

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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In a large city a young boy has an odd profession. He has a long list of customers whose pencils he keeps sharpened. He has a patented sharper and goes from business to business making on average \$6 per week working 4 or 5 hours per day.

A simple experiment which most people call "dance of the puppets" is fascinating locals. A piece of glass is placed over two books placed on edge while underneath on a table is placed various lightweight objects such as cork or paper. The upper surface of the glass is rubbed with a piece of flannel previously warmed before a fire. The glass becomes charged with electricity and the objects beneath seem to fly upward then fall back again keeping up a lively sort of dance.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co. has completed the generally accepted superstition among railroad men that accidents occur in three. Last week a wreck occurred at Antoine, this week another wreck happened at Sturgeon and Saturday night the Watersmeet freight train derailed 3 miles above Stager Station when it ran into a landslide.