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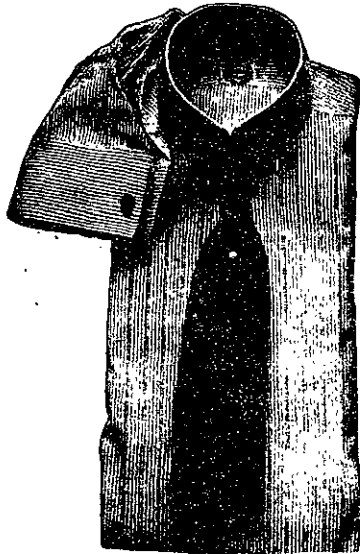


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**TECH MAN SELECTED.**

One of the trio of expert engineers that have been selected to advise William H. Taft, secretary of war, when he goes to Panama the latter part of March, is a Tech man, John R. Freeman, 1876. One of the other men Frederic P. Stearns, is from Boston, while the other, Alfred Noble, is a western engineer.

Mr. Freeman has just returned from California, where he has been laying out the plan for the Los Angeles water supply scheme. In this project a whole river will be carried for a long distance through the mountains and from the height of 3,820 feet to the level of the plain upon which the city stands. There will be enough water supplied to irrigate one hundred thousand acres of land, and the water power produced will be more than all that developed at Lawrence, Lowell, Manchester, and Holyoke combined.

**NEW APPARATUS RECEIVED.**

The Department of Physics has received considerable accessions of apparatus this year, the most important consisting of high vacuum tubes for illustrating the recent researches of Wehnelt on the radiations from glowing metallic oxides. There are also several additions to the collection of gyroscopes, now a very complete one, a new Bose's apparatus for the study of short Hertz waves, and a new Geryk Air Pump. This last will prove useful for the ready pro-

duction of high vacua without resource to a mercury pump.

The recently perfected apparatus for the study of microscopic objects by ultra-violet light, which was received some time ago from the Zeiss Optical Works, has been set up, but no work has as yet been done with it. The principle that the resolving power of a microscopic increases in direct proportion to the diminution of the wave length of the light employed is in this apparatus carried practically to the limit by using the ultra-violet radiation from the electric spark between cadmium or aluminium electrodes.

**PROF. SWAIN'S READING POSTPONED.**

Professor Swain's readings, which was to take place last Monday, has been postponed until next Monday, March 11, at 4 P.M.

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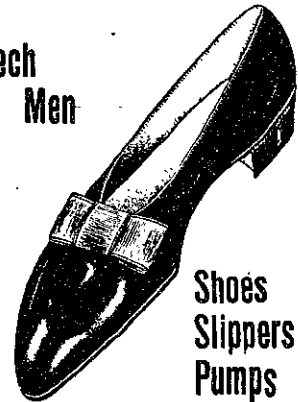
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