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RAILROAD MEN'S BUILDING.

The new Railroad Men's Building, erected in this city by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, at a cost of \$100,000, as a gift to railroad employes, was formally opened on October 3, 1887...

The building is situated on Madison Avenue near the Grand Central Depot. Within it contains all the appurtenances of a well-ordered club house—lecture room, bath rooms, reading room, lunch room, etc.

The building is to be accessible to all employes of roads using the Grand Central Depot. It is not exclusively in the possession of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The building, of ornate style in brick and terra cotta, is two stories high. The roof is of glazed Spanish Akron tiles. The gymnasium and bowling alley are fitted up with the latest improvements.

For a nominal charge any of the railroad employes of the specified lines has full use of the privileges, and after being in good standing for a year becomes a life member.

EXHIBITION OF TRAIN TELEGRAPHY.

An interesting exhibition of train telegraphy was given by the Consolidated Railway Telegraph Company, of this city on the 6th instant. A special train of six cars was run from Jersey City to Easton...

The method is a simplification in the Edison system, already very full. The tin roofs of the cars are used as condensers that are charged and discharged...

The apparatus consists of the "buzzer," transmitting key, and induction coil. The core of the latter is the magnet of the "buzzer." These are secured to a small lap board.

The great advance over the old Edison method consists in the use of a single line wire instead of a number of parallel lines. The reduction of the quantity of apparatus and its portability are also notable.

Many well-known scientists and electricians were on the train; among others, Thos. A. Edison, Prof. Barker, Messrs. Pope, Gilliland, Phelps, Van der Weyde, and others.

MAGAZINE RIFLES.

The merits and defects of the various types of magazine guns are just now attracting much attention in the European military press. L'Avenir Militaire makes serious charges against the efficiency of the German magazine gun...

Again, like others, and the "extractor" (the lever) is worked by their fingers. The construction of the piece, and as the cartridges are inserted, because the "Lebel," with the same defects as the being quicker and mechanism, the equation g is less, as are also the improvements in this arm...

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