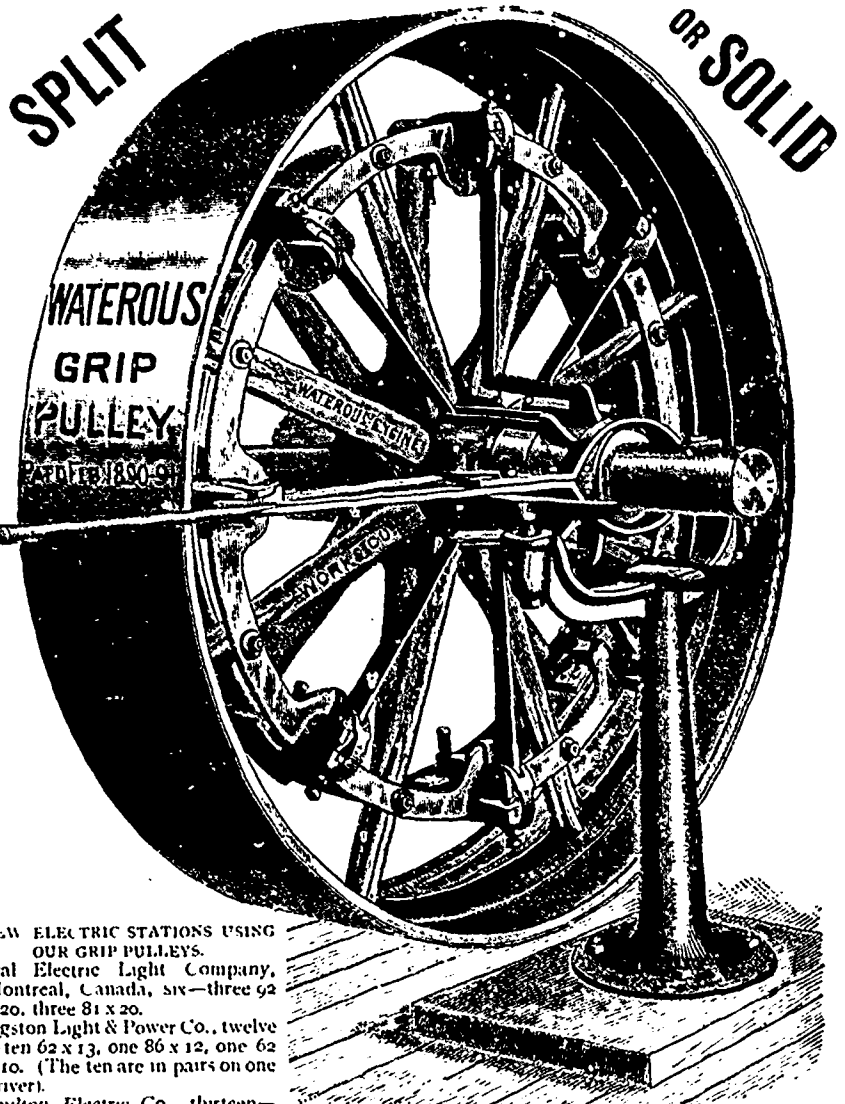


A SINGULAR FATALITY.

The strange case of James Grant, a lineman employed by the Chicago Telephone Company, has excited much interest in Chicago. During the thunder storm of the afternoon of Monday of last week Grant had occasion to ring up the central office from the station at West Fortieth and Lake streets. A peal of thunder, following quickly upon a flash of lightning, rang out as he had the receiver to his ear. He fell to the floor. The bystanders ran to help him and found him breathing heavily and unconscious. He was taken to his home near by. Doctors came promptly. Efforts to restore him to consciousness were useless, and he lay insensible until Tuesday. When at last he awakened from the stupor his first words were: "Hello, ring off!" and this he muttered day and night. It was evident that the unfortunate man had become insane, and on Wednesday night he became violent, still laboring under the delusion that he was at the telephone. It was necessary to summon help from the neighborhood to restrain him. All night long he muttered, "Hello, ring off!" at intervals making frenzied attacks upon the men who were holding him in bed. The patrol wagon was called on Thursday morning and he was carried, feebly fighting, into a ward at the detention hospital. Throughout the day the afflicted man struggled pitifully with his delusion, and at 6 o'clock it was necessary to administer quieting medicines in order to get him to bed. At 9 o'clock he was quiet at last and breathing easy, with a decreased temperature. Twenty minutes later he aroused himself shouting, but without attempts at violence. The attending physician was called, and, as Grant's voice seemed to grow fainter, he found his pulse failing with it. At 10:25 o'clock, still persisting in his cry of "Hello, ring off!" sunk to a whisper, James Grant died.

The case is a mysterious one, and it is not known whether the lightning itself or the fall to the floor was the cause of the insanity and subsequent death. There are several instances recorded in medical journals where persons have been rendered delirious by shocks of lightning, but none is known precisely parallel to Mr. Grant's sad fate.—*Western Electrician.*



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