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DEVELOPMENT CHANICAL POWER.

Rankine, our most reliable authority on applied mathematics, and gave us the heat engine practically the original promulgator of the sci- as it stands today. The principles ence of thermodynamics, left us a embodied in present motors are work called the "Steam Engine and identical; but through more skillful other Prime Movers." The "Other workmanship their efficiency has Prime Movers" was in anticipation been greatly increased. of the results of the future, for the world has known but one prime essentially of two parts: motor-the steam engine, using the expansive force of aqueous vapor as its source of energy.

We will not enter into a discus- chanical work. sion of those simple devices used to Hero's engine is the simplest the early mechanical movements. The cord and pulley of the ancients, in their wells, and the lever theory of the pyramids have attracted your attention.

From earliest times the wind mill and water wheel have been known, and after tracing these apthe Chinese-claim the honor of ble of lifting a weight. wind and water motors by a priority of 3000 years.

using power to perform nearly all operations that require the expenditure of mechanical energy; the othdirectly to us from the sun have been but secondary elements in this development.

The steam engine in its simplest form and the pioneer of the heat pressure of the atmosphere. engine is the production of Hero the younger, of Alexandria, about 200 B. C.

steam engine remained in a dorm- the two sides of the moving disc. ant state from the time of Hero's toy until about a century ago when present steam engine, gave us a de-Thomas Newcomen, 1705, made the vice by which steam could be ad-

ME- first move towards devising any thing like an efficient machine to u e the heat energy of steam.

James Watt soon followed and

The steam engine must consist

1. A source of heat.

2. Some device that permits the J. D. Purcell. expansive force of steam to do me-

on trunnions and provided with bent arms fulfils the second condi-

Newcomen's engine before you consists:

1st. A source of heat, A.

2a. A device for converting the expansive force of steam into mepliances far back as our history goes chanical work, consisting of a piswe find that that ever first race ton moving in a cylinder and capa-

Newcomen's engine imposed a third condition to the successful The steam engine up to the pres- heat motor, namely, a source of ent time has been the only great cold, or some arrangement, by factor in developing the methods of which the steam, after doing its work, could be condensed.

The piston having reached the top of the cylinder would remain er motors using the energy given there if the steam did not condense consequently a jet of water was forced into the cylinder, a partial vacuum produced and the piston again forced to the bottom by the

In this case the atmospheric pressure directly raised the pump rod, but the steam enabled us to pro-It is a remarkable fact that the duce the difference of pressure on

James Watt, the father of the

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mitted alternately in each end of amount of power developed by any

gine. In order to produce mechan- horse power. If in any engine we ical power we must have, as in take the pressure of the steam on Newcomen's engine,

1. A source of heat.

energy into mechanical energy.

3d. A source of cold.

Watt separated these three widely and the steam engine he left us fulfils only the second of these con- easy did we always let the pressure

The steam plant today consists essentially of these three factors:

1st. The boiler, or source of heat.

3d. The condenser, or source of

first, of a boiler. The fuel supplied be measured. the heat to a stout cylindrical shell partially filled with water. When piston resisted by a spring is conthe temperature of 212F was reached steam began to be formed, and as long as the heat was applied gation with continually increased.

the engine and the process of using ing the piston of the indicator is so the steam is as follows:

pipe or other convenient paths. The parts will be allowed to move valve slides on the face of the cyl- through a distance of one inch. inder. When the piston is at the end of the stroke steam is admitted attached a rod, the upper end of through an opening and forces the which carries a pencil. piston from right to left. After the piston has traveled through a cer- nected to some portion of the engine tain space the valve closes the port moving at the same speed as the and the engine is moved by the exemple piston, that it has the same pansion of the steam in the cylin- relative reciprocating movement as der up to the point at which the port is open to exhaust. When the the piston of the engine makes one piston reaches the end of the stroke stroke and return a diagram some the steam admission into the left thing like the one shown is traced end of cylinder is identical with on the board. that on the right.

tubes, through which flows cold wa- conditions. ter, and as a consequence is condensed.

each end after it had done its work. all know 33000 pounds raised a dis-Watt differentiated the steam en- tance of one foot in a minute is a the piston in pounds, and multiply this by the feet the reciprocating 2d. A device for converting heat paths of the engine move through in one minute, and divide this product by 33000 we get the horse power of any engine in question.

> This determination would be very from the boiler follow the piston throughout the whole length of the stroke, for the boiler pressure would be the pressure on the piston; but an economical engine.

