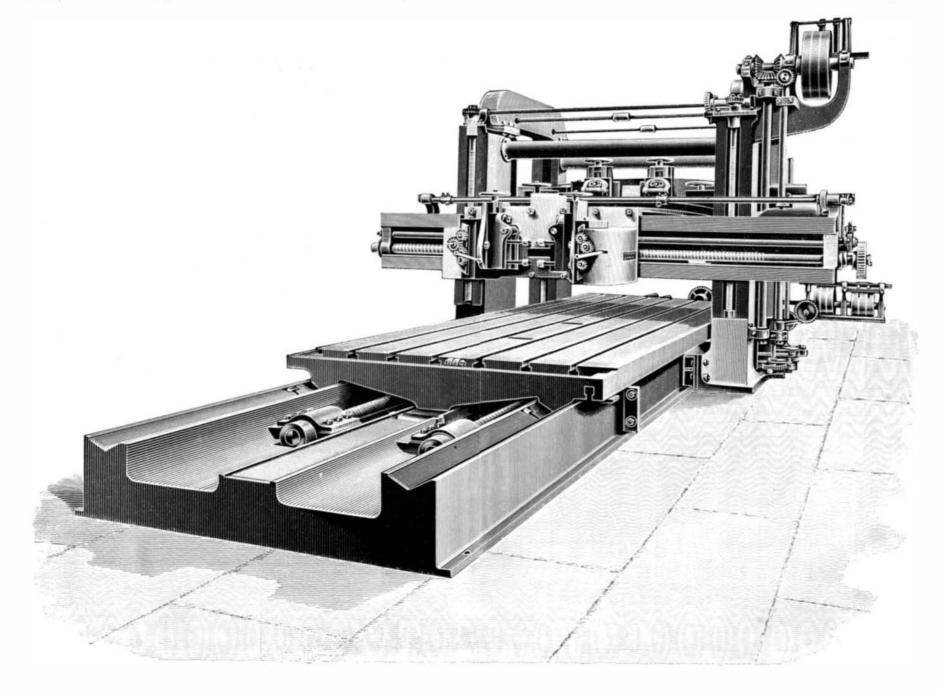
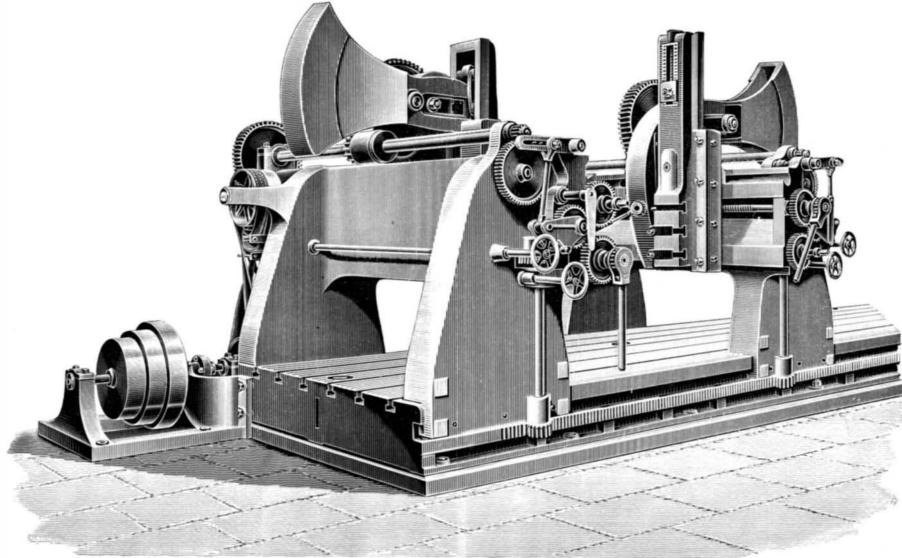
ENGLISH MACHINE TOOLS FOR AMERICA.

