

NOVEL TELEGRAPHING.

A prominent lawyer thought he had discovered a wonderful instance of thought transference the other day. He has two typewriter operators. One works in his private office and the other has a desk in an adjoining room. Of late he has been puzzled upon giving instructions to his private stenographer, to be delivered to the other typewriter, to find that she never quit the room, yet the girl in the next room would always execute the order, just as if she had been told explicitly what was required.

The attorney for a long time had been trying to account for this seeming telegraphic communication between the two young ladies. Yesterday he thought he would make a test of the matter, and calling his stenographer, he said: "I want you to take down this article of agreement and give it to Miss Blank to transcribe." He then dictated a lengthy and technical document, trying to make it as difficult as possible.

The stenographer took it down and then went to her machine and began operating it. The attorney watched her closely, and saw that she never stopped her work. He waited for a half hour, then he turned to his typewriter and said:

"Miss So-and-So, I think you have forgotten to give Miss Blank that dictation I gave you for her."

"Oh, no," replied the young lady, "Miss Blank has it finished and waiting for you out there."

This nonplussed the attorney. He was sure his private stenographer had not left the room, and did not see how it could be possible for such a complicated agreement to be transferred by telepathic communication. He went out to Miss Blank, who handed him the agreement completed. The attorney could not contain himself any longer as he said: "Miss Blank, I have been noticing something strange for the past month. Will you tell me how you receive my instructions from Miss So-and-So without her leaving my room? Here you have transcribed a very difficult dictation, and I am sure you have had no communication with her." The young lady began to smile and said:

"Mr. — you should not be so sure that we have had no communication. We can converse with each other when the door is open just as well as if we were in the same room. No, it's not thought transference, but plain telegraphy. You see, Miss So-and-So, and I have learned telegraphy recently, and we practice in this way."

"We found the space bars of our typewriters made perfect telegraph keys, so that we can send messages just as well as with a regular telegraph instrument. So it's not so mysterious after all."

The young lady showed her employer the manner of sending a message, and he began to think how easily some mysterious incidents could be explained if we only knew the truth.

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