STOCKS MOVING UPWARD

Iron and Steel Shares the Features of the Day in Wall Street.

The Death of C. P. Huntington and the Export of Gold Exert Little Influence on the Market—Slight Reactions in Southern Pacific, B. & O., and Sugar—Traffic Statements.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Generally considered today's stock market made further progress toward a higher level, but its movements were wanting in the uniformity that has characterized them since the present recovery set in. There were some more pronounced exceptions to the general tendency of the market and with the course of the day's dealings there were a number of reactionary movements of some consequence. The latter circumstance could hardly be called surprising in view of several developments in the day's situation. It might have been expected, for example, that the sudden and unexpected death of a capitalist like Mr. C. P. Huntington might have given a shock to confidence and have hurt not only securities identified with him, but also the general market.

As a matter of fact, however, the immediate market effects of his sudden demise were confined to a single stock, namely, Southern Pacific, and even in this instance the resultant decline was within fractional limits. In addition, it became known today that the week's exports of gold would attain exceedingly and, it may be said, unexpectedly large proportions, total shipments in excess of $2,000,000 being indicated. The market received this announcement with virtual unconcern also. It remains to be seen what will be the effects upon the banks' reserves of the shipment of some $17,000,000 in gold within ten days, and there can hardly fail to appear on Saturday a substantial reduction in surplus reserves.

Money market conditions today were not, however, essentially altered, and until evidences of contraction appear there the gold export movement is likely to be accorded little more attention than at present. The foreign exchange market continued weak today under the offering of bills in connection with gold shipments, but as previously noted, the tendency of that market, until it becomes more pronounced than at present, is not apt to interfere with the transfer of the metal to the points where it is most in request. A few statements of railway traffic made up the remainder of today's occurrences.

The reactionary features of the market aside from Southern Pacific were Sugar Refining and Baltimore and Ohio. In the first instance the pressure appeared to reflect the feeling of lessened confidence that the September dividend will be declared at an increased rate. Baltimore and Ohio declined on the simultaneous execution of large selling orders which were, however, unattended by any particular gossip bearing upon the stock. In the railway list the tone was generally steady, although many of the extreme advances scored were shaded before the close. The grangers were particularly firm, as also were the Atchison shares, Union Pacific, Jersey Central, and the trunk line issues.

The most pronounced advances in the market took place among the iron and steel producing and manufacturing shares. Tennessee Coal and Iron and Colorado Fuel and Iron were strong and active, and substantial advances were scored in Steel Hoop, National Steel, and Tin Plate, the rise in the last named being attended by a revival of recent rumors of the amalgamation of these companies. Federal Steel, American Steel and Wire, and Republic Steel participated in the strength in this quarter.

The London market was strong, chiefly on account of the perceptible relaxation in the money market there, and foreign houses bought moderately here.

About the only selling from that quarter was in Southern Pacific, and this was mainly instrumental in the early decline in that stock.

New York Stock Market.

Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 1419 F Street.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
American Steel & Wire	34¾	35⅞	34½	35⅝
Amer. Steel & Wire pfd	75	75	75	75
American Sugar	125	125	123⅝	123¾
American Tobacco	95½	96	95½	95¾
Atchison	27¾	28⅛	27⅝	28⅛
Atchison pfd	71	71⅜	70⅞	71⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	75¼	75⅜	73⅞	74
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	81⅝	81½	81¼	81½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	58⅝	59⅛	58	59
Chesapeake & Ohio	27⅝	27⅞	27⅜	27⅞
C., C., C. & St. L.	58¼	58½	58¼	58½
Chicago, B. & Q.	126⅞	127⅜	126⅞	127⅜
Chicago & Northwest'n	165	165½	164¾	164¾
*Chicago Gas	98⅛	98⅝	98⅛	98⅝
C., M. & St. Paul	112⅞	114⅛	112⅞	114⅛
Chicago, R. I. & P.	107⅞	108⅛	107⅞	108⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	36½	36⅛	36	36½
Consolidated Gas	167⅜	170⅜	167¼	170
Continental Tobacco	26¼	26¼	26	26
Continental Tob. pfd	79	79	79	79
Federal Steel	34	35½	34	35½
Federal Steel pfd	66½	67½	66½	67¼
General Electric	134	135	134	135
Illinois Central	117⅜	118⅜	117¼	118⅜
Louisville & Nashville	72	72⅛	71⅞	71⅞
Manhattan Elevated	91½	92	91½	92
Metropolitan Traction	155½	156	155½	155⅞
Missouri Pacific	51⅝	52	51⅜	51⅞
National Lead Co	17⅝	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞
New Jersey Central	130	130¼	130	130¼
New York Central	130	130⅜	130	130⅜
N. Y., O. & W.	21¼	21⅜	21¼	21⅜
Northern Pacific	51⅜	52¼	51⅜	52¼
Northern Pacific pfd	71⅜	71⅜	71⅜	71⅜
Pennsylvania Railroad	129	129⅜	128⅞	129¼
Reading first pfd	59½	59⅜	59½	59½
Southern Pacific	33¼	33⅞	33⅜	33⅞
Southern Railway	11¼	11⅜	11⅛	11⅜
Southern Railway pfd	52⅝	52⅝	52½	52⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	72	72⅛	71½	72
Union Pacific	59⅞	60⅛	59⅞	60
Union Pacific pfd	76⅝	76⅞	76½	76⅞
U. S. Leather	10½	11½	10½	11
U. S. Leather pfd	69	69	68⅝	69
U. S. Rubber	29⅞	30	29⅞	30
Wabash pfd	18⅜	18½	18⅜	18¼
Western Union Tel	81	81¼	81	81½