Under this head our London contemporary, the Engineer, gives illustrations, which we reproduce, of planing machine and a slotting machine, supplied this some new machines, lately made in England for the year to Messrs. Carnegie, Phipps & Co., of Pittsburg, Carnegie works, and remarks upon the same as follows: "Our friends in the United States cannot as yet Foundry, Leeds. The former is to plane armor plates pulleys for the forward and backward motions, and wholly dispense with English assistance, and find it to to 30 feet long by 10 feet by 5 feet, and to plane both self-acting belt guides. There are four strong stand-

by Messrs. Smith, Beacock & Tannett, Victoria

their advantage to apply to the English tool makers ways, and is fitted with a cross breast slide, also to when they want thorough excellence. We illustrate a plane both ways. The table is actuated by two strong steel screws with long gun metal nuts, ample thrust bearings, and intermediate supports. The driving is done by bevel wheels of cast steel, and wrought iron





IMPROVED ARMOR PLATE PLANING AND SLOTTING MACHINES.

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ards securely fixed to the bed and to each other, and without actual ocular demonstration that this is the visited by one of the most terrible earthquakes on placed face to face. The two cross slides, also placed cause of very nearly all the earthquakes of volcanic record—a shock which was felt in Scandinavia, in face to face, are raised and lowered by power for regions, and these constitute the vast majority of earth-Algiers and on the shores of our great lakes, and adjustment, and each is fitted with two independent quakes. Many such shocks can be connected with which in Lisbon alone killed not far from 60,000 self-acting adjustable tool boxes for all angles. The weight of this machine is over 120 tons.

for Messrs. Carnegie, along with other machine tools less easily assigned to volcanic activity, even though for cutting armor plates, the double-headed armor they occur in volcanic regions. Still it is a fair inferplate slotting machine which we illustrate, with a bed ence that this is their cause, for there must be a fre-35 feet long. There are two strong cross slides, each | quent passage of the liquid lava at great depths in the | rocking stones and instable columns of rocks which with standards cast thereto, admitting in width 6 feet 6 inches and 20 inches thickness of armor plate. The machine has strong carriages and slotting rams, with adjustable strokes up to 20 inches, with quick return double-purchase driving gear, and balance weights is telegraphed to the surface as a wave of motion and slightly in excess of that of the rams. There are self- is recorded there as a trembling of the earth. acting motions for feeding longitudinally on the bed by racks and pinions and worms and wheels, and trans- free, and it is for this reason, in part, that we have versely on the cross slides by screws. There is a quick more confidence in the stability of the earth than even a well constructed building of five or six or more motion for running the slotting heads to and fro on the dwellers in lands of volcanic activity. There is good stories. While this argument certainly has much force, bed to position required."

American Earthquakes. RALPH S. TARR.

earthquake shock in twenty years, although prior to rocks intruded into the rocks in Central New York, that of October 28, 1891, there had been no alarming for instance, where, since those rocks were formed, no shock for about thirty-two years. Scarcely a day volcano has existed, are proof of this. The intrusion rock pillars, etc., in regions where it seems almost cerpasses without a tremor in some part of the kingdom, of such dikes causes the rocks to be rent asunder, and tain that there have been earthquake shocks of conand every year records more than one shock which in each one must have caused at least one jar of greater siderable violence in recent times. our country would be the cause of alarm. The people or less violence upon the surface of the earth. How! of Japan have become accustomed to quakings of the many of the earthquakes which have occurred far that our Eastern States and, in a much greater degree, earth, and it requires some very violent shaking up away from any volcano can be attributed to this cause our Western States are at any time liable to be severeaccompanied by the destruction of much life and cannot, of course, be said, but it is a possible cause ly shaken, though without stating definitely whether property to attract universal attention. Since 1633 and probably an actual cause of many. There is some they have been or not, the record of history in the there have been twelve such shocks, including that of reason to suppose that this may have been the cause two hundred and fifty years more or less of occupancy last year, which destroyed in the neighborhood of 8,000 of the shock at Charleston, S. C., in 1886. lives, wounded 10,000 more and wrecked not far from 90.000 houses.

constant trembling and quaking of the earth has the slipping of the rocks past one another in the that two centuries and a half is but a short time taught the inhabitants, through centuries of experi- plane of fracture, or the fault plane. In this event upon which to base an opinion upon the behavior of ence, that an effort to counteract the effects of earth a single shock or many successive shocks of greater or | nature. quakings is well worth undertaking. By far the less violence will result. The violent earthquake shock greater loss of life in an earthquake shock comes di- in New Zealand, in 1855, was due to this cause, as we rectly or indirectly from the falling of buildings; and know by the fact that the plane of fracture was visible gion east of the Rockies only three really notable we find accordingly an effort in regions subject to this upon the surface, evil to construct buildings which are calculated to withstand all but the most violent shocks. In our own parts of the Cordilleras, notably in the vicinity of was a really violent shock, although either would tocountry no thought is given to this matter, and our Salt Lake City, where the fault scarps are still visible; day produce much destruction if it were to occur in buildings, instead of being calculated to withstand and there is every reason to prophesy that they will the neighborhood of our large cities. earthquakes, are peculiarly well fitted to become occur again. death-dealing instruments in the hands of instable nature.

