



Weavers of Speech

Upon the magic looms of the Bell System, tens of millions of telephone messages are daily woven into a marvelous fabric, representing the countless activities of a busy people.

Day and night, invisible hands shift the shuttles to and fro, weaving the thoughts of men and women into a pattern which, if it could be seen as a tapestry, would tell a dramatic story of our business and social life.

In its warp and woof would mingle success and failure, triumph and tragedy, joy and sorrow, sentiment and shopthe subscribers, these weavers of speech sit silently at the switchboards, swiftly and skillfully interlacing the cords which guide the human voice over the country in all directions.

Whether a man wants his neighbor in town, or some one in a far-away state, whether the calls come one or ten a minute, the work of the operators is ever the same—making direct, instant communication everywhere possible.

This is Bell Service. Not only is it necessary to provide the facilities for the weaving of speech, but these facilities must be vitalized with the skill and intelligence which, in the Bell System, have made Universal Service the privilege of the millions.

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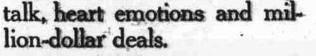
Swap Stumps for Dollars

Make your waste acres pay. Get yearly yields from those stump covered fields. Why let the dollars hide under the stumps when the whole world offers good prices for American farm products. Turn this loss into profits.

OUPOND Stumping Powder

will help you clear land—easily—quickly and cheaply. Anticipate next year's demands. Turn the cold, wet days of fall into cash. Clear land now and crop it early next spring. Du Pont Red Cross Stumping Powder is low-freezing and works well up to winter weather.





The weavers are the 70,000 Bell operators. Out of sight of



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Universal Service



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"I love to paint and varnish," writes Mrs. Frank C. Fleck, of Broadhead, Wis., and she is only one of thousands who feel the same way.



And the Sherwin-Williams

Company makes a special paint for busy, industrious housekeepers like these, who take a proper pride in the appearance of their homes. It is called *Sherwin-Williams Family Paint* and it gives a handsome, durable, washable finish to chairs, tables, cupboards, shelves, closet walls and all sorts of furniture and woodwork about the home. It comes all ready for use in a great many colors and is very easy to apply.

To help you get the best results we are sending free to readers of this paper a valuable little booklet

The ABC of Home Painting

It gives simple directions, written so that anyone can easily understand them, for painting, varnishing, staining and enameling all sorts of surfaces in the house and around the farm. Drop us a line and we will send you a copy. is a mighty interesting game for both young folks and grown-ups. It's good training, too, for anyone who huge or sells in the markate. Sent for 10 cents in stamps.

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