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THE GREAT TUNNELS.

UNDERGROUND WORKS, BOTH AN-CLENT AND MODERN.

THE TUNNELS OF ALBANO - OF CLAUDIUS-OF THE THAMES-OF MOUNT CENIS-OF THE HOOSAC-OF THE STEAT OF CALAIS-OF THE HUDSON.

Modern civilization means for the most part fast going. Indeed all human progress from the first may be said to mean the same thing, rapidity of locomotion; and the peoples most enlightened and most talked of in history—Tartars, Assyrians, Huns, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans were very fast goers by sea and land. The Romans were the quickest marchers of the ancient world. These antique celerities told most in war. Ours, more happily, run, and promise to run, in the ways of peace—theugh the Bismarcks can see how they may help the paroxysmal work of a sudden campaign now and then. To meet the needs of a better order of progress, men have invented railroads; and the tunnels are the natural corollaries of these. Those subterranean passages are making themselves very important adjuncts of vivilization, and the most astonishing feats of modern engineering are performed by the tunnel-makers. Just now the two great powers of Western Europe are bent on perpetuating their entents cordials by a vast submarine railway between Dover and Calals.

## THE FASHION OF TUNNELING

has a modern look, but it is a very old one. It is, in fact, one of the oldest. The earliest human tribes lived in tunnels, that is, in caves and hollows in the earth, and were all troglodytes. It was the Fall which had reduced those tribes to that savage condition of life. The earliest secular records indicate that condition, and history shows how it was perpetuated, and how men in comparatively modern ages practiced that old style of domestic architecture. The Greeks, when they had got a good many of the comforts of life about them told terrible stories of those troglodytes, living, they said, in Upper Egypt, Ethiopia, and other outakirts of the world, and making their dwellings in dens, hollows and gorges, things that were then called *dargles*, and are so called still among the Kelts and elsewhere. In the warmer latitudes of Asia, which were evidently the first haunts of the race, men would look for the high rocky grounds in which they could make their burrows. Almost everywhere in Western Asis an i Northern Africa the elevated ridges had their sing soft in an in the same first haunts of the soft in the and their size of the soft in the soft in the soft in the soft in which they could make their burrows. Almost everywhere THE STOCK of GENTLE-MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, French Cassimeres, and other MERCHANDISE, heretofore carried by our Clothing Dep't, has been transferred to the Wholesale Dry Goods Dep't, under the charge of H. S. BEATIE.

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