grade all the way from Pittsburg to New York, and the longest tunnel in the world. The problem of ventilation could be easily solved by the boring of numerous vent holes, and in the tunthe big engines could make 75

At a New England society dinner some years ago Mark Twain had just finished a piquant address when Mr. Evarts arose, shoved both of his hands down into his trousers pockets, as was his habit, and laughingly remarked, "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a professional hu-morist should be funny?" Mark Twain waited until the laughter excited by this sally had subsided, and then drawled out, "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a law-yer should have bis hands in his own pockets?"—Exchange.