A composition made of scrap glass has been used in Paris as a pavement for the streets.

Ninety-six per cent of the world's platinum comes from the Ural Mountains.

The metric system is compulsory in twenty countries, representing more than 300,000,000 people.

The main buildings of the coming St. Louis Fair will exceed in size similar buildings at former expositions by over 25 per cent.

The cable laid between Cape Nome and St. Michaels last year was the largest cable ever made and laid by an American manufacturer.

Electric log haulers are to be used this winter at a log camp in the Dead River region, Maine. A power station has already been built, and the overhead trolley will be used.

There will be no more automobile races allowed upon the public highways of France or Germany. This action is probably due to the number of accidents which occurred during the Paris-Berlin race.

A noiseless alarm clock has recently been patented. This may sound odd; but the alarm consists of a flash of light directed at the head of the sleeper. It is said that such a flash will awaken a sound sleeper.

It has been shown by experiment that the electric arc can be employed under water for fusing metals, says the London Electrical Engineer. The intense heat turns the water around the arc into steam, thus forming an insulating cushion of vapor.

Mr. Marconi has been perfecting a portable wireless telegraphy instrument for use in the British army. In place of the high wire that is used for stationary receivers, huge cylinders are used. These are said to work satisfactorily for a distance of twenty miles. The whole apparatus is mounted on a Thornycroft steam motor carriage. Communication can be maintained while the machine is in motion.

Book Review.


This book is a budget of verses representing every college of importance in the United States. The styles and subjects are of course varied; but all are distinctly collegiate, and the collection is a valuable acquisition for college literature.

New Pieces that will Take Prizes in Speaking Contests: Compiled and adapted by Harriet Blackstone. Hinds & Noble, 1901.

The dedication page, which is as follows, presents concisely the purpose of the book: To the contest speaker, with whom, through struggles, hopes and fears, the disappointments of defeat and the joys of victory, the author has walked hand in hand, this book is dedicated. The selections composing the book cover a wide range of subjects, well suited to their purpose. Adaptations are from such authors as John Kendrick Bangs, Joel Chandler Harris, and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward.

Both of the above books are at the office of The Tech, and are open to examination.