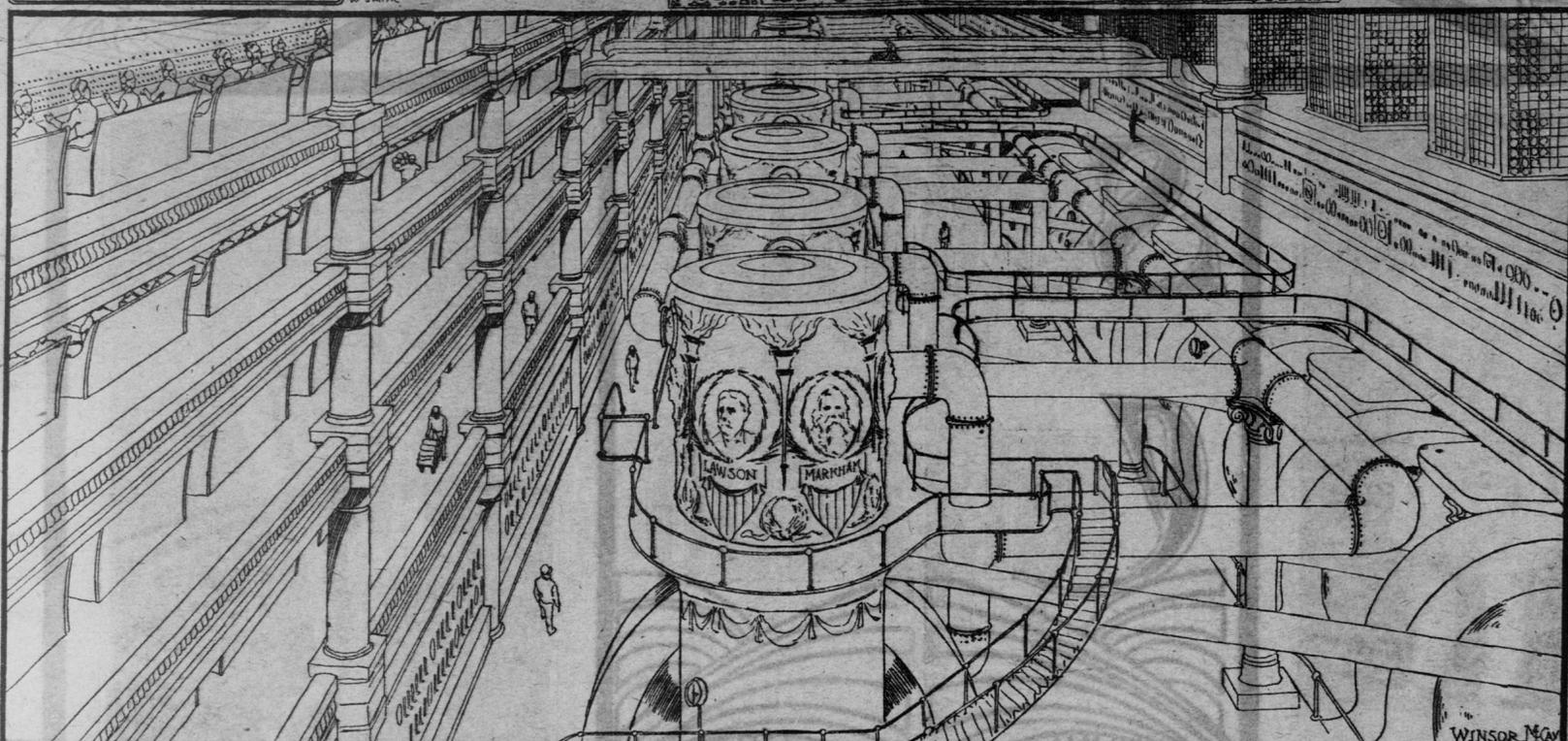


BEING SOME CONSIDERATION OF THINGS IN THE DAYS TO COME

THE SPECTROPHONE

READING IN 1914

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"IN NEW YORK I FOUND THE MAGNIFICENT LIBRARY FINISHED"

IT WAS perhaps an unworthy effort upon my part, but the way it turned out may work ultimately for the general public good.

Upon its present site, but within I found strange changes. Not only were my own books not to be found upon its shelves, but none others of modern authors.

Now probably mischievous schoolboys who hate compositions as they hate squills and other nauseous doses, but who in the ten years that are yet to come will seize their pens with avidity and wrest the laurel from brows that now are proudly wearing it.

In New York I found the magnificent library finished, but, alas! it was less like a library than a huge literary distributing agency, a sort of department store of letters.

though it were the most natural thing in the world. Eye and ear fixed upon this great central motor, library I was able to discern something of the methods employed.

of the substations, and could not possibly get hold of my own books even for my own benefit. It was with a thrill of joy, however, that I discovered that I was represented in the "Telebook List" and could be called for at any time by any one who chose to ring up No. 411231—Columbus; No. 55347—Hades and No. 177—Herald Square.



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BALL GAME IS FAVORITE FOR GAMBLING IN MEXICO

IF you visit the city of Mexico," said a returned St. Paul man, "you will hear them talking reform. They will tell you that the old capital is going to put on the lid, as Minneapolis has done, and that the risks I ran to my own pride in venturing upon such an enterprise, but it was not long before I was disillusioned.

conditionally. It is almost a certainty that the ball will never quit its hole, but it does not quit quite often into the stellar receptacle. "That is what catches the fly. The player has paid a quarter for this ball. Ten dollars is put up by the house. The player is told that he has won this—conditionally.

GETS HER FIFTH DIVORCE



Mrs. Grace Snell Coffin-Coffin-Walker-Coffin-Layman, Who Has Just Been Set Free for the Fifth Time

FEW AMERICAN COINS ARE CARRIED AT A PREMIUM

VERY few of the coins issued during the last fifty years now command a premium," said an old coin dealer. "The coins are carried at a premium because of the expectation that some time they will be able to get a large sum for them.

price seems to be steadily decreasing, and they rarely fetch more than 55 cents, and many more than 50 cents. "It's the same way with the majority of the old silver three-cent pieces, the nickel three-cent pieces and the bronze two-cent pieces. Very few of them are worth more than face value.