At the Lounger called University 600.

After he had waited long enough for the operator to answer, he jokingly said, "I want to speak to Mr. Bates, Jr.

This enraged the Lounger, and he asked the editor: "Why didn't the operator answer by saying, 'Hello?'"

"That was not the operator's fault," the editor said earnestly. He added, "The operator was merely trying to say, 'Stop. Hello.'"

But the editor could not think of the proper pronouns to use in addressing the operator, and thus came a volume of words from the editor that had the double meaning concerning the efficiency of the New Era Tape and Telegraph Company.

These are omitted because the Lounger does not want to injure the reputation of THE TECH, but this word play is just a little too much for a serious newspaper.

After the last attempt the Lounger tried, but to no avail, he said: "Please give me the operator. There is something I can find out.

"Sagor the Lounger.

"When the operator answered, the Lounger immediately dropped the phone. "Well, now, what do you want now?"

"You'll have to change the operator."

"This is the third change this week, and before the Lounger could protest, John had hung up the phone. The phone really came from the office, "Don't know. Try Professor Present."

Again the operator tried, but as soon as the Lounger had said, "Please give me the operator, the operator plugged him in on another line. The information transmitted from the other end of the long wire was something to the effect that the president, but as the president was not seen at all, they could tell me nothing about the whole thing.

After next getting the operator, and after making a complete failure of the previous, he tried, "Jeez, I wish I could find out.

"I'll try and I am sure you have been trying to find out for ages."

"It is impossible to find out what is on the other end of the line."

"It is not impossible."

"It is possible, but it is not possible to get a pure technological report, which conforms to the spirit of the thing, and the absence is made quite necessary of the death of President Maclean to continue this work until another one is ready."

"But, Professor Present,"

"He is not here, but he will be."

"That is not the point."

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"I have the utmost confidence in the蹍s to do it well is deserving of much appreciation."

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