

a new principle of construction which will revolutionize the science! Who would ever have thought that Billy Lane was such an orator? With sure control, and smooth words, and rounded sentences, and contagious enthusiasm, he made the floating dome as interesting as a page out of the Arabian Nights Tales; but, when he came to the inventor of that marvel, then indeed he rose to heights of eloquence, for here was a topic upon which he could say his say with a full heart and sturdy belief! His voice pulsed and reverberated throughout the length and breadth of the banquet hall, vibrated amid the crystal of the chandeliers and the stucco and gold of the ceilings, throbbed into the ladies' gallery, penetrated to the innermost recess of Tavy Stuart, so that she fairly quivered with the pride and glory of it all! Were there ever two such remarkably clever and brilliant and majestic men as Harrison Stuart and Billy Lane? Never! And in the burst of stupendous applause which followed, Jean and Tavy Stuart laughed and laughed for joy, and wiped their eyes, and held hands.

More speeches, with Ainsley Pulham in between, sometimes getting his jokes mixed, and sometimes delivering in advance the meat out of the next speaker's talk, but always fresh and smil-