Watt devised an instrument by which the pressure in the cylinder The Watt power plant consisted at every point in the stroke could

A small cylinder having in it a nected with the cylinder of the encation with the latter. Every steam was formed and the pressure change of pressure in the engine cylinder is felt by the movable disc The heat was now transfered to in the indicator. The spring resistmade that say for 20 pounds pres-The steam comes into a box by sure per square inch the moving

To the piston of the indicator is

A board is so mounted and con-

This card gives readily the mean The source of cold, or condenser, effective pressure in the cylinder for is the next essential of the Watt one complete revolution, enabling power plant. The exhaust steam the determination of the horse powenters the space surrounding the er of any engine working under any

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A detailed discussion of what the they entirely free from internal fricindicator diagram shows to the en- tion, we find that only about 25 per gine would be too technical and un- cent of the total heat in the steam the building of high grade engines useful work. In short our best type is no longer a matter of cut and try, of the only prime mover utilized onbut designing machinery is based ly about 15 per cent of the heat that on thorough scientific principles, is given to it by the fuel—the stored and the mechanical engineer knows up enegy of by gone ages. as accurately from his drawing The progress made in electrical what will be the performance of his science during the past decade indias accurately from his drawing engine as he does after making care- cates that the efficient transformaful tests for efficiency of existing tion of mechanical energy into elecmachines.

the engineer to increase the efficien- olution in the steam engine cy of our greatest prime mover-for topic of serious consideration.

capacity of vessels, and to accom- pleasure plish that end the fuel weight must gine that would develop the maximum amount of fuel was the out- electrical and the electrical energy

In the marine engine the steam after having done its work in one cylinder passes to a second, develops an equal amount of mechanical energy, passes to a third again pering its work, and in some cases even passing to a fourth cylinder, and then finds its way to the condenser. enabling the final pressure to reach

That the present steam engine is almost in a a state of perfection is a common opinion.

We have practically reached the limit of improvement, and if engineers increase the efficiency of the engine .5 of one per cent the results one considered remarkable,

The best designed engine of today, and nearly all engineers concede that the limit of afficiency has been reached, is about the most wasteful device of which we can conceive.

In the simple process of making steam our best boilers utilize only about 60 per cent of all the heat in the fuel i. s., the heat in the result- in a magnetic field, the electric enant steam is only about 60 per cent ergy of the current is transformed of the heat in the fuel before it is into motion-mechanical energy. burned in the furnace

If we consider the steam engine as a heat engine, we know from the beautiful theory developed from pendent entirely on the steam en-Carnot's cycle that the efficiency of any perfect engine is equal to the difference of the absolute temperatures of the steam at its admission into the cylinder, and its temperature when exhausted divided by its now before electrical engineers absolute temperature at admission.

In our best marine engines, were leave such a process to posterity, but

interesting; enough is to say that delivered to them is converted into

trical energy and from electrical Every effort has been made by back to mechanical will work a rev-

The small engines will disappear the matter of the exhaustion of our and the steam plant of thousands of fuel has in the last ten years been a horse power operating large dynamos will deliver to us over a small One best type of motors—the ma- wire the electrical energy which will rine engine-is the outgrowth of the be changed back into mechanical necessity to increase the carrying by electric motors to use at our

Considered as a prime mover the be decreased, consequently an en- electric motor is most economical. mum amount of power with a mini- dynamo will be transformed into -a strking contrast to the wasteful steam engine.

> But the basis of all our power at present is the heat energy of steam for to produce electricity we must first generate mechanical power; excluding the very small amount of electricity now produced by chemical action,

Let us look for a moment at the theory undelying the present successful dynamos and motors, and one no doubt familiar to you-Faraday's theory of electric energy developed from mechanical power.

Suppose we have two magnets forming between them a magnetic field. If in this field a conductor be moved a current is set up in the conductor in a direction to the right from which the motion originates.

Faraday's law is reversible, if we pass a current in a conductor lying The latter principle developed the electric motor. Our present system of producing electric energy is degine, and very few experiments indicate that we will at any time soon be able to convert the energy in fuel directly into the electric current. This is the most important problem

The wizard Edison asserts he will

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as yet not even the first tangible current flowing in a wire, decreases clue has presented itself.

the problem of producing a more ef- through a long pipe-decreases. ficient prime mover than the steam engine

Most scientists c oncede that electric power is to be the directly applied force of the future, and nearly all are as willing to believe that when the two hundred years supply of coal has been exhaused other only a small per cent of the total prime motors will supply the steam energy transmitted.

The solution of the power problem then takes practically this form. abled to transmit the power for so The efficiency of the electric devel- great a distance. opers and transmitters of power ural force must be devised.