article, in which it is proposed to review the points Carolinas, and marked where it crosses the larger which bear upon the possibility of earthquake shocks rivers by waterfalls or rapids just above tidewater. in our densely populated Eastern States and to call If the slipping is still in progress along this plane there attention to the widespread disaster which would re- may at any time be an earth jar sent out from some sult if our land should be visited by a violent earth- point in the fault. Still, although there is danger from quake, or even by one of slight violence.

in any given region there are two sources to which one our Eastern mountains are old and no longer growing, may go for facts. These are the historical record and but, on the contrary, being worn away, while the arguments for reform were based. It is probable that the study of geological conditions. Both of these Rockies and Sierras are still growing. In South promise us comparative immunity from earthquakes, America this growth of mountains is so rapid that it yet both point out clearly that we are liable at any has been recorded within the last century by a conmoment to find ourselves violently shaken, though siderable change in the relation of land to sea. The when this may come, or where, no one can tell. I wish Cordilleras do not seem to be growing so rapidly, to enter into these two inquiries somewhat more in although it must be borne in mind that we have not detail and to place before the readers of this journal in this case the datum plane of sea level at hand for the facts as we know them, and to do this it seems comparison, as in the case of the Chilean Andes. well to inquire a little into the cause of earthquake shocks.

upon the earth's surface of a series of waves resulting regions may be referred. It is hardly probable that fairs; but enough was learned from these and by subfrom a jar. An explosion of dynamite will serve as any violent earthquakes can be referred to this cause. sequent studies to show that the region was very well as any other cause to start these waves in motion, It is not at all unlikely, also, that imprisoned gases at-badly shaken. The inhabitants state that the earth and this is what actually did happen when Hell Gate tempting to escape may serve to jar the surface, per-rose and fell in great waves, the trees rocked to and was blown up a few years ago. The waves start out haps even violently. How far this is a vera causa I fro, and were entangled and broken, the earth opened in all directions, tending to move as successive spheres, cannot say, but it may perhaps have been the origin and closed, and it is stated that the inhabitants were

eruptions, and some, such as that of Krakatoa, in 1882,

are the direct result of the blowing up of a crater by vicinity of volcanoes, even though no eruption results therefrom. Every time this molten rock, in struggling to reach the surface, forces a passage upward, even for

Such shocks have undoubtedly occurred in many

Nor are these faults confined to mountain regions. It is now known to geologists that there is such a It is this thought which has induced me to write this fracture plane extending from near New York to the this cause, it is much less menacing east of the Rockies In considering the possibility of an earthquake shock than in the Cordilleras. The reason for this is that

people.

It has been urged that our Eastern States have been "Last year Messrs. Smith, Beacock & Tannett made the pent-up lava. In other cases these earth jars are for many centuries, perhaps for thousands of years, practically free from earthquake shocks of any considerable magnitude. The basis for this argument is that there are in many places perched bowlders, and could not have withstood any very severe earth jar. Even if we should grant this deduction it would not of course promise us immunity from such shocks in the but a small distance, its success in rending the rocks future. These facts certainly do not prove that there: have been no shocks of sufficient magnitude to cause: great destruction to our poorly constructed buildings; From this cause we in eastern America are happily for, although the perched stones have the appearance of instability, they are often much more stable than evidence, however, that the subterranean activity of it is of less value than might at first sight appear; for molten rock is not confined exclusively to volcanic earthquakes are peculiar in their action, and often proregions. Where one volcano is established there are duce much destruction in one place and leave a neighprobably many unsuccessful attempts to establish a boring spot comparatively undisturbed, since the The Japanese count upon an average of one violent vent or safety valve to the surface. Dikes of eruptive character of the rock has much to do with the violence of the shock.* Besides this, there are in the Rocky Mountains many instances of poised bowlders,