*Ex. dividend 1½.

There was a general advance in the prices of stocks yesterday, continuing the good record made on Monday, and even bettering it on the whole. The buying was said to be more important than at any time heretofore, with good commission orders in evidence in addition to the professional business which still dominated the situation. There was a more hopeful tone in the gossip also, many of the larger commission brokers going so far as to predict that an advance of importance may be looked for during the present and succeeding weeks. It is to be feared, however, that this optimism is ill-founded. The trading element is likely to continue in control. The present advance may last a day or two longer, but it will be followed, as all the other small upward movements have been, by a recession. It is not yet time to expect the important boom that is to come when the large people get into the market. This class of people are now off yachting. The New York and Boston yacht clubs have more boats in the water than ever before in their history and a very large percentage of them are filled with people that buy stocks, either for themselves or for others. The momentary strength of the market is due to the somewhat better Chinese situation, and to the much more hopeful talk regarding the crops. The street seems to pay little or no attention to the continuance of the gold shipments and for a very good reason. It is very different to send out gold because you have to and because you wish to. The shipments this week are likely to be $10,000,000, a large part of which will be for the bond syndicate.

The grangers were perhaps the features of the market. They all advanced well and closed the day with good net gains. The prices attained were the highest on this movement. The rain two days ago undoubtedly broke the drought in the corn regions and it is now promised by people that have the best of information that the corn crop will be the largest on record. The meaning of this to such roads as the Atchison, the Rock Island, and the Burlington, cannot be over-estimated. London bought these securities and others yesterday in fair volume and Chicago also bought, mostly to cover short contracts. St. Paul advanced from 112 7-8, a high opening, to 114 1-8, and closed at the top. Burlington advanced to 127 3-4 and closed at 127 5-8. Rock Island advanced to 108 1-4 and closed at 108 1-8. Atchison was strong and it closed at the top, with a gain of 1-2. The prospects for the grangers are excellent. They have been selling at too low a price and the almost certainty of good crops makes their prices still further away from intrinsic value.

The steel securities were among the most interesting yesterday for two or three reasons. Buying began in the group at the opening, and the prices advanced well all day, the close being at or near the top in all of the securities. Federal Steel common advanced from 34 to 35 1-2, closing at the latter figure. The preferred advanced nearly a point. Steel and Wire common advanced from 34 3-4 to 35 7-8, and closed at 35 3-4. So much for the advance in prices. The buying was also most significant. Louis Bell was said to be a very heavy buyer, and it was hinted, in quarters that have been well-informed regarding the group, that he was purchasing for the insiders. Two interesting pieces of gossip were heard. One regarding the Federal Steel Company was that the Flowers are buying its securities and talking of much higher prices for them. One of the Flowers was quoted as offering to bet that the company will earn more in 1900 than it did in 1899. The other story is that Mr. Gates will become president of the Steel and Wire Company when he returns to this country. It was said that he is behind much of the Bell buying, and that the directors wish to have him become the president of the company and have persuaded him to consent.

