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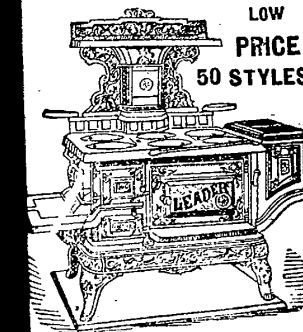
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BUILDING.

Souls are built as temples are—
Sunken deep, unseen, unknown,
Lies the sure foundation stone.
Then the courses framed to bear
Lift the cloisters pillared fair,
Last of all the airy spire,
Soaring heavenward higher and higher,
Keare, t' sun and nearest star.

Souls are built as temples are—
Inch by inch in gradual rise
Mount the laved mosaic
Warring questions have their day,
Kings arise and pass away,
Laborers vanish one by one,
Still the temple is not done,
Still completion seems afar.

Souls are built as temples are—
Here's a carving rich and quaint;
There the image of a saint;
Here a deep hued pane to tell
Sacred truth or miracle;
Every little helps the much,
Every careful, careless touch
Adds a charm or leaves a scar.

Souls are built as temples are—
Based on truth's eternal law
Sure and steadfast, without flaw,
Through the sunshine, through the snow
Up and on the building goes,
Every fair thing finds its place,
Every hard thing lends a grace,
Every hand may make or mar,
—Susan Coolidge in Journal of Education.

LIGHTNING ANALYZED.

Misconception of the General Idea Proved
by Photographs.
As to the term "forked lightning"
the representations given of it by artists,
which resemble the so-called thun-
derbolts placed in the hands of Jupiter,
are quite absurd. The flash, when pho-
tographed exhibits itself as a line which
is continually changing its course, and
is described as "decidedly crooked" by
a very careful observer. It never pro-
ceeds for a time in a straight line, and
then turning at a sharp angle going on
further in an equally straight line, as is
represented in pictures. The forking
of it is very rare, and this occurs by
side flashes passing off from the main
track, and eventually losing them-
selves, like the ramifications of tree
roots. Occasionally the lightning ap-
pears to start from a point from which
several flashes diverge in different di-
rections.

Whenever a flash passes from cloud
to cloud or from cloud to earth the
light produced by it illuminates the sky
in the neighborhood, and the more in-
tense the flash the more brilliant and
extensive the illumination. At times
sheet lightning has been proved to
emanate from an ordinary storm dis-
tant more than a hundred miles from
the point of observation. It is, how-
ever, maintained, and apparently with
good reason, that occasionally lightning
of the "sheet" type, such as what is
called "summer light night," takes
place without any thunder; so that, in
such cases, no actual thunder storm is
in progress.

Global lightning is a rare phenom-
enon, and one that no one has yet been
able to produce in the laboratory,
whereas the phenomena of the two
previous types are easily produced.
The general description of the occur-
rence is that a luminous ball is seen
moving very slowly, not touching any
object, and eventually breaking up
with a violent explosion and the ap-
pearance of flashes of ordinary light-
ning. It is reported that persons have
gone out from a house into a street to
follow such a ball and watch its move-
ments, so that the occurrence must
have lasted at least a number of sec-
onds.

Ordinary lightning, as is well known,
is practically instantaneous. The size
of the ball on different occasions has
varied from that of an orange to that
of a large glass lamp globe or even
larger. Many physicists refuse to be-
lieve any accounts of this manifesta-
tion of the electrical discharge, but the
reports of it are too numerous and cir-
cumstantial for us to consider them to
be entirely baseless.—Longman's Maga-
zine.

Learn to Swim.

There is no need to desist upon the
manifold attractions and uses of swim-
ming. All proper precautions for safe-
ty should be taken, but your boy
should learn to swim. Never let him
go into the water unless he is well,
neither let him go alone nor with flight-
boys only, even when he has mastered
the art of natation—cramps and acci-
dents of all sorts are too common for
that. Keep him away from rapids and
whirlpools, and impress upon him at
every opportunity by anecdote, precept
and example the necessity of exercising
prudence in the matter. Especially
see that he is familiar with remedies
for cramps and with the modes of re-
viving the drowned. Many a life has
been lost because a boy's companions
did not understand how to use proper
restoratives when his body was first re-
covered from the water.—Harper's Ba-
zar.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Pardon Green visited
their children in Wellsville last week.

Elder Kenyon made a flying visit
to Alfred last week Monday.

E. D. Potter has sufficiently recov-
ered from his late illness as to venture
out of doors.

It is reported that the Whitesville
physicians are nearly driven to death
by calls during the prevailing epi-
demic.

Mr. Floyd Green is reported as
getting ready to start for the lumber
woods of Pennsylvania, this week
Tuesday, to do teaming.

Installation of officers of Sawyer
Post 333, G. A. R., was postponed till
the evening of the 23rd, inst., on ac-
count of sickness among the members.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Potter, Mr. and
Mrs. O. G. Clark and Mr. and Mrs.
H. M. Clark, visited friends in Bel-
mont last week.

Your correspondent received a call
from Mr. Herbert D. Jacobs of
Whitesville last week Friday, and he
reported his father and mother and a
lot of their neighbors as sick of La-
grippe.

