#### Sermons Heard by Telephone.

On Saturday last a telephone was placed in Plymouth Church, the transmitters being at the back of the Mount of Olivea reading desk, and connected with the residence of Mr. Alfred E. Beach, of New York, a brother of Moses S. Beach, and with the house of Mr. Henry Pope at Elizabeth, N. J. Yesterday morning, before the congregation assembled, a gentleman tried the instrument, saying to Elizabeth : "I am standing six feet from the transmitter, can you hear me?" and the reply came back, "We hear you distincly," With the residence of Mr. Beach in this city equally satisfactory communication was assured, and Mr. Boach enjoyed the sermon by wire. Mr. Weld, the sexton of the Church, shook his head gravely when speaking of the introduction of the telephone. "I am afraid," said he, "that this will be the end of our prosperity as a church, for who will pay \$600 for a pew when he can have a telephone and listen to Mr. Beecher in his own parlor ?"

The experiment in the morning was reasonably satisfactory. The line from Mr. Beecher's church to the central office in Montague street, Brooklyn, was strung at the suggestion and expenses of Mr. Beach for the purpose of the experiment. At. Mr. Beach's end of the line five receivers were attached to the wire. Mr. Beach's line from the central office to his house was not in perfect order and so Mr. Beecher's words came over the confused wires with the sighing of winds and occasional noises like sharpening a saw. When Mr. Beecher thumped his desk (under which the transmitters were secured) a sudden croaking as of a frog sounded over the line. However, with occasional interruptions of one kind and another, a great part of the morning's sermon was distinctly heard at Mr. Beach's house. The singing by the large choir and the playing of the organ were distinctly heard .-N. Y. World.

#### Bound to Win.

Down in Chester county they have a queer way of doing many things, and among those queer things is the auctioning off the repairs of the township roads. The other day the public roads in East Bradford township were sold for three years, and are to be kept in perfect order during that time. Three years ago the entire public roads of the township brought \$5,570, but on Monday about \$3,250 was realized, or a gain over the last sale of \$2,-500. It appears John M. Hildeburn and Aaron Davis were competitors for a certain piece of road, which at the sale three years ago brought \$70. They commenced bidding at this contract at the above figure, and gradually came down to nothing, when Mr. Davis said he would give one cent for the privilege of mending and keeping it in repair for for the next three years. This stirred up Mr. Hildeburn's mettle, and he said that he would give a dollar, and so the contestents crossed each other alternately until the contract was knocked off to Mr. Hildeburn for the sum of \$9. The laugh comes in just here, inasmuch as the lucky purchaser will be compelled to keep the road in good repair for the next three years and pay \$3 a year for the privilege of doing so, and also pay his share of road taxes in the bargain. This mode of doing business is a novel one and the first of the kind on record; but what's the use, mettle will tell.

#### A Strange Suicide

Stephen Pillsbury, aged thirty, was found almost decapitated yesterday in his father's barn, at Chelsea, Mass. The instrument of death was a perfectly executed guillotine, which the ingenious sulcide had probably spent a month in manufacturing. The machine consisted of two perpendicular pieces of the joist about two feet apart and reaching from the floor to the roof of the barn. About six feet from the floor had been adjusted in a piece of wood a large, sharp axe, so that it moved up and down in a groove. This axe was held in its place by a water-pot filled with water, attached to a lever, which in turn was made to support the axe. A hole had been made in the water-pot, so that when sufficient water had leaked from it to overcome the leverage above the axe would fall. When all arrangements had been made the young man got upon his knees, with other to his month, and awaited death.

Near Lampases, Texas, a farmer named Reuben Connet was sitting with his family around a fire, at 9 o'clock at night, when lightning struck a tall tree near the crof of the house, ran down the chimney, and descended into the group, tearing everything to pieces. George, a boy of fourteen, was struck on the temple and instantly killed, the lightwing lacerating his foot and tearing his shoes and clothes to shreds. The entire current struck Anan, a little girl, on the top of the head, and passed down through her body, but she was not killed. The father and the youngest daughter were knocked senseless, but both recovered. Mrs. Connet, who had been out visiting, came in and found the whole family spread out on the floor.

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