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#### Broadway Railroad.

Judging from the multiplicity of communica tions received by us relative to elevated railroads for Broadway, we should think there were in some quarters a lively appreciation of the advantage to be derived from the accomplishment of such a scheme. The subject is to us becoming somewhat dry, but we perceive that the company holding the grant from the Common Council, for a railroad on the level of the street, are not going to give it up, although an injunction has been pronounced upon them, by the Supreme Court. They are now endeavoring to carry out their purpose by an organization under the general railroad law. The Harlem Company are endeavoring to anticipate them by a road through Crosby, (a street adjoining and parallel with Broadway.) We have received so many communications on this sub ject, that we are obliged to decline publis ing any of them.

### The "Great Republic."

The mammoth clipper, "Great Republic" arrived in our harbor last week. As she was brought in alongside of some of our first class vessels, they seemed dwindled to the size of sloops. The model and construction do credit to her builder. If she should have favorable winds on her first trip, we should not be surprised to see her making extraordinary time-She has on board a steam engine for loading and discharging cargo, hoisting sails, pumping, &c., and the long boat is fitted with a propeller, so that in time of need, the engine can be placed on board of it, and save the crew from la-

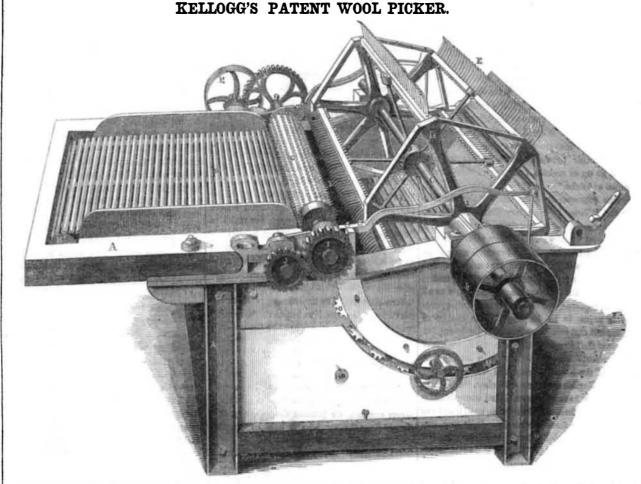
The cabins are fitted up in superb style, equal to our ocean steamers; there are accommodations in them for about fifty passengers. Her registered tonnage is 4,500 tons, not 4,000 tons, as stated a few weeks since.

# Steamer Prize Model.

The Commissioners of Birkenhead, England, have announced a premium of £100, for the best model of an iron steamboat for a ferry. The steamer to be constructed to steer from both ends, and must not exceed 130 feet in length over all, and her extreme draught of water, with engines, &c., on board, must not exceed 5 feet 6 inches. The points chiefly to be regarded by the modellers will be the strength and speed of the vessel, the convenience of the passengers, as far as it can be secured, in all thers, the carrying capacity of the boat which must not be less than 600 passengers, according to the measurement laid down by the Board of Trade-viz., three square feet clear deck space to each.

Professor Agassiz has relinquished his connection with the Charleston College in South Carolina, and is now engaged for twenty weeks annually in the service of the Massachusetts Board of Education.

The manufacture of portable iron edifices is progressing in Belgium. A church of cast-iron is being constructed at Charleroi, which will be tined, as soon as completed.



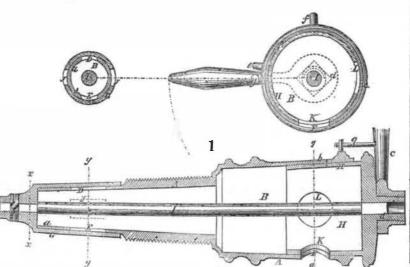
The annexed engraving is a perspective view | form, on which the wool is fed in; I is a wheel or cotton is laid on the feeding platform, A; it opposite side of the frame; G is one of two rise and thus relieve them. hooked feed rollers, and H is the endless plat-

of Kellogg's Wool and Cotton Picker, which is upon the end of the lower feed roller gearing is by this carried between the rollers which, on exhibition at the Crystal Palace. As will be with J, a pinion on the end of the shaft propel- having an unaqual motion, tear it apart, and it seen, it differs materially from any other in use. ling the endless apron; K is a wheel on the is then taken from them by the hooked teeth, A is the frame of the machine; B is a fast and shaft of G, which is propelled by the driver, L, E E. As it is carried downward by them it loose pulley on C, the principle shaft of the ma- on the same shaft with J; M is a pulley which falls upon the plain rollers at F, and these havchine, this pulley derives its motion from the takes its motion from a small one on the end of ing a motion in opposite directions, the dirt is propelling power; D is one of the arms on the C; N is a pulley receiving its motion from one shaken through them, while the wool is carried shaft, C, to which are secured the hooked teeth, by the side of J, and communicating motion to to the other end of the machine, whence it is E E; F is one of a series of plain iron rollers, the pinions, O O. The upper feed roller has taken away by an attendant. We can rein the bottom of the frame, upon the ends of its bearings in the crooked levers shown in the commend it as a durable and efficient implewhich are the pinions, O O, one-half of the rol- engraving, to the opposite ends of which weights ment. lers having pinions at one side of the frame are attached, so that when the feed rollers are and the alternate rollers having pinions at the likely to become choked, the upper one may

When the machine is in operation, the wool New York.

Furt er information can be obtained from E. Kellogg & Co., Pine Meadows, Conn., or of their agents, Andrews & Jessup, 70 Pine street,

## SELF-MEASURING SAFETY FAUCET.



The annexed engravings represent three sec- | the cask; B is a part of the cavity which ex tional views of an improved faucet, on which tends throughout the whole length of the faupatent. Figure 1 is a longitudinal section; fig- pint; C is the handle, having in it the pin, g, ure 2 is a cross section through the line, y y, which serves as a stop, this handle is screwed is the portion of the faucet which screws into moves wit it, as does also the rod, I, this rod Larwell, Esq., Bucyrus, Crawford Co., Ohio.

being square where it fits into d. This rod is attached in a similar manner to the other extremity of the part G. Now if it is wished to use this as a measuring faucet, t e handle is set on between the pins, ef, figure 3. It is then so arranged that when it is turned, so that the apertures, K F, will be opposite each other, by means of the rod, I, the apertures at the other end of the faucet, which admit the liquid into the cavity, will close, so that an amount of liquor equal to the capacity of the faucet, will be discharged, and no more; if the handle be then turned back, the aperture, E, will close, and the others open, so that the faucet will be filled. But if it be wished to use this as a constant faucet to empty the barrel, the position of the handle, and the part dH, of the faucet, is changed upon the rod, by placing the handle as seen in figure 3, and a constant stream is the result.

The advantages of this faucet are sufficiently obvious. It affords a quick mode of measuring liquids. It prevents the waste of liquids by the carelessness of attendants in leaving the taucet open. It prevents flame from being communi-J. B. Larwell and J. Cross have applied for a cet, and is made of a given capacity, say one cated to the interior of the barrel or cask in the case of combustible liquids. It is certainly a very ingenious and useful invention. For furremoved to Cairo, the place for which it is des- and figure 3 is a cross section through g g. A firmly on the part, d, of the faucet, which ther information apply to the assignee, J. B.