SOME GUMPTION.

Profits of Slot Machines.
"How much money do you get out
of these mechanical toys?" I asked a
man who was emptying the cash re-
ceiver of the model of a steamship en-
gine, with music box attachment, in
the Hoffman house.

"Well, it depends," was the answer,
"on the hotel in which the machine is
placed. This one is the best in the
city. The first month we placed these
toys on exhibition they returned over
\$100 each. From that time the receipts
have dwindled until each one does not
earn a quarter of that amount now.
Still each one of the engines, all of
which have paid for themselves over
and over again, yet earns a good profit."

"They are all owned by a company
of stockholders, organized for the pur-
pose, and they have all made fat divi-
dends on their investment. The steam
boats, fire engines and locomotives cost
about \$100 each all told, including the
case. The grip testers, lung testers
and weighing machines cost, at the
outside, \$25. We have little trouble
in placing them."
"They are ornamental, and few
hotels object to having one. Saloon
keepers often ask to have them placed
in their saloons. Sometimes we are
asked to pay rent for them, and if it is
a very large hotel we generally do so."
—New York Telegram.

Japanese Salutations.

While waiting for a train at Yoko-
hama station not many years ago, a
tourist observed a Japanese gentleman,
laughingly attired in European dress,
approach a Japanese lady (also dressed
after the manner of civilized nations)
and lift his hat with a pretty bow
made in the orthodox western style.
Thereupon Miss Chrysantheme, look-
ing a trifle embarrassed, essayed to re-
turn the compliment by lifting her
bonnet. Finding, however, that this
troublesome headpiece declined to
yield, the poor little lady tugged at it
hard with both hands, but as all her
exertions were unavailing she ultimate-
ly slid her hands down the front of her
dress and inclined her body after the
manner of uncivilized Japanese when
they meet each other in the street nat-
urally clothed.—San Francisco Argon-
aut.

Clinometer or Plumb Level.

A new plumb level has been put
upon the market which appears to be
a most handy and valuable little in-
strument. It is a thoroughly practical
device for leveling, plumbing and
striking angles, elevations and grades,
and, while being exceedingly simple, is
admirably accurate. It is described as
being especially adapted to the use of
carpenters, machinists, stationary, civil
and mining engineers and bridge build-
ers, as well as for the ditching and
draining of farm lands, landscape gar-
dening, etc. This device should be
very acceptable to track layers and
roadmasters, as by its use grades and
curves can be tested without the as-
sistance of a civil engineer, and it is
claimed that it is much more reliable
than the spirit level.—New York Com-
mercial Advertiser.

Vanderbilts Want the Erie.

There is a flutter of excitement just
at present in railroad circles and par-
ticularly among those interested di-
rectly or indirectly in the affairs of
the Erie railway, and it comes about
through the well-founded reports that
the Vanderbilts have their eyes on
that system and are buying up its
stock whenever they get the opportu-
nity. They have gone at it quietly,
but are doing effective work and will
soon, at their present gait absorb
enough of its stock to be in a position
to dictate its future policy. One of
the Vanderbilt lieutenants was over-
heard by a prominent Erie official in
a New York hotel the other day to
say that the Erie had at last paid a
dividend and was now a road that
would bear a good deal of watching
in the future. This is in truth the
secret of the whole transaction. The
Erie has now for the first time a com-
plete and well appointed system of
its own between New York and Chi-
cago, and is in a position to dictate
to opposing lines. Financially it is
in splendid condition in all its depart-
ments, freight, coal and passenger.
And all this has been brought about
by John King. He it was who took
the road when it was in a most de-
plorable condition and brought it up
to what it is to-day. Every depart-
ment speedily felt the influence of his
hand at the helm and a general bracing
up was the result. A hard work-
er himself he imbued into his heads
of departments his own spirit. No
road in the country pays any higher
salaries to its heads of departments
than the Erie. What King wanted
was brains, and when he found the
right man he secured him, no matter
how large an amount was involved.
It's a serious question whether the
Erie would be benefited by passing
from the hands of John King into the
clutches of the Vanderbilts.

ELM VALLEY NEWS.

Elder Vaughn has returned from
Jamestown, and will preach Sunday
evenings.
Mrs. Caroline Burdick is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb of Hor-
nellsville, have been visiting friends
in this place.
Mr. Nate Williams has returned to
this place with his sawmill.
Mr. Smith of Wellsville, proprietor
of the Howell House, was in this place
last week.
Miss Susie Leonard has returned to
this place. XX.

CORWIN HILL NEWS.

The trees have been heavily fet-
tered by clinging ice for one week,
which has broken down the timber
and damaged orchards very much.
S. M. Austin moved his family to
Andover village last Friday.
Mrs. Augusta Bullard and her son
Marion visited relatives and friends
in this place on Thursday, returning
to their home in Wellsville the same
day.
Mr. Wm. Jones' whole family has
been sick with the grip. Mrs. Cath-
arine Jones of Pixley Hill came to take
care of them.
George Armstrong is staying with
his parents this week.
George Haines visited his grand-
parents in Wellsville last Saturday.
Mr. Peter Parshall of Westfield N.
Y., is visiting relatives in this place.
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