IMPROVEMENTS IN TELÉPHONES A Transmitter Which Costs Two Cents

and Weighs Half an Ounce.

From the New York Evening Post.

There has recently been filed an application for a patent upon a telephone transmitter which, according to the claims made for it by Park Benjamin, its inventor, is the smallest, cheapest and simplest transmitter yet made, and one which gives results as satisfactory as the best transmitters in use. The ordinary Blake transmitter now in common use in connection with the Bell telephone costs about \$2 to manufacture, and being a somewhat delicate piece of mechanism, is more or less liable flatter yourself that you are equal to three, do you?" to get out of order. The new transmitter is about the size of a five-cent nickel, and about three times as thick; it resembles a small pill-box coated with tar or some

The cost of manufacture is about two cents.

In order to use this novel transmitter it is necessary merely to hold it about two inches away from the mouth when talking. Some experiments were made in Mr. Benjamin's office recently with it, when the result of talking through a wire running from one room to another room separated by several doors and passages was perfectly clear and distinct.

The small size of this telephone may make it of great value where space cannot be spared. For the last two years a receiver has been placed upon the stage of the Academy of Music, right between the footlights and the performers, in order that a bedridden gentleman, E. B. Fry, might hear something of the music. Col. Mapleson received scores of applications from other persons in the city to have similar receivers placed on the Academy stage for their benefit, but as the receiver and case were rather in the way, he refused to allow more than one. A thousand of the wire rope which keeps the dresses of the women from getting too near the footlights without attracting the slightest attention from either public or performers.

It having been rumored among electricians that the Metropolitan Telephone company of this city had at last succeeded in establishing satisfactory telephonic communication between New York and Boston, and had, therefore, been perfectly independent of the telegraph companies of the work of the telegraph companies of the cores and the cores. He work below the wine role with man's feet? "Sure enough, the max that the me-comers, and tackled the old ones with much pleasure.

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munication between New York and Boston, and had, therefore, been perfectly independent of the telegraph companies of late, a reporter of the Evening Post called upon J. P. Davis, the vice-president of the Metropolitan Telephone company.

"Yes," said Mr. Davis, "we are using the telephone constantly between here and Boston, but only as an experiment for our own convenience; the line is not open to the public. In the future, however, probably within a year, we shall have lines running to all large cities; distance seems to be no impediment in the way of telephonic communication so long as a perfect wire is used. We can work with all sorts of telephones, but we need a perfect wire.

A summer soiree in a suburb of Pais.

Monsieur and madame have lingered long in the garden after dinner. The warm air, in fragrant breeze, the solitude, all tend to a gush of sentiment.

"Tell me, sweetheart, if I should die, would you marry again?"

"Oh!" answers madame, in a tone of reproach; "of course not; at least not right away.

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"I suppose," replied the fly telegraph beyrador, "that with the man that named it, as well as with us at this boarding house, it was a rare dish."

The same old Cat.

Wall & Taylor, 22 Adelaide St. E.

From the Burlington Hawkeye.

We are pleased to note that our old friend, the same old cat, has crawled upon the fly-wheel of an engine and taken a the fly-wheel of an engine and taken a rotary trip of a couple of hundred miles in half a day, being injured in no way beyond being a little dazed and giddy. We had begun to fear the cat would neglect her regular annual fly-wheel trip this year, and indeed, it appears that she did forget to appear in her great act in the United States, and opened the season in a newspaper office in Montreal.

Welcome and bravo, good cat! Year after year thou has taken that same perilous ride, since ever cats and fly-wheels were. Time does not make thee old, nor blunt the edge of thy capricious feats.

were. Time does not make thee old, nor blunt the edge of thy capricious feats. Welcome, thrice welcome! once again. And this reminds us that, although the fly-wheel cat has s'arted out in Canada, the other cat has not yet crawled into the wheel of the freight car and whirled along the multitude of miles of the railroad. If no other enterprising journal claims the down, we will just start that cat from Bur-ington to Red Gok and let the city editor work in the details.

Robbery Under an Assumed Name. "Hello, Robbery, old boy,"said a Hand-

"Whom are you addressing, sir?" 'Oh, come, you can't guy me. I know

ou if you are dressed up."
"But I am not Robbery, sir."
"Well, then, I'd like to know who you 'My name is Assignment, sir." Well, maybe it was your brother I d to know. You look mighty alike

with, hasy but two brother is detected an follow the way."

Woo, sir, I have but two brothers, and eir names are Suspension and Faile."

Ah, yes, I remember now. Robbery is the father of the whole batch of you. "Ah, yes, I remember now. Robbery was the father of the whole batch of you.

their money for tea, coffee and tobacco, animal food and condiments, destroying doctors' bills to get cured again." One of the needs of this country is a society for the reformation of parents.

Jack always had a great voice.

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After performing her task the hen begins to make her cackle-ations.

From the Texas Siftings.

They had not been married very long, but she had grown cold and listless; so one evening, after she had yawned seventeen consecutive times, he said:

"You seem to be so cold and indifferent, Malvina. Have you forgotten those happy days when I was paying you my addresses?"

dresses?"
"You bet I've not forgotten those happy
days before we were married. I never
had less than three fellers of an evening

Old Friends Are the Best. From the Atlanta Constitution. An old Shoe, that had served its owner some other water-proof material, and many days, was cast aside for a pair of new weighs about half an ounce. No shaking will affect it, and there is no ostensible reason, according to Mr. Benjamin, why it should not be in as good a condition at the end of twenty years as when finished. The cost of manufacture is about two cents.

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Paris and alighted at a boulevard hotel.
They brought a pet monkey with them.
One day the intelligent animal, being left alone in the dining-room, got drunk on champagne and smashed all the crockery. He was ultimately locked up.

"You certainly used to admire him. What has he done?"
"Why, last evening I showed him our precious little darling, and he said all babies looked alike to him."

A Pittsburg journalist says he saw a pet snake playing Sweet Violets on the piano, the reptile striking out the notes on the keys with his tail. This is probably the the most deplorable case of inebriety on record. When a man sees snakes of the piano-playing brand, all the temperance reform movements that could be organized in a year would not save him.

Ah, Rosalind, I've come upon thee sleeping,
I'll steal one kiss from off thy rosy lips—
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ing; Knows drowsy flower the rover-bee that That kiss! Oh, theft beyond compare deli cious!
If bolder, I'd imprison more and more;
Yet seemeth me her dream grows swift sus Her erst calm brow is clouding o'er and o'er

Alas! discovered! "Sir, it's past believing! Cries Rosalind, with blush and sudden start.

1: "Madam, surely this no single thieving; I took but one brief kiss. I lost my heart!"

E. G. Blanders in Chicago Current.

remember."

A Much Needed Society.

An Illinois man writes: "I have been Jack always had a great voice."

An interpretation of this Logan," said Jesse Brown at Lucknow. "It's a good long way from Illinois to India, but Black Jack always had a great voice.

A despatch says: "The president has donned his summer suit." Probably a typographical error. No doubt "redeemed" was meant.

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