The death of Collis P. Huntington, announced soon after the market opened, had no effect on prices, even in the stocks of the Huntington properties. It was at first feared by some that there might be a tumble in Southern Pacific, but after the first prices showed a small recession from yesterday's closing, there was another advance. Pacific Mail was not traded in during the day, but the bid price was up. Mr. Huntington was an old man, and it was known that his death must soon come in the natural order. It is understood, too, that he had his affairs arranged systematically, so that there will be no friction over them.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit was the feature of the morning hours. It got above 59 early in the day, and seemed inclined to go higher. Later it quieted down and closed at 59. Talk of the report of the company was general. The document must be published according to law today. The street is rather hopeful in its expectations regarding it. If the stock should advance several points on the report, it might not be a bad idea to sell out, for a temporary decline on the realizing of the good news.

The report of the Manhattan Railway for the quarter ending June 30 was an excellent one. Net earnings were $1,013,609, an increase compared with the same quarter last year of $125,288. For the fiscal year the net earnings of the system increased $447,625. The company had a surplus of $109,513 against a deficit of $259,489 at the close of business last year. Manhattan was fairly strong, like Brooklyn yesterday, getting as high as 92, and closing at the top. There are many tips that the stock is going higher.

The passage of the dividend on Iowa preferred stock was not the occasion of much surprise in the street. The new people in control were expected to cut off the disbursement for a time.

Sugar was rather weak. It opened at 125 and sold down to 123 5-8, closing at 123 3-4. There was a slight recovery during the last hour and many believed that it was to be permanent, but in the last fifteen minutes of the day the stock broke again. There was no news regarding the trust or its stock.

The earnings of the Northern Pacific for the first week of August showed an increase of $60,000. The common stock yesterday advanced to 52 1-4, and closed at 52 1-8 with a good net gain. The other Pacifics were fairly strong.

Baltimore and Ohio common was one of the few weak features of the day. It opened at 75 1-8 and sold as low as 73 1-4, closing at 74. The preferred was little dealt in, and closed virtually at the opening price. The selling of the common stock was heavy. It was explained when the July net earnings statement was made public. The earnings were $916,148, showing a decrease of $239,000.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—U. S. Coupon 3's, $100@103 3-4; Real Estate Title, 10@80; Mergenthaler Linotype, 15@187 1-4, 10@187 1-8; American Graphophone Co., 100@11 A1-8; 100@11; American Graphophone Co. Pref., 40@12 1-4. After Call—Capital Traction, 100@102 1-2—seller 20; Mergenthaler Linotype, 25@187 1-4.

GOVERNMENT BONDS	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, 1906, Q. J.	115	116
U. S. 4's, 1907, Q. J.	115	116
U. S. 4's, R., 1925	132¼	133
U. S. 4's, C., 1925	132½	133
U. S. 5's, C., 1904, Q. F.	112	113¾
U. S. 3's, R., 1908, Q. F.	109	110
U. S. 3's, R., 1908, R. C. F.	109	110
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.		
6's, 1902, "30-year funding" gold	103	....
7's, 1901, "Water stock" currency	102	....
Funding currency 3.65's	120	....
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Capital Traction R. R. 4's	107	107¼
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925	120	123
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness A	108	....
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness B	108	....
Columbia R. R. 6's, 1914	120	....
Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's	111	113
City & Suburban R. R.	103	....
Wash. Gas Co., ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27	110	....
Wash. Gas Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'29	110	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Deb., Imp., 1907	103	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt	103	....
Ches. & Pot. Tel., 1896-1911	103	....
Ches. & Pot. Tel., Con. 5's	102½	....
Am. Sec'y & Trust 5's, 1905	100	....
Wash. Market Co., 1st 6's, 1892-1911, $7,000 retired annually	109	....
Wash. Mkt. Co. Imp. 6's, 1912-'27	....	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., ext. 6's, 1914-'27	....	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1908	106	....
Amer. Graphophone Deb. 5's	....	99¾
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	....	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
Bank of Washington	360	400
Metropolitan	625	....
Central	200	....
Farmers' & Mechanics'	200	....
Second	155	....
Citizens'	169	....
Columbia	160	....
Capital	140	....
West End	116	118
Traders'	120	....
Lincoln	115	....
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES		
National Safe Deposit & Trust	132	....
Wash Loan & Trust	156	158
American Security & Trust	199	....
Wash. Safe Deposit	....	....
INSURANCE STOCKS		
Firemen	30	....
Franklin	....	....
Metropolitan	68	....
Corcoran	....	....
Potomac	65	....
Arlington	125	....
German American	200	....
National Union	10	....
Columbia	10	....
Riggs	7	....
People's	5¾	6
Colonial	....	....
Commercial	3¾	4¼
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS		
Real Estate Title	78	80
Columbia Title	4½	5
Washington Title	....	4½
District Title	3½	....
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	102½	102¾
Capital Traction Co. Scrip	106½	....
City & Suburban	....	37½
Georgetown & Tennallytown	20	....
GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	53½	53¾
Georgetown Gas	53	....
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Chesapeake & Potomac	60	....
Pennsylvania	....	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	187¼	188
Lanston Monotype	11½	11¾
American Graphophone	10⅞	11
American Graphophone, pfd	11¾	12¾
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	.14	.15
Washington Market	12	....
Norfolk & Washington	150	....
Lincoln Hall	....	....

