

discovery was made in connection with this element. When cooled slowly from a state of fusion it becomes a conductor of electricity. Its power of conducting electricity is greater when exposed to sunlight than when in the dark, or the darkness renders greater its power to retard the passage of an electrical current. Prof. A. Graham Bell, the telephone experimenter, has made use of this property in the construction of his telephote, or radiophone, by which he is able to make use of a *ray of light* instead of a metallic wire for sending the communication from telephone to telephone. Other attempts have been made to use this element in the transmission of photographs and outline sketches, but complete success has not yet crowned the efforts.

A TRAVELLER in Egypt describes a Mohammedan university at Cairo as being 900 years older than Oxford, and still flourishing as in the palmy days of the Arabian conquest. There were to be seen two acres of turbans assembled in a vast inclosure without floor, except the pavement, and with a roof supported by 400 columns. Some 10,000 students are said to be receiving instruction here, preparing to go out as missionaries of the Moslem faith.

C. C. CONVERSE makes a plea in *The Critic and Good Literature* for a new pronoun in the English language. He suggests the word *thon* (that one), to be used in the singular number and common gender, as follows: If Mr. or Mrs. A. visits me, I shall welcome *thon*. Each excused the other and blamed *thon*. The horse and the young lady on his back were equally frightened, and each looked out for *thon*. This newly-coined word would obviate all difficulty in regard to the troublesome himself, herself and itself, when speaking of different genders.

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