Notwithstanding the protests of the public against the using of the water of Niagara Falls for power purposes, the contract for the building of a large electric power plant on the Canadian side has been awarded to the Canadian Niagara Power Company.

At the McGill University, Montreal, the engineering building is now lighted by a 300-kilowatt storage battery. This does away with the necessity of keeping the steam plant continually running.

A driver of an automobile in Springfield, Mass., recently showed great presence of mind. His machine caught fire, and instead of calling out the fire department, he ran the machine to the nearest fire-house, and there had it extinguished.

The remarkable conservativeness of the English is shown by the fact that the gas companies do not as yet consider the electric light a dangerous rival.

An English clergyman named Bacon has been making balloon ascents in and around London with a view to ascertaining the sources of the London fog.

Seventy-five per cent of the whole number of freight and passenger locomotives in use in this country are compound.

The experiments with acetylene gas in the signaling department of the English army have been very successful. The gas has proved itself far superior to the oil or lime-light.

It has been thought that wireless telegraphy could be used to advantage on the Sahara Desert in communicating between the oases.

It has recently been demonstrated by experiments that yellow fever is carried around by the mosquitoes. Out of eight persons bitten by infected insects in Havana but one came out unaffected.

The horse-car lines in New York exceed in length those of the rest of the cities of the United States combined. In this particular New York is behind in improvements.

NOTE.—This department makes no pretence at scientific research, but seeks to note facts appearing from week to week which are of scientific interest. Contributions are solicited.

Hare and Hounds.

The fifth run of the Hare and Hounds Club was held last Saturday from West Roxbury. Owing to the discouraging weather and to the game at Cambridge, the attendance was only half that on the previous runs. The men out, however, made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

A. W. Pearson, '03, and A. P. Porter, '04, were the hares, and laid a trail of seven miles, rather well, considering the wind; but the stretches of wet footing were not inspiriting on such a cold day, and part at least might have been avoided. The trail crossed Billings' Field, and went west to Brook Farm, and around Mt. Benedict, across the Weld estate, nearly to Roslindale, and then up Bellevue Hill. The finish was straight down Bellevue Street.

The fast bunch passed the slow bunch about midway upon the run, and finished five minutes ahead. Captain Worcester was first in, with Riley, '05, at his heels, and Pember, '02, close behind. In the slow bunch Flinn, '04, held the lead all the way down Bellevue Hill, although Wetmore, '02, made a good effort to catch him. The latter was second, with Ovington, '04, and Hunter, '02, following next in order, and well ahead of the rest.

H. B. Pulsifer '03 has been appointed Vice-Captain, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. H. Gould, '04.