*Ex-dividend.

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THE CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Thrashing Well and Corn Crop News Bearish.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Wheat was very dull. Traders were the principal sellers, and what little commission house trade there was was on the buying side, especially below 75c. Thrashing returns from the Northwest reported a yield exceeding expectations, and a larger run of receipts is expected next week. Liverpool was firm, closing 5-8 higher. Primary receipts were double those of last year, but the shipments continue heavy.

The very small corn stocks attracted attention. The total stock of all grades in public houses is about 1,500,000 bushels. These very small supplies have kept the September nervous, and at times strong, up at its best, about a cent, but holding less than half of it. The whole market was strong early, but eased off some. Crop news is considered rather bearish. Liverpool was 5-8 to 3-4 in the higher. The shipping bids are not any better than they were last week.

Oats about held their own, up a trifle early, but losing the advance when corn did. Oats are coming in very fast, but also going out just as fast.

Provisions opened and closed firm. In the mean time there was a soft spot on liquidation by September longs. The closing strength was due to the improvement by September longs. Packers are buying against these sales. The cash trade in meats was good.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
WHEAT.				
September	74⅞	75⅜	74¾	74⅞-75
October	76	76¼	75⅝	75¾-⅞
CORN.				
September	37½	38¼	37⅜	37⅞
October	36¾	37⅜	36⅝	37
OATS.				
September	21⅝	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝-¾
October	22-22⅛	22⅛	22	22
PORK.				
September	11.65	11.65	11.52	11.60
October	11.67	11.67	11.57	11.63
LARD.				
September	6.65	6.65	6.60	6.62-65
October	6.70	6.70	6.62	6.67-70
RIBS.				
September	7.00	7.00	6.95	6.97
October	6.97	6.97	6.92	6.95

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
September	8.97	8.92	8.64	8.64
October	8.57	8.63	8.42	8.44
January	8.49	8.49	8.28	8.29

BALTIMORE PRICE CURRENT.

Wholesale Provision and Grain Market Quotations in Full.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—Following are today's quotations in the local wholesale provisions and grain markets:

Wheat—Stock in elevators, 1,424,155 bus. The market for Southern was firm, and graded prices were 1-4c a bushel higher than yesterday's transactions. Receipts were lighter and under a good demand all of the offerings were readily disposed of. Sales on grade at 74 1-2c for No. 2 red, and 72 1-2c for steamer No. 2 red. Sample lots sold at 68c, 72c, 73c, 74c, and on private terms.

Corn—Stock in elevators, 1,067,523 bus. There was again an absence of receipts and offerings of Southern, consequently the market was dull, with prices purely nominal. Quote white and yellow afloat 45 1-2@46c. Cob steady at $2.35@2.40 per bbl for carload lots prime and yellow on spot.

Western wheat opened dull; August, 73 1-4c. Better foreign markets and sympathy with corn improved prices. Cash wheat sold at 73 3-4c, while September was dull at 74 1-2c. Offerings were light. The market closed easier; spot and August, 73 1-4@73 1-2c; September, 74 1-4@74 1-2c. Sales, car No. 2 red, track Mount Clare, 74c; 20,000 fresh spot, 73 3-4c. Settling price, contract, 73 5-8c; No. 3 red and steamer No. 2 red at 72c.