While the evidence from geology leads us to believe by Europeans gives us a much more hopeful view of In mountainous regions, where the rocks are bent the case. Even history, however, does not leave us enand folded, the strain under which they are placed is tirely free from fear, and, if it did, it could not in this In certain parts of Italy, as well as in Japan, the liable at any moment to be relieved by breaking and instance be thoroughly trustworthy, for the reason

> Leaving out of consideration the Mexican and West Indian earthquake shocks, there have been in the reearthquakes in the last two hundred and fifty years, and neither of these, unless it be that of New Madrid,

> The first of these shocks was the Newburg earthquake, which shook up the region about Boston in the early part of the 18th century, but apparently caused more alarm because of the remarkable bellowing noise which accompanied it than by reason of its destructiveness. While very little damage was done to life and property, it nevertheless served to convince the good Puritans of the instability of the earth and to give to the devout ministers of the Gospel very telling texts. which, however, were not very scientific, since the devil himself was supposed to be the cause of all the uproar and disturbance; and upon this premise the a repetition of this earthquake to-day would be very destructive, for the one or two story wooden and log houses of our forefathers are now replaced by high edifices of brick and very weak mortar.

In 1812 there occurred at New Madrid, in the Mississippivalley, an earthquake the effects of which are still to be seen in a large area of country which became transformed into a shallow lake and which is called Another possible cause of earthquake shocks is the in consequence the "Sunk County." Only a few froncollapse of caverns, and to this cause it is probable tiersmen occupied the region at the time, so that we The proximate cause of an earthquake is the arrival that many shocks of minor importance in limestone have very little record of the actual condition of af-

at the same distance on either side of the epicentrum sion.

or point directly above the center or focus feel the violent directly above the focus and diminishes as you degree of confidence in the stability of the earth, but proceed.

Whatever the cause of the earth jar, these are the ped, sending a miniature earthquake shock through universal effects. It is much less easy to state the cause the quarry. Moreover, in our confidence, we should of the jar. Probably, however, nine-tenths of the not forget that regions which have for years been free ground, probably chiefly because of its porosity and its ability to be earthquake shocks are directly or indirectly connected from earthquake shocks are liable to be visited at any with volcanic action or at least with the passage of mol-ten rocks through the more solid strata of the earth's the point. Without the slightest warning and with-ten rocks through the more solid strata of the earth's the point. crust. It is as nearly certain as a thing can well be out the least reason to expect danger, this city was valley.

but of course being distorted as they pass through of some of the earthquakes in delta regions, and there forced to fell trees and stand upon them to avoid berocks of different densities. They reach the surface in are some facts connected with the earthquake of 1812 ing swallowed in the crevices. There was an incessant a more or less circular form, and places approximately in the Mississippi valley which point to this conclu- quaking of the ground for several successive months, and in this respect the earthquake is remarkable as an

Studied from the standpoint of cause and effect, we instance of this phenomenon which is common in volshock at about the same instant. The shock is most of the Eastern States are justified in feeling a certain canic regions, but rare far away from volcances. The third earthquake, that of Charleston, in 1886, is recede from this point. At the epicentrum the motion there are possibilities which tend to disturb this feeling too recent to call for any description. It is to be is vertical, and tends to cause the roof of a house to of security. That the rocks in many parts, as, for in- noted, however, that there have been other shocks in fall to the cellar and leave the walls standing; but stance, in New England, are in a state of strain is un- this region, notably in 1812; but neither of these is to away from the epicentrum the waves emerge at an doubted. In the granite quarries of Cape Ann, in be considered as a violent earthquake, although the angle, and the effect is to overthrow houses, chimneys Massachusetts, blocks which are blasted out expand so character of the buildings in Charleston was such as and monuments in the direction from where the waves | that they cannot be placed back again, and there have | to give to the last shock trail which tended to make the been cases where the granite has bulged up and snap-'effect disastrous. The shock was sufficiently violent

* It is usually the case that the greatest destruction occurs on alluvial fractured and compacted.

+ The earthquakes of the Cordilleras and of California will not be con-

many buildings and destroy some lives; but every year records more violent shocks than this one, in some parts of the earth.

