

A PROPHECY FULFILLED.—At the period when Louis the XVI and Charles III of Spain favored the struggle of the Americans for Independence, Count d'Aranda wrote to his master the following dispatch, which entitled him to the name of a prophet.—"That which we do to-day will, in the future, have very important consequences. The Republic of the United States is only a pigmy, but a pigmy that will soon be a giant, and then a colossus. Soon also will this Republic employ itself in extending its boundaries. It will attract from all parts of the world intelligent and hard working men, who will go there to enjoy liberty of conscience and reward for their labor. We shall have the mortification of seeing the Americans remain absolute masters of the New World, and who will not remain contented with their acquired power, but will attack and divide Spanish America. At first they will appropriate Florida, afterwards the Mexican Gulf, and finally the kingdom of New Spain. Such will be the future reserved for this little Republic that we have assisted in founding." Speak of the De Tocqueville prescience after this prediction, made nearly ninety years ago. It is more like a photograph of yesterday.

HOW TO SEE THE WIND.—Take a polished metallic surface of two feet or more, with a straight edge—a large hand-saw will answer the purpose. Take a windy day, whether hot or cold, clear or cloudy, only let it not rain or the air be murky, in other words, let the air be dry and clear, but this is not essential. Hold your metallic surface at right angles to the direction of the wind—i. e. if the wind is north, hold your surface vertical, incline it about forty-five degrees to the horizon, so that the wind striking, glances and flows over the edge (keeping it straight) as the water over a dam. Now sight carefully over the straight edge at some minute and sharply defined object, and you will see the air flows over as water flows over a dam. Make your observations carefully, and you will hardly ever fail to see the air, no matter how cold; the result is even better when the sun is obscured.

A railway employe, who runs into Cleveland, relates to the *Herald* a very affecting incident connected with the recent terrible railway catastrophe at Angola: A child—a babe—scarcely old enough to talk plain, was picked up near one of the wrecked cars by a brakeman, seemingly unconscious of what had occurred. It showed some signs of life, however, and the moment it discovered that an arm encircled its waist, it nestled up closely to the man, uttering the words "papa," "mama," and died without the contraction of a muscle. Only a few moments elapsed from the time it was taken up until it died. A beautiful smile encircled the lips, after death, so life-like, such as would have been the case had its last sweet words upon earth been uttered in the quiet and happy family circle at home.

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