

THE ADVOCATE.

Electricity and the Arts.

Boston is prolific in new electrical works. Just now a new claimant for honors of electrical welding or forging is receiving attention. An exhibition was given last week by Mr. Geo. D. Norton. The press accounts state that one experiment was the melting into liquid form a bar of steel an inch in diameter and 12 inches long, in 45 seconds, without the temperature of the room being raised a single degree from its normal condition. Another thing shown was the making of a steel railroad spike. The bar was cut into the required length, the pieces passed through the electrical machine, where one end was heated, and then to a die, which shapes the head on to the heated end, the point being compressed into shape without heating. Another exhibit was the forming of an auger screw, the flat bar of iron being fastened in the machine at the two ends and heated almost instantly, and then twisted into the required spiral by the automatic turn of the machine. These experiments were witnessed by Dr. W. H. Wahl, Prof. Van der Weyde and others.—[Electrical Review.]

Observations made for some time past at Berlin, Potsdam, Prague and other cities of Europe, have shown that their geographical latitudes have decreased by two-thirds of a second. It is supposed that the axis of the earth has shifted by that much in space, and in order to settle the matter, an expedition has been sent out to Honolulu, which, being the antipodes of Central Europe, will show an equal change in the opposite direction if the explanation is correct. The expedition will remain there for a year, under the direction of Dr. Macuse, of the Berlin Observatory.

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What is the use of going right over the old track again? There is an sadder in the path which his own feet have worn. You must make tracks into the unknown. That is what you have your board and clothes for. Why do you ever mend your clothes, unless that, wearing them, you may mend your ways?—Thoreau.

At this season of the year people can not be too careful about keeping their bowels regular. Biliary and malarial diseases are often brought on by allowing the bowels to become torpid. An occasional dose of St. Patrick's Pills is all that would be required, and might prevent serious sickness. For sale by T. G. Julian.

Skobelev's Revenge.

During the Russo-Turkish war, says Archibald Forbes in Nineteenth Century, the day after the passage of the Danube had been made good, the Emperor of Russia crossed the river to congratulate and thank his gallant soldiers. In front of the long, massive line formed on the slope below Sistova, awaiting the coming of the great White Czar, stood Draoumirog, Yolchine and Skobelev—the three Generals who had been the leaders of the successful attempt. Dragomirow, the Divisional Commander, the Emperor embraced and gave him the Cross of St. George; he shook hands warmly with Yolchine, the Brigade Commander, and gave him, too, a St. George to add to the decorations which this cheery little warrior had been gathering from boyhood in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Then the Emperor strode to where Skobelev stood, and men watched the little scene with interest, for it was notorious that Skobelev was in disfavor with his sovereign, and yet of him the camps were ringing with the story of his conduct on the previous morning. Would Alexander maintain his umbrage or would he make it manifest that it had been dispelled by Skobelev's heroism? For at least a minute the Czar hesitated, as the two, proud, soldierly men confronted each other; you could trace in his countenance the struggle between disapproval and appreciation. It was soon over—and the wrong way for Skobelev. The Emperor frowned, turned short on his heel, and strode abruptly away, without a word or a gesture of greeting or recognition. A man of strong prejudices, he was not yet able to exorcise from his mind the calumnies that had blackened to him the character of Skobelev. That officer, for his part, flushed scarlet, then grew deadly pale, and seemed to conquer an impulse as he set his teeth hard and maintained his disciplined immobility.

It was a fragrant insult, in the very face of the army, and a gross injustice; but Skobelev endured it in a proud silence that seemed to me very grand, nor did I ever hear him allude to the slur. The time soon came to that gallant and brilliant soldier when he could afford to be magnanimous. As the campaign progressed he distinguished himself again and again, so that his name became a synonym in the army for splendid daring as well as for opportune skill. On the 3d of September Skobelev, after exploit after exploit, devised and led the storm of the Turkish position in Loftcha, and drove his adversaries out of that strong place. On the following night, at his own dinner-table, in the Gorni Studen headquarters, the Emperor stood up and bade his guests to honor with him the toast of "Skobelev, the hero of Loftcha." It is not given to many men to earn a revenge so full and so grand as that.

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