What would happen in New York City if one of these shocks, or, perchance, a more severe one, should be repeated there? It is enough to fill one with alarm to think of the possibilities. Huge, top-heavy church steeples, mammoth buildings with projecting cornices, tumble-down structures, which even now, without the aid of an earth jarring, collapse and destroy human hife-all of these stand ready to be used as death-dealing instruments whenever capricious nature causes a slight movement of the rock in that neighborhood. six of which are persistent, and have a thickness of 6 The occurrence of an earthquake in New York like ft. to 33 ft., while the Mammoth vein occasionally exthat which occurred in the prefecture of Gifu, in Ja- ceeds 100 ft. in thickness. The resources of the Schuylpan, a little over a year ago, or like that of Lisbon, in kill Valley appear to be far from exhaustion. The an-1755, would remove the city from the face of the earth. nual production approximates 15,000,000 tons of an-This may never come-but, again, it may. Are we thracite coal, 600,000 tons of pig metal, and an equal doing right in defying nature? We take our chances, amount of rolled iron and steel, much of which is conand the chances are, it may be said, against any such verted into bridges, roofs, machinery, stoves, hardware, dire calamity; but, if it should come, and it may, what then?

If one will examine photographs of the Charleston the most important mining, manufacturing and indusearthquake, he will notice that the effects of the shock trial districts of the United States. were very different upon adjoining buildings. Some buildings were completely wrecked, while their neighbors were scarcely strained; and, if one will examine the reasons for this, he will find that in most cases it was a question of mortar. Moreover, the buildings which were oldest were apt to be least disturbed—our predecessors used better mortar than we do. The same thing is noticed in the recent earthquake in Japan. The modern pottery and tile buildings were badly compared with any sort of a machine, an ordinary wrecked and destroyed, but the old temple of Nagoya stood, and was only slightly damaged.

the difference between good and bad mortar, and our escapement, whose wheel strikes the anchor or the cyarchitects and builders know full well which is good linder of the balance wheel at an average rate of 8,000 and which is bad; but the all-powerful dollar is the thing striven for, and immediate utility is sought after at the expense of strength and permanency. State and national laws are enacted and private rights set aside to prevent the landing of a cholera germ, which and are effected in little equal jumps, the number of might be the means of killing a few thousand peoplemostly undesirable citizens; but there is practically no protection from falling buildings. A building is condemned, it is repaired, perhaps by painting and the placing of a few timbers; it collapses, an investigation of twenty years a well made watch, and one that has follows, some one is to blame, but no one is found not been destroyed prematurely, must undergo a guilty, and so we are any of us liable to walk into a change of a few pinions, but it is after several thoublame; those who allow it to remain standing are al- of, and after the escapement wheel has made tens of most as much to blame; but they reap the reward; millions of revolutions. If to this we add complicasome innocent persons suffer loss of life or limb. An tions such as the chronograph and watches giving earthquake shock would effectually raze these to the the date and repeating the minutes, we remain asground, and with an effect, reckoned in loss of life, tounded at their possibility. As for the distance compared with which a plague of cholera would be but traveled by the exterior of the balance, that is so nothing. I sincerely trust that we shall not have the unexpected that all our readers, we think, will admit lesson of proper and sensible methods of construction the result only after having verified the calculation. forced upon us in this disastrous manner; but we may.

-----The Schuylkill Valley.

Mining Engineers, at Reading, Pa., the president, Mr. 20 miles per day and 7,500 miles per year in round num-John Birkink ine, took for his subject "The Industrial bers. Now watches that give the perpetual date are tics of the railway mileage of the world in 1890. It and the Coalbrookdale blast furnace, 1720. In 1731 power utilized for the running of a watch is no less ex- the railway mileage of the United States exceeds by pig iron was sold at the latter furnace for £5 10s. per nace was built in 1738, and remained active for 130 week.