Western corn opened firm and higher. August corn was 43c and year 39 1-4, from which prices eased off to 42 3-4 and 39c, respectively. Demand for actual corn and small stock at Chicago was the cause of the firmness. Private cables steady; fair demand. The market closed easier; spot and August, 42 1-4@42 1-2; September, 42 1-2@42 5-8; new and or old, November and or December, 38 3-4c. Sales 10,000 new and or old November and or December, 39c. Settling price, mixed, 42 3-4c; steamer mixed, 41 3-4c.

Flour—Market was quiet. We quote: Western Super, $2.40@2.50; Western Extra, $2.70@3.15; Western Family, $3.40@3.75; Winter Patents, $3.85@4.15; Spring Patents, $4.25@4.50; Spring Straight, $4.00@4.20; Spring Bakers', $3.25@3.40; Baltimore Best Patents, $4.75; Baltimore High-Grade Family, $4.65; Baltimore High-Grade Extra, $4.25; Baltimore Choice Family, $4.00; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Super, $2.40@2.50; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Extra, $2.70@3.15; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Family, $3.40@3.75; City Mills, Super, $2.50@2.65; Rio Extra, $3.75@4.10; Rye flour, medium to choice, $3.00@3.25.

Oats—Stock in elevators, 384,911 bus. Old No. 2 white, 27 1-2c; No. 3, 26 1-2@27c; white, No. 4, 25@25 1-2c; white, ungraded, 25@27 1-2c; mixed, No. 2, 25 1-2@26c; mixed, No. 3, 24 1-2@25c; mixed, No. 4, 23 1-2@24c; ungraded, 23 1-2@26c; new, No. 2 white, 26 1-2@27c; No. 3, 24@25c; No. 4, 22 1-2@23 1-2c; ungraded, 22 1-2@27c; No. 2 mixed, 24@25c; No. 3, do, 23@23 1-2c; No. 4, do, 21 1-2@22 1-2c; ungraded, 21 1-2@25c.

Rye—Stock in elevators, 28,797 bus. The market was dull. No. 2, nearby, 48@49c, and No. 2 Western on spot, 50c; bag lots of new, 40@51c.

Butter—Market firm. Creamery separator, extra, 22@23c; extra first, 20@21c; creamery first, 20c; creamery imitation, extra, 19@20c; Iowa and Northwestern ladle extra, 18@19c; do, extra first, 16@17c; Western store-packed, 14@15c; creamery rolls (2 pounds), 21@22c; creamery prints (1-2 pound), 22@23c.

Eggs—Market firm. Strictly fresh, 13 1-2c per dozen.

Poultry—Market steady. Old fowls, 9 1-2@10c per lb; springers, 10@11 1-2c per lb; roosters, 25@30c apiece; ducks, 7@8c per lb; spring ducks, 8@10c per lb.

Green Coffee.—The market is dull. We quote: No. 7 (Rio grade), 9 1-4c.

Roasted Coffee.—Market is steady. We quote: Bulk roasted coffee—Pure Java, 32c; Maracaibo, 23c; pure Laguayra, 23c; pure Santos, 21c; African Java, 20 1-2c; Rio blend, 20 1-2c; Peaberry mixture, 20c; pure Mocha, 30c; Java-Mocha blend, 27 1-2c. (These coffees are in fancy bags, paper lined.) If packed in cans or tubs, 1-2c higher.

Package Brands.—E. L. C., 100-lb cases, 13 1-2c; 60-lb cases, 13 6-10c; 36-lb cases, 13 7-10c; Lion coffee, in 100-lb lots, 12.70; in 60-lb lots, 12.80.

Cotton.—Market quiet; middling, 10 1-4c; strictly low middling, 10 1-8c; low middling, 10c. Stock in Baltimore, 3,634 bales.

The market for flour was quiet at steady prices.

The demand for No. 2 Western rye was slow, and offerings were also limited. Choice bag lots were in fair request.

There was a fair demand for No. 2 white and No. 2 mixed oats, but the major portion of the arrivals were of medium and low grades.

The market for butter was firm. Receipts were fair and the demand was fair.

Receipts of strictly fresh eggs were light, and, with a good demand, prices were firmly held.

There was a fair demand for choice offerings of poultry, and, with moderate receipts, prices ruled steady.

The cotton market was steady.

RECEIPTS.

	Today.	Same day last year.
Flour	14,846	15,878 bbls.
Wheat	*64,361	45,272 bus.
Corn	**72,477	146,375 bus.
Oats	42,901	32,634 bus.
Rye	2,084	944 bus.
Mill feed	565	77 tons.
Hay	48	119 tons.
Straw	..	5 tons.

