

By him it was sold for 15 shillings to a young man in the trade, he in his turn disposing of the book to another person for £1. This last knew the value of his prize, and, in spite of its being imperfect, re-sold the volume for £5 to a well-known firm of booksellers, who now want somewhere about £12 for it. A perfect copy is worth £20. It is quite a small pamphlet, and has been reprinted—without the frontispiece.

WILLIAM L. SILVERY, the young mechanic who invented the induction telegraph by which messages may be sent from flying trains, is only 19 years of age. This unknown boy perfected the induction telegraph while working on his mother's farm, near Castleton, Ind. He had wires strung through the apple orchard, and on these, with encouragement from no one but his mother, developed the principle of induction until he was able to transmit messages from one wire to another forty feet distant. Those to whom he confided his discovery laughed at his ideas, and he was forced to abandon his efforts to bring his work before the world. Thus it lay unheard of until Mr. Edison got a clue to it and applied the principle to telegraphing from moving trains. Young Silvery has not been discouraged for a moment, but has worked away with tireless industry, and his genius has produced other devices equally marvellous.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Why have the funny men of America been so dull this Winter? Answer First—They haven't! Answer Second—Because it's been such an no-pun Winter.

A GENTLEMAN just returned to this country from a tour in Europe was asked how he liked the ruins of Pompeii. "Not very well," he replied, "they were in such shocking bad repair."

At dinner the host introduces to the favorable notice of the company a splendid truffled pheasant, amid murmurs of admiration. "Isn't it a beauty?" he says. "Dr. So-and-So gave it to me—killed it himself." "Aw, what was he treating it for?" asked one of the guests.

"Do you think, William," said Mrs. Brown to her husband the other night, "that the telephone will ever be as generally used as the telegraph?" "Why, yes," replied Brown; "the time is coming when it will be as common to telephone as it seems now to tell—a fib."

He appeared to be almost gone. Rolling his eyes toward the partner of his bosom, he gasped: "Bury me 'neath the weeping-willow, and plant a single white rose above my head." "O, it's no use!" she snapped out. "Your nose would scorch the roots." He got well.

CASTE—Young lady (in carriage): "Her name is Smith,—I think her husband is in the artillery. I wish you would tell her I wish to speak with her." Soldier's wife: "I don't know the lady, mum, which we're in the 'orse artillery, mum, and we don't visit with the field batteries."

"Curious thing about that statue of Washington," said old Smith-pipes, in a musing sort of tone, as he sauntered past with Starlight—"curious thing: always shrinks when it rains, you know." "Don't say so!" said Starlight. "Fact!" muttered the old man; "every time it

rains it becomes a mere statue-wet," and the old man's left thumb went under Starlight's fifth rib with tremendous violence.

ALEXANDER DUMAS wrote his autograph for a successful quack who lavishly entertained him:

Since my good friend here, Gallipots,
Has fixed his dwelling in this town,
The hospital has been torn down—

"Good, good," murmured the doctor, who was looking over the writer's shoulder. The poet concluded his epigram:—

And the site sold for burial lots.

We hear of an "exploding dish of chowder,"

A blown up doughnut and a busted cup,

'Most everything is dangerous but powder—

But could Guy Fawkes have Bologna sausage up?

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