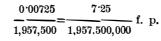
The present Warwick furnace-referred to later onis 70 ft. high, 16 ft. diameter at the bosh, and averages 750 tons-maximum, 875 tons-of pig iron per week. in other words, a one horse power would suffice to run figues at 87,724 miles; while the eleventh census figures With the remodeled furnace, powerful blowing engines, 270 million watches, or probably all the watches that give the astonishing total of 163,597 miles. and new hot blast stoves, still better results are antici- exist on the globe. And, again, it is the escapement The following shows the mileage of t pated. None of the present industries are over fifty that consumes the greater part of such power. In countries: Germany, 25,969 miles; Austria and Hunyears old. The Pottstown Iron Co.'s works have grown fact, the escapement wheel sets itself rapidly in mo- gary, including Bosnia, 16,467; Great Britain and Irefrom a small plant, employing 200 men, to one which tion and undergoes an abrupt stoppage, which, ac- land, 19,939; France, 22,586; Russia, including Finland, now requires 2,000 men to operate its blast furnaces, cording to the principle enunciated by Lazare Carnot, 18,728; Italy, 8,117; Belgium, 3,218; Netherlands, 1,887; steel works, rolling mills, etc., and turns out about always occasions a loss of live power, or, as we would Switzerland, 1,929; Spain, 6,127; Portugal, 1,280; Den-1,000 tons of product daily. These works were pioneers say to-day, a waste of energy. The resistance of the mark, 1,223; Norway, 971; Sweden, 4,915; Roumania, in commercially manufacturing fertilizers from slag. air to the motion of the balance and the coiling and 1,580; Servia, 327; Greece, 440; Turkey in Europe, At Birdsboro a forge was established in 1740, and one uncoiling of the hair spring also occasion losses. What Bulgaria, and Roumelia, 1,097; Malta, Jersey, and of the first rolling mills in the country, and a nail fac- remains for the gearing and the arbors? Not much, Man, 68; United States, 163,597; British America, tory, were in operation before the revolutionary war. assuredly. And all this mechanism, placed under va-In this neighborhood is the Cornwall charcoal furnace, rious conditions of position, temperature and air pres-150 years old, the oldest now standing in the country, sure, manages to run at less than a second variation, Honduras), 559; Mexico, 5,344; United States of Coand near it is the Cornwall bed of soft, magnetic iron | about, per day.-La Nature. ore, from which 12,000,000 tons have been taken out. Near Pottsville was the furnace which first introduced the hot blast, and first successfully produced anthracite day time at San Diego, Cal. A California correspond- 5,129; Paraguay, 149; Uruguay, 470; Chile, 1,926; pig iron, and also the first American blast furnace in ent writes that he was one of many who witnessed the | Peru, 994; Bolivia, 106; Ecuador, 167; British Guiana, continual operation on anthracite fuel alone for three phenomenon, and says it was especially noticeable, as 22; Asia, 18,798, of which British India supplied 15,837: months.

to throw an engine from the track, and to throw down place of charcoal was proved in 1840 by Mr. David Thomas, the first president of the Institute, and the use of bituminous coal naturally followed. Anthracite coal was not shipped in any quantity until 1820, but the output of the Pennsylvania anthracite fields has now grown to exceed 40,000,000 gross tons per annum, for the mining of which \$40,000,000 per year are paid in wages. The Pottsville shaft is 1,586 ft. deep, but this is kept in reserve, and no mining is done. The collieries now at work go as deep as 900 ft., and some produce 375,000 to 450,000 tons of coal per annum, having coal breakers which cost \$75,000 each, and can handle 2,000 tons of coal. There are nine veins of coal. etc., and to these must be added the glass, paper, textile, and other industries, which render this one of

Statistics of the Running of a Watch.

Watches were formerly highly esteemed, and the greatest care was taken of them, but since they have become cheap, they are ruthlessly submitted to all causes of destruction (falls, dust, sudden changes of temperature, magnetism, etc.), and the owners are sometimes astonished at their refusal to run. Yet, as watch is a marvel. A few figures will make this un-Our engineering schools instruct their students in of which is transmitted through three wheels to the blows per hour (with differences of from 3,000 to 4,000, according to the system). Another gearing retards the motion transmitted to the hour hand in the ratio of 12 to 1. All the motions of the watch are discontinuous, which exceeds two hundred million a year in certain watches. Those who are careful about preserving their watches have them cleaned every two years, that is to say, after 300 or 400 million impacts. At the end

The balance of a 19 line watch measures on an average 0.66 of an inch in diameter upon the regulating screws. It makes 5 oscillations of one revolution and a At the recent meeting of the American Institute of half per second, say a travel of 15.5 inches per second,



Oorrespondence.

Another Brooks Comet.

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

On the morning of November 19 I discovered a new comet, in the constellation Virgo. The discovery position was right ascension, 12 hours 56 minutes 40 seconds; declination, north, 12° 59'. Motion, slowly northeast. The comet can be seen in telescopes of WILLIAM R. BROOKS. moderate size. Smith Observatory, Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1892.

