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old jest about the slowness of the poison may seem applicable here; but, though the process may be slow, there can be little doubt that it is sure. Even if it does not kill the body, it too often kills or greatly impairs the victim's working efficiency and usefulness in life. The local effects of cigarettes in the mouth must also be taken into account by those whose work lies in the direction of public speech. The white spots on the tongue and insides of the cheeks, known as 'smoker's patches,' are believed by some doctors with special experience to be more common in devotees of the cigarette than in other smokers. This unhealthy condition of the mouth may not only make speaking troublesome, or even painful, but it is now proved to be a predisposing cause of cancer. All fiery or pungent foods, condiments, or drinks tend to cause congestion of the throat; and, if this condition becomes chronic, it may lead to impairment, if not complete loss, of voice. The supposed miraculous virtues of the mysterious possets and draughts on which some orators pin their faith exists mainly in the imagination of those who use them : at best, they do nothing more than lubricate the joints of the vocal machine, so as to make it work more smoothly."

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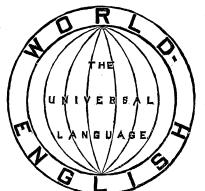
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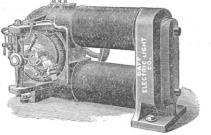
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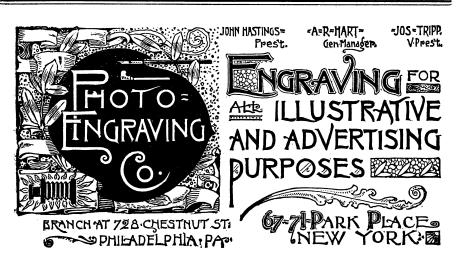
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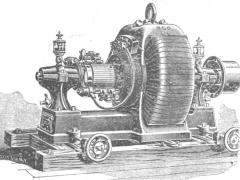
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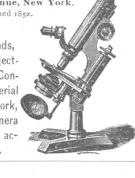
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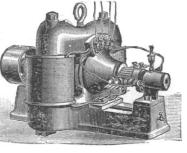
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