

NEW STORAGE BATTERY.

much lighter and cheaper than those now in use. Felix S. Rively, an electrical and chemical engineer of Pittsburgh, Pa., has just made public an invention which he recently completed, which is to revolutionize the methods in use for street car and motorized locomotion. Mr. Rively's invention is an electric storage battery, which will surpass anything which is in use. A specimen was made at Philadelphia last week which was entirely satisfactory in every respect and demonstrated the advantages of the invention.

The battery has several advantages over the ordinary storage battery, most prominent among which is the fact that it needs charging only every 50 hours, whereas the ordinary battery must be charged every six hours. Another important feature is the fact that Mr. Rively's invention weighs but 130 pounds, while the lightest now on the market weighs 350 pounds. The latter costs \$1,000, while the one that has just been patented can be sold for \$300.

A company has been formed in Philadelphia with a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and an immense plant will be erected at once to make the batteries. The new Monganahala Street Railway company, which was recently chartered to run between Brownsville and Belvernon, and of which Mr. Rively is president, has adopted the batteries, and will be the first line in the country to use them.

MR. BAILEY ON DRESS SUITS.

Says Texas Is Full of Them, But He Will Not Wear One.

Probably no visitor to New York attracted as much attention the other day as Congressman Bailey, of Texas. He received admiring tribute in the lobby of the Hoffman house, and he soon made his views known on the wearing of a dress suit. Said the congressman:

"You all here in New York are a very provincial lot. You imagine that all the civilization of the country is crowded into Manhattan island. This is not the truth. We have all sorts of things in Texas that the people of New York suppose they have a corner on. We have dress suits by the score. Plenty of my constituents appear in evening dress on occasion, and I believe most other members of the Texas delegation have a dress suit. I have no objection to other people wearing a dress suit, but I don't want to wear one myself, and the only thing for me to do is to stay away from all events where everybody appears in evening dress. Clothes do not make a man. They do not have anything to do with it. A man is a power by himself. When he ceases to be a power, he is ruled by his clothes. Nobody could object quicker than I would if any man appeared in a public place who is not clean and tidy. Further than that I would not go."

DRY BEER GRAINS.

Hints to American Farmers by American Comptroller at Hamburg.

Consul Robertson, at Hamburg, in an elaborate report to the state department on dried beer grains as cattle food expresses the confident opinion that if Europe finds it a cheat, well as the best food for cattle after paying ocean freights from this country, commissions, etc., American farmers certainly ought to be able to use it to advantage without those expenses, especially when such a valuable cheap fodder will do away with the constant complaint of the scarcity and high price of food for farm animals.

Consul Robertson's report is devoted to a convincing demonstration of the radical difference between the wet beer grains, which spoil and are injurious, and the same product dried, the drying process radically changing its character, according to the best European experience corroborated by thorough scientific investigation.

CANADIAN COMMERCE.

Scheme to Open New Channels of Trade with Mexico.

Capt. Yates, representing the Oregon & Asiatic Steamship company, put before the Toronto (Ont.) board of trade a plan to open new channels of trade for the Dominion of Canada by placing a line of boats between British Columbia ports and the ports of Mexico and Central America, on the Pacific coast. This trade is to a large extent in products in which Canada should be able to compete successfully, provided it had a cheap and direct means of transportation. Capt. Yates is seeking the cooperation of all the boards of trade in the Dominion in his scheme. Securing this, he will ask a subsidy of \$100,000 for four years from the Dominion government.

Cost of a Private Car.
Traveling in a private car is a luxury that may now be enjoyed upon most American railways by anyone who will pay 18 railway fares and for 16 berths, and bear the cost of the cook, meat and drink; but it is most frequently enjoyed free of cost by those who can perfectly well afford to pay for it. The charms of this method of getting about may be greatly overrated. One man who rides in a special car says that to travel in that way is not always agreeable.

Effects of Tobacco.
A medical journal has made some careful investigations among the colleges of New England, which enabled it to state that students who do not use tobacco gain weight, height and girls or chest from ten to twenty-four per cent. faster than those who chew or smoke. The development of the lungs, if this authority is correct, is especially retarded by the tobacco habit.

Rice Paper Minimizes.
Rice paper is not made from either rice or rice straw, but from a pithy plant found in China, Korea and Japan. Musical instruments were first mentioned B. C. 3875.

SAID TO BE A FAILURE.

Kineto-scope Views of Prize-Fight Fall to Pen Out.

Mr. Weston, Who Took THEM, Says the Pictures Have Developed Baby Defects—Picture of Jimi—Now Jewish.