The last four years has witnessed or quanity. almost a revolution in electrical sci-

The continuous electric current advantages are apparent.

perfectly anlaogous to the flow of ternating current electricity. water through a pipe.

tity the ampere.

The pressure times the quantity transmission. of any body of water gives us the With the transformer the high capacity of doing work.

done we must have a certain product, the same work may be per- At our very doors, to which point special attention paid to Students.

pressure or the quantity, the other factor being diminished accordingly.

If we desire to operate a water motor at a considerable distance from our water source, the advantage of carrying a high pressure in our water pipes is apparent for the distance of the point of application may be increased as the pressure is increased, the quantity of water is less and the work done the same.

Just so with the electric current the unit of pressure-the voltmultiplied by the unit of quantity the ampere-gives us the unit of electrical work—the watt.

The amount of work that any current will do depends upon the products of amperage and voltage; the voltage, or pressure of electric on account of electrical friction just The engineer now can only solve as the pressure of water-in flowing

The drop in voltage in any cir cuit is almost directly proportional to length of the conductor, the size of conductor remaining constant; therefore it is best to raise the pressure or voltage as high as possible, then the loss by electrical friction is

The greatest advantage of high voltage is the fact that we are ena-

The continuous current generatmust be increased; new prime mo- ed by Edison machine is not of high tors concentrating the power of nat- voltage, the amount of output depending mainly on the amperage

The alternating current is of high voltage and small quantity.

This latter machine solves prachas been almost entirely displaced tically the matter of long distance road being built between St. Louis The flow of the electric current is and Chicago is the outgrowth of al-

The alternating current transform-The unit of electrical pressure is er is another device making alterthe volt; the unit of electrical quan- nating currents particularly adoptted to all conditions of electric

voltage current may be converted For a given amount of work to be into a current of any voltage and KUEHNE

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current of given energy the quantition of electrical resistance to voltty could be made infinitesimally small, and consequently the conductors could be made practically of no dimensions

The mo t brilliant and successful investigator of high potential or if by magic, no particular source of high voltage currents in Tesla and illumination will be apparent, still you are no doubt familiar with the a soft rich light will fill space by almost incredu'ous manner in night as the sunshine does by day. which he proposes to produce artificial light,

new strength to the theory that light, heat, sound and electricity are all energies originating from a common source and that their peculiar forms are due simply to aether wave motions of varying intensity.

The medical faculty all agree that a current of 1500 to 1800 volts passed through the body will produce instant and painless death.

The voltage of a current is that part producing marked physiological effect. A current of 2000 amperes and low voltage, say 6, passed through the body can scarcely be detected.

Tesla discovered that he could pass through his body an electric current of hundreds of thousands and even millions of volts without empties below the falls. the least effecting his nerves.

Just as we can hear sounds within only a narrow limit; can see water that now flows over Niagara light up to a certain intensity, so is is made to do work by passing our experience with the electric cur- through an immease number of rent; when the vibrations of the aether increase beyond a certain point. Mr. Tesla discovered that millions horse power, and were thus the waves were too short and rapid utilized in the economical producto make any impression on our tion of electric currents-the matter

best talent for sometime to come power would be developed to supply will be given to the development of half of the United States. high potential motors.

What will be the result if the method of producing light is ex-

In the near future we will be able to light our homes and cities with a If the voltage of any current current that penetrates every part could be infinitely increased, for a of a space only limited by the rela-

> The matter of wiring up a building in order to produce artificial light will be a thing of the past.

Our homes will be illuminated as

The electrical side of the question. disposed of, what prime mover will Tesla's experiments have added furnish the power to produce these high potential currents?

> When the supply of coal is exhausted for steam producing purposes we will be dependent on active forces in nature.

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This system may be carried out indefinitely until prectically all the water wheels.

The power developed will be six of long distance transmission being The present outlook in electrical science seems to indicate that the voltage alternating current—enough 91 N. Limestone.

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Geologists name the life of Niag- SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO STUDENTS.

ara Falls as 7000 years.

The matter of collecting the di-rect rays of the sun and applying bets. They are not responsible for them to a heat engine has received some sttention, but solar engines

11 seems to us that ne began at the wrong end, but poets will be poets. They are not responsible for their conduct, for we must remem-ber that—
"Poets are born, not made." some sttention, but solar engines are failures. For some time, at And when the English least, the steam engine will develop
They do raid,
They are never power from fuel, and the dynamo and motor will transmit and apply

To lift a head, or cheer a heart, That sadness from their lives might

And give if friendship has power to We'll tell it "yit." give it

A balm of happiness if I could move A BRILLIANT STUDENT. it,

To dry a tear, or start a smile, To banish fear or a stay awhile;

A trembling hope or wav'ring faith That they not grope in wondring

Nor live in loss of life's best dream,

Or bear a cross that heavier doth

Then should be lot of mortal here In wand'ring through this mundane

sphere. If among my friends there is one

friend To whom sweet flowers I could send.