Fog Lighting in London.

A good deal of silly talk has been heard of late from various quarters respecting the imminent decadence of the metropolitan gas industry; and some of the trade union leaders in particular have tried to make out that there is less employment to be had in gasworks than heretofore, on account of the imaginary falling off in the consumption of gas. All this airy nonsense disappears at the first touch of such a reality as that which recent meteorological influences have put in evidence. A downright dingy, dirty, wretched week of weather, such as we seem to get in London more frequently than ever, makes everybody fly to gas for light and comfort. Not only in the streets, but in the railway stations, when it becomes a question of carrying on business under the worst conditions, the "light of luxury" is left alone; and the reliable friend of the townsman is brought forward as though nothing else had ever been heard of. Although the experience is not a very enjoyable one, it is instructive to make a pilgrimage through a mile or two of the most frequented of the London thoroughfares when at midday it is impossible to see derstood. The spring actuates the barrel, the motion across the street. Here and there a huge industrial or commercial establishment-a printing house or factory for the manufacture of fancy goods-looms grandly through the thickened atmosphere, radiating light from roof to basement.

The best effect, however, is produced by the shops wherein high power recuperative lamps are hung over the doors, or along the front, or where clustered Argands or flat-flame burners strongly illuminate the goods exposed in the windows. These places irradiate the neighborhood in a style unapproachable by other means. As for the wider street crossings and the railway yards, one longs, in the absence of a sufficiency of high-power gas lamps, for a few good "flares" of the Lucigen type. The sparse electric arcs are utterly ineffective at such times. They seem lost in the upper death trap. The man who first built the building is to sand million of the little jumps that we have spoken air; and a curious effect is produced by the unusual prominence of the glowing carbon spark, which gives the most powerful arc the aspect of a rather poor incandescent lamp. As to the latter, their lower tone helps them to penetrate the air that enwraps them like a dirty blanket; but the pleasant fiction about a nominal 8-candle lamp being to all intents and purposes equal to a flat-flame gas burner is utterly demolished by the inconsiderate atmosphere. All these are old truths; but it is just as well to keep them in the front when occasion serves.—Jour. of Gas Lighting.

* · * * Railroads of the World.

The Census Office has issued a bulletin giving statis-Progress of the Schuylkill Valley Region." Iron was provided with a wheel that makes one revolution in shows that out of a total railway mileage for the world first made in Pennsylvania in 1692, and the first suc- four years. During this time the balance will have of 370,281 miles the United States have no less than cessful iron enterprises were the Bloomery forge, 1716, made the tour of the world. The small amount of 163,597 miles, or 44 18 per cent of the whole, and that traordinary. According to the Journal Suisse d'Hor- 3,493 miles the entire mileage of the Old World, ton. From 1720 to 1740 a number of furnaces and forges logerie, a watch spring weighing 30 grains is capable Europe's 136,865 miles, Asia's 18,793 miles, and Africa's were established in this district. The Warwick fur- of running a watch forty hours. At the rate of 72.5 3,992 miles making an aggregate of but 159,655 miles. foot pounds available per pound of steel we shall have It is interesting to note the astonishing growth of the years. It was 32 ft. high, with a bosh 71/2 ft. to 9 ft. 0.29 foot pound for forty hours, or 0.00725 foot pound railway mileage of the United States from the census diameter, blown with wooden bellows, and producing per hour. One horse power develops in one hour year of 1830, when there were less than 40 miles of railtwenty-five to thirty or even forty tons of iron per 543 75×3,600=1,957,500 f. p. A watch requires then, ways, up to 1890. In 1840 the figures were 2,755 miles; in 1850 they had risen to 8,571 miles; in 1860 the total had swelled to 28,919 miles. The census of 1870 showed the mileage to be 49.168 miles: that of 1880 placed the The following shows the mileage of the world by (Canada), 13,322; Newfoundland, 115; Central America (Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and lombia, 231; Cuba, 1,056; Venezuela, 441; Republic of San Domingo (eastern part of the island of Hayti), 71; IN August last the planet Venus was visible in the Puerto Rico, 11; Brazil, 5,779; Argentine Republic, the planet could be seen with the sun almost shining Japan, 907; China proper, 124; Africa, 3,992; Aus-

The practicability of the use of anthracite coal in in one's eyes.

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tralia, 11,137.