

SCANDAL BY WIRE.—A droll mistake was made by an imaginative old dame, who, having permitted a telegraph pole to be placed on the top of her house, waited upon the chief of the Telegraphic Company concerned to complain that she could get no sleep of a night, being kept awake by the noise made by the messages passing over her head. "I don't think, sir," said she, "you can be aware of all that's said along them wires. There's a deal that hadn't ought to be. I can assure you, sir, that very much that's said there, that I have to lie and listen to, is such as no decent woman ought to hear, and I hope you'll put a stop to it." The amused gentleman was hardly able to meet the accusation with due gravity; but he did contrive to keep his countenance while he informed the old lady that the young men who had hitherto worked the wires were under notice of dismissal, and that in future only young women of great respectability would be employed, so there would be no danger of her propriety being shocked again.

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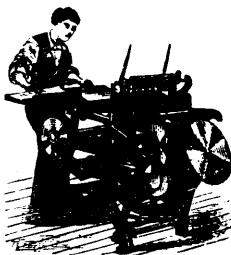
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