And with their joys and joys blend, Or troubled soul from misery send, Or in wounded breast a heart to mend.

I'd send some flowers this holiday And in their language my greetings

The above poem is a little deeper than the CADET is in the habit of geography examination by one of publishing, and we deem it neces- her brightest pupils. sary to give some explanation, else desired effect

for publication, but was intended And flows into the Black Sea, as to accompany some flowers which a certain young man, young only in The Caucausus mountains in the the sense that he is unmarried, sent to the lady of his heart.

He is evidently a man "slow to act," which possibly accounts for his The principal city is Budhpest; single state. Slow, because this was Now I'll go to my seat and take a composed some time about Thanks-

giving and as yet has never reached ara Falls as 7000 years.

The great number of rapid rivers in every part of the earth will always be a source of power.

The most novel and recent application of nature's forces for the production of mechanical power, is that relating to the relation of the production of Wearra about to fall short of our Wearra about to fall short of our Wearra about to fall short of our

production of mechanical power, is that relating to the utilization of the power of ocean waves.

The most satisfactory schemes yet devised are those perfected from a series of experiments made by Albert Stahl of the U. S. N., along the Pacific coast.

The most reference waves.

We are about to fall short of our explanation, but we only meant to give a history of the poem and never had any idea of analyzing the verse. We will say, however, that it can only be appreciated after it is thoroughly memorized and studied in connection with a dictionary. It seems to us that he began at the wrong end but notes will be

Dubbed a "Jade";
But they have the credit
Of knowing all— But our Muse wont respond To another call. So with this "dash" We'll have to quit; But if she ever returns

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The present "Theatrical Season in New York" is critically considered by Mr. James S. Metcalf, editor of Lite, and the famous French writer, Francois Coppee.

A sketch from Mrs. Blackburn's

"Subject. Austria, O hungry! the noble effort falls short of the The climate of Austria is very warm And here they raise a kind of corn. To begin with it was not written | The Danube winds its way along shores you born.

western part,

And towards my seat I'll take a start.

rest.

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The Patterson Literary Society held its third annual declamatory declamatory contest will be held at contest in the college chapel on the the Opera house, in Cynthiana, on evening of the eithteenth, and it was the night of Feb. 15th. in every respect a success. There were four contestants for the prize, lows: A. and M., Lexington, sends which was a gold medal, valued at Mr. D. Morris Case, who will deten dollars

Miss Marie Oldham from the Phil- Sharpsburg; K. U., Centre and Cenosophian, and Mr. Roach, who were tral University have not yet selected to contest with the winner of the a representative. medal for representative of the college at the Exposition contest, round trip tickets from Lexington. which was to be held the next after- The admission to the contest for all noon and which was open to all the students from colleges represented

colleges in Kentucky.

Mr. Case won the Patterson medal and also represented the college judges. at the Exposition.

The subject of Mr. Case's declamation was "The Roman Sentinel." the College Home, the following of-Mr. T. G. Roach declaimed "The ficers were elected: J. J. Woods Life of Henry W. Grady. He han-President, J. D. Turner sccretary, dled his subject well, and even more and M. Kirk mail carrier. like an orator than a declamer.

Miss Marie Oldham, who is without doubt an artist in this line, de- to Cynthiana last week. claimed "How Ruby Played," and pose strictly on business. was only defeated by one point.

Mr. T. L. Campbell's subject was "The Race Problem." He was highly complimented on his delivery of

Mr. J. W. Wilmott chose for his subject, "My Country, My Mother, My God!" He delivered it well, but was under disadvantage on account of horseness.

program, and declaimed "Spartacus J. J. Dunlap in the saddle. to the Gladiacors." He handled his subject in a masterly manner and showed that he had studied his subject well.

The medal was presented by Rev. Bolling, and the judges were Prof, Patterson, Rev. Bolling and Supt. Cassidy.

Manager Bush, of the base ball team of 1895, has begun to cast his team of 1895, has begun to cast his glances over the students with the intention of organizing the team. There is no reason why S. C. should Presidents, Officials, Merchants, Farmboys and were sure to win.

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> The L. & N. railroad will sell in the contest will be free.

> Gov. Brown will act as one of the

At the last election of officers of

Prof. Johnson paid a short visit We sup-

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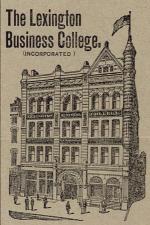
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