*Including 18,225 bushels Southern and 46,136 bushels Western.

**Including —— bushels Southern and 72,477 bushels Western.

EXPORTS.

	Today.	Same day last year.
Flour	*203	20,401 bbls.
Wheat	48,000	52,000 bus.
Corn	94,406	85,714 bus.
Hay	30	10 tons.
Mill feed	305	77 tons.

*Including 153 barrels coastwise.

IN A LAND OF PIGMIES.

A Meeting Between Their Chief and a Missionary.

(From the Pall Mall Gazette.)

An interesting account of the pigmies of Central Africa is given by A. B. Lloyd, one of the Church Society's missionaries, in his book, "In Dwarf Land and Cannibal Country." His first interview with them took place in a clearing of the forest. While reading a book he became aware of a number of little faces peering at him through the thicket. He held out his hands in sign of friendly greeting. Slowly and very shyly a pigmy advanced, stared at the white man in amazement, and hid his face behind his hands. Other pigmies advanced behind their leader. I now (he says) had a complete view of my visitors, and what struck me first of all was, naturally, the shortness of their stature. But, although they were very short—about four feet by subsequent measurement—yet there was a powerfulness about their build that is not often seen in African races. Broad-chested, with muscles finely developed, short, thick neck, and small bullet head, the lower limbs were massive and strong to a degree. The chest was covered with black, curly hair, and most of the men wore thick, black beards. Each carried either bow and quiver of arrows, or short throwing spears. Round their arms they wore iron rings, and some of them had these around their necks also. I chatted away to the little men who knew the Toro language, and I was very much amazed at the smart way in which he answered my questions. His knowledge of the language was not perfect by any means, and he often used words that were strange to me, and savored of pigmyland, yet he spoke sufficiently well for me to be able to follow him.

The pygmy leader explained that his country was seven days' journey in length by six in breadth. I next asked him the number of his people, and he took a piece of stick and broke it up into little pieces, about forty in all, and said that each piece represented a chief, and he then went on to tell me the number of followers of each; some had two hundred, others only fifty, and a few as many as five hundred. It was very simple then to calculate that the total number would be somewhere about ten thousand.

He told me that he knew long ago of my coming, and I asked him "How?" He said that several days ago he saw me. "Saw me!" I said. "When did you see me?" "I have seen you in the forest for six days." "But I did not see you," I said, and then he laughed most heartily and said: "No, I could not see him, but he saw me." Upon further enquiry I found that a large party of these little creatures had been watching our every movement all through the forest, while we were in the most blissful ignorance of the fact. At every camp they had hovered about us, peering at us through the thicket as we passed. Why did they not attack us? Is the question that kept coming up into my mind. If they are the thievish, wicked little people that they have been represented, why did they not molest us? We were entirely in their power and had been for the last six days. Perhaps it was our very helplessness that protected us—they saw that we were not as the other white men who had passed through their forest, armed with guns, and having a big following of soldiers; or perhaps I had been overheard speaking in the language of Toro to my boys, and this had given them confidence. I firmly believe, however, that they are not untrustworthy folk, as is usually supposed, but, like most Africans, when not interfeerd with they are perfectly harmless.

HENRY PAINE'S REPARTEE.

Manifestation of His Disregard for Certain Brothers in Law.

(From the San Francisco Wave.)

The late Henry W. Paine, of the Massachusetts bar, was once defending a charity case in which a boy of fifteen was charged with arson. He made out a strong case to prove the defendant an idiot. After a charge from the judge, which was practically an order for acquittal, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. The judge asked Paine if he would move for a new trial. "I thank you for your suggestion," was the answer, "but I am oppressed with the gravest doubts whether I have the right to move for a new trial. Your honor, I have already asked for and have received for my idiot client the most precious heritage of our English and American common law—a trial by a jury of his peers."

Paine had an old quarrel with the Supreme Court, and never lost an opportunity of showing his contempt for that body. Once riding from Boston to Cambridge with a load of law books, he was accosted by a young Harvard man with the remark: "You have quite a load, Mr. Paine. Law books, I suppose?" "Oh, no," was the answer, "only Supreme Court reports."

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FELLING A GREAT TREE.

Electricity Employed to Hew Down a Giant Elm.

(From the Western Electrician.)