The statements made by E. J. Rector are true there is a defect, or rather no defect, ahead for the kineto-scope views of the recent fight encounter in Carson, Nev. Rector avers that he is not worried about the prospects of legislation that will cripple the business of giving peep-hole exhibitions of the prize fight. It is the knowledge of the views taken at the ring side are dismal thoughts that are inspiring him nightmares.

Charles Burckhardt has obtained considerable renown by his discovery of a new method of photographing the sun during an eclipse which gives results that are of the greatest scientific interest. To give him an opportunity to apply his discovery a wealthy San Franciscan who wanted to add something to the cause of science sent the astronomer to Japan during the eclipse observable there some time since. The day on which the eclipse occurred was cloudy and not a photograph could be secured.

These same friends of science have offered to pay the expenses of a trip for Mr. Burckhardt to India. The trip will be under his own supervision. Mr. Burckhardt has determined that if he goes to India his party shall be known as the Chabot observatory expedition, so that the little Oakland observatory will be thus given prominence in the scientific world.

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The negatives were sent to the Edison laboratory, in Orange, N. J., to be developed. Frank Gammon, of Robt. & Gammon, managers of the vitascope, under whose direction the negatives were being developed, confirms Rector's statement. He says they are not panicking out.

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A VALUABLE HAT'S NEST.

Made Out of Greenbacks Worth One Thousand Dollars.

While workmen were engaged recently in demolishing a barn on the Thompson property in Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., they found under the floor a rat's nest which was made of greenbacks, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The money had been badly torn and chewed, but most of it, if not all, is recoverable.

Prof. Thomas F. Thompson, who now owns the property, says the money was probably hidden under the barn floor some years ago by his father, Robert Thompson, who began to act queerly in 1869 and became possessed of a fear of banks, lawyers and corporations. After that he carried his money about him. He seldom, if ever, allowed anyone but himself to visit the barn. Mr. Thompson, Sr., died September 18, 1883, and Prof. Thompson's mother lived until December last.

By her will the estate, which consisted of \$3,000 and the house and land, was to be divided equally between Prof. Thompson and his brother. The professor took the house and his brother the money. In equity the money found in the rat's nest belongs to Prof. Thompson. The professor is a blind musician and has composed a number of pieces.

The total amount of money in the rat's nest is thought to be about \$1,000. It is in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

REGULAR TROOPS TO TAKE PART

Secretary of War Arranges for Dedication of Grant Monument.

The secretary of war has designated 10 batteries of artillery, eight companies of cavalry, eight companies of infantry and two battalions of engineers stationed at posts in the department of the east, together with the corps of West Point cadets for participation in the ceremonies of the dedication of the Grant monument in New York on the 27th inst.

After consultation it was decided to separate the couple until the young groom reaches the age of 17 next February, at which time they will be married if neither wishes to have the marriage annulled.

Miss Byrd will re-enter school and her young husband will remain in the governor's office.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS.

Bulgarian Government Invites Bids for New Railroad.

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Extraordinary Memory.
An Hortensius, the great Roman lawyer and orator, had a memory of extraordinary scope and tenacity. After composing a speech or oration he could repeat it word for word, exactly as he had prepared it. On one occasion he went to an auction where the business was carried on during an entire day, and at evening, for a wager, he wrote down a list of the articles that had been sold and the prices, together with the names of the purchasers in the order in which the purchases had been made.

Prisoners Dress Della.

On the recommendation of the British controller of prison industries it has been decided as an experiment to purchase dolls and have them dressed by female prisoners, with a view of profitable employment to take the place of oakum picking, which is wholly discontinued as a task for women.

Harpooched a Hundred Years Ago.

A whale recently captured in Arctic waters was found to have imbedded in its side a harpoon belonging to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

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TO PHOTOGRAPH THE SUN.

Astronomer Charles Burckhardt, of Oakland, Cal., going to India, Charles Burckhardt, astronomer of the Chabot observatory, will travel halfway round the world so that for two minutes in far-off India he may endeavor to photograph the sun during the solar eclipse of next January. As the eclipse during totally will be observable only in India, many scientists will travel thither to make observations.

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VENTES A L'ENGA.

PAR HARRY H. HODGSON.

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE.

VENTE EN PARTAGE

Dans l'appartement Louise Gehlbach,

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Pauline Gehlbach et al.

Dossier No 52,126.

Propriété Améliorée

—DANS LES—

Second et Troisième Districts

Sur la rue Esplanade, le Chemin du

Beyou, la rue N. Johnson et l'ave.

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