One of the chief attractions of Jacksonville, Ill., is the large trees which overarch many of the principal streets, shielding them from the sun. The grounds of the State Insane Hospital, located there, are also shaded with many trees, and recently a limb of one of the largest of the trees was broken off by the wind. As it fell it blocked the carriage drive, and it was decided to cut away the whole tree. As the workmen found the tree too large for a crosscut saw, they were about to chop it down when it was suggested that the electrician "electrocute" it.

Following out the suggestion, connection was made with an arc lamp circuit passing near. The electrician changed the circuit at the power house so it could be thrown on to a dynamo that was operating a power circuit, and then dropped a couple of short wires from the nearest arc lamp pole, connecting twenty feet of No. 14 iron wire between them. Putting the wire around the tree and having a couple of men hold it taut, the current was turned on, but it was found that only a thirty-five ampere circuit could be obtained. This was not sufficient to make any appreciable effect on the trunk of the tree. After another unsuccessful attempt with a smaller iron wire the arc light circuit had to be put in service for the night.

The following morning a pair of No. 2 weather proof lines were run to the nearest underground feeder, and a twenty-foot piece of seven-strand No. 16 galvanized iron wire was inserted in the circuit, three of the strands being taken out to give air space and room for the products of combustion to pass. The feeder was cut out of regular duty and put on a small dynamo, which was also specially arranged for a wide regulation of voltage. The dynamo tender was given a code of signals and told to keep his eye on a man who was placed on top of the Administration Building tower to transmit the signals from the electrician.

Soon after a signal was passed the wire became uncomfortable to the touch; another signal, and it soon began to smoke and the bark to blacken; another, and the zinc whitened, while those holding the cautery began sliding it slowly back and forth. The bark sparked and smoked. The wire took a dull red color in the sunlight and a cherry hue in the crevice. Its motion was adjusted so as to give sufficient air to reduce the wood to soft charcoal after the water was evaporated, and to remove the charcoal as fast as formed.

In an hour the crevice was eighteen inches deep, and at this point the wire, having been considerably reduced in size by oxidization, gave way, and was replaced by another. The operation was kept up until the trunk was almost cut through, when the little bit of unburned wood in the centre of the trunk parted and the tree fell.

The tree was an elm, with a large percentage of water, and was eleven feet in circumference. The current in the cautery was from 120 to 135 amperes direct, the voltage at the machine being varied from 80 to 115. The time consumed in the operation was two hours and ten minutes.

WOMEN AT A FIRE.

Men Also Who Are Likely to Lose Their Presence of Mind.

(From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.)

"Women always act queer at fires," said Smith, oracularly. Smith is an old bachelor and naturally his judgment on women is embittered.

"They do, eh?" enquired Miss Jones, who is fifty, unmarried, and naturally prejudiced against bachelors.

"Yes, they do," said Smith, firmly.

"I shan't argue the question," said Miss Jones, "but I'll merely tell you what came under my own eyes the last time a fire was announced at this hotel. You know the bellboy or the clerk raises a cry of fire about every so often. I'm an old boarder, and consequently I pay no attention to it. Well, a few weeks ago, about 1 o'clock in the morning, I heard a terrific yelling of 'Fire! Fire!'

"'They're at it again,' I thought, and I went to the door and looked out in the corridor. Mr. Nicely, who rooms at the end of the hall, came walking down in a nightshirt and a silk hat. 'No immediate danger, Miss Jones,' he assured me. 'Plenty of time to dress.' A gentleman in No. 13 stepped out in the corridor and carefully hung his dress suit on the chandelier, trousers, coat, vest, and tie. Then he wrapped a blanket around him, seized his gold-headed cane, and started downstairs. The door opposite mine was open and I could see the flames shooting up past the window. It was a real fire, although, as we know now, nothing came of it. An old gentleman stood before the glass putting the finishing touches to his toilet. He was all dressed save his necktie, and he couldn't get that in a bow to suit him. Three times he tied it, untied it, and began over again. Then he walked off and left his pocketbook on the dresser. The old professor who is interested in botany stopped me as I started downstairs and asked me if 'this wouldn't be terrible on the Japanese lilies.'

"'Where are they?' I asked.

"'Why, right there in the back end of the garden,' he said, pointing a shaking finger at some shrubs he had set out in a vacant lot seventy-five feet in the rear. These are only a few of my own observations," concluded Miss Jones, haughtily, "but they convince me that women do act queer at fires. Of course they do! But what about the men?"

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